

BATTLE RAGES IN STREETS AS MADRID FALLS

Moorish Troops and 100 Tanks, Using Fire, Push Ahead

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MADRID, Nov. 8 (Sunday)—The streets of Madrid early today resounded to the swelling din of a mighty battle as Spain's victorious Insurgent troops, fighting toward the center of the falling capital, hammered violently at bullet-spitting militia barricades.

Fierce Moorish shock troops, aided by 100 tanks, armored cars and flamethrowers, seized the whole west bank of the Manzanares River and the Casa del Campo Park in the western section of the embattled metropolis, then charged into the city's backward thoroughfares.

The advancing invaders encountered Madrid's men and women defenders, obeying orders to "give up your lines before losing another inch," in mortal hand-to-hand and house to house combat.

Fires Break Out Fires broke out in some sections of the battle-shaken capital, intensifying the mounting panic of the terrified populace, as the deadly flame throwers added to the havoc already wrought by hours of ceaseless insurgent artillery bombardment.

(A dispatch from Lisbon stated Insurgent radio stations had broadcast a report that the white flag of surrender has already been hoisted atop the government's post office and telegraph building in the heart of Madrid.)

As the fighting raged to rising levels of fury, it was unofficially reported that members of Madrid's foreign diplomatic colony were secretly attempting to arrange a truce under which the insurgents would consent to spare the lives of the militia members in return for surrender of the capital.

This report, however, exerted no effect toward mitigating the bloody battle in Madrid. General Jose Miaja, who was placed in military command of the city when the Socialist-Communist Government abandoned Madrid, sternly ordered a fight to the finish against the insurgents clutching the capital in their iron grasp.

Bridges Captured The Moorish and Foreign Legion columns, penetrating into the city through the western and southern outskirts were reported to have captured all five bridges spanning the Manzanares River, before surging through the streets to fight for key positions in the capital.

Generalissimo Franco's attacking forces were also reported to have captured Madrid's "model jail" on the eastern edge of the Casa del Campo and to have seized control of an area in western Madrid bounded by the Paseo Rosales, Moret and Princess streets.

Stricken with fear for their lives, thousands of Madrid's civilians fled in panic out of the capital to the windswept plains in the east.

Many women and children, as well as men, were reported to have been killed in the wreckage of homes crashing down upon them beneath the impact of insurgent artillery shells.

Huddle in Cellars Most of the city's remaining population spent all of last night huddled in cellars and subway shelters.

It was reported several important public and office buildings were in flames as a result of the shell-fire.

The heaviest fighting early today was centered in the streets near the Casa del Campo, in the la Vapies district and all along the banks of the Manzanares.

Before dusk tonight, it was believed, the fate of Madrid will be definitely sealed. The insurgent drive to occupy the abandoned government buildings in the heart of the capital is expected to begin momentarily and the militia defenders in the center of the city are prepared for the final, devastating blow of Franco's moors and foreign legionnaires.

(General Franco expects to stage a triumphal entry into Madrid some time today, Sunday, according to a dispatch from Lisbon.)

In pamphlets dropped by insurgent planes over Madrid, the insurgent generalissimo made a "final appeal" for the immediate surrender of the city, promising that his troops would do their utmost to avoid damaging hospitals and embassies. Franco's last ultimatum declared abandonment of the militia resistance was the only means to prevent great destruction in Madrid.

Army Staff Moves Following the government in flight of the capital, the general staff of the army and the managing committees of Spain's radical political parties and trade unions hastily left Madrid, moving their headquarters to Tarazona in Cuencia province. General Pozas of the general staff, however, remained in Madrid to assist General Miaja in the last stages of the capital's defense.

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GIRL 8, ATTACKED SCRANTON, PA., (UP) Nov. 7.—Police made a city-wide search tonight for a dark man with a mustache whom they suspected of attacking eight-year-old Louise Kethel.

Two Arrested As Fireman Find No Fire

Two South Jamaica WPA workers, arrested yesterday for turning in a false fire alarm at 164th street and 108th avenue, South Jamaica, will be arraigned this morning in Jamaica Court on disorderly conduct charges.

