

MULHOUSE AND METZ CAPTURED BY ALLIES

House Votes Fresh American Troops Enter Insurance Drive To Oust Japs In Leyte For Crops

Only 16 Negative Votes in Reversing Refusal Last Year

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Reversing a 1943 stand, the House today passed a federal insurance program to protect the nation's farmers from future crop losses.

FLEEING NAZIS LEAVE EQUIPMENT



IN FLIGHT FROM the outskirts of Metz, Germans destroyed and abandoned their equipment as men of the U. S. 3rd Army's 9th Division, a few of whom are shown above, moved into the fortress city.

Enemy Vital Points Are Being Erased at Limon One at Time

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 22—(AP)—American infantrymen hacked away at Limon's defenses today in the face of an evident Japanese intention to hold its positions at almost any cost.

French units of the 32nd division had relieved to some extent the pressure of the gnat and battle-worn 24th infantry, which has carried the weight of the entire Leyte battle, and which yesterday survived from another strong enemy attack on a road block across the Orma highway.

The 32nd division was shelling Limon's steady pressure, and Japanese installations were being put out of commission one by one.

It was the only help available yet for the 24th, holding the steam-rollered slope positions to which it has clung for ten days.

General MacArthur's headquarters said the enemy has committed his last position in a desperate effort to hold its position at Limon, and the belief was the Japs were prepared to sacrifice the whole division if need be.

The Americans have occupied all strategic positions in the north except Limon itself. What appeared as an intended Japanese counter-attack to capture positions in the north east of Leyte was frustrated by an American movement south along the highway to Limon.

The position of the Japs defending Limon is precarious. The enemy gins in his own on Leyte, against the Americans in another effort to expel the Japs in Limon, but was sent reeling back with heavy losses.

FDR Offers Assurance To War Workers

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—The man with the wedding torch has presidential reassurances about post-war jobs—and pay envelopes—as things are now.

Broughton Plugs For Mica Mines

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina was en route here by airplane today from Omaha, Neb., for a conference with congressmen from the State's mica-producing areas.

Two Superforts Are Lost In Jap Raids, Greatest Yet Made

First Yet Bagged; Record Pounding Of Jap Homeland

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—Superfortresses, plunging into probably their greatest air battle over the Japanese homeland yesterday, lost two and possibly three, of their number to enemy fighter planes.

A communique said today it was the first time Japanese airmen had succeeded in bagging a B-29 since inauguration of the 20th bomber command last June 15.

Twenty Japanese fighters were shot down, 19 probably lost and 22 others damaged in the day-long strike by a large force of B-29s from China, coming principally at the Omura aircraft plant at Kyosho, the southernmost base island of the Japanese archipelago.

"None of our planes was lost at the two secondary targets, parts of Hankow and Shanghai military facilities," the communique explained. The communique exhibited weather conditions forced tactical diversion of the assault on Omura.

Jap General In China Is Also Ousted

(By The Associated Press.) A Japanese war ministry announcement recorded today by the Federal Communications Commission said Field Marshal General Shunroku Hata has been removed as commander-in-chief of all Japanese forces in China and has been replaced by General Yasuji Okamura.

Vital Targets In Germany Raked In Raid From South

London, Nov. 22—(AP)—U. S. 15th air force heavy bombers based in Italy struck today with lightning and Mustang escorts at targets in Munster and at rail yards in Salzburg, about 75 miles to the southeast.

The raid followed a night attack by upwards of 1,000 RAF bombers from Britain, which smashed at rail and oil targets in the German Ruhr.

An estimated 7,000 tons of explosives were dropped in last night's assault, the second large-scale Allied blow against Germany. Oil reserves within 12 hours. One RAF formation hurled bombs down on the refinery at Siccardia, systematically smashed by British and American bombers since D-Day.

Fifteen British bombers were lost. Five German night fighters were shot down.

Freed Areas Nazis Drained Near Starving

London, Nov. 22—(AP)—German-occupied and recently-liberated sections of Europe have been drained to the starvation point by the Nazis and have winter with the lowest food supplies they ever have known, an Allied economic survey disclosed last night.

