

MARINES WELL ESTABLISHED IN SOLOMONS, SAYS NAVY!

U. S. Warships Rout Attacking Jap Fleet

"We know the magnitude of the task... However long the road, we shall press on to the final victory."—Secretary Hull, July 23, 1942.

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CHURCHILL, STALIN OUTLINE WAR PLANS

3 BRAZILIAN SHIPS SUNK; 700 PERISH

Many Soldiers Lose Lives When 'Sub' Sinks Transport Off South American Coast; Other Craft Listed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 17.—The government today announced the sinking of three Brazilian ships, the Baependy, the Araraquara and the Anibal Benevolo, off the Brazilian coast.

The destination of the troops was not disclosed. As a consequence, an embassy source said, "grave events may take place within 24 hours."

He did not explain the significance of this statement, but observers speculated that it might mean a declaration of war by Brazil against the Axis.

The Baependy, a 4,801-ton ship owned by the Lloyd Brasileiro Line, is the 12th Brazilian vessel sunk in the war. It was built at Hamburg, Germany, in 1893, and its home port was Rio de Janeiro. The ship was 375 feet long and had a beam of 46 feet.

U. S. Men Molested During India Fuss

KARACHI, India, Aug. 17.—American troops stationed in India were molested during recent disturbances connected with Mohandas Gandhi's passive resistance campaign for independence, Brig. Gen. Francis Brody, their commander, said today. There were no reports of Americans being injured however.

General Brody did not explain the nature of the disturbances affecting the United States troops. As a result, the town in which the incident occurred was placed out of bounds for United States troops and they were forbidden to enter it.

Fortress Unsited for Raids On Germany, British Assert

LONDON, Aug. 17.—American and British aviation commanders were understood today to be conferring on the assignments of United States Air Corps heavy bombers, which many British critics contend are unsuited for bombing Germany.

RUSS RETREAT TOWARD CASPIAN



NEW PERIL TO VOLGA CITY—One section of a powerful new German drive toward Stalingrad rolled forward at tremendous cost today, the Russians reported. The advance occurred in the Kletskaia salient, 75 miles northwest of the big Volga city. The Russians, however, were holding firmly at the Kotelnikovskii flank, 95 miles southwest of Stalingrad. In the North Caucasus, the Russians admitted a withdrawal toward the Grozny oil fields and acknowledged the fall of Maikop after its vital oil installations had been destroyed.—Map prepared by Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

NAZIS START NEW PUSH ON STALINGRAD

MOSCOW, Aug. 17.—The German offensive in the Don bend flared to full force today in a powerful new drive toward Stalingrad, while in the Caucasus the Russians fell back from the ruins of the Maikop oil fields toward their next petroleum-producing area at Grozny. A Russian communique reported a terrific toll of new Nazi manpower and material thrown into the assault southeast of Kletskaia and northeast of Kotelnikovskii against the flanks of the fortified line guarding Stalingrad.

Battlefront dispatches said the Germans rolled forward at tremendous cost in the Kletskaia salient, 75 miles northwest of Stalingrad. (Continued on Page 4, Column 5.)

War Industries Hoard Labor, Says U. S. Aide

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A high-placed government official said today the War Manpower Commission would ask the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission to place inspectors in "cost-plus" war production plants to break what he called a growing practice of "labor hoarding."

The official, who requested that his name not be used, disclosed that he had received an informal report, not yet checked by a detailed study, that 35,000 workmen could be taken out of West Coast airplane and shipbuilding plants without affecting the volume and quality of production.

"Cost-plus" plants were reported to be putting on their payrolls thousands of workmen for whom they have no immediate, essential jobs, he said; and he explained the plants were doing this to make certain they would have adequate workmen in the event an increase in their operations created additional labor needs.

RAZIONING OF MEAT LOOMS, U. S. WARNS

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—America may have to ration meat, Roy F. Hendrickson, administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, told retail meat dealers today.

"We need some system," Hendrickson said—"perhaps rationing, meatless days, a combination of the two or something else to assure equitable distribution of what will be a short supply of meat."

