

San Pablo Airfield Seized As Japs Counterattack

English 'Carmen' Will Be Presented Tonight in Auditorium

British Enter Nazi Defense Factory City

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Striking the Germans with ever greater fury, Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British second army fought tonight into the streets of 'S Hertogenbosch, keystone of the enemy's defense system in western Holland, and captured the northeast factory district of that ancient cathedral city.

A field dispatch declared the capture of 'S Hertogenbosch would imperil the entire German front—estimated at between 60,000 and 70,000 men in western Holland, and go far toward breaking the enemy's blockade of the great port of Antwerp. The Germans were reported rushing reserves into the area.

Many Prisoners Captured

The three-day British offensive northward from Eindhoven had captured nearly 1,500 prisoners and it appeared tonight that Nazi defenses were crumbling all along a 12-mile front.

The Germans still held the main business section of 'S Hertogenbosch with the South Willem canal between them and the attacking British.

Canadians in Fight

The left wing of the British advance captured the long and bitterly defended German bastion of Best, six miles northwest of Eindhoven, after an advance of five miles.

Canadian forces, battling to clear the Schelde estuary approaches to Antwerp, drove across a causeway onto South Beveland island, which sprawls along the northern side of the estuary, and pushed nearly a mile and a half inside the island to within a few hundred yards of the town of Mairie.

Today's Campus

Cigars Appear

It's incredible the things the tobacco shortage will do to people. Only yesterday two coeds wandered around with smooth, shiny corn-cob pipes in their purses, accompanied by a pouch of good pipe tobacco. Coads. One woman alleviated the Chew cigaret shortage by calmly puffing on a large cigar in the grill yesterday. Today, too, will probably bring new methods of indulging in smoking, and chewing is a sure fire.

Your Idea, Webster?

No one objected to the list of trick words of which Prof. A. A. Applegate was quizzing his news-writing class—until the word "indispensable" came along. From the back of the room a voice, undoubtedly that of a Republican, objected: "But, there isn't such a thing."

Donald Dixon to Sing Lead Role in Bizet's Revised Opera

An English version of Bizet's opera "Carmen," taken from the original version which was first given in the Paris Comique opera house, will be presented in College auditorium at 8:15 p.m. tonight.

Heard in the leading male role will be Donald Dixon, American baritone who made his debut as Ford in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," with the Cleveland Symphony orchestra at the age of nineteen. Regina Resnik, who sang with the New York Civic Centre opera before joining the Metropolitan, will sing the title role of "Carmen."

The plot of "Carmen" is based upon the heatlessness of a beautiful gypsy siren who eventually brings about her own downfall by her disregard for others.

Setting Is in Italy

The first act opens in the public square in Seville in 1880, as a troop of soldiers and some village loungers are awaiting the approach of the girls who work in a nearby cigar factory, and especially Carmen, a heartless but beautiful gypsy girl.

Michaela, a village girl, enters with a message for Don Jose, leader of the troops, from his mother, but not finding him immediately departs. The girls pass on their way to work, and Carmen, seeing Don Jose sitting indifferently nearby, throws him a rose she is wearing. As the girls leave, Michaela returns and delivers the message.

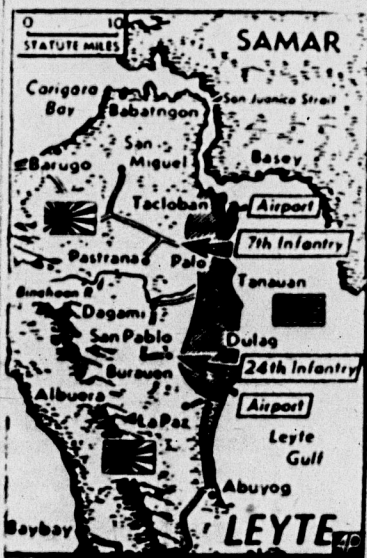
Plot Developed

Don Jose loses his sudden passion for Carmen upon seeing the gentle girl and upon hearing of his home, and is about to throw away the rose she has given him. However, a disturbance from the factory proves to result in the arrest of Carmen, who has injured another girl in a quarrel. She succeeds in infatuating the lieutenant, and he helps her to escape.

She returns to her wandering life, and is singing and dancing in the inn when Escamillo, a young bullfighter from Grenada enters. All leave the inn but Carmen and some gypsy smugglers, who persuade her to induce Don Jose to join the band. She succeeds in this, and he comes to

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Infantry Gains



Units of two American infantry divisions (arrows) drove west on Leyte through Palo and Dulag to force Jap defenders into the island's hills.



