

Churchill Reports 'All Is Solid' Among Big Three

Prime Minister Admits Russian-Polish Dispute Still Unsettled

BY ALEX SINGLETON

London—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons today "a good working agreement" had been reached with Russia on the terms of southeastern Europe, acknowledged his efforts to settle the Russian-Polish dispute, and declared that "all is solid, and sound" among the three.

Churchill, in continuing himself to a wanderer in the world of diplomacy, Churchill said he and President Roosevelt should confer with Marshal Stalin before the year ends. But he declared that "all is solid, and sound" among the three.

The Prime Minister summed up the results of his conferences with Stalin as "highly satisfactory" and underscored the necessity for disarming misunderstandings and stalling them before they occur.

Gives Short Report

"I am quite sure," he added, "that no final result can be obtained until the heads of the three governments have met together, as I earnestly trust they will do before this war is out."

At Quebec," he said, "the President and I felt very much the absence of Russia. At Moscow, Marshal Stalin and I were deeply conscious that the President was not with us although in this case the American observer, Mr. Averell Harriman, the accomplished Ambassador of the United States, made us feel at all times the presence of the great republic."

In one of the shortest reports ever made after a major conference, Churchill spoke only for 30 minutes. Commons applauded his previously expressed wish that it refrain from using the report as the basis for a general policy debate.

He touched but briefly upon the Italy situation, asserting that "we are in the lap" of the European war, Churchill declared:

No Weakening

"Let all hope die in German hands that there will be the slightest division or weakening among the forces that are crowding in upon them and will crush the life out of their resistance."

While he said recognition of the French provisional government would aid the return of France to "her rightful and historic role in the world stage," Churchill declared

40-MILE FRONT ON LEYTE HELD

Yanks Continue to Advance Inland; Jap Counterattack Is Repulsed

BY MURLIN SPENCER

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte—(AP)—Fast-moving American doughboys have carved out a solid 40-mile-long invasion front on Leyte and have surged deeper inland to free an additional 15 communities, a communique reported today.

The general advance continued, despite increased Japanese resistance west of Palo, in the north-central sector, and a counter-attack which was repulsed on Samar Island. American guns and planes bagged 76 Japanese aircraft during "intermittent harassing raids" on the invasion armada.

The Americans secured control of Leyte's eastern coast, from the northern tip to Dulag, when the 10th and 24th Army Corps joined forces. The juncture was made south of American-held Tanauan, some 10 miles below Tacloban.

Trap Closing

Simultaneously, the southern end of the Leyte Valley trap was being closed tighter by tank-led doughboys who captured two key towns in a double-pronged drive that overran several communities off the main highways.

Buri, previously bypassed because of its strong defenses was captured after severe fighting by Seventh Division forces punching up the valley's north-south highway. They previously took the Buri airfield and advanced several miles along the highway from the captured road junction of Burauen. Their main immediate goal evidently is Dagami, a communications town near the center of the roadway.

Town Captured

The 96th Division, pushing inland from the coast toward Dagami, captured Tabon Tabon, a river town eastward. The town is 3½ miles west of Catmon Hill, where strong Japanese entrenchments have been encircled.

The 24th Division attempting to close the northern end of the Leyte trap, encountered increasing Japanese opposition in its advance westward from Palo.



Sgt. Clement Eckes

LOCAL SOLDIER DIES IN ACTION

Sgt. Clement Eckes, 29, Killed in France Oct. 8, Parents Learn

A telegram from the War Department last night notified Mr. and Mrs. William Eckes, route 3, of the death of their son, Sgt. Clement Eckes 29, in action in France on Oct. 8.

The message signed by Adj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, gave no further details but advised that a letter would follow.

Arrangements have been made for a memorial service to be held at St. John's Catholic Church here at 10 a. m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Left U. S. in June

Sgt. Eckes had been overseas since early summer, having visited at the home of his parents for several days after last May 30, prior to embarking for Iceland. He was sent from there to England, and then to France. His mother recently received a letter he had written on Oct. 3.

He was born on Nov. 4, 1914, on the Lincoln Township farm where his parents still live, and attended the Lincoln School there and St. John's Parochial School in Marshfield.

He spent most of his life on the farm.

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Russ Troops Close in on

NAZIS SEEK TO EASE PRESSURE

Allies Meet Attack With Armor; Drive on Antwerp Continues

FOREST AREA CLEARED

BY WILLIAM FRYE

London—(AP)—Field Marshal Gen. Walter von Model's German troops leaped into a counterattack along a 10-mile front against the east side of the British salient in Holland today after a heavy artillery barrage.

The attack, which was spearheaded by the Dutch town of Venlo on the German border south to Rotterdam, in a sector last reported held by American armor, ran through a wall of fire and steel, front line dispatches said.

Von Model was striking desperately to relieve his forces caught in a series of tightening pincers west Holland.

Canadian forces fighting both sides of the Schelde in the ward advances to open Antwerp were reinforced by British troops who landed on South Beveland land north of the estuary and established a seven-square-mile beachhead.