2ND-FRONT DECISION IS KEPT SECRET

By EDDY GILMORE
Associated Press Foreign Staff
MOSCOW, Aug. 17.—Prime Minister Churchill of Britain has concluded a four-day trip to Moscow, in which he and Joseph Stalin reached secret decisions in conjunction with United States generals and statesmen on stopping and defeating the Germans, it was disclosed officially today.

American pilots flew the prime minister and his Anglo-American party of 20 to Moscow in three big Consolidated Liberator (B-24) bombers. They arrived on the afternoon of August 12 and departed yesterday morning.

(The announcement that "definite decisions" had been reached at the conference was seen in London as evidence that Russia, Britain and the United States had reached a definite formula on how to defeat the Axis and when to open a second front. See Page 4 for the London version of the meeting.)

Communiqués issued here and in London this afternoon, after Churchill's departure from Soviet soil, said that the conferences had resulted in a number of decisions on the conduct of the war and that the existing understandings between Russia, Great Britain and the United States had been reaffirmed in an atmosphere of "cordiality and complete sincerity."

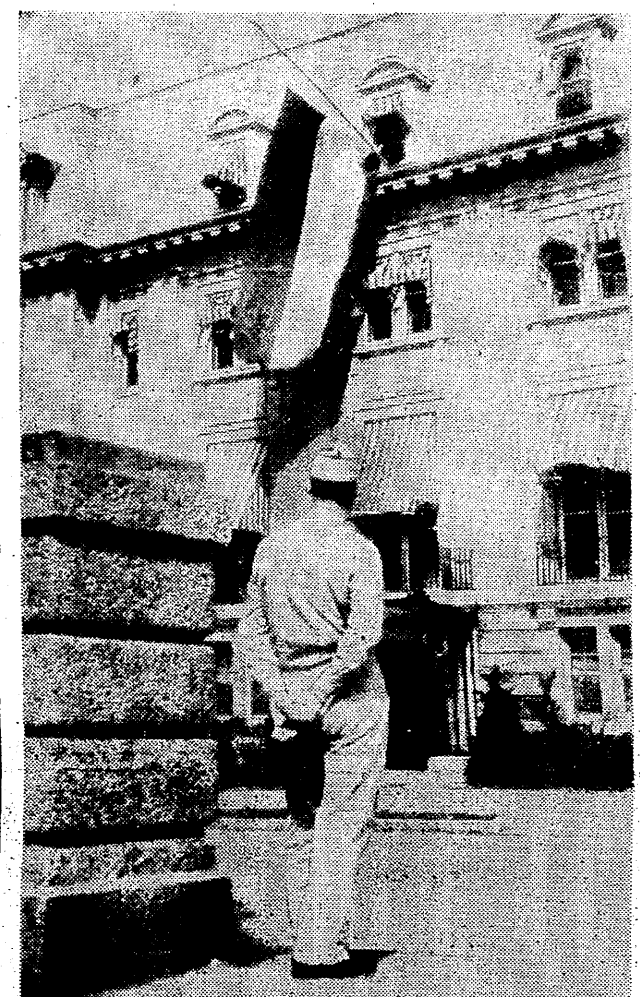
A source close to the British (Continued on Page 4, Column 4.)

NAZIS TO SEEK PEACE, IF RUSS FALL—TURKS

ISTANBUL, Aug. 16.—(Delayed)—Turkish journalists who returned today from a conducted tour of parts of Germany and the Russian front said they gained the impression that German leaders pin their hopes of winning the war on defeating Russia this year or at least shattering organized resistance.

The Germans then hope to make a compromise peace with the United States and England, the correspondents said.

ANOTHER NAZI TROOP TRAIN WRECKED IN NETHERLANDS



TODAY IN WASHINGTON—A passing soldier pauses to look at the Dutch flag, flying at half-staff at the Netherlands embassy in honor of five prominent Dutchmen shot as hostages by a Nazi firing squad because their country failed to deliver those who wrecked a German troop train. Announcement of the executions was made public Saturday.—A. P. wirephoto.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Aneta, Netherlands news agency, quoted a Soviet Information Bureau report from Moscow today that a heavily-laden German troop train collided with another train at a station near Groningen in the Northern Netherlands, causing serious damage.

