

U. S. Navy Launches New Raids on Manila After Great Victory

(By the Associated Press) U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor—The victorious American navy has launched new aerial attacks against Manila, Tokyo reported today, after sinking or damaging 58 Japanese warships in one of history's greatest naval triumphs.

The Third and Seventh U. S. fleets definitely sank 24 Japanese warcraft, including four aircraft carriers and two battleships, in last week's naval action off the Philippines, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced last night.

Thirteen more Japanese craft, including a battleship, were damaged so badly they may have sunk, and 21 other warcraft, including six battleships, were damaged.

(Tokyo radio today reported, without allied confirmation, that 200 U. S. carrier planes staged three raids on Manila and Clark airfield Saturday—just three days after heavy fighting in the naval battle ended. Japanese aircraft, said another Tokyo broadcast, Sunday began attacking an American task force, including four aircraft carriers, in Lamon bay, on the east coast of Luzon, opposite Manila.)

"Overwhelming Victory" Nimitz' 1100-word communique said that "amplifying reports, although still subject to revision as more information is received, indicate an overwhelming victory. . . . The second battle of the Philippine sea ranks as one of the major sea battles of World War II in the Pacific."

The three related actions, thus classified as the second battle of the Philippine sea, were fought south of Formosa, off the east coast of Samar and in Surigao strait off southwestern Leyte, Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

Aircraft and submarines scored more successes in hunting down survivors the next two days.

Possibly only two Japanese ships escaped undamaged from the debacle. No modern nation has had its fleet so nearly destroyed in one engagement.

Number of Ships Involved The Philippines battle involved more than the 248 ships engaged in the World War I battle at Jutland although exact figures cannot be given. This means that American naval power alone totaled approximately 200 warships, possibly more.

Among them, Nimitz proudly announced, were five battleships "seriously damaged at Pearl Harbor"—the West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, California and Pennsylvania, and three new carriers named for See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 7

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London—(AP)—The last rail escape route for Germans in northeastern Hungary was blocked by the Russians today with capture of Csap on the upper Tisza river, while to the north Berlin reported further Russian gains in the liquidation of an estimated 100,000 Nazis pinned against the Baltic sea.

Wild Fighting for Town A midnight bulletin said the Russians seized the town after a day of wild street fighting during which hundreds of Germans were killed.

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OFFICIALS FIGURE TOTAL VOTE OF OVER 44 MILLION

(By the Associated Press) Washington—On the basis of incomplete registrations and qualified estimates of voters, state officials figure roughly that more than 44,000,000 persons will vote in next week's presidential election, including 3,292,000 service men and women.

This compares with the 49,315,312 who actually cast ballots in the 1940 election, but takes into account wartime dislocations in estimating the overall decrease, despite heavy registrations in big cities.

There have been lower and higher estimates of the 1944 total vote. Henry J. Kaser, shipbuilding industrialist and chairman of the non-partisan association for franchise education, figures 50,000,000 will vote for an all-time record.

Vice President Wallace has predicted a vote of 45,000,000 and Calvin B. Baldwin, assistant chairman of the CIO political action committee, estimates a minimum of 47,000,000.

Higher Figure Possible The state officials' minimum estimate compiled by the Associated Press today was 44,102,000. This was raised to 44,637,000 when higher figures were taken into account in eight states where officials gave varying estimates.

The vote forecasts were based on a combined estimate by these state officers of 68,766,625 registrants and other eligibles, compared with 60,576,979 estimated to have qualified for the 1940 election.

Some state officers said the total service vote may never be known as many states do not separate them from civilian ballots in the counting.

California and Illinois were two of the big electoral vote states which set registration records this year. Final official registrations for California totaled 4,141,331 an increase of 88,936 over the record

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Allies Enter Last Link in Defense Line Below Maas

London—(AP)—Allied columns paced by tanks and planes raced for the German escape bridges and ferries across the broad Maas and Hollandsch Diep in Holland only five miles away today, and Berlin radio asserted that a major withdrawal across that barrier to Rotterdam was in full swing.

Allied troops, breaking into the last of the chain of strong-points before the Maas, entered Roosendaal, a city of 25,000, 12 miles south of Willemstad ferry across the Diep, the sea arm of the river.

American armor plunged to within six miles of the Moerdijk bridge, one of the longest spans in Europe, and other forces fought to within three miles of the Maas and five miles from the Geertruidenberg crossing by capturing Oosterhout northeast of fallen Breda.

The German stand in all southwestern Holland and northern Belgium had been cut into four pockets, and military spokesmen said the German force was disintegrating under the concerted pounding.

The four pockets were below the Maas where the chief resistance center of Breda had been taken; on Beveland island; on flooded Walcheren island, virtually cut off by a Canadian drive to within 3,000 yards of the causeway connecting with Beveland; and a tiny six mile long, four mile wide corner of Belgium, south of the Schelde.

North of Tilburg a British column lashed out from Loon op Zand and seized the village of Kaatsheuvel, only three miles south of the Maas, and drove to within two miles of Waspick to the northwest, only three miles from the Geertruidenberg span across the Maas.

