

SIX AMERICAN WARSHIPS LOST IN BATTLE

Allies 'Solid, Sure, Sound,' Churchill Reports



COMMEMORATE NAVY DAY HERE—Impressive Navy day ceremonies took place at the Grand avenue bridge in Wisconsin Rapids this morning as tribute was paid to the United States navy—greatest in the world's history. A firing squad composed of servicemen from this area is shown firing a salute in honor of the navy. Reading from left to right, Cpl. Francis Kubisiak; Ens. Eudora Beadle, who didn't fire a gun but still formed a welcome part of the picture; Seaman Second Class Dick Rickman; Signalman Third Class Don Kubisiak; Seaman Second Class James Marks; Signalman First Class Elwin McLeod; and Sgt. Robert Eid. The program began with the blowing of taps by a high school student, Russell Stibbe, was followed by the salute on the part of the firing squad, after which the Rev. A. W. Triggs offered a prayer. The program was concluded with the dropping of a wreath onto the waters of the Wisconsin river. Leon Kimberly served as chairman of the Navy day observance, which also included a talk by him over WFRR this afternoon and an appropriate ceremony at Lincoln high school. Following the day's commemoration, the chairman expressed thanks to all those who had assisted in making possible the observance.

Pacific Victory Adds Exultant Jubilation to Navy Day Celebration

FRANCE, SPAIN SETTLE ISSUES

Paris—(AP)—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.

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

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 of 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.

Thus France hopes to fulfill correctly her diplomatic obligations, not permitting her territory to be used as a base for fomenting revolution south of the Pyrenees and at the same time meeting her moral obligations to Spaniards who fought alongside Frenchmen in the Maquis forces against the Nazis.

Officials said they had no confirmation of stories of recent clashes along the border, but said communications were sporadic and that only FFI forces were patrolling from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic.

Washington—(AP)—The United States navy proudly celebrated its 169th anniversary today, all hands jubilant over what may prove to be its biggest victory in battle.

Exultation is evident throughout the navy as word spreads of the crushing defeat handed the Japanese navy by the Pacific fleet.

But with it all there is a note of caution, from Navy Secretary Forrestal himself, who said Thursday night that despite blasting of "30-odd Japanese warships" the enemy still has a sizeable fleet.

Regardless of the final count, there seems to be agreement that the Japanese fleet is crippled and never again can hope for any degree of success in a large scale naval engagement. It must confine efficient and logical operations to harassment of American convoys and small naval units.

One naval officer expressed much of the general elation of the navy at the Japanese "cooperation" in bringing about the Philippines battle, by declaring:

"The Japs really gave us something to celebrate on this navy day."

Outstanding as an example of the confidence of high naval officers in the strength and power of the fleet is the release for the first time of resumes of battle history of 103 major warships—and the naming of their commanding officers and oceans in which they operated as of the middle of August.

These resumes show that at least 16 battleships and 37 cruisers are on Pacific duty, and at least four battleships and 10 cruisers were in

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More Nurses Are Needed To Care For Wounded Men

South Wood county, as part of the Marathon county chapter recruitment area for the army and navy nurse's corps, will have a certain quota of nurses to fill. The Marathon county chapter has been assigned a quota of 11 for the next six months, according to word received here by Miss Agnes Grube, recruitment nurse for this area.

In order to fill the national quota, recruitment nurses and chapters have been asked to contact nurses who have been classified as available by the procurement and assignment service. There are 39,000 such nurses in the country today, Miss Grube stated, and the army is asking for the service of 10,000 of them.

It was pointed out also that assignments during September and the summer months were low, therefore a special effort must be made to recruit nurses to take care of the steady mounting number of battle casualties.

It's Tradition

An old navy custom was enacted in Wisconsin Rapids this morning immediately following the brief but impressive Navy Day ceremonies here.

When a person is commissioned in the navy, tradition calls for that individual to pay a dollar to the first person to salute him. It so happened that it wasn't a "him" but rather a "she" that was involved in the act here today. Eudora Lucy Beadle, just commissioned an ensign this week, acknowledged the salute of Sgt. Robert Eid, Pearl Harbor veteran, by paying the sergeant one dollar, he being the first to salute her since she received her commission.

