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Nazis Driven From Skies By Yanks And R. A. F.

BRADFORD IS NEW AUDITOR; WINS BATTLE

Named by Commissioners After Tyndall Faction Yields to Pressure.

By NOBLE REED

James L. Bradford, the ex-Republican county chairman, made a spectacular bid to test the power of his dormant political machine and won today.

He was appointed county auditor by county commissioners to succeed the late Glenn B. Ralston, Democrat, after three days of bitter feuding which for a time threatened to wreck the Republican organization on the eve of the Nov. 3 election.

The party was split wide open last Wednesday when ward chairmen delivered an ultimatum to Republican county commissioners demanding that their ex-boss be appointed to the vacancy.

Opposed by Tyndall

The faction headed by Gen. Robert Tyndall, Republican mayoralty candidate, and his campaign manager, Charles Jewett, along with the other anti-Bradford party men sprung into action in a last-ditch fight to smother the former chairman's comeback attempt.

The Tyndall-Jewett faction was instrumental in forcing Mr. Bradford to resign the Republican chairmanship in favor of Henry E. Ostrem in a compromise move several months ago.

The two Republican majority commissioners were split between the two factions with William T. Ayres backing the Bradford men and William Bosson bitterly opposing the move to appoint the ex-chairman.

Hohlt Watches Feud

The Democratic minority commissioner, Harry Hohlt, stood aloof from the fracas, leaving the appointment in a serious deadlock.

The Tyndall-Jewett-Bosson group demanded appointment of Ralph F. Moore, G. O. P. nominee for county auditor, and it appeared that they were about to swing it when the Bradford faction late yesterday brought so much pressure that Moore withdrew from the field.

This left the Tyndall-Jewett-Bosson machine "out on a limb" and after five hours of bickering last evening, killing nine passengers and its crew of three, was in a collision with an army bomber, the air lines officials announced today.

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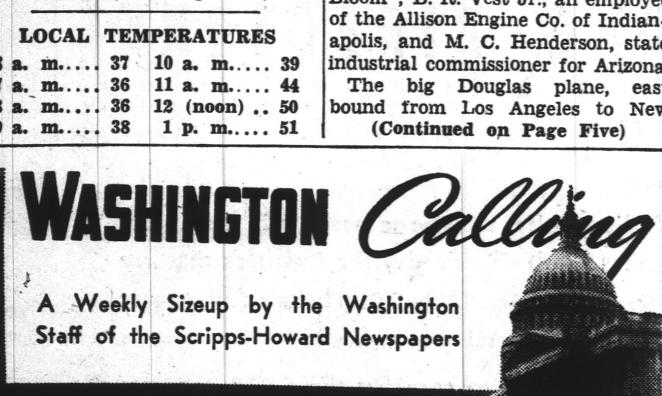
12 DIE AS AIRLINER AND BOMBER CRASH

B. R. Vest Jr., Allison Employee, Among Victims.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Don't count on a seasonal lull in the fighting, even if the first snow has fallen in Stalingrad. This is expected to be the war's bloodiest winter.

Russia may get a breathing spell, but everywhere else fighting fronts will almost certainly flame into increased action.

Battle of the Atlantic: U-boats, inactive lately, are getting repairs, refitting, reinforcements. They'll be ready for the long winter nights, unsettled weather, which aid attack; next phase of the battle may be the worst. Hitler, desperate at the way the war is dragging out probably will risk much to keep lend-lease from reaching Britain, Russia, Near East. And he wants to stop our troop transports.

North Africa: If the United Nations could knock out Rommel, Italy might drop out of the war—or might become a path for invasion—and revolt might flare through Balkans. So Hitler is expected to give Rommel more planes, more tanks, more men and orders to spare none of them.

France May Rejoin Allies

FRANCE: Anything can happen there. She might even join our side. Bitterness toward Laval grows. If he were to be ousted by those he is trying to enslave, a new regime might set up its government in North Africa; might start fighting with us—which would mean encirclement of Rommel, United Nations control of the Mediterranean after he had been ousted—and a mortal blow for the axis.

Battle of the Pacific: It will keep on increasing in importance until there's a decision. Fighting may start in Burma any time. And India probably will be back on page one before spring, by reason

Mrs. R.