Five prominent Netherlanders were executed by a Nazi firing squad Saturday as hostages after saboteurs whom the Germans blamed for a similar troop train wreck August 7 were not captured. There was a possibility that other executions might follow the first five.

SALES LEGAL TO HIGGINS, PROBE SHOWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Investigation into the charges of Higgins Industries, Inc., New Orleans shipbuilder, of a "black market" in steel has developed no evidence of black-market operations "as the term is commonly understood in this country and England," the compliance branch of the War Production Board reported today.

The branch, summarizing findings of a hastily-ordered investigation, said that Andrew J. Higgins, head of the firm, "presented no evidence that source material has been diverted from the war program, and all of the deliveries cited by Higgins were made pursuant to high-rated defense orders."

F. R. GETS BILLS TO SPEED PAY FOR FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The Senate today approved in a voice vote a bill permitting living allowances due the dependents of service men to be paid as soon as the necessary bookkeeping can be completed. It wipes out a provision in the original allotment bill which barred any payments until after November 1. The measure now goes to the White House.

Whether the bill actually will speed the payment of sums accumulated since the law went into effect June 1 was a matter of opinion. War Department officials (Continued on Page 4, Column 3.)

14 Men Try in Vain to Catch 'Ghost' on Rented Jap Farm

When Tack Sakaguchi rented his farm to the Colacurcio brothers, Frank, Sam and Bill, he mentioned casually that the place was equipped with a private ghost. Harmless, though, said Sakaguchi, and interesting to watch.

It's the last time the Colacurcio boys will take the word of anyone else about a "ghost." For three months they've been trying to trap the wraith, enlisting all the stout-hearted help they could muster; and casualties have not been light.

SEA VICTORY MADE YANK LANDINGS POSSIBLE

Operations Continue, Says Spokesman; Positions of Allies Developed; Some of Enemy Taken Prisoner

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Navy announced today that shore positions taken by American marines in the Japanese-held Solomon Islands "are now well established" after a naval engagement between American warships and a force of cruisers and destroyers in which the enemy was forced to retreat.

The naval engagement was fought the night of August 8-9 when the enemy force attempted to attack United States transports and cargo ships supplying the marine landing parties.

This enemy force was intercepted and engaged by United States cruisers and destroyers and close-range fighting resulted.

As a result of this action, the Navy reported, the enemy was "forced to retreat before reaching the vessels engaged in the landing operation."

Both Japanese and American ships were hit, but the Navy said that it was impossible to determine accurately the damage inflicted on the Japanese.

The Navy had reported previously that American Fleet units had suffered damage in unidentified action in the Solomons, one cruiser being sunk and two cruisers, two destroyers and one transport damaged.

The Navy's communique, which gave the most complete account yet of the invasion of the Solomons in this country's first offensive action in the Pacific, reported that the Japanese lost at least 36 planes, 18 being destroyed in the initial naval attack on August 7 and 18 others being destroyed when enemy air forces attempted to attack the American ships engaged in landing operations.

The communique made no mention of the situation today in the Solomons except to say that "the shore positions taken by United States forces have since been developed and are now well established," but a naval spokesman who declined to permit use of his name added to this statement that "the campaign in the Solomons is continuing."

At the outset of the action, when "several landings" were made on islands in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area, the Navy said, vigorous enemy resistance was encountered (Continued on Page 5, Column 2)

NAZI BOAT SUNK IN CHANNEL FIGHT

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Aug. 17.—A light German patrol boat was sunk and three others were damaged severely in a spirited clash with British light coastal craft in the Straits of Dover last night, the Admiralty announced today.

All the British craft engaged in the clash returned to their base, but there were a few casualties aboard, the Admiralty said.

The German force consisted of "five or six enemy R-boats," the communiqué said.

British Rescue Nazis
The British set one afire and saw it sink. The German commanding officer was killed and 15 German sailors were picked up by the British.

Another enemy boat was rammed and so seriously damaged it was believed to have failed to reach base.

