

WILSON GROSSETT NEWS

Heavy Fire Laid Down By Russians

Armored Columns Fight Forward

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW (AP)—Russian siege guns laid down a heavy barrage on Budapest's closest suburbs today as Soviet armored columns fought forward yard by yard, seven miles north and ten miles east of the Hungarian capital. Shells plastered Ujpest and Rakkasfalva, north of the city, and the big suburb of Kispest, east of Budapest, from positions gained with the capture of two strongholds on the heavily fortified approaches to Pest, center of the capital on the east bank of the Danube.

The midnight Soviet communiqué announced the capture of these strong points. Killing seven miles north and east, and taking ten miles due east, in the stepped-up drive by Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Army.

As the Red Army pressed the attack closer to Budapest other Soviet forces struggled for a better foothold for the campaign toward Bratislava and Austria, it was reported.

After Budapest's fate of Vienna will be decided, the paper said, "the war in Austria" is "threshold."

It was still not clear whether an all-out frontal assault had been planned, but at the rate the Russians were going it appeared that Pest itself might not be under fire.

Front dispatches have indicated the Germans are actually strong in anti-tank defenses along the capital, but largely for fear of labor working under the clock under Gestapo orders. Between main points the Nazis have scattered the remnants of their mechanized and smaller anti-tank units.

Red Army sappers today were reported grappling with the problem of mine fields laid ahead of the anti-tank belt by the German and Hungarian defenders.

Some of the heaviest air clashes since Sevastopol were reported taking place as the Luftwaffe sought to delay the Red Army big guns with constant bombing.

Navy Makes Report

Nazis Lose Fight Off Greenland

WASHINGTON (AP)—Four Coast Guard cutters, operating in ice-packed Arctic waters, smashed a "determined Nazi effort" to establish fortified bases in Greenland.

The Navy, reporting this today, said one German armed trawler was sunk, another captured, a third was found abandoned, 60 prisoners were taken and 200 tons of equipment was captured and destroyed.

In addition a German bomber landed on Lyle's point in the series of actions which lasted from July to late October.

CUTTERS DAMAGED

Three of the Coast Guard cutters were damaged as crushing ice, the Northland, had to be towed 200 miles for repairs.

The climber of the battle through ice floes and long frozen shoals came Oct. 14 when the cutters Eastwind and Southwind captured the German armed trawler Esterline and its 20-man crew.

Salvo after salvo of shells flashed across the icepacks before the Nazi crew was captured in a pocket.

More Japs Die

Squeeze Is Put On Leyte Trap

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines (AP)—Great numbers of Japanese were being killed in the mountains east of Ormoc as the American forces on Leyte put the pressure on the south end of a trap in the bloody Ormoc corridor, headquarters reported today.

Other enemy troops drowned Tuesday night in a strange attempt to send three small freighters loaded with soldiers and equipment to the north.

Thousands of cases impounded at the principal reinforcement port of Ormoc. These supplies must come up a treacherous road from Palompon, a secondary seaport at best.

"Correspondent George L. Brown, broadcast from Leyte said Japanese ground forces on the island were completely disorganized; they are scattering in all directions, have lost contact with their leaders, and this is the beginning of the end for the enemy's forces here in the Ormoc Valley."

General Bruce already has sent his troops northwards up the valley, at the same time that an American force is squeezing the Japs down from the north. The enemy is scattering into the mountains.

Two-Minute News Roundup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece—The Greek situation appears to have reached the boiling point. Radio correspondents (NBC and BBC) declare that a hill in the fighting in Athens has been captured by the leftist ELAS forces as the center of the Greek campaign with 75-millimeter guns.

Approval Of Nominations Is Indicated

State Dept. Men Supported

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Foreign Relations Committee approval of the nominations of Archibald MacLeish and five other State Department appointees was indicated today when Senator Guffey, Democrat, Pennsylvania, suddenly switched his vote.

Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, announced Guffey's changed position as a new conference in the committee room after receiving a hurried telephone call from the Pennsylvania Senator.