Germans Surprised

Berlin accounts said this beachhead was "several kilometers distant and was in the neighborhood of Hoedekekenkerke, 5½ miles from the Canadian spearheads driving into the island from the east."

A second attempt to land several thousand troops in American amphibian tanks, and landing at Hansweert, to the east of the bridgehead and across the Schelde canal just ahead of Canadian spearhead was broken up this morning, the Germans claimed.

Field dispatches said several towns were captured in the beachhead by the British who crossed the three to five-mile wide Schelde at 4 a. m., yesterday, swarmed the 20-foot dike and surprisedly strung German machine gunners. The beachhead strengthened throughout the day by a ferry service.

The British, after a 15-mile westward drive in five days of their Nijmegen salient, had hounded the Germans into a collapse box and were smashing into the Maas (Meuse) and Holland.

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In the matter of bicycles, the Chief has asked that they not be parked on the sidewalks or in front of stores with plate glass windows. He said the bikes fall over and there is danger of breaking the windows. The chief also noted that a number of bicycles do not have the proper licenses. He asks that this be taken care of so that action will not have to be taken.

GUERRILLA HERO IS FORMER NAVY MAN

Missed Plane to Australia; Annoyed Philippine Japs Ever Since

BY MURLIN SPENCER

Leyte (P)—Nearly two and a half years ago Cliff D. Richardson, former PT-boat officer, missed the last plane to Australia by three days. Since then he has annoyed the Japanese. He helped the guerrillas kill or wound 800 of them.

After joining the guerrillas, the former naval ensign in Lt. Comm. John Bulkey's PT-squadron, became a major and chief of staff on Leyte.

For months he and the guerrillas remained on the defensive, sniping at Japanese patrols, harassing them and finally forcing them to retire to their garrisons for safety.

Built Radio Stations

But fighting Japanese with force wasn't all that Richardson did. He assisted in secretly building radio stations on many islands in the Philippines. These same stations were responsible for the sinking of many Japanese ships.

Richardson, whose home in Maywood, Calif., said it was amazing to him that his hand-made radio stations would work.

"We made almost everything, even winding our own transformers," he said, but they reached clear to Australia.

He said his greatest thrill was when American planes came over in force the first time.

Got Jap Cruiser

"We cheered ourselves hoarse. The Filipinos pointed up to the sky and asked: 'Americans?' and I nodded, 'Yes.' I was proud that day."

Richardson was aboard the PT-boat of Lt. Comm. Robert Kelly when Kelly and Bulkey took Gen. MacArthur and his staff out of the Philippines.

"Our boat was sunk later," he said, "but not until after we had



YANKS EXPAND LEYTE BEACHHEAD—American forces land on Samar, seizing southern coast of island, last barrier in Philippines before Luzon. Other Yanks enlarge hold on Leyte, bringing 31 towns and six airfields under U. S. control. (NEA Telephoto).

France to Restrict Work Of Anti-Franco Factions

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farm, but was employed at the Felker Bros. plant before his induction on March 16, 1942.

Sister in WAC

During his training period he was stationed at Buckley Field, Colo.; Tampa, Fla.; Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga.; Fort Myers, Fla.; Barksdale Field, La.; Fort Dix, N. J.; Lake Charles, La.; and Savannah, Ga. He took training in aircraft armament and was a qualified aerial gunner.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, and five sisters: Herbert, Marshfield; Orin at home; Mrs. Edmund Kramer, Green Bay; Mrs. Thomas Margen, Detroit, now visiting at the Eckes home; Cpl. Genevieve Eckes, with the WAC in Florida; Mrs. Wesley Schar, now at home while her husband is in service; and Miss Loretta, at home.

One brother, Arthur, and a sister, Blondina, preceded him in death.

APPLE SAUCE POINT VALUES ARE LOWERED

New Regulations to Be in Effect Sunday, Oct. 29

Present point values for all rationed foods, with two exceptions, continue unchanged in November, according to an announcement by the local War Price and Rationing Board.

De Gaulle Regime Will Resume Diplomatic Relations With Spain

BY JOSEPH E. DYNAN

Paris—(P)—The De Gaulle government is clearing the way for establishment of diplomatic relations with Franco Spain by restricting Spanish Republican activities along the border, it was disclosed today in talks with French foreign office officials at the Quai d'Orsay.

Spanish Republicans who seized 10 Spanish consulates in southern France, largely through the compliance of the French Forces of the Interior, are being ousted and the consulates are being held by French officials for eventual return to Franco consuls.

The French representative in Madrid is now in control of the old Vichy embassy, refitting the building for eventual occupation.

Frontier Zone

Spanish Republicans in France, estimated at 40,000, will be placed under the League of Nations "political refugee" statute and accorded sanctuary similar to that for White Russians and German Jews.

The French government meanwhile has established a frontier zone about 10 miles deep which will be forbidden to Spanish Republican forces who in recent days are reported to have invaded Spain and clashed with Spanish troops.

This zone has now been cleared of Spanish members of the FFI, according to Foreign Office officials.

Clashes Reported

Thus France hopes to fulfill correctly her diplomatic obligations, not permitting her territory

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