

# JAP PLANS IN SOLOMONS UPSET

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Persistent Allied air bombardment of a large Japanese navy fleet in the Southwest Pacific appeared today to have thrown a long expected Nipponese invasion thrust off schedule while giving Americans valuable time to bolster their forces in the Solomons.

Rendezvousing in the Northern Solomon Islands about ten days ago, the enemy warships and transports have been the target for an almost constant rain of Allied aerial bombs as they waited the zero hour to surge toward the prized American-held air base on Guadalcanal Island.

**Vessels at Buin Attacked**  
The latest attack on the enemy's ship concentration came last night (Australian time) when Allied bombers under Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Australian command dumped ten tons of explosives on Japanese vessels at Buin at the southern tip of Bougainville Island.

The nocturnal raid drew strong anti-aircraft fire but all the planes found their targets, MacArthur's communique reported, and returned safely to their bases.

Meantime, the Navy disclosed that Japanese troops in the heavy jungle on Northern Guadalcanal had attempted a minor thrust at the American positions on October 20. The "feeler" was repulsed and the Navy said yesterday there was no "material change in the military situation" there.

**Jap Troops Bombed**  
An enemy bomber, believed to have been on a reconnaissance mission over the island, was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. The United States aircraft continued to seek out and bomb Japanese troops and supply concentrations on Guadalcanal.

The Allies' attacks on the enemy fleet in the Solomons were regarded as emphasizing Secretary of War Stimson's assertion yesterday that the forces of MacArthur and Vice Adm. Robert A. Ghormley, commander in the Solomons, were "working in the closest possible cooperation."

Since the heavy Nipponese naval concentrations were first observed in the islands a major enemy effort to recapture the air field, seized by United States marines early in August, had been expected momentarily.

# U. S. Clarifies Rule On Hiring of Aliens

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle advised the Army and Navy yesterday that manufacturers who make honest mistakes in employing ineligible aliens on plane or confidential war contracts were not liable to prosecution.

Biddle said this advice was given because extreme caution in the employment of possible aliens had resulted "in the denial of jobs to thousands of native-born citizens because they could not produce birth certificates or other documentary proof of their citizenship."

"This not only has worked an injustice upon many qualified citizens, but has seriously intensified the manpower shortage in a number of important plants," Biddle reported.

# Transamerica Buys Two Subsidiaries

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Transamerica Corporation reports purchase of control of two subsidiaries and sale of another.

Transamerica bought 185 of the 200 shares of Sweet Home Bank of Sweet Home, Or., September 14. It has deposits of a little more than \$1,000,000.

It also bought all the 5,130 shares of Enterprise Engine & Foundry Company, paying with shares of Bank of America stock.

After taking control of Pacific Finance Corporation, Transamerica sold the Pacific subsidiary, Consumers Credit Corporation, for cash to Beneficial Industrial Loan Corporation.

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# Japs Accept Evacuation To Arizona Without Resentment

(Robert J. Casey, noted Chicago Daily News Foreign Service correspondent, in the following dispatch writes of a visit to the Poston, Ariz., resettlement area to which some 20,000 California Japanese have been evacuated.)

By ROBERT J. CASEY  
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POSTON, Ariz., Oct. 23.—Young Namakura looked at the war-bonds poster beside the sketch of Helen Watanabe, entrant in a beauty contest.

"Your Country Needs Your Help"—"They Gave Their Lives. We Give Only Our Dollars"—"What Sacrifice Have You Made?" He looked across the endless ranks of hutments and the raw dustiness of the yard plots, the long, unceasing vista of desert flatland rising in paised tiers through the heat waves to the chocolate and mauve ramparts of the Dome Rock Mountains. He seemed to find nothing incongruous in what he saw.

There was no resentment in his voice when he said: "We are going to do everything that is asked of us to win this war."

But one of those who heard him came suddenly to a realization that if anybody should post a reward for personal sacrifice by United States citizens in behalf of the home-front war effort since Pearl Harbor, first prize at the moment would have to go to the inhabitants of this community.

Poston, despite all cupbalm, is an internment camp. The people who live in it are Japanese or of Japanese derivation, and the majority of them are Americans by all the legal tests.

**'A Changing World'**  
"Yes," said young Namakura, "this is a changing world—otherwise, how do you account for the Cards winning the World Series?"

This in many ways is the most incredible community on earth. If removal under duress from one place and relocation in another under guard is confinement in a concentration camp—then this is a concentration camp—for the tenants of Poston's bright new dormitories came to them just that way.

On the other hand, if government by the consent of the governed consists in a democracy, then this is a democracy for these citizens, taxpayers and voters wasted no time arguing about their possible rights, but accepted the Poston arrangement as something logically deriving from the war. Politically, the settlement is the same as any other United States community.

Working with the W. R. A. officials, they have set up a municipal government that might be that of Evanston or Keokuk. After a year's residence, they will be eligible to vote in the affairs of the county in which they now live, and to say their say on the nation's course in state and national affairs.