Tells England That U. S. May Draft Women for Labor.

LONDON, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in her first conference with the British press, said today that she believed improvement of Anglo-American relations depended upon an increased knowledge by each people of the problems of the other.

Mrs. Roosevelt indicated that she believed the United States might eventually conscript women for labor.

"You come to everything as you need it," she said in reply to a question. "It is very difficult to make people realize the importance of some piece of work until it is actually very badly needed."

During her stay in England Mrs. Roosevelt will send a cabled report each day of her experiences for her column, *My Day*. The first appears on Page One, Second Section of *The Times* today.

"Six months ago, talk of registration of labor caused an uproar among trade unions and congress, but today, many are crying, 'why aren't women working?'"

Asked why she had come to England, Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I am interested in every phase of what women have accomplished. You have many more years of war effort than we. Men and women at home have felt that women were not needed. Now they are finding that women are very much needed."

"THERE SUDDENLY is a great interest in what women can do, and there's a great deal of experience and knowledge that we can give to learn while here."

She said she did not believe there would be prohibition in the United States in the near future. "I can only tell you that there (Continued on Page Two)

U.S. SHAKES UP HIGH COMMAND IN S. PACIFIC

Adm. Ghormley, in Charge In Solomons, Replaced By Admiral Halsey.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—The navy today announced a sweeping shake-up of its high command in the South Pacific—including the Solomon Islands, where American forces are struggling to hold vital Guadalcanal. The reorganization puts Vice Admiral William F. Halsey in command of the area.

Admiral Halsey has been a Pacific fleet task force commander and headed several raids on Japanese bases, including the highly successful foray against the Marshall and Gilbert Islands last January. He was awarded the distinguished service medal for that raid.

He succeeds Vice Admiral Robert Lee Ghormley, who has been commander of the South Pacific area since the command was established last spring. Admiral Ghormley's new duties were not announced immediately. It was Admiral Ghormley who launched the first operations in the Solomons.

Criticism Is Recalled

What effect the command shake-up will have on the battle of the Solomons could not be discerned immediately. Admiral Ghormley has been in charge of the entire operation up to now, beginning more than two months ago when marines invaded six islands in the Guadalcanal area.

Only open criticism of conduct of the Solomons campaign was voiced a week ago by Rep. John H. Costello (D. Cal.), a member of the house military affairs committee. He told the house last Saturday that he feared the navy had attempted to make a "grandstand play" in the Solomons.

FULL STORY NOT TOLD?

Other changes in the navy's Pacific command announced at the same time included designation of Vice Admiral Herbert F. Leary, heretofore commander of southwest Pacific naval forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as commander of a Pacific task force.

Admiral Leary succeeds Vice Admiral William S. Pye, who moves from the task force leadership to the presidency of the naval war college at Newport, R. I.

Rear Admiral Arthur S. Carpenter, who has been second in command under Admiral Leary in the southwest Pacific, succeeds him as commander of United Nations naval forces under MacArthur.

The United States has lost at least 12 warships and four transports

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HIGHER MINIMUMS ASKED BY TEACHERS

Elect Hargrave Treasurer As Convention Ends.

Indiana teachers were on their way home today after closing what may be their last state-wide meeting until the end of the war.

The close of the 89th annual convention of the Indiana State Teachers' Association was highlighted by a spirited balloting to elect a treasurer and the addresses of two lecturers and world travelers.

Louis Hargrave, vice principal of Douglas High School here, was elected treasurer after he had been nominated from the floor to oppose the nomination committee's choice for the position, W. B. Johnson, principal of public school 50.

H. B. Allman, superintendent of the Muncie public schools since (Continued on Page Two)

SENATE DEBATES TRAINING PERIOD

12 Months Not Needed by All 18s, Is Claimed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—Senate Democratic whip, Lister Hill of Alabama, said today that proposals for a year's training for 18 and 19-year-old soldiers prior to combat assignments were based on a "misunderstanding" of Gen. George C. Marshall's position.