POLAND REMAINS CHIEF POINT OF DISAGREEMENT

London—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told commons today "a very good working agreement" had been reached with Russia on the problems of southeastern Europe, but acknowledged his efforts to end the Russian-Polish dispute, prime objective of his mission to Moscow, had not proved successful.

Likening himself to a wandering minstrel of diplomacy, Churchill said he and President Roosevelt should confer with Marshal Stalin before the year ends. But he declared that "all is solid, sure and sound" among the three allies.

The prime minister summed up the results of his conferences with Stalin as "highly satisfactory" and underscored the necessity for dispersing misunderstandings and forestalling them before they occur.

Another Meeting
"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 may do before this war is over."

"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 he has ever made after a major conference, Churchill spoke only about 30 minutes. Commons granted his previously expressed plea that it refrain from using the report as the basis for a general policy debate.

Touches on Military.
He touched but briefly upon the military situation.

Asserting that "we are in the last lap" of the European war, Churchill declared:

"Let all hope die in German breasts 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 heralded return of France to "her rightful and historic role on the world stage," Churchill declared that the future of the world in the next few years depends upon united action by the United States, Russia and Britain.

"Other countries," he said, "will be associated, but the future depends on the union of the three most powerful allies. If that fails, all fails; if that succeeds, a broad future for all nations may be assured."

Nearer to Success
"It is certainly not for want of trying," he said, adding: "I am quite sure, however, that we have got a great deal nearer to it."

The prime minister expressed the hope that Poland and Russia would lose no time in resuming their discussions "and bringing them to an effective conclusion."

He reported that never were Britain's relations with Russia "more close, intimate and cordial than at the present time" and that never had the two nations been able to discuss such "most delicate and potentially vexatious topics" with such frankness as was reached at Moscow.

"Where we could not agree," said Churchill, acknowledging for the first time publicly that there were differences still outstanding, "we understood the grounds for each other's disagreement and each other's points of view."

Marshfield Sergeant Is Killed In Action
Marshfield, Wis.—Sgt. Clement Eckes, 29, was killed in action in France on October 3 according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Eckes, Route 3, Marshfield, on Thursday.

Memorial services for Sergeant Eckes will be held at St. John's Catholic church in Marshfield at 10 a. m., Tuesday.

Achievement Day
The 4-H club Achievement day to be held on Saturday, November 4 will take place in Wisconsin Rapids in the afternoon, and at Marshfield in the evening.

Czechoslovakian City Taken by Russ Forces
London—(AP)—Russian troops advanced 15 miles in Czechoslovakia today and captured Ungvar (Uzhorod), virtually completing the capture of the Carpatho-Ukraine which Hungary seized from the republic.

A broadcast order of the day by Marshal Stalin announced the capture of the city of 27,000, which was the capital of Ruthenia, an autonomous province under Czechoslovakia. The city is 160 miles northeast of Budapest.

End 'Cheap Government' By Giving More to the Many, Urges Dan Hoan



DANIEL W. HOAN

Germans Face Another Rout In Netherlands

London—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's five-day British offensive surged toward the Mass (Meuse) today in a three-mile advance which undercut the doomed enemy citadel of Tilburg in Holland.

Dempsey's armor knifed forward to Loon up Zand, four miles north of Tilburg, cutting the Germans' main escape route, and was riding roughshod over badly armed German rearguards.

Field Marshal Gen. Walther von Model forces "face the grave prospect of a sequel to the Falaise gap debacle that resulted in the annihilation of Von Kluge's German Seventh army in the Normandy campaign," said Associated Press correspondent Roger D. Greene in a dispatch from the front.

Increase Pressure on Schelde
While long columns of British armor, guns and men surged through the mud in the westward push past 'S Heriogenbosch and behind Tilburg, Canadian forces farther west put fresh momentum into their campaign on both sides of the Schelde in the drive to open Antwerp to allied supplies.

Thousands of British troops in the first American amphibious tanks employed in numbers on the front swarmed across the three to five-mile wide Schelde in a fog-shrouded dawn yesterday and established a seven-mile-square beachhead on the South Beveland island guarding the north side of the river.