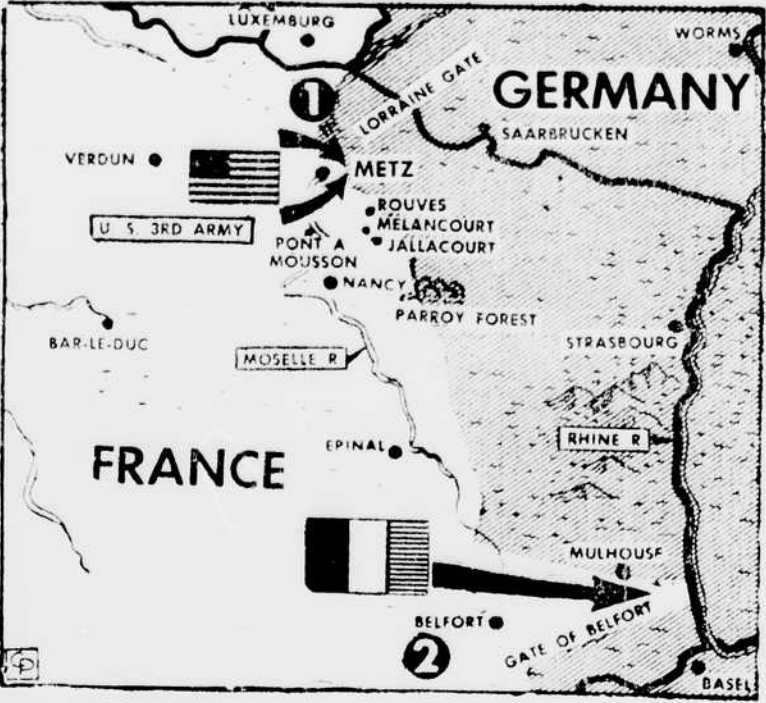
Spokesmen for Norway, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania, declared their normal reserves have been transported into Germany to feed German troops and workers.

The situation was declared somewhat better in France and Belgium, although both countries are depending on Allied aid.

The Dutch navy appealed for supplies immediately. In India on yesterday, all work was suspended and demonstrations paraded in a demand for food.

The under secretary of state for foreign affairs in the Yugoslav government warned that thousands of his countrymen would die this winter unless food supplies are quickly forthcoming.

DRIVE TO RHINE THROUGH BELFORT



WITH ENCIRCLED METZ rapidly being occupied by Allied forces (1) as the drive into the Saar Basin continues, a spectacular smash by the French 1st Army at the southern tip of the western front has carried French tanks, infantry and artillery forces to the Rhine River in a race to Belfort. Almost half of the fortress city of Metz is reported now in the hands of Gen. Patton's Third Army forces.

Nazi Front In Vosges Is Erased

Americans Punch Within 23 Miles of Strasbourg Center

London, Nov. 22—(AP)—Mulhouse and Metz fell today to Allied armies driving toward the Rhine through the shattered front in Alsace-Lorraine, and the Paris radio said the French were within 19 miles of Strasbourg.

The Paris report said French troops had captured Saverne, capital of Alsace-Lorraine and largest French city still in enemy hands. Headquarters advisers placed the U. S. seventh army 23 miles away. General Eisenhower's communique said Allied infantry and armor were plunging east "against crumbling resistance on a wide front."

The whole German 19th army of 70,000 or survivors was in imminent peril.

London, Nov. 22—(AP)—French troops captured the Maginot line fortress city of Mulhouse today and part of the staff of the imperial German 19th army, while Americans to the north punched within 23 miles of the greater stronghold of Strasbourg, on the Rhine.

The breakthrough of the U. S. seventh and the French 1st armies at the southern end of the western front erased a definite German bulge along the northern slope of the Vosges mountains, threatening Strasbourg.

More than 1,000 prisoners surrendered with the staff officers at Mulhouse, normally a humming industrial city of 96,000, 60 miles southwest of Strasbourg. Once a free city of Alsace, it lies nine miles from the German frontier, on a tributary of the Rhine.

The drive on Strasbourg pushed through German defenses behind the Saverne gap, and ten miles beyond the French communications center at Saverne, where three bridges and eleven highways converge.

Slow and painful progress was reported in the Aachen sector to the north, where Americans sought nearly half a mile into industrial territory, and drove the German line against the Roer river, first to clear terrain obstacles on the German bank.

Melancholy German broadcasts said great tank battles were being fought all the way from Aachen to the Swiss border, and "exceed in violence anything hitherto known since the invasion of Europe."