REGINA RESNIK
 ... in role of Carmen ...



DONALD DIXON
 ... sings male lead ...

GOP Candidate Dewey Takes Partial Stand on Foreign Policy in Speech

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 24 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey declared tonight that American participation in a world peace organization "must not be subject to a reservation that would require our representative to return to congress for authority every time he had to make a decision."

The New York governor, matching in general the stand taken by President Roosevelt in a foreign policy speech in New York Saturday night, threw in the following reservation, with the added declaration that Mr. Roosevelt has demonstrated he "cannot work with a congress of his own party."

"Obviously congress, and only congress, has the constitutional power to determine what quota of force it will make available and what discretion it will give our representative to use that force."

"I have not the slightest doubt," Dewey said in a prepared broadcast manuscript, "that a congress which is working in partnership with the president will achieve the result we all consider essential and grant adequate power for swift action to the American representative."

Flora, Fauna, Gun Collection Grace Museum in Auditorium Basement

By VIRGINIA RADECKY

The Bolivian mummy is holding open house in the museum in the basement of College auditorium from 1 to 5 p.m. every day except Sunday. Here among the display oddities may be found many ideas on Christmas gifts or what to cook for supper tonight.

At present, mounted animals of the state, which art students frequently use as models, form the largest part of the display, but the college was given two valuable collections.

Fire Arms Exhibit

One, an exhibit of firearms from all over the world showing the development of the modern gun, was donated by Henry P. Haigh, a member of the class of 1874 and honorary life president of the alumni association.

The oldest model in the collection is a 16th century English cross-bow valued at several thousand dollars. Two-thirds of the guns are in good firing condition. Some of the weapons were personally used or captured by the Haigh family. In 1863, George W. Haigh preserved or captured a Confederate officer's dress sword by concealing it in his leg bandages.

ACER Military Dance, Term Party to Open Weekend Activities

Three hundred ACERs will be entertained Friday night in the first military dance of the term, Capt. W. N. Beekman disclosed yesterday. Open only to men of cycle two, the dance will be held in Dem hall.

ASTR Yardbirds will furnish music from 8 to 12 p.m. for the all date affair. Date bureaus will be functioning for men without dates who wish to attend the dance.

Only parties scheduled thus far for Saturday are planned by the Phi Delta Thetas and women of Robinson house. The Phi Deltas will be hosts at a hard times party from 7:30 to midnight, while Robinson house women will entertain their dates at one of the first term parties of the year.

Further Landings Reported Made In Philippines

GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S HDQ., PHILIPPINES, Oct. 24 (AP)—Overcoming Japanese resistance, mire and heat, American liberation forces pressed the reconquest of Leyte island in the central Philippines today, seized another airfield and freed numerous towns from the enemy yoke.

A field dispatch to the Melbourne Herald reported American tanks, ferried across San Janico strait from Leyte, established a bridgehead on Samar island.

The dispatch, from Herald War Correspondent Blaine Fielder, has not been officially confirmed, nor has the action been reported from any other source.

Treachorous Course

The operation may have as its immediate objective the silencing of Japanese artillery on southern Samar which could menace Tacloban, provisional Philippine capital, and Allied shipping in Leyte gulf and the narrow island.

Samar is the island link between Leyte and Luzon, on which Manila is situated. It is more than a hundred miles long and is separated from Luzon by San Bernardino strait. That strait, 15 miles wide, is said by veteran maritime men to be one of the most treacherous water courses in the world.

Counterattack Repulsed

While ground forces at the northern end of the Leyte battlefield repulsed a bitter all-night enemy counterattack near Palo, the southern arm battled around from Dulag through mire and heat to seize the San Pablo airfield. This was reported by AP War Correspondent Al Dopking.

The action apparently occurred after the issuance of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Tuesday communique — PHILIPPINES — Page 2

FVA Plans to Cut Down Wait for Subsistence

LANSING, Oct. 24 — (AP) — Col. Philip Pack, director of the State Office of Veterans' affairs, said today the Federal Veterans administration hopes within two months to reduce from 60 days to 10 days the average waiting period for subsistence pay for discharged service men who are attending college.

Pack said action of the state administrative board in setting up a \$5,000 loan fund to tide veterans over the payless period should solve the problem. He advised soldiers in need of temporary loans to apply through the college in which they are enrolled. The state will reimburse the college.