The Germans said a second landing attempt had been made today

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Young Boy Dies in Farm Home Fire
Monroe, Wis.—(AP)—Alvin Holverson jr., 4, was asphyxiated by smoke and his sister, Elsie Hannah, 2, narrowly escaped death in a fire that destroyed their farm home in northern Green county late yesterday.

The parents carried the children from the home shortly after the fire started and rushed them to a doctor at Monticello where Elsie Hannah was revived. Alvin died before he could be given aid.

Ickes Will Speak In Milwaukee
Milwaukee—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes will speak at a public meeting at the Milwaukee auditorium Sunday, November 5, under auspices of the united labor committee of Wisconsin, in behalf of the reelection of President Roosevelt. The committee is composed of representatives of the AFL, CIO and Railway Brotherhood unions.

Lt. Gov. Paul Herbert of Ohio, a former school teacher at Marinette, Wis., will speak here Thursday, November 2, in behalf of the Dewey-Bricker ticket.

Mrs. Henry Baldwin Meets The Deweys in Milwaukee
By Mrs. Henry Baldwin
Close contact with famous people is always interesting and I had it on Wednesday in Milwaukee where I was invited to meet Gov. Dewey and Mrs. Dewey. The chairman and vice chairman were invited for an informal half hour with their candidate for president. Following that, the vice chairman and other women workers of the party were received by Mrs. Dewey. It was such a thrilling experience that I want to share it with you all for I was merely a representative of one of our political parties.

We were admitted upon presentation of our official invitations to a small room on the 7th floor of the Pfister Hotel. About 75 of us waited patiently while we chatted and talked about our mutual work and problems. Suddenly the commotion in the hall increased and Gov. Dewey with Tom Colman, Cy Phillips and two other men entered the room followed by myriads of photographers who snapped pictures in all directions. Mr. Dewey nodded to us and asked us to wait until the photographers were finished. He nodded graciously to right and left while the bulb flashed and cameras snapped. When they were done, the photographers departed. The door was closed and locked signifying that the interview was for us alone. Dewey Praises Wisconsin

Gov. Dewey relaxed and with a smile came out from behind the table. "First," he said, "I want to tell you that Wisconsin has the best Republican organization of any state in the Union." He joked as he told that our opponents had been gone so far as to call it a "machine," which, of course, seemed very funny to us all. You have worked hard," he went on, "and I

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Two Destroyers, Carrier Princeton Included on List

Washington—(AP)—American losses in defeating the Japanese navy in the battle of the Philippines totaled six warships—the aircraft carrier Princeton, two escort carriers, 2 destroyers and a destroyer escort.

Names of the vessels, except the Princeton, which were lost in sinking or damaging at least 27 Japanese warships, were not disclosed in the navy's brief communique today, pending notification of next of kin of casualties aboard the ships.

No details, the navy said, are yet available on circumstances of the loss of the ships, which probably carried a total of about 3,900 men.

A large portion of this total personnel was aboard the light carrier Princeton from which Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, has said more than 1,300 officers and men were rescued.

The lost carrier escorts each carried a complement of probably 1,000 men, and each had a squadron of more than 21 planes.

Destroyers carry a normal complement of about 200 men, and destroyer escorts about 160.

The six losses raise to 170 the number of warships definitely listed as sunk since the war started.

In addition 38 American vessels are overdue and presumed lost. They include 27 submarines, and nine ships destroyed to prevent capture. The total of ships overdue or destroyed consequently comes to 217.

Whimsical, gesturing and compelling, the man who was mayor of Milwaukee for 24 years was at his best Thursday night as he told a Wisconsin Rapids audience why the policies which, under Mayor Dan Hoan, made Milwaukee a model municipality might also be applied to the state of Wisconsin.

Starting slowly in that midwest nasal drawl and hair-rumpling gesture which are typical, Dan Hoan, Democratic candidate for governor, traced man's history from the hairy caveman to the present day. He showed how cooperation between men had brought freedom of various sorts, an escape from feudal slavery, establishment of mutually-owned roads, fire departments, police protection, sanitation, free education. Such cooperation must be extended, said Hoan, to bring an end to war.