HULL SAILS FOR ARGENTINE

Hissed by Strikers as He Boards Ship

Secretary of State Hull sailed today for Buenos Aires to attend the Pan-American Peace Conference called in an effort to safeguard against "the scourge of war" the 21 North and South American Republics and their 265,000,000 inhabitants. He was accompanied by 50 delegates and staff assistants.

Sailing of the Munson Liner American Legion was delayed by the last-minute desertion of four men from the steward's department.

Secretary Hull was hissed and booed by strike pickets as he ascended the gangplank.

Ignoring this demonstration, Hull expressed full confidence in the success of the Peace Conference, which opens Dec. 1 and which it is indicated will discuss means of safeguarding the Americas against war, with the almost equally important aim of increasing inter-American trade to minimize disturbance of normal conditions in this hemisphere where war abroad disrupt trade with Europe.

Roosevelt Greets Peace Delegates WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (UP)—President Roosevelt tonight voiced greetings to the delegates of 21 nations meeting soon in Buenos Aires in the interests of peace and said that he hoped the world "give renewed hope and courage to the war-weary peoples of the world."

U. S. AIR BASE FOR ROCKAWAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (UP)—The Treasury procurement division today called for proposals for a new \$425,000 Coast Guard air station at Rockaway, N. Y.

Officials said that bids will be opened within the next 30 or 45 days. The project will include a hangar, barracks, garages, runways and living quarters.

Coast Guard officials said that the station, which will adjoin Floyd Bennett Field, will be manned by part of the personnel from the present Cape May, N. J., and Miami Coast Guard air stations.

Number of planes and men to be stationed at the new field has not been determined, they said.

Boy, 10, Discovers Father Hanging in Family Garage

Races for Aid But Police Find Man Is Dead

FREEPORT, Nov. 7.—Playing in the backyard of his home at 194 South Bayview avenue, this afternoon, 10-year-old Ernest Clark, glanced through a window into the family garage.

The boy stood motionless for a moment, then raced into the house to scream that he had seen his father hanging with a rope around his neck.

'JOE THE TURK' SUSPECTED OF KILLING BOXER

New York Detectives Go to Detroit to Arrest Racketeer

New York detectives today are on their way to Detroit, to take into custody an underworld character believed to have committed a murder in Brooklyn in January, 1935.

The body of the murdered man was found in a shallow grave in the cellar of a tenement at Lawrence, Mass., after a man in Queens County Jail had squealed as he faced life imprisonment as a fourth offender.

The murdered man is George Aprenort, 30, second rate middleweight boxer, who lived in Brooklyn and picked up extra money in small-time racketeering.

Seek 'Joe the Turk' The man suspected of the murder is Joseph Hassant, known as Joe the Turk, who Detroit police now have under surveillance.

The squealer is Harvey Kirdahy, 23, alias Harvey Bastamy, Harvey Bastany and Harvey Amen.

Kirdahy, who is 29 and lives at 211 Smith street, Brooklyn, gave police the tip-off on the story on Election Day as he languished in Queens County Jail.

Arraigned the day before in County Court before Judge Charles S. Colden, Kirdahy had pleaded guilty to a burglary indictment. As a fourth offender, he faced life imprisonment.

Charge of Theft He was charged with stealing clothing and jewelry from the apartment of Simon Saukatis at 1702 Linden street, Ridgewood.

Fretting because members of his gang had not sent a lawyer to defend him, Kirdahy called a keeper and told him he had "no formalities" that would lead to his situation of a murder. The keeper reported this conversation to Judge Colden who communicated with District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan of Brooklyn where the crime was supposed to have occurred.

Geoghan sent Assistant District Attorney Anthony J. DiGiovanni of Ridgewood, and a stenographer to the jail to get a statement from Kirdahy. The prisoner told them that he was a member of a major which hung out around the major eastern race tracks, gambling and doing odd jobs.

One of the members of this gang was Hassant. One night in January, 1935, Kirdahy said he met Hassant in a Brooklyn luncheon room. Hassant asked him if he'd help in getting rid of a man he'd "bumped off."