TIME TABLE

TODAY—

- SWL, 5 p.m.
- Org. room 2, Union.
- Student Council, 6:15 p.m.
- Sunporch, Union
- Football, 7 p.m.
- 13 Union annex
- Lambda Chi, 7:30 p.m.
- Org. room 2, Union
- "Carmen," 8:15 p.m.
- College auditorium

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Spartans At War

By PEG DUBRY

LT. ROBERT SICKLES

paratrooper, was killed in action Sept. 13, in Holland, according to word received by his parents of Lansing. Lieutenant Sickles was a junior at State before enlisting in January, 1943.

LT. JOE VILMINOT

a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator, who has been missing since Sept. 11, while on a mission over Germany, is a prisoner of the German government, according to word received by his wife of Jackson. Entering the service in May, 1943, Lieutenant Vilminot has been serving overseas since early in July.

CAPT. CHRIS BEUKEMA

40, and his wife, Betty (Robertson), 40, stopped on campus last week enroute to Detroit where Mrs. Beukema will remain as Captain Beukema is awaiting overseas shipment. He was president of Tau Beta Phi while at State, and an engineering student.

A/C ANGUS LEGGAT

has reported at Carlsbad, N. M., army air field, where he will receive advanced flight training in high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation.

LT. MARTIN VAN SCHEID

former dairy student, was killed in action in July in the first invasion of Guam, according to word just received. Lieutenant Scheid came to MSC from Whitesboro, Tex., and was known on campus as "Tex."

He received his master's degree in 1942 and shortly after graduation enlisted in the marines. His marine training was received at Quantico, Va., and Paris Island. In April 1943, he was sent to the South Pacific as a line officer.

LT. FRED CRIPPEN

will be one of the officers graduating in the sixteenth unit gas officers' ground course from Edgewood Arsenal, Md., tomorrow. The course of study was concerned mainly with chemical warfare service material, decontamination, protection against injuries from toxic agents, and the tactical use of toxic agents.

First classes at North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, were held on the second floor of a hardware store.

INFORMATION

DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN

There will be a meeting of all discharged servicemen who are students on campus Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Spartan room of the Union. Dr. Gray, state commander of the American Legion, will be the guest speaker. All veterans are urged to attend, according to Fred T. Mitchell, counselor for men and director of the Servicemen's institute.

RADIO ANNOUNCER

All men interested in announcing for WKAR are reminded that they should contact R. J. Coleman or Larry Frymire before noon today or tomorrow. Auditions will be Thursday night at 7 in the WKAR studios.

Results of the tests taken by basic college students are now available in the counselor's offices, according to Paul Dressel, head of the counselor department. Each student should plan to make an appointment with head of the counselor's. Each student should plan to make an appointment with their counselor at this time, Dressel stated.

CARMEN

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the gypsies' rocky hideaway, but Carmen has lost interest in Don Jose to some extent.

Climax Builds Up

Escamillo comes to the retreat, and makes the lieutenant jealous by his declarations to the girl. The gypsies separate them when they attempt to fight it out, and Escamillo, at an opportune moment, invites them to a bullfight in Seville. After his departure, while Don Jose is upbraiding Carmen, Michaela enters, requesting that he go to his dying mother.

In the last act, Carmen attends the bullfight with Escamillo, but as he is about to enter the arena, she is stopped by the returned Don Jose, who tries to awaken the old love. She becomes very angry, and throws the ring he gave her at the lieutenant's feet. Upon hearing her cheer the victory of Escamillo in the arena, Don Jose springs at the girl, stabbing her as Escamillo emerges from the contest.

Others heard in the cast will be Enya Gonzalez and Karl Laufkotter. Herman Adler will conduct the orchestra.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF

By BARBARA DENNISON

IN YESTERDAY'S State News mail we got a letter from an unhappy coed who lost a billfold in the chem building one day last week. She went on to say that somewhere she missed out on the friendly spirit of the MSC campus.

Her reason . . . she feels that the person who picked up her wallet seems to be observing neither the ideals of honesty nor friendliness, which should prevail at MSC. And who can deny that she is entirely right?

Too many of us have at one time lost a wallet or some other vital belonging, including an identification card and student receipt, not to understand the position she is in. Since the wallet was lost in a campus building, it is logical to assume that someone having a connection with the college found it.