Two more R-boats were damaged severely by gunfire, the Admiralty added.

Coastal batteries engaged in the action, the Admiralty said, explaining the mystery of gunfire heard in the Channel and the cross-Channel duels of German and British heavy artillery last night.

R-Boats Minesweepers

The R-boat, the British explained, is a German motor minesweeper, which usually is larger than the motor torpedo-boat used by the Germans in the Channel. The designation was adopted from the German "raumen," meaning to clear away.

Jane's Fighting Ships lists two types of R-boats, one displacing 45 tons and another 90 tons.

THEY CHASED 'GHOST'



The prospect of tangling with a ghost didn't faze Edna Bramwell (left) of 1823 Ninth Ave. W. or Marion Miller, of 1508 35th Ave. S. On a Bellevue farm, they chased a "spirit" across a cornfield, screaming just as loudly as the intruder did.

Brothers Chase 'Ghost' in Vain

(Continued From Page One)

variably chilling, according to Frank.

Once while loping hard after a retreating "milky shadow," Frank Colacurcio was struck by a thrown rock.

Another Boitano employee who "got too close" was Michael Rosella. Sprinting in pursuit of the shade, he declares, he was suddenly knocked on the head and flung bodily across a fence into some brush.

Women's Screamers Fail

As it became apparent to the witch-plagued brothers that they were getting nowhere, it was decided to pit the intruder against feminine wiles. Edna Bramwell and Marion Miller, also of Boitano's, were induced to visit the farm and "turn on the heat."

"We got within 50 feet of it," related Miss Miller. "It appeared to be sort of a light prancing through the cornfield, but it may have been a man dressed up in a sheet. It began to yell like a cat howling, and we screamed right back at it."

Apparently insulated against such lures, the ghost made its escape, but the girls say they distinctly heard the tramp of booted feet in the cornfield.

Sam Colacurcio, one of the younger brothers who spends most of his time at the farm, explained that they always went in two- or three-man squads to turn off the sprinklers.

"I don't like to hang around there alone," he said. "That thing kind of floats, and it's too big for a man."

The farm produces cauliflower, tomatoes, broccoli and carrots, but thus far none of the produce has been damaged, unless by the swarms of ghost-hunters.

The nocturnal prowling, according to Sakaguchi, had been going on for some eight years prior to the rental three months ago.

The Colacurcio brothers, however, aren't quitting.

"No ghost can scare us," they stoutly aver, "and if it's a guy, we'll get him."

Millikin Moves To Rank of Major

Capt. William Earl Millikin, former mayor of Seattle and now special services officer at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, United States Army, has been promoted to major, friends here learned yesterday.

Major Millikin entered active service in June. He is a veteran of the First World War, during which he rose from private to commissioned officer.

R. A. F. RESUMES DAYLIGHT FORAYS

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(P)—United States Army Air Forces bombers were over German-occupied France late this afternoon, it was announced tonight. United States, British and dominion fighter squadrons accompanied the American bombers to their target. All the bombers returned safely.

It was the first announced United States bombing raid on France. American bombers, flying with the Royal Air Force, however, had made a raid on a Nazi airfield in Holland July 4. United States fighters have made numerous sorties against France.

Southeast coast observers said large formations of planes shuttled across the Channel. This indicated the raid was on major caliber far exceeding anything the United States had done before in the European theatre.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(P)—Royal Air Force fighters and bombers, flying at such altitudes they could not be seen through the haze, roared out over the Channel today, presumably to make another foray over the occupied coast.

On the south coast a lone German raider dropped a few bombs which caused some property damage and a few casualties.

Some of the enemy raiders stabbed inland as far as the North Midlands and bombs fell at one point on the east coast but the British said damage was slight and there were no casualties reported.

A moderate-sized Royal Air Force bomber force struck at Western Germany Saturday night and despite thick clouds, the Air Ministry said, some of the crews found their targets. The British listed five bombers as missing.

United States Army fighters flew with a Canadian squadron in one long sweep over France during the night but the operation apparently was routine and a terse United States Headquarters communiqué gave no details. Spitfires continued the aerial assault on occupied France yesterday with a tree-top run over a railroad with Belgian pilots participating. A freight train was damaged.

