

### NAZI DEFENSES IN ITALY STIFFEN

ROME, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Eighth Army forces advancing up the Po Valley along Highway 9 toward Bologna have come up toward heavy German defenses two miles east of Forli, Allied headquarters announced today.

British and Canadian troops reached the Ronco River on a broad front and at several points crossed the swollen stream but were withdrawn after sharp German counter-attacks with tanks.

South of the Bologna-Rimini Highway Indian troops also reached the river and sent patrols across.

Heavy rain fell over both the Eighth and Fifth Army fronts and generally impeded progress in all sectors.

American troops on Mount Belmonte threw back a heavy German counter-attack and other doughboys captured Il Poggio and Mount Mezzano.

### Recordings Help To Convict Nazi Friend

PARIS, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Short and swarthy Lucien Fernand Felignes was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor on a charge of collusion with the German occupants as a radio commentator. The conviction ended the sixth collaboration trial.

Felignes, 44 years old, former soldier, repeatedly had urged exchange of prisoners of war for French workers, pleading particularly for exportation of "fazy gobs, black-market characters and zoot-suiters." Phonograph records made by a patriotic engineer helped to convict him.

Boys of poor families in Northern Ireland are selling clothing coupons.

### Baby Flat-Tops Do Great Job Off Samar Isle

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GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Pilots leaving the flight decks of the baby flat-tops engaged in the great Philippines Sea battle well knew their mother ships might not be afloat when they returned.

But they swept on the far superior enemy forces with low-level bombing and strafing attacks and when they exhausted their fuel, landed on Tacloban air field during an air raid and then returned to battle.

Meanwhile the Japanese pressed their attack on the American carriers with the support of land-based bombers, three of their dive-bombers crash diving on the decks of three different carriers. By 1 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy surface forces had had enough, gave up pursuit of the American carriers and turned northward.

The foiled Japanese forces withdrew, only to be hit and hit hard by planes from another American force rushing down from the north.

The final results of the action off Samar still are lacking, but when lights fell the only remaining enemy threats to Leyte were from land-based planes.

The once derided "jeep" carriers had wounded severely and repulsed a large portion of the Japanese battle force in their first great close-in battle-line action of the Pacific war.

### Yank Aids 2 Under Fire, Wins D. S. C.

FIRST UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, Oct. 27.—Pvt. Joe M. Marez of San Antonio, Texas, who crawled across a Normandy battlefield and gave medical aid to two wounded comrades, despite a bullet in his own brain, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross yesterday.

Marez belongs to the 2nd Infantry Division. The field was under fire from Nazi machine guns and rifles.

But when he saw Sgt. Bert P. Murtha of Pennsylvania and Pfc. Bernard G. Weiss of Avenel Park, N. Y., fall, Marez rushed out with his medical kit.

While applying a tourniquet to Murtha's wounded leg, Marez was struck in the head with a bullet. He finished with Murtha, then went to Weiss and gave him first aid before he collapsed.

The crocodile is distinguished from the alligator by two teeth protruding when the jaws are closed.

### CZECH PROVINCE FREED BY RUSS

LONDON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Russian troops advanced 15 miles in Czechoslovakia today and captured Ugar (Uzhorod), virtually completing the capture of the Carpatho-Ukraine which Hungary seized from the Poles.

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.

**224 Guns to Roar**  
Gen. Ivan Petrov, promoted yesterday after the fall of the Czechoslovak city of Mukacevo, was again the victor. Stalin ordered a 20-gun salute from 224 Moscow victory guns.

Fall of the important East Prussian communications center of Gumbinnen appeared imminent today as the Germans announced evacuation of the civilian population from the path of onrushing Soviet forces.

A Moscow communique declared last night that the Red army had captured Grunweitzen, four miles southeast of Gumbinnen, and Gudinn, seven miles east of the city, Shirgallen and Amalienhof, ten miles to the east, also were taken.

**Russ at City's Outskirts**  
Unconfirmed reports reaching here from Moscow asserted that the Russians now were believed fighting in the outskirts of Gumbinnen, a city of 15,000 to 20,000. Gumbinnen is 66 miles east of the provincial capital of Konigsberg.