Now the question is, where is it, and also, where is the person who picked it up? Maybe we are wrong in harboring the idea that once a friendly college, always so. But there is still something to a little honesty where it will do the most good.

Students at Valparaiso university added something new to their registration procedure this fall with the signing of honor pledges, stating the responsibilities and privileges of the honor system.

This is the first time that the honor system is being tried with the entire university, although students attending the summer session used it. The honor council, governing the functions of the system, consists of both faculty and student members.

The pledge taken by the students included provisions that all of the work submitted for credit during the term would be prepared with only the authorized assistance and in recognition of he pledge the students asked that they be granted the privilege of taking all examinations lasting one hour or more without having a proctor in the room.

Other students can take a pledge of this nature and live up to it; why is it that the students of Michigan State cannot do the same. Yet it is clear that there are few professors on this campus today who would willingly leave their students alone during an examination.

From the University of California comes word that the United States now enrolls more university students than all the rest of the nations of the world together. However, this is not entirely surprising at the present time, considering all factors conflicting with educational advancement in the various leading nations of the world.

From the looks of things, Michigan State is contributing its share toward the total, with all these women running around. Former students who have been on campus for a few days recently have mentioned, before anything else, almost, that they never saw so many women before in their lives.

Reminds us of the article in the recent Reader's Digest entitled "Twenty-eight Acres of Girls" and concerning the government workers, et al, in Washington, D. C.

Swimmers to Present BC Hospital Program

Coach Charles McCaffree will take a group of his best swimmers to Battle Creek Friday for a demonstration at the opening of a new pool at the Percy Jones hospital.

The men have been picked from both the civilian and army swimmers and will demonstrate the various strokes and dives to the army personnel.

McCaffree also announced that men who are interested in swimming are welcome at the pool each day a five p.m. He especially needs free-style swimmers and divers but everyone is welcome.

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



"Certainly it's genuine antique, Madam—See! You don't find chewing gum stuck under furniture nowadays!"

— THE — WOMAN'S WORLD

By MAY ANN MAJOR

SWL

SWL group meetings will be held at 7:15 p.m. today in the following rooms of the Union annex: Radio, 107; Art, 112; Personality, 111; Social, 115; Curiosity, 7 and Membership, 11.

Mrs. Lucia Nesom, speech department, will speak to the Personality group on good speech habits.

SWL BOARD MEETS

Members of the SWL board will hold their regular meeting in organization room 2, Union, at 5 p.m. today, according to Jean Kauderer, Detroit sophomore.

U. of M. Session Opens

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Oct. 24 (AP) — Orientation for 850 freshman women and 320 transfer students will begin Thursday at the University of Michigan. The new students will have a week of getting acquainted with the campus before classes for the fall semester begin Nov. 1. Ninety-three upper class women have been recruited to help with orientation of the newcomers.

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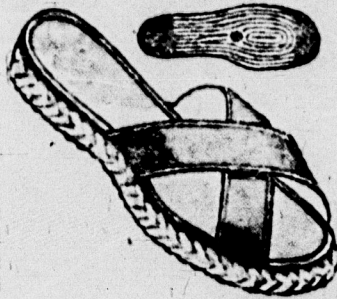
que, which merely said the outskirts of San Pablo had been reached. Three airfields now are in American hands. The others are at Tacloban, at the northern end of Leyte, and at Dulag. The Tacloban field already is in limited operation.

Doughboys of the seventh division struggled through dense undergrowth under a brooding sun to take the San Pablo field. Their circuitous march of 12 miles presented an advance of seven miles. They were paced by medium tanks which knocked out light enemy opposition, leaving only rearguard snipers to be wiped out by the infantry.

Divebombers and the devastating fire of American war planes lying in Leyte gulf were used upon to contain the stubborn counterattack west of Palo. Apparently was the most bitter opposition that had yet developed. The battle raged through the day night (Philippine time). It was "bloodily thrown back," General MacArthur reported and by dawn units of the tenth corps again were on the move.

ART LECTURE

Contrary to statement in yesterday's paper, the art lectures will not begin until Nov. 7, at which time Arnold Blumberg will speak on the "Nature of Art."



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Passers Loosen Up to Fire at Wayne's Five-Man Line

Heavy Scrimmage Keeps Spartans In Condition

Playing their first and only opponent that hails from Michigan the Spartans participated in a staunch scrimmage last night running over Wayne's defense and offense. Both teams have perfect records, but the Spartans have much the better average.