The drive across flooded lowlands, laced by canals and dikes, in the campaign to clear the Schelde approaches to the allied harbor of Antwerp, was gaining momentum and approaching a conclusion after some of the most difficult fighting of the war.

On Walcheren the remnants of German forces were fighting from islands within the island—bits of land and raised dikes around the principal cities of Vlissingen (Flushing) and Middelburg which stood above the flood waters loosed by allied bombing of the seawalls.

The Germans admitted many of their guns were under eight feet of water. Enemy Offensive Counterthrust launched too late to save the garrison north of Antwerp grew into a determined attack, supported by tanks, artillery and planes, and gained ground against a stubborn American defense.

Striking on the east flank of the allies' Dutch salient in the Maas bulge, the Germans yesterday swept Mrs. MARY MILLER DIES Mrs. Mary Anna Miller, 95, died at the home of her son, John P. Miller, 551 Thirtieth avenue north, at 1:10 p. m. today.

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Sgt. Watson Is Killed on French Soil

Sgt. James A. Watson, 24, was killed in action in France on October 12, according to a war department telegram received this morning by his wife, Betty, who resides at 431 Ninth street north.

Sergeant Watson was serving with the 26th (Y.D.) division, an infantry group, in France when he met his death.

Former Rapids Youth Dies in Air Tragedy The body of Lieut. Donald J. Wiederhoft, missing since last Tuesday, was recovered near Cherry Point, N. C., the public relations office at the Norfolk, Va., naval base has announced. It was announced last week by the navy department that a navy land plane, occupied by six marines, including Lieut. Wiederhoft, was missing.

Mixed Ballots To Be Counted Madison, Wis.—(AP)—Ballots which are marked with a cross in the circle at the top of a party column and with a cross in the square opposite the name of some candidate in a different party column should be counted by the election officials, Attorney General John Martin ruled today.

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RUSSIA WILL NOT ATTEND AIR MEET

Washington—(AP)—Russia hung a question mark over her western European diplomacy today just as affairs in the Balkans slid into a groove of collaboration oiled by Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

The newest upset in Washington, and probably London, calculations came over plans for the international aviation conference opening in Chicago Wednesday.

Moscow announced last night that Russia would not attend because "countries like Switzerland, Portugal and Spain, which for many years have conducted a pro-Fascist policy hostile to the Soviet Union—have also been invited."

American officials have talked with Soviet aviation experts and know their views and intend to keep them in mind as the conference develops.

What taught attention, however, was the demonstration of a firm Soviet policy toward Spain, which had troops fighting for the Germans in Russia, and toward Switzerland, which does not recognize Russia.

Portugal presumably was lumped in with Spain. Apparently the development forebodes stern Moscow opposition to the Franco regime as an important factor in the future diplomacy of western Europe.

SGT. BUEHLER IS KILLED IN ACTION S/Sgt. Bernard V. Buehler of Nekoska was killed in action on October 13 in Italy, according to a telegram received from the war department today by Sergeant Buehler's wife, Catherine.

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KING HAAKON HAILS ARRIVAL OF RUSSIANS IN NORWAY—King Haakon VII of Norway, in a broadcast from London, tells his people to give the Red army the "greatest possible support," in the Russian advance into Norway. He said Norwegian administration will be restored in reconquered territory. This photo was radioed from London.

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Among American officials there is hope, but little real confidence, that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek will be able to put his military and political affairs in order without further delay.

High strategy of the war against Japan hangs on the outcome. Affects Future Strategy The campaigns ahead have had to be planned on an "if" basis—if free China remains an effective force against Japan, or if she doesn't.

Counting always the possibility of a Russian move in east Asia and also of a direct attack on the Japanese homeland, allied strategists now appear ready to play their cards either way.

Stilwell's recall from the China-Burma-India theater was announced at the White House Saturday. The war department said he would get an important new assignment. The action is linked directly with the thus far unsuccessful American efforts for a complete shakeup of the Chinese high command and subsequent reorganization of the Chinese armies.

Plan for China Allied strategy has called for a drive across the Pacific, via the Philippines, to the China coast and a drive from interior China to the same coastal point. The ultimate objective was to equip China's manpower with American supplies and technical training.

Until this could be accomplished the aim was to keep pressure on the Japanese from forward air bases which had to be protected by Chinese armies. Recently the Japanese have forced evacuation of some of the best of these bases.

In a sense their place has been taken, however, by uses on the Pacific side, in the Saipan-Guam area and now in the Philippines. Despair Over Situation Nonetheless considerable effort has been made to keep free China functioning effectively against Japan and the United States virtually alone has sponsored the role of China as one of the "big four" allies.

Evidence of the despair now overtaking this effort was seen in a dispatch from New Delhi, India, by Associated Press correspondent Preston Grover. Writing through allied censorship, Grover reported last night that Stilwell's withdrawal appears "to have pulled the props from under American activity in this area."

Grover pointed out that it had been Stilwell's dual task to obtain for China a maximum amount of supplies from the outside and to get the Chinese to use them in the most effective manner.

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