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All Else Is Chores!

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## Two Attacking B-29's Downed By Jap Planes

### Japanese Fighters In First Effort To Oppose Superforts

Washington, Nov. 22—(UP)—Two B-29's were shot down by Japanese fighters during yesterday's attack on Omura in the Philippines, in which the superfortresses have been engaged since the 20th air force announced today.

A communiqué added that these losses are the first due to enemy fighter interception since the inauguration of the 20th bomb command in June 15, 1944.

A third superfortress was reported missing "under circumstances which lead to the presumption that it is lost," the communiqué stated.

It added that none of the B-29's was lost to enemy action at the primary targets of Nanking and Shanghai in yesterday's raid.

The returning planes reported that they destroyed 20 Japanese fighters, with 19 probably destroyed and 22 others damaged.

The communiqué deflated Japanese radio assertions that 63 of the superfortresses had been shot down or damaged against a loss of six Japanese fighters.

It marked the first time that Japanese fighters in strength had been able to come within range of the superfortresses, an indication that damage already had been done by American bombs and the threat of increasingly heavy attacks on Japan proper had been turned back the bombers.

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In addition to Omura, the superfortresses also attacked docks at Shanghai and military storage and shipping facilities at Shanghai.

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The sixth war loan drive was launched at the General Electric plant Monday afternoon with a one-way program and the war workers in that industry are out beating their past record of over-subscribing their quota by 210 percent.

The drive is expected to reach a new tempo following the Thanksgiving holiday and grow in momentum until it reaches a climax by the end of the month, local officials predicted.

## U. S. Bombers Hit Two More Jap Warships

### Jap Resistance In Limon Pocket Near To Breaking Point

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 22.—(UP)—American Liberators scored damaging hits on two more Japanese warships, one of them a light cruiser, in a pre-dawn attack Sunday on the naval base at Brunel bay, Borneo, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

He also disclosed that Manila and the remainder of the Philippines had been brought within range of his land-based bombers for intensified raids through the use of expanded airfields on Leyte as refueling bases. Heretofore, only carrier-based planes have been able to reach Manila, capital and main enemy stronghold in the Philippines.

Though he has announced no land-based attacks on Manila, MacArthur said Liberators from southern bases had refueled at Leyte over the weekend before going on to raid targets on Cebu, Mindanao and elsewhere in the central Philippines.

On the fighting front, Japanese resistance in the Limon pocket in northwest Leyte appeared near the breaking point, but the enemy was preparing a strong new defense line along the Leyte river to the south-east.

The bombing raid on Brunel bay was the third within a little more than three days. Earlier raiders scored direct hits on a battleship, a heavy cruiser and a destroyer.

A spokesman for MacArthur said the Japanese had a large concentration of shipping at Brunel, which they had been using as a stopover point on the north-south run between Japan proper and her islands.