Wayne took the measure of its first and only opponent, Otterbein, two weeks back. State has tipped over four teams, Maryland being their latest victim. The Spartans sloshed to a 8-0 victory over the Terrapins in a quagmire of Washington, D. C. mud Friday.

Defense Stressed

The game will mark the fourth night game the Spartans have played, and the second in as many weeks. Temple drilled the green and white 21-19 in '40. A night session is scheduled this week before the Spartans embark for Detroit.

Much attention is being given to the defense of the motor city boys. The five man line was prevalent in Wayne's debut, and that is the general defense for the forward pass. If the weather is permissible the Spartans should not forsake their aerial game which has proven a big factor in their campaign.

Passes Set Spotlight

With three talented passers in the backfield, and two adept receivers, quarterback Bill Siler will no doubt keep on calling his passes. With the Spartan's pass offense stacked up against the Tartar's defense this game should prove to be an interesting one.

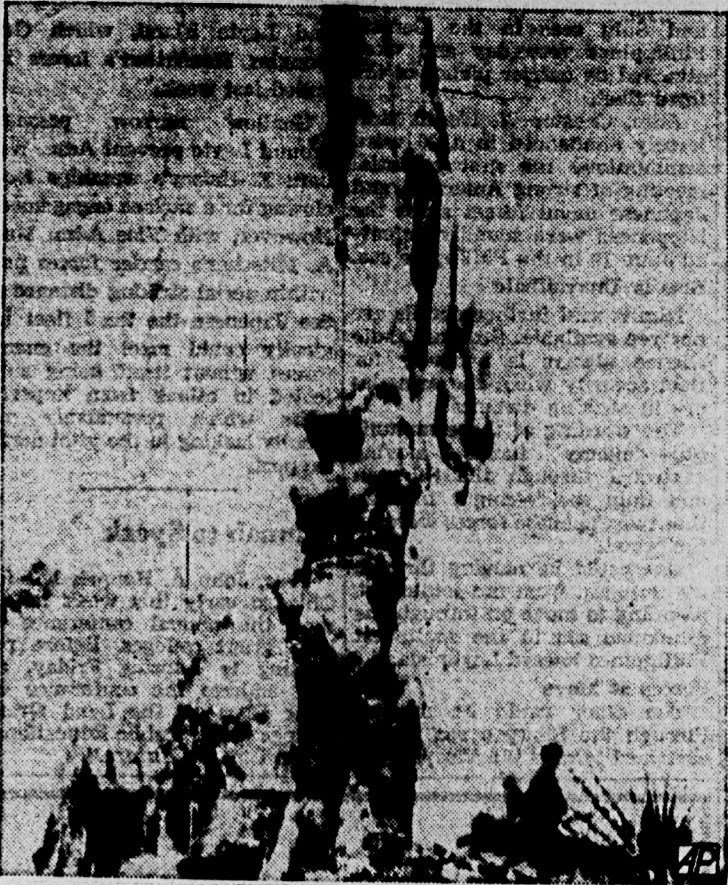
Not much is known of the Wayne ground game as it is not easy to judge from one game. The Spartan's have a good average, and on the strength of their versatile offense coupled with a staunch forward wall States should be rated a heavy favorite, but there is always a chance for an upset. Over-confidence, a big factor in many upsets, is trying to be kept out of the Spartan camp by Coach Charley Bachman and his cohorts.

Tickets Available

Tickets for the game are available at the ticket window in Jensen fieldhouse in limited numbers. Close to 600 have been sold to date, and Warren Burt, assistant business manager, said he expected to sell 1,000 by the end of the week.

The game will be played in the University of Detroit stadium at McNichols road. State rooters will sit in the east stands. The following week the Spartans will journey to Columbia, Mo., to play the University of Missouri in a game that promises to be one of the toughest on the schedule.

American Flag Raised in Philippines



A member of a naval beach party raises the American flag on soil of the Philippines shortly after the initial landing of the Allied invasion. Signal corps caption does not state whether the ceremony was on Leyte, which was invaded Oct. 20, or on smaller outer islands invaded three days earlier.

Wolverine Ground Game Is Second To Buckeyes' In Big Ten Conference

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Oct. 24 (AP)—Big Ten football statistics, released today by the conference service bureau at Chicago, would indicate that Michigan's Wolverines must show considerable improvement in at least three departments if they are to upset Purdue here Saturday.