Opening the third day's Senate debate on legislation to lower the draft age to 18, Senator Hill said Gen. Marshall "never has taken the position that every soldier has to have 12 months' training." The chief of staff, he added, has said (Continued on Page Two)

There's Fighting Chance for Tires

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers said today "there is a fighting chance" of keeping the nation's automobiles on rubber for the duration but he emphasized that it will require the cooperation of every motorist.

He said this is the "only word of optimism" in the rubber crisis.

At the same time, he declared that there is no intention of deferring nation-wide rationing. That decision, he said, is final.

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2 VESSELS IN CONVOY TO RUSSIA ARE SUNK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—Two medium-sized United States merchant vessels in a convoy en route to Russia were sunk by aerial torpedo attack in the North Atlantic about the middle of September, the navy announced today. Survivors of the attack have been landed at an east coast U. S. port.

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TIMOSHENKO GAINS IN FLANK OFFENSIVE

Penetrates Fortified Zone; Stalingrad Holds.

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (U. P.)—Battlefront dispatches said that Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's powerful relief offensive northwest of Stalingrad had smashed deeper into German lines at three points, killing 1000 more Nazis.

Timoshenko's pressure against Germans was unrelenting, these dispatches said, and men were attacking night and day over steppes boggy with the slush of a recent snow.

The Soviet noon communiqué reported that his men had driven into a German fortified zone.

The defenders of Stalingrad itself

hurled back desperate new attacks against a vital factory in the northwestern part of the city and ran

German losses up to at least 1400 men killed and 15 tanks in 24 hours. Guardsmen, in a raid, killed 200 more Germans and burned or disabled five tanks.

In northwestern Stalingrad, the Russians have not budged from positions they were holding five days ago.

There was only air activity in the Mordovia area.

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On the War Fronts

—Oct. 24, 1942—

CAIRO—Allies launch big offensive against Rommel's desert positions after seven-week lull; may herald all-out campaign in Africa.

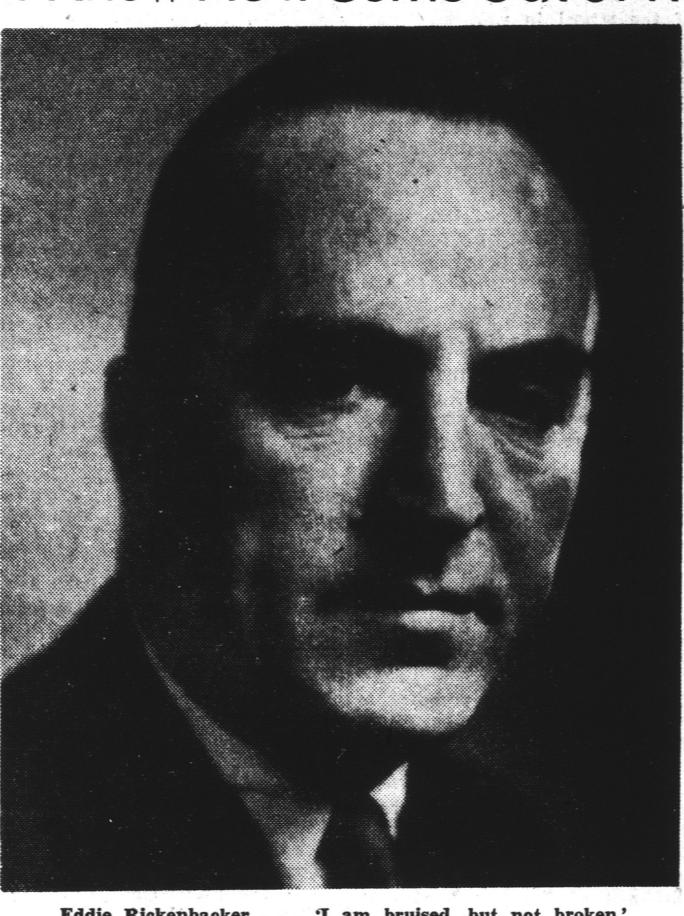
MOSCOW—Russians report additional gains in drive northwestern of Stalingrad; Nazis driven from three strong points, suffer 1000 casualties.

BERLIN—High command claims

Russians driven from several Stalingrad streets.

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“I Know He'll Come Out of It”



Eddie Rickenbacker . . . I am bruised, but not broken.

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