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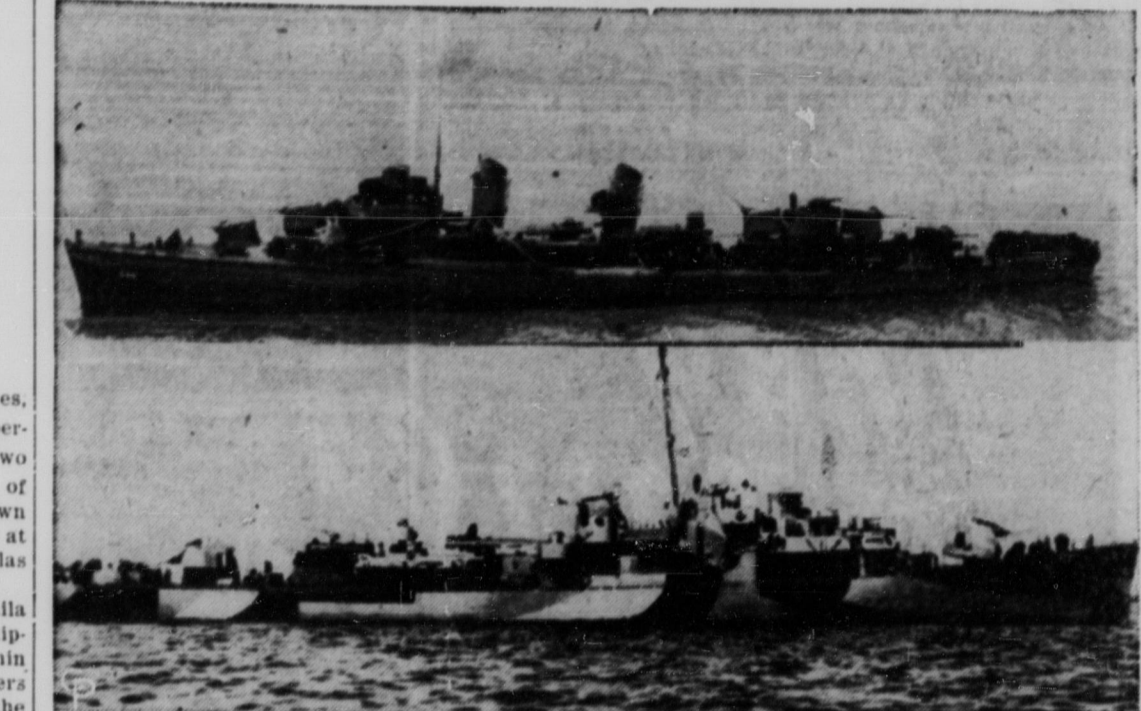
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## U. S. Loses These Warships in Pacific Action



U. S. NAVY HAS ANNOUNCED the loss of the U. S. Abner Read, top, a destroyer, and the destroyer-escort U. S. Eversole, below, and eight other lesser vessels in the Pacific as a result of enemy action. The Read carried a complement of 250 men under the command of Comdr. Arthur M. Purdy. Seven of the vessels were lost in the Philippine area but not in the big naval battle with the Jap fleets.

## FDR Warns Against War Output Lefup

### Joins War Leaders In Plea To Workers

Washington, Nov. 22.—(UP)—President Roosevelt today was solidly backing his war and home front leaders in their attempt to convince war workers that they must remain at their war jobs until Allied troops are in Berlin and Tokyo.

A series of strong appeals by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, mobilization director James F. Byrnes, production chief J. A. Krug and other top officials asking war workers to resist the temptation of switching now to "peace" jobs was climaxed yesterday when Mr. Roosevelt declared that workers who quit war plants are costing the lives of American soldiers.

The concerted campaign to keep war workers at their lathes and riveting machines was touched off two weeks ago when industrialist Henry Kaiser reported that the heavy turnover in shipyards was jeopardizing the output of vitally needed merchant vessels.

Byrnes said subsequently that the shortage of heavy ammunition was so acute that hot shells were being flown from the factory to the battlefield. He followed this with the threat to eliminate virtually all civilian production unless lagging programs were brought up to schedule.

As appeals for increased production reached a crescendo, officials appeared to be considering the advisability of offering solid inducements to war workers to overcome their desire to find jobs that offer peacetime security.

Krug said it was "human nature" for a man to think of caring for his family.

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## Total Of Delinquent Taxes Low In County

### Treasurer's Office Reports Collection

Not more than \$6,000 of the current real estate and personal property taxes due up to November 7 went delinquent in the county, a check at the county treasurer's office revealed today.

The November tax collections, including \$4,029.78 of delinquent taxes, total \$230,554.95. The May collections amounted to \$263,028, making a grand total of \$493,583.17.

The current year's tax bill was \$495,763.44, exclusive of \$1,969.99 of special assessments certified to the county treasurer for collection.

In the May settlement, delinquent taxes on record amounted to \$14,392.62. This included the current year's and prior to 1944, an amount considered very small as compared to other counties.

## Winter Resort Travel Being Probed By OPA

Motorists who use gasoline illegally to travel to winter resorts face the loss of their mileage ration, the office of price administration advised today.