Goes Into Cellar Kirdahy refused but, when Hassant left, he trailed him. He saw "the Turk" go into a cellar at 195 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn. A few minutes later, he came up with a body slung over his shoulder. He drove off to the rear of his car and drove off, Kirdahy said.

Later Hassant told him that he had buried the body in the cellar of a tenement at 352 1/2 Elm street, Lawrence, Mass.

"I'll rot away without anyone ever finding out," Hassant laughed. "I'll burn the bones then."

Impressed by the story, DiGiovanni flew to Lawrence with Kirdahy and detectives. They found the body with overcoat and rubbers still on, lying in a badly decomposed state in the shallow grave.

WOMAN ADMITS PART IN BOOTLEG MURDER

UTICA, Nov. 7 (US)—Solution of the Joseph "Chink" Centolella bootleg murder was reached here today with a statement made by Mrs. Mildred Falcone, 35, who was picked up on a shoplifting charge.

According to Utica police, the woman confessed she was in the death car early in September, when Centolella, Central New York's No. 1 bad boy and "finger man," had safe jobs totaling \$50,000, was strangled and struck on the skull riding between Oneida and Syracuse. The body was dumped out in Syracuse.

Utica police report that Mrs. Falcone claims Gordon Newell, of Utica, drove the car and that Donald Gibbons, also of Utica, rode in the back seat with her.

dead for two hours. The death was recorded by Justice of the Peace Peter S. Beck, acting coroner, as a suicide.

Clark left the house shortly after noon without explaining where he was going, his wife told Lieut. Nelson Smith of the village police department. According to the police version of the death, he locked the door of the garage, attached a rope to a rafter and stepped off the automobile running board with his neck in the noose.

Wells broke a window in the garage to cut the rope.

Mrs. Clark was unable to attribute a reason for her husband's act. There were no notes. In addition to his wife and the son who discovered the body, Clark is survived by two other children.

The body was removed to Fulton's Morgue, pending funeral arrangements.

Queens Cops Join Search For Sports Promoter

Brooklyn and Queens police were asked to search today for Al Moran, 39, New England sports promoter and radio announcer, reported missing from his home in Hartford, Conn., since Oct. 25.

COURT SWITCH DRAWS WIDESPREAD PROTEST

Prize Parade for Boys Representing 'The Spirit of '76' Will Be Held in Jamaica on Thanksgiving Morning

Groups of Four to Enter Patriotic Event

THE SPIRIT OF '76! A fine contest in the form of a parade. A parade in the form of a contest!

On Thanksgiving morning, under the sponsorship of the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the New York City Police Department and THE PRESS, supported by schools, the library, churches and all patriotic societies, groups and clubs!

For groups of four boys under 16. Three boys in homemade costumes to represent that picture which so typifies Americanism—The Spirit of '76! The fourth boy to be dressed as Uncle Sam and to carry a placard identifying his team.

The prize for the winning team—an airplane trip to Washington and back and a day's entertainment in the capital city.

With enthusiastic support already promised by every patriotic society which has been approached, the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the New York City Police Department and THE PRESS, today announce plans for a parade and contest to be held at 11 o'clock Thanksgiving morning in Jamaica.

The parade will consist of groups of four boys, all under 16 years of age. Three in each group will be dressed to represent the famous American painting, The Spirit of '76, the fourth will wear an Uncle Sam costume and carry a placard identifying his team.

Every boy under 16 in Queens is eligible to take part.

The only qualification is a genuine desire to portray the Spirit of '76 with all the patriotic sincerity which the picture inspires in him.

The groups or teams may be entered by any class in any Queens school church or Sunday school, or any patriotic organization or playground or athletic group.

This is not necessary, however. (Continued on Page Two)



This is a copy of the famous picture, "The Spirit of '76." Boys entering the prize parade to be held on Thanksgiving Day in Jamaica will be required to wear the characters of "The Spirit of '76." The story accompanying this picture gives details of the contest parade.

13 CHILDREN G-MEN BALK HURT IN BLAST PRISON PLOT

Ten in Hospital After Hot Tar Explodes

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 7 (UP)—Thirteen children were burned here today when a barrel of hot tar exploded while being heated by workers on a street project.