Michigan, in three Big Ten games, ranks at the bottom of the conference ladder in passing, pass defense and defense against kick returns.

While the Wolverines clicked for three touchdown passes from halfback Bill Culligan to end Dick Rifenburg in non-conference clashes with Iowa preflight and Marquette at the start of the season, they have completed but six pitches for 56 yards against their three conference opponents, Indiana, Minnesota and Northwestern. Broken down into an average of two completions for 18.5 yards per game, the Michigan passing figures are at last in the Big Ten on both counts.

It is significant, of course, that Michigan stuck almost exclusively to the ground in whipping

Minnesota and Northwestern and except against Indiana had little need for a passing game.

MUSEUM

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collections in Michigan.

There are many postwar plans for the museum, according to J. W. Stack, professor of zoology and museum curator since 1923. He wants to build up additional habitat groups of Michigan animals so that State may have one of the most interesting and instructive exhibits in the state with representatives of each vertebrate species on display. The building of the habitat group involves considerable time, since every tree, flower and leaf must be made.

Professor Stack has requested his former students to send or bring anything that could be put on display. Any day now he is liable to receive a baby elephant, a destroyer, or perhaps even one of the 1944 MSC gridiron stars.

Women's Sports

By DOTTE VON DETTE

TOP-HEAVY scores were dominant in the coeds' volleyball games last night. There was one default on the six game card. The next volleyball program is set for Thursday night. Many of the teams are boasting perfect slates.

The scores: precinct 4-6 defeated precinct 9-2, 35-17. West Mary Mayo defaulted to precinct 1, and Kappa Alpha Theta smothered the Alpha Chi's 43-20. North Williams went down 35-18 to zone 1, and the Sigma Kappas won over Robinson house 48-13. The Alpha Gams snowed under Wells Hall 59-17.

Cross Country Team to Face Four Mile Meet With Drake U

The Spartan cross country team will leave for Des Moines, Iowa, Friday morning where they will meet Drake University's team on Saturday afternoon for their second dual meet of the fall season.

Bob Price, Wayne Finkbeiner, Guerdon Frost, John Brummer and Harold Schlichting, the same runners who went to Ohio State, will again try for their initial win. Coach Lauren P. Brown has been training the boys over the four mile distance the past week since the Ohio State run was three miles long.

In the time trials Price again set the pace by covering the course in 23:34.7. He was followed by Finkbeiner, Frost, Brummer and Schlichting. The only change in the order was that Frost beat out Brummer this time while Brummer had proved speedier in a previous trial over the three mile distance.

The first home meet of the season will be on Nov. 3 when the Wayne harriers travel to East Lansing for their first dual session.

Chem Gets New Supplies

A supply of chemicals has been given to the college by the United States army chemical warfare department to be used in the instructing of the army groups on campus, according to A. C. Clark, head of the department of chemistry. They are part of an excess stock consisting of 35 items and ranging from three pounds to 300 pounds.

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Russians Take Border Town Of Augustow

General Cherniakhovsky Leads Third Army Into Poland

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Red army battled doggedly deeper through the forests of East Prussia today on an expanding front more than 35 miles wide, overcoming a string of at least fourteen desperately defended strong points and pressing within six miles of the big rail and road hub of Gumbinnen.

The Soviet communists broadcast from Moscow, in announcing these hard-won gains by young Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's third White Russian army, disclosed that a new thrust threatening East Prussia from farther southeast had captured the Polish border bastion of Augustow and 50 other population centers on a 20-mile front from Augustow to Suwalki.

Drive Slowed

The Soviet announcement indicated the first great rush of Cherniakhovsky's men, which carried them more than 20 miles into the homeland of the German junkers, had slowed down.

Now the powerful Soviet mechanized army group was moving into position for a new series of thrusts against stubbornly-fighting German defenders. These included the newly organized Nazi home guard, but Moscow dispatches said these poorly armed makeshift forces failed to meet the initial test, many being readily killed or captured in the first great breakthrough. One report said many hid in the woods until the Russians passed, then returned home.