Administrator Chester Bowles said the OPA is now preparing an enforcement program to prevent illegal use of ration stamps in winter vacation travel. Motorists who misuse their ration stamps, he said, will be called before hearing commissioners who have the power to revoke not only the supplemental "B" or "C" ration stamps, but basic "A" ration stamps as well.

## Protesting Cologne Citizens Are Slain

### Nazi Authorities Machine-Gun Crowds

London, Nov. 22.—(UP)—A Swiss newspaper said today that Nazi authorities at Cologne machine-gunned crowds demonstrating for peace recently and killed more than 220 persons.

Some in the crowds even cried, "long live the Allies!" the Basel Arbeiterzeitung said in a dispatch reported by the British exchange telegraph agency.

The dispatch appeared less than 24 hours after disclosure that German prisoners taken on the American 1st army front before Cologne had confirmed reports of disorders inside the city.

The prisoners were quoted as saying that the Gestapo was hanging civilians in Cologne for disobeying Nazi official orders. Earlier Swiss dispatches said 21 persons had been hanged there in a single day. The Basel newspaper said peace demonstrations also had occurred in many other Rhineland cities and towns. Posters were said to be appearing nightly on the walls.

## A Thanksgiving Prayer

IDEAS OF THE PREACHER-FARMER OF PRAIRIE HOME by L. Dewey Burham

Our Father and our God, We beseech Thee to hear our humble prayer as we come to Thee with hearts of gratitude. So rich are our blessings, so unworthy our hearts! So great Thy love, so selfish we!

Our hearts are grateful Father, because during these past months of sunshine and rain, Thou hast emptied the great horn of plenty to us in rich and abundant harvests. Now the little children shall not go hungry during the snows. Now the widows and orphans, the refugees from war's calamity, around the world, shall eat. Thou hast given us abundance, it is Thine, and we shall send it on, and on, until hungry mouths are fed and a child's cry shall be stilled, and a weakened body shall be made strong, and hope shall return to the forsaken. And all this, our

Father, makes us glad. It fills our hearts with thanksgiving and renews our faith in Thee.

Dear Father, help us to remember at this Thanksgiving time that a truly grateful heart is one rededicated to Thee, and to the great task of feeding a hungry world which Thou has set before us tillers of the soil. And here and now, we do rededicate our toil to Thee. We know the snows of winter will come but they will go again. Thou, in Thy providence, will send the sunshine and the showers of spring, the growing of the summer, and the harvest of another autumn. It is Thine, too. We will be faithful and true. We so dedicate ourselves to Thee.

We are grateful, too, our Father, that our lot has been cast in such pleasant places. We Americans are truly grateful to Thee that no bombs have fallen on our cities, and homes, that our children, and our women, and our men, have not been uprooted from their homes and forced to flee before an invading hord. We are grate-

## Services Tonight To Mark Thanksgiving

### Most Businesses To Close For Holiday

Special church services tonight will open Decatur's observance of the traditional Thanksgiving holiday.

The union Thanksgiving service, sponsored annually by the ministerial association, will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening at Church of the Nazarene. Rev. F. H. Willard, pastor of the First Evangelical church, will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon and special music will be provided.

Thanksgiving services will be conducted at the Zion Lutheran church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Paul W. Schultz, pastor, will present a special sermon and the church choir will sing a holiday selection. There will be no services Thanksgiving day.

Business generally will be suspended throughout the city all day Thursday, with the exception of restaurants, confectioneries, taverns and theaters. The First State bank will be closed and the only mail service will be to war industries and on special delivery mail. The Daily Democrat will not publish an edition.

The city's industries engaged in war production will work the regular weekday schedules tomorrow.

## Crocker Funeral Is Held This Morning

Funeral services and burial were held at St. Mary's, O. this morning for Mrs. Crocker, mother of Mrs. James Blair, former Decatur resident, who died Sunday at her daughter's home in America, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Blair will spend Thanksgiving day in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Thomas. Mr. Blair was formerly city editor of the Decatur Daily Democrat.