Ten were rushed to hospitals at Sutton and Charleston.

Three other children were burned less seriously.

Physicians said some of the children may be burned fatally.

Most seriously burned were: Eva Mae Mullins, Jackson Harrison, Graynell Stanley, Hazel Hitecock, James Bosley, Robert Harrison, Charles Colter and Doris Helmich. The victims all were under 14.

SOVIET ARMY SHOWS OFF

MOSCOW, Nov. 7 (UP)—The progress of Soviet Russia's military machine, hitherto neglected in the world, was demonstrated today as 2,000,000 marchers, clenched fist, hands raised, saluted Joseph Stalin as they trudged through Red Square in observance of the 19th anniversary of the revolution.

Several innovations, including 1,100 new machine-gun equipped motor cycles, heavy artillery with caterpillar tractor, 25 tanks, ranging from high-speed mediums to lumbering land battleships were shown for the first time as the procession moved through the square and past the grim walls of the Kremlin.

Maneuvering low over the square were 114 four-motored bombing planes and several squadrons of light bombers, escorted by the asphalt pursuit ships. Numerous other squadrons which had been scheduled to participate in the aerial demonstration were held to the ground by low ceiling which made flying to Moscow difficult.

The demonstration was intended to emphasize more the new, speedy military mechanization rather than the mass power of the Soviet war machine. Even the heavy tanks, each carrying one big caliber gun and two-inch guns, were shown to be capable of high speed and easy maneuverability.

Carpenter Arrested As Tippy Driver

Hugh Moore, 45, a carpenter, of 94-11 209th street, Queens Village, was arrested last night on a drunken driving charge at 138th street and Rockaway boulevard, South Ozone Park, by Detectives Ed Coffey and Al Piazza of the 15th Division.

Tax Lien on Home Paid by Capone

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (INS)—Payment of a \$53,000 extra tax assessment against Al Capone has lifted a lien against the former Chicago gangster's Winter home on Flamingo Island, Fla., Treasury officials disclosed today.

Coughlin Says He's Out of Politics

ROYAL OAK, Mich., Nov. 7 (US)—Rev. Charles E. Coughlin dropped out of politics tonight, for the time being at least.

The radio priest revealed his action before he went on the air tonight to deliver his "final" broadcast.

"I do not wish to leave the impression that my own Bishop Gallagher or his superiors in Rome have had anything to do with the decision I am making," Coughlin said.

He blamed failure of his National Union for Social Justice to support candidates endorsed by the union.

WOMEN ADMIT 200 ROBBERIES

BELGRADE, Nov. 7 (INS)—Eight members of a gang of 10 women bandits who have committed more than 200 thefts in the past few months are held here today by the Yugoslav police.

They are said to have worked under the command of a tall and beautiful woman of 30, and they specialized in picking pockets.

They visited fairs at various places and the pretty members of the gang made the acquaintance of prosperous looking men whom they induced to get drunk. Then they would hold the men's attention while the other members of the gang picked their pockets.

The husbands of the women gangsters undertook the job of selling the stolen property, which is estimated to have exceeded 2,000 pounds, in value in the last few months.

Chic Sale Dies Of Pneumonia

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 7 (US)—Chic Sale, 51, famed portrayer of rural characters on stage and screen, died this afternoon at Good Samaritan Hospital after a valiant six-day battle against the ravages of pneumonia.

With him were his wife, Marie, and his twin son and daughter, Charles, Jr., a student in the New York State Agricultural College, and Mary, who flew from New York to be at his bedside.

From this obscure beginning he rose to a position of prominence with the threads of pathos and humor.

Among the successes of the 51-year-old stage and screen comedian were the Shubert musical comedy, "Gay Paree," and the films "The Star Witness," "Old Man Minick," "Stranger in Town," "Dangerous Crossroads," "Men of America," "Lucky Dog" and "A Feller Needs a Friend," with Jackie Cooper.

BUS ROUTES CHANGE HANDS

Z and M to Take Over Q-1 and Q-32

The Z and M Coach Company, which now operates buses between Queens Village and Flushing, at midnight takes over two of the lines now operated by the North Shore Bus Company between Jamaica and Queens Village.