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British Lord Hits UNRRA

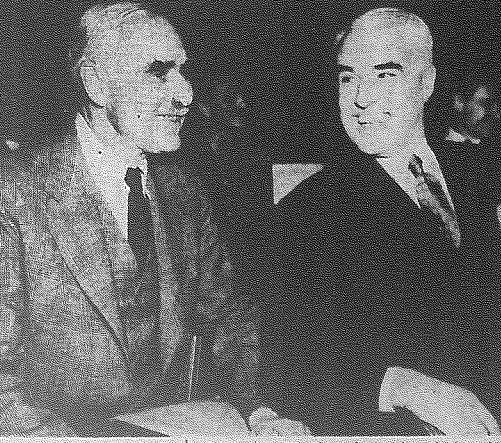
LONDON (AP)—Sharply attacked by the House of Lords today, UNRRA was a common belief that huge stocks of supplies were available, but "not reaching the people for whom they are intended."

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Lupe Velez Dies In Beverly Hills

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The coroner's office said today that Lupe Velez, Mexican motion picture actress, was found dead early today in her home in Beverly Hills. Her death certificate listed the cause of death as a heart attack.



STETTINIUS AND GREW AT HEARINGS—Seated together during the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings into qualifications of the six top nominees to the State Department are Joseph C. Grew, nominated as Undersecretary of State, and Secretary of State Edward B. Stettinius Jr., who was the first witness. The committee was reported this afternoon to have approved all six nominations. (Acme)

Aerial Post-Mortem

Jap Plane Plant Hit Hard in Raid

21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Saipan (AP)—Many direct hits ripped the Mitsubishi big Mitsubishi aircraft factory at Nagoya and probably caused terrific damage to the machine shops and assembly plants.

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U. S. Armies Control 14-Mile Line Along River

On Both Sides Near Source

By EDWARD KENNEDY
PARIS (AP)—The American First and Ninth Armies have won a fourteen-mile stretch along the flooded Roer River from Linlich to a point 2,500 yards northwest of besieged Duren, it was announced today at Supreme Headquarters.

This placed the Americans within twenty and a half miles of Cologne, their nearest approach at a point downstream from Duren, through which the river flows north toward the sea.

Twenty miles farther south, other units of the First Army moving along both sides of the river, crossed the Roer at a fourth hamlet, Kesternich, in an advance of a mile or more.

Between these two points, between them were swiftly wiping out the last stubborn German remnants west of the river in a campaign seeking to envelop the Cologne plain.

Kesternich has east of previously taken Duren and Kesternich and about 3,000 yards from the sea.

The German line on the Roer was the first major obstacle beyond the broken Siegfried Line in the Aachen area, and the river still must be crossed in its middle course, beyond the German provided defense lines in the twelve miles before the Roer River, has steam before the Rhine.

The 3rd Division gained almost the entire area occupied Gurschick, almost at the edge of Duren. An announced attack was launched in the northward from Gey, with the 8th Armored Division participating.

Oey and Strass were cleared not only of German soldiers but of mines by elements of the First Army. Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig's Ninth Infantry Division reached the river.

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Report U. S. Warships in Philippine Inland Waters

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
The appearance of six American warships in inland waters of the Philippines was reported today by a Tokyo dispatch expedition to ascertain disposition of the fleet.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said the cruisers were among the fleet's advance units in the Mindanao Sea north of the island of Mindanao.

Mistaken For Coon, Man In Tree Killed By Hunter

MARSHALL, Ark. (AP)—Blowing a deer from a tree, a hunter was shot today by a coon. The hunter, a resident of Forrest City, was struck in the chest by the red cap mottled him for a coon and fired.

Fair and cold today, tonight and tomorrow with heavy showers. High 45, low 35.

But He's Lucky Anyway

Reynolds Tobacco Head Has To Walk Miles For A Camel

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the country's leading cigarette manufacturers said today a leaf tobacco shortage prevents an increase in his production.

Another advantage, he conceded, is that he can pick up a pack of cigarettes as well as a pack of leaf tobacco.