An American commentator, speaking over the Moscow radio, reported that German civilians already were fleeing Konigsberg in panic.

The Russian communique said the Germans were offering fierce resistance in East Prussia. Berlin, also reporting large-scale battles, maintained the Russians had lost 900 tanks in ten days and were being held except for "a few dents" on an 85-mile front.

Other Russian forces driving through Northern Finland captured six localities in the Petsamo area.

### France Restricts Spanish on Border

PARIS, Oct. 27.—(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 their 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 representatives in Madrid is in control of the old Vichy embassy, refitting the building for eventual occupation.

**King Promotes Brother**  
LONDON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—King George VI has promoted his younger brother, the Duke of Gloucester, to general in the army and air chief marshal in the Royal Air Force, it was announced tonight.

### DEWEY WAS AID TO RECOGNITION

By HELEN KIRKPATRICK  
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PARIS, Oct. 27.—Was American recognition of the French provisional government accorded as the result of combined pressure by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential candidate, and Russia and Britain?

This question is asked by several French newspapers today as well as by many official and unofficial Frenchmen.

**F. R.'s Statement Surprises**  
French relief and pleasure at Monday's recognition of the De Gaulle regime lasted about 24 hours. Scarcely had the people begun to believe that France's "Coventry" was ended than President Roosevelt's statement on French participation in postwar planning, took people's breath away.

All the French newspapers carried the statement, made by the President at Tuesday's press conference, that France would not be admitted to the councils of those planning the postwar world.

Today's papers, however, try to put the best face on the matter by explaining that the President referred only to the security council, which would not be formed until the war's end, and that his statement did not mean that France could not be represented on the European advisory council.

**Continued Reserve Seen**  
The Socialist paper, Le Peuple, adds that "it must be inferred on the psychological plane that President Roosevelt's (and Undersecretary of State Edward R.) Stettinius' reserve in following in the footsteps of recognition indicates that there are still indications there which must be overcome before France can take its proper place in world affairs."

This reserve, which reached Paris like a sudden unexpected spray of cold water, has made a Frenchman pause. They have been told that non-recognition, preceded by the North African policy, originated in Washington and not London. They say that recognition followed immediately after the recent Stalin-Churchill conference in Moscow, and deduce, rightly or wrongly, that the American administration did not have a change of heart, after all, but merely yielded to the pressure of campaign politics, plus pressure from Moscow and London.

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**New Zealand Flyer Good, Yank Opines**  
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Edwin H. Finlayson, Marine Corps lieutenant from Pensacola, Fla., back from the Southwest Pacific aerial warfare, said yesterday the leathernecks held New Zealand's flyers in high esteem. Here's one reason:  
"I was flying over Rabaul one day," Finlayson said, "when I heard a New Zealand pilot call over his radio to another:  
"Hey, come on down here, I've got 40 zeros cornered."

### Germans List More Generals as Killed

LONDON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—A Transocean German propaganda agency, broadcast today added the name of General Friess, commander of an army corps in the Gumbinnen area of East Prussia, to the 138 Nazi generals reported killed in the present war.

Maj. Gen. Erich von Kirchbach, 58 years old, and Maj. Gen. Fritz Reinhardt, 53, have been killed in the fighting on the Western Front, D. N. B., German news agency, announced last night.

Earlier, Berlin reported the war.

### Japs May Prefer East

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Saburo Kido, president of the Japanese-American Citizens League, said yesterday he believed that West Coast Japanese-Americans who have settled in the East will not want to return after the war.

### FORD TO BUILD 5,000 GLIDERS

DETROIT, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The Ford Motor Company announced today it had been awarded a new contract for the construction of 2,000 additional troop-carrying gliders for the Army Air Forces.

With completion of the new contract, probably by December, 1945, the Ford Company will have produced more than 5,000 gliders.

Schacht Free, Says Niece  
STOCKHOLM, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Hjalmer Schacht, German financier, has been released from prison after being held for a month by the Nazis, his niece, Sigrid Schacht, told the newspaper, Dagens Nyheter, yesterday.

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