

VOTE MAY BE 50 MILLIONS

Russia May Help Allies With Japan

Use of Bases Or Full Participation Is Speculated On

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Marshall Stalin's frank discussion of Japan as an aggressive nation brought renewed speculation today that at the strategic moment the Soviet Union will make available some of its resources to the Allies of the Pacific-Asiatic war.

The range all the way from the use of bases to full participation in that area will be furthered by the long been assumed by international persons here, and Stalin's direct reference to the Pacific theater was interpreted in that light.

Russia will make up her mind as to when and what to do, there being no evidence in any quarters that Stalin has communicated his plans regarding Japan to Washington and London.

In some respects, Russia's position in northeast Asia is even more favorable than Japan's. Her territories in the maritime provinces and Kamohatka peninsula apparently would be difficult to defend in event the Japanese were in position to attack strongly. That is the reason that during the summer of 1942 a Japanese attack on Russia was considered in the forefront of war developments.

They were winning them and could afford to dream of new conquests.

U. S. Sinks Or Damages Six Jap Warships

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Six warships of Japan's seafloor fleet were sunk or damaged Sunday, Philippines, by Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers of the United States third fleet.

The raid, just disclosed by the navy, raised to at least 56 the total enemy warships sunk or damaged since General MacArthur landed October 20 in the central Philippines.

Striking at a mustering point for further blows against MacArthur's mission, the carrier planes suddenly sank a sub-chaser, probably a heavy cruiser, damaged a light cruiser and three destroyers, and wiped out nearly 200 enemy aircraft in day and night attacks. The sub-chaser went down off the southeast coast of Luzon. The other five were caught by surprise in Manila Bay.

Poles Take Hill Positions Along Nazi Italy Line

Rome, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Polish troops of the eighth army have captured San Marino and Marsignano, in the mountains southwest of Forli, Allied headquarters announced today.

Jap Pincers Closing In On Chinese

Chungking, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Japanese pincers closing upon Kwanhsi province and the center of Lanchow now are only about 80 miles apart, the Chinese high command disclosed tonight.

U. S. Superforts Raid Tokyo-Kanto District

Dewey Speaks To 20,000 In New York Rally



Glimpsing his eight-week Presidential campaign with a rally in Madison Square Garden, New York, Gov. Thomas Dewey attracts a crowd of some 20,000 people. Inset at right is a classroom of the Republican candidate as he appeared during his "wind-up" speech, which was nationally broadcast.

Americans Fighting Nazis Hand To Hand South From Aachen

Recover Portion Of Region Lost Monday; Advance in Holland

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Hand-to-hand fighting increased in intensity today in the Hurtgen forest area southeast of Aachen, where American infantry, closely supported by planes, struggled to hold their gains against successive and powerful German counter blows.

An enemy thrust west of Hurtgen forest was broken back, but another knocked the Americans out of the town temporarily. The fighting was so hot, the Yanks surged half way back through the town, where they are fighting a heavy formation of German tanks and infantry.

West of Schmidt, the Americans advanced slowly in the face of stubborn opposition, but despite the ferocity of Allied air attacks, which blanketed the German positions with bombs, Schmidt itself, seized last week by the Americans but retaken by the enemy, was still in German hands. Schmidt is 15 miles southeast of Aachen.

In the Hurtgen area the Americans are pushing in light clouds through Hurtgen forest and onto the Cologne plain.

In southwestern Holland, the massed enemy units, south of the Meuse river were being mopped up. There were still small groups of enemy troops around the southern approaches to the Moerdijk bridges, which the Germans have demolished.

Virtually all of Walcheren island in the Scheldt estuary now is in Allied hands. Middelburg, in the center of the island, and Veere, on the north coast, have been captured. The Allied com-

Americans Push Forward Through Jap Mountains

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 7.—(AP)—American battle veterans, already four miles south of Carigara Bay, continued an unchecked advance today through Japanese mountain defenses on the highway toward Ormoc, and the finale of the Leyte island campaign.

Flights Are Mostly For Observation

No Bombs Dropped; Tokyo Radio Tells Of Plans Coming

(By The Associated Press) A number of Superfortresses were over Tokyo and the heavily industrialized Kanto area today for the third time within a week, the Tokyo radio reported. No bombs were dropped.

The same broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said forty more of the big B-29's on Sunday radiated two in the Volcano Islands, 750 miles south of Tokyo.

The radio said two B-29's flew over the main Japanese Kanto region for an hour "for reconnaissance purposes."

DEWEY GETS LEAD IN MASSACHUSETTS

Maspee, Mass., Nov. 7.—(AP)—This small Cape Cod town, often first in the State to complete its counting of votes, reported the first block of ballots today and gave 51 to Governor Dewey and 44 to President Roosevelt.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and continued cool, with higher temperatures today. Clear with frost tonight, and not quite so cool Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Russians, Inspired By Stalin Message, Battle In Budapest

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Red army troops battled strongly reinforced Nazi forces in the outskirts of Budapest today, spurred on by Premier Stalin's announcement that Hungary would soon be out of the war.

In an order of the day issued on this 27th anniversary of the Soviet revolution, Stalin declared the "Red army and its western allies have taken up the jumping off positions for the decisive offensive against the vital centers of Germany", and that "we now stand on the eve of complete victory."