Wisconsin's part in achieving that world cooperation to end war, said the speaker, must be to elect Howard J. McMurray to the U. S. senate, replacing Alexander Wiley, "who is a joke, the weakest man in the United States senate, who is the reason why people in Washington wonder what's happened to the Wisconsin which once was known for old Bob LaFollette's wholesome progressive, liberal philosophy."

Would Consolidate Liberals
McMurray, said Hoan, is not a politician; but a student of foreign affairs, a scholar who two years ago was drafted to run for congress. That drafting of McMurray, Hoan intoned, was part of his own motive to get Wisconsin liberals together, Milwaukee Socialists, rural Progressives and liberal Democrats "together in a liberal Democratic party."

That party's history was traced by Hoan, telling about the liberal ideals of Jackson and Tom Jefferson, of later days of reaction within the party "when a new party was born, a Republican party directed for years by the social idealism of Abe Lincoln." But the Republican party, too, became reactionary, a party of money and monied interests, "whereupon the Democratic party, under Franklin D. Roosevelt, again became the party of the people, the party of the common man once loved by Lincoln."

"Only 30 years ago," said the former Milwaukee mayor, "man solved the problem of production, the problem of producing enough goods for human wants, enough food and shoes and homes and other usable goods. But that answer to a problem which had baffled man for thousands of years did not bring, automatically, plenty for all but an era of unemployment, of destitution. Men were hungry because warehouses bulged with food.

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Japanese Naval Losses

(By The Associated Press)
More complete reports are expected from fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor but here are confirmed losses suffered by the Japanese imperial navy in the three-pronged naval and air battles in Philippine waters this week as compiled from official American communiques and eye-witness accounts.

	Prob. Sunk	Sunk	Damaged	Total
Carriers	2	1	0	3
Battleships	11	2	7	18
Cruisers	5	0	5	10
Destroyers	3	0	1X	4
Totals	12	3	12	27

(X—Several damaged enemy destroyers could not be included because of failure of communiques to specify the exact number.)

CLARIFY ITALIAN-U. S. RELATIONS

Washington—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Stettinius said today that the resumption of formal diplomatic relations with Italy—with whom we are still technically at war—is intended "to facilitate our return to a state of peace."

He issued at his press conference a statement intended to clarify just where American-Italian relations stand at this point.

The statement made these points:

1. The United States and Italy are still formally at war.
2. The United States and Italy cannot make peace before there is a peace conference and a treaty is drawn up and submitted to congress.
3. Meanwhile Italy is a "co-belligerent" of the United States and other allied powers in fighting the common enemy, Germany.
4. As a result of joint allied action earlier this week, the Italian government is now formally recognized as a friendly government but it remains in large measure under allied military control.

Stettinius said the diplomatic action was in recognition of the efforts of the Italian people "to establish a healthy political basis for government," to create a representative government out of a tri-Fascist groups, and to aid the "bitter struggle against our common enemy."

"The resumption of diplomatic relations with Italy," he said, "does not reestablish peace, nor does it settle the many questions which will have to be dealt with before a formal state of peace is declared. "Only the congress can pass upon that final step."

Fuel Ration Is Still Tight Says Bushnell

The local war price and rationing board today issued a statement that our fuel oil rations will not be any bigger this year. The best way to stretch your ration, they say, is to use as little of it as you can get by on now—so you will have more when winter really comes.

This warning, Fred Bushnell stated, is not a new one, but he urged all homeowners carefully to conserve their fuel due to the fact that such tremendous quantities are being taken by war usage.

Japs Take City in Drive on Kweilin

Chungking—(AP)—Japanese troops have captured the important communications center of Ningyuan, 110 miles east of Kweilin, in a southward drive from Kiyang that has carried 60 miles in eight days, the Chinese high command announced today.

A communique said the Japanese made the sweeping thrust from Kiyang to safeguard the left flank of their Kwangsi offensive as Chinese troops jabbed at the enemy right flank.

Chinese troops gained nine and one-half miles southward in the move against the Japanese right flank from recently recaptured Sining, 90 miles north of Kweilin.

The Weather

For Wisconsin: Increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold tonight. Saturday mostly cloudy and warmer.

WARM

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 62; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., '18; temperature at 7 a. m., 19.