The North Shore Company is giving up the routes, known as Q-1 and Q-32, because it has been named to operate in the Flushing zone under the four-zone plan for Queens. The two routes are in the Jamaica zone where no operator has been named as yet.

The first line, Q-1, runs from Jamaica to Bellerose along Hillside avenue and Rocky Hill road. Q-32 runs along Hillside avenue to the Creedmoor State Hospital.

The Z and M line is expected to continue giving the same service offered by North Shore buses.

The North Shore Company will begin operation under the four-zone plan as soon as the Transit Commission issues certificates of convenience and necessity. The Board of Estimate has already awarded the company a 10-year franchise.

FOOTBALL STAR DIES IN CRASH

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 7 (UP)—One Butler University football player was killed and two others were injured seriously late today when an automobile in which they were riding skidded off the highway and overturned at Englewood, two miles south of here.

The player killed was Spero Costas, Canton, Ill., captain and quarterback of the Butler team.

Those treated at the Culver, Union Hospital were George Costas, brother of Spero, and Wayne Truelock. Both suffered skull fractures, and Truelock also suffered a broken leg.

Two others, Inman Blackaby, high-school fullback for the Bulldogs, and an unidentified youth, were injured.

Nine Dead in Crash Of Soviet Plane

MOSCOW (UP) Nov. 7.—Nine persons were killed in the crash of the Soviet Transport Plane Ant-9 early yesterday. It was revealed late today.

The accident occurred at 5:30 a. m., approximately 19 kilometers from Moscow. The plane was en route from Koenigsberg, East Prussia, to Moscow. The dead included two Japanese and seven citizens of Soviet Russia, including the pilot, Kossarov.

DISCUSSES PLAN

Admitting that the plan has been successful in other boroughs of smaller area, Bellucci said:

"The magistrates in Queens are capable and are doing a good job for all but their special purpose. All other cases, which now are heard in these courts, would be delegated to other courts at great inconvenience to the public because of the great size of the borough.

RECALLS FIGHTS

Power, recalling the civic battles that were fought to secure additional magistrates courts in Queens to answer the demands, declared:

"This order of Chief Magistrate Schurman is a practical reversion to conditions that were found intolerable ten and fifteen years ago. In my opinion it is no wise or far-seeing remedy of any existing undesirable condition. It is going back and subjecting a million and a quarter inhabitants in Queens today to the same situation as was found intolerable for less than a half a million. I certainly shall do all that I can if anything can be done to prevent the new regulations being established."

AS A TAXPAYER

Hogan, speaking not as a lawyer, but as a taxpayer, said:

"The set up means a hardship to residents of Queens. Local matters should be sent to local courts. It would be an extreme hardship to compel residents from the south side of the borough or from the extreme north side to travel by bus or trolley car to Ridgewood to have a hearing in felony cases. In Brooklyn where they have a traffic and felony court they still keep the local courts."

While many members of the police department were opposed to the change which will send them jockeying from their precincts to distant points in the borough, even on minor cases, they would give no statements.

At present there are five district courts: Jamaica, Ridgewood, Rockaway, Flushing and Long Island City. Each court handles all types of cases originating in its district.

Under the new plan, all traffic cases, regardless of where the violation is committed in Queens, will be heard in Jamaica. Similarly, all felony cases will be heard in Ridgewood. The Felony Court will also handle all gambling, drunken driving and grand larceny cases.

This means that a Long Island City resident who parks his car overnight in front of his home, will have to travel to Jamaica to pay his fine. Jamaica was selected for the Traffic Court because it is most centrally located and can be easily reached by car, train, bus and trolley.

PRESENT DISTRICTS OUT

The reorganization, in effect, wipes out the Jamaica and Ridgewood district courts. After Dec. 1, all misdemeanor, disorderly conduct, departmental and court summons cases handled by these two courts, will be heard either in Flushing, Rockaway or Long Island City courts depending upon where the offender lives.

Residents in the Jamaica area which includes the Jamaica and Queens Village Precincts, will have to go to Flushing Court. A Laurelton housewife, who is (Continued on Page Two)