F.D.R. ENDS CAMPAIGN IN BOSTON



WAVING TO A CROWD, estimated at 40,000, President Franklin D. Roosevelt makes his final major speech in the Presidential campaign in Fenway Park, Boston, Mass. Beside him is Bob Henderson, Democratic National chairman.

Political Raleigh Hums With Election Guessing

Most Big Shots Are Back Home to Vote; Tax Debate Watched

(By Lynn Nisbet Daily Dispatch Bureau) Raleigh, Nov. 7.—Capital Square has been in a state of suspended animation since Saturday morning, so far as anything other than absolutely necessary routine activity was concerned. About half of the top-flight officials had gone back to their home counties to do a little last minute campaigning and to vote on Tuesday. Those who were left didn't want to talk about anything but the election.

HOMERS—Among those going home to vote were Thad Eure, secretary of state, who spoke at Edenboro Monday night and went on over to Hertford county next day to cast his ballot in person; Bruce Edinger, director of conservation and development, and Roy L. Davis, executive secretary of the A. B. C. board, both of whom vote in Dare; Keen Scott, commissioner of agriculture, and Hughes J. Rhodes, assistant attorney general, both of whom vote in Alamance; Harry McMillan, attorney general, to Beaufort county; and Bodine Ward, motor vehicles commissioner, to Wilcox. Forrest Shumard, commissioner of labor, went to High Point; William Dunn, Commissioner of pardons, to New Castle; Harry Sampson, director of probation to Asheville; Charles Z. Flack, secretary to the governor, to Forest City; Utilities Commissioners, Fred Hunter and R. G. Johnson went to their respective homes in Mecklenburg and Bendor counties. Several of the major officials have voting residence in Raleigh, or commute from their homes in nearby cities. The number of absentee ballots cast by big shots in the state government was unusually small this year, and many have been even less, but for the difficulty of travel. The officials like to get back home on election day so they can claim credit for the result if it is right, and explain any deflection from right paths by showing they had not been around.

Precedent In Size Of Balloting

Big Centers Report Very Heavy Turnout; Both Sides Appeal

(By The Associated Press) An unprecedented early and heavy turnout swamped polling places the nation over today, indicating a possible record vote of fifty million.

Stirred by the first wartime election since 1864, the men and women who make up America began lining up to cast their ballots even before the polls opened.

The first hours were orderly, despite the swarming feeling between some partisans of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 62-year-old three-term in the White House, and Governor Dewey, 42, bidding for a first term.

New York City voting officials reported 24 percent of the vote in by 9:30 a. m., and at most polling places, 50 to 60 were standing in line.

In Pennsylvania, whose 35 electoral votes many expect may be decisive in a close election, all indications were that the total vote would equal or surpass 1940, despite the absence in the armed forces of thousands of younger men and women.

Bank voting was reported from Chicago, and in Ohio the rural turnout was described as the heaviest in history.

Republican Dewey and Democrat Roosevelt, in eleven-hour messages to the country, agreed that no matter who wins the presidency it is supremely important to a democracy at war to pile up a huge vote.

Mr. Roosevelt urged as goals for Americans: "To win the war and unite our fighting men with their families at the earliest moment; to see that all have honorable jobs; and to create a world peace organization which will prevent this disaster from ever coming upon us again."

Governor Dewey likewise said: "We want to make sure that this war will be the last war." He was criticized again of home front measures of the Roosevelt administration, and said: "The great test is whether, knowing we need a new administration, we will make the change necessary to speed victory and to build the peace to come."

And thus the campaign ended, with peace and victory calls from both sides. There was a quiet foreboding of the more extreme accusations that have been talked back and forth in America's line show that comes up every four years.

All England Is Expecting FDR Victory

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Most London newspapers carried stories today predicting President Roosevelt's victory over Governor Thomas E. Dewey in the United States presidential election.

The financial Times, assuring investors of the London stock market in the election, was "sparely academic" adding that it is "taken for granted that President Roosevelt will again be returned and probably by a handsome margin."

The New York correspondent of the Daily Express in what he termed last-minute election news, said "it looks more and more like F. D. R. again."

BOOMBING OF NAZI HALTED BY WEATHER

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Bad weather forced a halt in today's military operations against Germany from British bases after a three-day period during which 25,000 planes dropped more than 26,000 tons of bombs.

Candidates Cast Votes Back Home

(By The Associated Press) Fast and furious voting the country over piled up a record total of ballots by early afternoon today, and pointed toward an all-time high of 50,000,000.

As never before, the men and women who had the final say on the arguments over a four-term for President Roosevelt or a first term for Governor Thomas E. Dewey hurried to the polls to register their decision.

Between 40 and 45 percent of registered voters got their ballots in before noon in New York City's Bronx and Manhattan districts.

And it was much the same in other big cities and rural districts as well, with few exceptions.

Despite the emotions stirred by the first wartime election since 1864, voting was orderly on the whole.

Six persons were arrested in New York on charges of illegal registration. They were among 100 indicted last week on that charge.

CANDIDATES VOTE

President Roosevelt cast ballot No. 251 in Hyde Park's old town hall shortly after noon. He drove to the hall from his nearby estate with Mrs. Roosevelt, who followed him into the voting booth.

Governor Dewey cast ballot No. 257 in a New York polling place shortly after noon, and thus closed his campaign for the presidency.

The governor, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey, arrived in New York City from Albany and went immediately to the polling place, where a crowd applauded their arrival.

Senator Harry S. Truman, running

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