Vallee Enlists
In Coast Guard
As Bandmaster

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 17.—(P)—Rudy Vallee, band leader and crooning radio star, today joined the Coast Guard as a bandmaster with the rank of chief petty officer.

Lieut. Max Sturges, assistant personnel officer in the Long Beach Coast Guard office, said Vallee had been O.K.'d physically and "now is going through the details." He'll be sworn in in a little while.

Vallee has stalked of enlisting for some weeks and friends said he savored the Coast Guard. He is 41 years old.

National Broadcasting Company spokesmen said Vallee will continue with his radio program.



Michael Rosella, who visited the farm to assist in the ghost-catching, was seized from behind, knocked on the head and hurled bodily across a fence.

BRITISH BLAST AFRICA SHIPPING

CAIRO, Aug. 17.—(P)—British light bombers, battering away at Axis Marshal Erwin Rommel's vital supply lines, attacked enemy shipping off the North African coast again yesterday and scored direct hits on lighters, a British communiqué announced today.

Royal Air Force bombers also attacked Rommel's lines of communication in the desert, successfully bombing motor convoys despite attempts of Axis fighters to drive them off, the bulletin said.

Land activity was limited to night patrol clashes, during which British troops attacked enemy positions and harassed working parties in the northern and central sectors of El Alamein.

Italians Acknowledge

Matruh, Tobruk Raids

ROME (from Italian broadcasts). Aug. 17.—(P)—The Italian High Command reported today that German fighter planes had shot down 14 British aircraft in fierce dog-fights over the Egyptian front and declared Axis land forces had captured a number of British prisoners in an intensification of patrol activity.

Adm. Woods, Magnuson On Tour of N. W.

Rear Adm. E. L. Woods of San Francisco, inspector of Naval Medical Department activities on the West Coast, and Representative Warren G. Magnuson, a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy were on an inspection tour of Pacific Northwest naval stations today.

Admiral Woods and Magnuson conferred this afternoon with Capt. Lawrence A. Odlin, in command of the Naval Supply Depot at Smith Cove. They were guests of honor at a luncheon for Navy officers and civilian leaders before the conference.

Dominicans Loyal

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Aug. 17.—(P)—President Rafael L. Trujillo pledged the cooperation of his nation with the United Nations in the present conflict, yesterday at his inauguration before the National Assembly and his officials.

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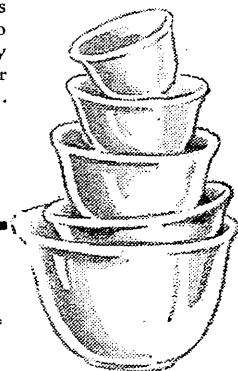
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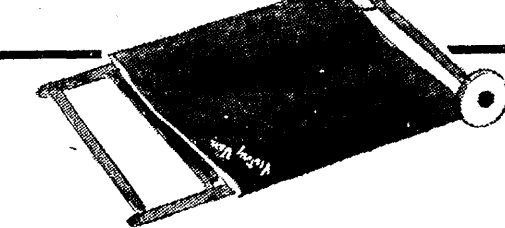
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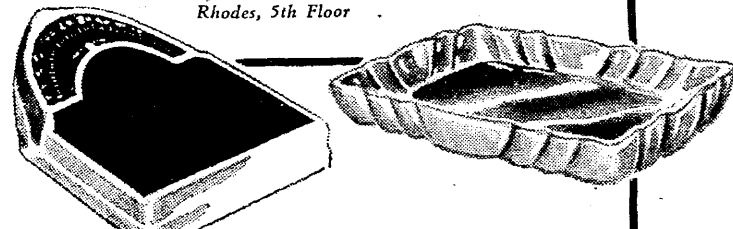
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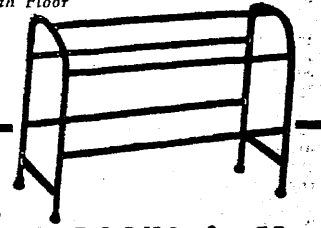
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