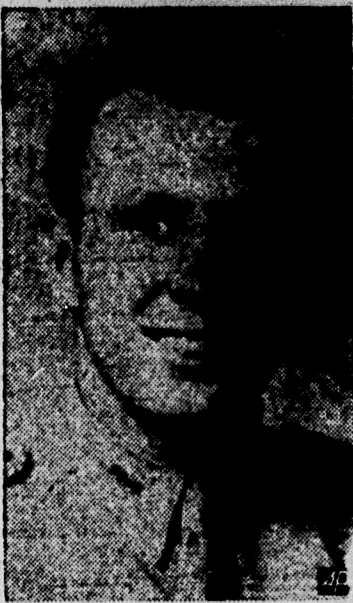
Regular German armor, recovering from the initial shock, was counterattacks west of the East Prussian town of Goldap, held by the Russians, and was massed on the eastern and southeastern approaches to Gumbinnen, which bars the direct route to Insterburg and Konigsberg.

Yet the Russians pushed on, the communists listing centers captured as including Szirguponen, six miles southeast of Gumbinnen, and Trakenhnen, nine miles east and slightly south of Gumbinnen.

Woven Baskets Exhibited

Overshadowed by the conflict in East Prussia, other Russian armies continued the speedy prosecution of their drive in Southeast Europe.

Killed in Action



CAPT. ALEXANDER M. PATCH, III, only son of Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch, commander of the United States' seventh army in France, has been killed in action in France, according to word received by his mother in Staunton, Va., from General Patch.

Roosevelt Maps Weekend Plans For Campaign

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—A Chicago speech next Saturday night and appearances in New Jersey, Delaware and Indiana were announced officially for President Roosevelt today while the chief executive told a news conference his remarks last July about not campaigning "in the usual sense" were being quoted in a misleading way.

Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan announced in New York that the President would speak at Soldier Field, Chicago, Saturday night following his Friday night speech at Shibe baseball park, Philadelphia. He said Mr. Roosevelt would make a rear platform appearance Friday morning at Wilmington, Del., and during the day would drive to Camden, N. J. On the way to Chicago, he will make a rear platform appearance at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Hannegan's announcement came while the President was telling his news conference that a number of newspapers had misquoted him. He also took an obvious dig at what the Democrats contend is a practice by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of using a quotation out of its context in a misleading manner.

U. S. Third Fleet Establishes Contact With Jap Forces

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HDQ., PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 24 (AP)—Japanese forces including battleships and cruisers were sighted moving eastward in the Sibuyan and Sulu seas in the Central Philippines yesterday and were attacked by carrier planes of the third fleet.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz thus tersely announced in a 40 word communique the first potential meeting of strong American and Japanese naval forces since the Nipponese were soundly defeated June 19 in the Philippine sea.

Details Unavailable

Nimitz said further details are not yet available. Strictest radio silence always is necessary for fleet security when the armadas are in striking distance.

The wording of the communique—"enemy forces moving eastward through the Sibuyan and Sulu seas"—might indicate that two Japanese forces were on the prowl.

One could be moving through the Sulu sea from the southwest, planning to move on through the Mindanao sea in the southwest Philippines toward Leyte island.

Forces at Move

The other could be moving through the Sibuyan sea south-eastward toward the Visayan sea

and Leyte island, which Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces invaded last week.

Shallow narrow passages around Leyte prevent Adm. William E. Halsey's warships from closing for a surface engagement. However, with Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier forces now within aerial striking distance of the Japanese the third fleet logically could meet the enemy forces without itself being subjected to attack from imperial units which presumably are wholly lacking in the vital aerial support.

Hannah to Speak

Pres. John A. Hannah left for Chicago early this week to attend the annual conference of land grant colleges. Before returning to Lansing Friday, he will address the conference on "The Place of the Land Grant College in the Public Educational System of the Future."

Coeds to Discuss Value of Better Letter-Writing

"Mail—The Wartime Lifeline" will be the subject of a panel discussion at the weekly meeting of YWCA tonight. Elisabeth Walbert, instructor in HM and CD will lead the group in discussing how letters can be improved and various ways of dealing with problems that may arise from wartime correspondences.

Participating on the panel are Miss Walbert; Willa Mitchell, East Lansing freshman; Marilyn Lustig, freshman; Margaret Jurg, Pleasant Ridge sophomore; and Margaret Troup and June Wilkinson, Jackson juniors. They will be introduced by Margaret English, Dearborn sophomore, who is co-chairman of the meeting.

Before the program, the group will elect a new treasurer for the year to replace June Walraven, Bay City senior, who has resigned her position. A question period will follow the panel.

The meeting will be held in the student parlors of Peoples church and will begin at 7 p.m. All women students are cordially invited to attend and become acquainted with the group, as they will have a chance to become members at the next meeting, Nov. 1.

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