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## German Key Bastions Seized -- Allies Pour Onward Toward Rhine

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The union's decision was revealed when the board resumed a session following a recess requested by the federation.

The next step would be for the board to certify the case to economic stabilization director Fred M. Vinson as a preliminary to seizure of the telephone facilities and possible imposition of sanctions against the union. The army has not yet certified that the dispute is impeding the war effort, but it was expected that such a certification would be forthcoming.

## Reject Garbage Bid At Council Meeting

### City May Take Over Hauling Of Garbage

The city council in session last night rejected the bid of John L. Walters for the garbage hauling contract, his proposal being to do the job for \$2,750 a year.

The board of public works and safety received the bid yesterday afternoon and submitted it to the council for consideration.

Members of the council thought the price was too high. The city is now paying Mr. Walters at the rate of \$2150 a year, on a monthly contract basis. This price is about double to the pre-war cost, councilmen pointed out.

Councilman Joe Brennea launched the idea that possibly the city could take over the garbage hauling contract and sell the garbage to farmers who feed it to hogs.

A discussion of the possibilities followed and it was brought out that if and when the city builds a sewage disposal plant, that an incinerator could be constructed at small cost, and the garbage burned, if hog raisers did not want to buy it.

Investigation will be made within the next two weeks and if the council deems the bid feasible, the garbage hauling job may be turned over to the street department by the first of the year.

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One Berlin spokesman said seven to eight Red army divisions, possibly 100,000 or more men, already had gone over to the attack in eastern Czechoslovakia in a bid to break off the German salient jutting into the Russian lines in the Czech-Hungarian border area.

The early morning Soviet war communiqué, as usual, ignored the German reports, focusing instead on the no-quarter battle raging on Saare Island.

All organized enemy resistance on the 1,010-square-mile Estonian island appeared to be crumbling swiftly under the concerted Soviet blows from land and sea. Hemmed into a narrowing corner four miles wide and about four miles deep on the southern extremity of Corve peninsula, the trapped Nazis fought back desperately but with little or no chance of survival.

Units of Marshal Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army, joined by amphibious troops landed from the

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## 67 Nazi Tanks Are Knocked Out In Big Armor Battle; Draw Nearer To Roer River

Paris, Nov. 22.—(UP)—The American 1st army captured Eschweiler today after a three-day siege, unhinging the German defenses west of Cologne, and far to the south the bastions of Mulhouse and Metz fell to Allied armies chopping up the Nazi positions in France.

The French 1st army swooped down on Mulhouse, industrial capital of Alsace, so swiftly that it captured part of the German 19th army general staff. The American broadcasting station in Europe said the French racing down the Rhine valley west of Cologne after knocking out 67 Nazi tanks in an armored battle.

The siege of Metz ended officially at 8:45 a. m. CWT when the last German resistance collapsed, freeing powerful American 3rd army forces to join in the pursuit of the Germans fleeing north-easters France.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army, between the French 1st and U. S. 3rd, crashed through the Vosges in advances on a broad front which brought the doughboys within sight of Germany itself and formed the upper arm of a pincers closing against the Nazis in the upper Rhineland.

To the north, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's 9th army was revealed to have "decisively defeated" the most formidable German tank force thrown into battle since D-day in a four-day battle northeast of Aachen.

The ninth American 1st, and British 2nd armies now were battering the outposts of the Roer river line through Julich and Duren 20 miles west of Cologne, into which the Germans were withdrawing behind a rear guard including artillerymen and engineers fighting as infantry.

(The National Broadcasting company quoted the British radio as reporting that the 9th army captured Julich and two smaller towns on the Roer, but confirmation was lacking.)

American troops were storming street by street through Eschweiler, turning the German defenses northeast of Aachen, and the victory which will unhinge the enemy positions west of the Roer seemed near.

The fall of Metz and Mulhouse

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