Von Rundstedt's armies have to cope with a task of the greatest magnitude, but notwithstanding some local successes of the Allies, the positions of the German forces at the west are still very strong.

Violent street fighting erupted in the southern part of Belfort and the French communique said the fall of the citadel is imminent. It's left flank collapse endangered the 19th German army, which hurled what strength it could into a counter-attack against French units moving northward along the west bank of the Rhine. The enemy thrust apparently was aimed in the general direction of Saverne and Belfort—the thinnest spot in the reinforcement line, where every road is jammed with mine, and supplies moving up to the Rhine.

Between the two flanks of the 75-mile southern front, the Germans pulled back toward the Rhine, as the Allied offensives pour through the snowy valleys of the Vosges mountains.

Perhaps the most severe battle of the entire western front was in progress at Aachen. General Eisenhower's communique said his troops "penetrated some distance into Sauerland."

Red Army Drive Nearing Vital Hungary Junctions

Phone Strikers Defy WLB Order To Resume Jobs

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 22—(AP)—State headquarters of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers renewed today as a 10 a. m. War Labor Board hearing, that the group's strike against the Ohio Bell Telephone Company "is still on and will continue pending further developments."

The national WLB ordered members of the independent labor organization to end their walkout by 10 a. m. of late government seizure of company facilities.

Robot Bomb Completed By Air Command

Wright Field, Ohio, Nov. 22—(AP)—The army air forces disclosed today it had developed a "good" robot bomb that could be used "if we need it," and said the weapon had been in test flights since October 11.

It is a version of the German V-1 which was based on England last summer, the air technical service command said in relating how it raced to reproduce the Nazi terror weapon in sixty days and then sent it skimming.

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New Slovakia Drive By The Russians Is Listen By Germans

London, Nov. 22—(AP)—The Red Army drive for control of northeastern Hungary's rail network has captured Vertelet, eight miles southwest of Eger, and is edging closer to the strategic rail junctions of Miskolc and Hatvan, Moscow advisers said today.

Still another thrust to the Germans in that sector was seen in a Berlin announcement that the Russians had launched a fresh push in Czechoslovakia, 75 miles northeast to Miskolc. The Nazis said seven to eight Soviet divisions had opened several holes in German defenses.

A Moscow communique said German forces pocketed in southwest Latvia had made forty vain counter-attacks in a single day, but the announcement still did not confirm Berlin assertions that the Russians had begun a major offensive Sunday.

The Russians, however, did announce the virtual clearance of the Baltic island of Saare, guarding the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

In addition to the Vertelet, the Red army seized four strongly fortified villages in Hungary, where there was no word on the continuing siege of Budapest from points south and southeast of the capital.

Prospects Slim For Settlement Of Polish Issue

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—There is nothing against the Polish government now in its arguments with Russia over who should rule Poland. Prospects for an all-around friendly settlement are dim.

Some officials hope that in brightening them up a bit President Roosevelt may make a new statement on American policy toward the dispute, emphasizing the need for a settlement. Both the Poles recently have sought to get this government actively involved in helping to work out a detailed settlement. There is no prospect that the President would take any such step. If he does make a statement, it almost certainly will be to reaffirm established policy that at this stage of the war the Poles and Russians will have to work out their own settlement—which the United States would very much like to see them do.

Capitol Hill Is Recanting

Washington, Nov. 22—(AP)—At end to much of the old discord between President Roosevelt and Congress was foreseen today by several legislators.

They based their belief on what they viewed as an apparent reconciliation developing between anti-administration southern Democrats and the rest of the party.

Such a move could break down an unofficial coalition of Republican and dissatisfied southerners which for two has sought—and often defeated—

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AS NINTH ARMY TANKS ROLLED INTO REICH



GROUND TROOPERS of Simpson's Ninth Army watch from their foxholes near Loverich, Germany, as some of their tanks rumble by with comrades riding into the battle that took the town. Late dispatches show that the Ninth is making steady progress south of Geilenkirchen as the long Allied line from Switzerland to the sea rolls forward in the great offensive against the Reich.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and moderately cool tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer in mountains this afternoon.

Rails, Steels Lead Stocks

New York, Nov. 22—(AP)—Rail and steel maintained forward momentum, but other departments of today's stock market were inclined to rest after the rise of the two preceding sessions.

Rails at better levels included Santa Fe and Chesapeake & Ohio. Showing moderate advances were U. S. Steel and General Motors.