Yet economically, Poston is a sort of communism in which nobody owns anything and everybody owns everything and wages are pegged for everybody, from farm laborer to surgeon, and at a very modest scale.

**No Guards Visible**  
This is an internment camp, but there are no barbed wire fences, no watch towers, no visible police force. Five hundred soldiers are on duty as guards, but they are hardly ever seen by the inhabitants. Their job is to watch the highways and check passes of visitors.

It's a Japanese camp where you never hear a word of Japanese, where the descendants of the samurai and such pitch horseshoes and play baseball and work tirelessly to make the town physically a progressive American community. If you can figure a lot of Americans interned in Tokyo try-

ing to make their living conditions more completely Japanese you may realize the eddity of this.

Poston at the moment has 20,000 inhabitants and is the third largest town in Arizona. It is almost squarely in the middle of the old Colorado River Indian Reservation, 17 miles south of Parker, Ariz., the same distance from a railroad and about 300 miles from the nearest wholesale distribution center. It is one of those strange creations that have been sprouting all over the country since the declaration of war—vast acreages of wooden buildings, spaced in groups for fire control—miles of wide straight streets, door yards without grass—parks without trees—an atmosphere of dust and sun.

**Water From Parker Dam**  
But it's different from its prototype, the Army cantonment, in its physical aspects as well as everything else. For water has been brought down to this particular bit of desert through a 25-mile ditch from the Parker diversion dam. Garden plots are being irrigated. Green things are already growing in parts of the camp where five months ago they chased out the rattlesnakes. And you get the idea that within a year Poston, whatever the deficiencies of its architecture, is going to be something to see.

# R.A.F. STRIKES AT GENOA AND TURIN

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By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Oct. 23.—A Rome broadcast, heard here by Reuters, said today that King Vittorio Emanuele and Queen Elena of Italy had arrived unexpectedly at Genoa after the big British bombardment of that port last night.

The broadcast said the King and Queen spent four hours surveying the ruins in various parts of the city and visiting the injured.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The mighty bomber arm of the Royal Air Force reached across the Alps last night to strike the Italian homeland in its heaviest air blow of the war, hitting Genoa with such a weight of explosives that even Rome conceded "great damage."

Turin, the Fascist arsenal city in the north, also was hit, but apparently the chief assault fell on the harbor and industries of Genoa, Italy's big northern Mediterranean port, the home of the Ansaldo works which produce plane parts and munitions.

The Air Ministry mentioned "a strong force of aircraft," but did not disclose just how many planes were in it.

But the Italian communique spoke of the "notable dimensions" of the assault and Hitler's Axis partner now apparently has sampled the fiery devastation with which the huge four-motored bombers of the R. A. F. have been scourging the Reich week after week.

Swift-striking New Mosquito and heavier Wellington bombers struck in daylight today against targets in Germany and Occupied Holland.

An authoritative statement tonight said that Spitfires and United States-built Mustangs also made low-level attacks on objects in Northern France.

**Geneva Has 2 Alarms**  
Two air alarms, lasting 85 and 35 minutes, in the Swiss city of Geneva, attested to the number of planes which the British flung over Europe on this routine flight of 1,500 miles across three countries and the Continent's tallest mountains.

(The German-controlled Hilversum radio in The Netherlands went off the air from 1:30 to 3:15 p. m., today, indicating that Allied air raiders were over the Continent in a continuation of their daylight raids.)

The Air Ministry said that not one of the British planes was missing from this first raid on Italy by Rome-based R. A. F. bombers in more than six months.

Genoa, a naval base as well as port and manufacturing center, had been free of raids for more than a year when high-explosives and fire bombs began pouring on its narrow, twisting streets from a sky flooded with moonlight.

Bombers operating from Britain last smashed at Northern Italy on April 12-13, when the royal arsenal at Turin was attacked. Since then, however, the British have struck repeatedly from the Mediterranean area at Sicily and points in Southern Italy.

In the growing scale of Britain's air assaults on Germany, the Air Ministry's reference to "a strong force" frequently has meant 100, often two or three or more hundreds of planes in the bombing armada, but because of the greater distance involved in striking Italy, the comparison may not hold.

**French Fire at Planes**  
Besides the perils of distance and high mountains with heavy bomb loads, the planes also faced the dangers of crossing Switzerland and France. They touched off alerts and intense anti-aircraft fire in the French cities of Vichy and Lyon as well as the air alerts in Geneva.

The information that Turin also was attacked came from Rome where, it was said, small fires broke out and quickly were controlled.

There was no enemy aerial activity over Britain during the night but a German bomber dropped several bombs on a south coast town this morning, drawing heavy anti-aircraft fire.

# Yale to Get 2,000 Mark Twain Papers

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—(AP)—A huge collection of Mark Twain memorabilia—more than 2,000 manuscripts, letters, books and the like—is being crated for shipment to Yale University.

The collection was amassed over the years by the late Willard S. Morse, mining executive. Upon Morse's death, the mementoes were purchased by Walter F. Frear, Yale alumnus, for his alma mater. The noted writer's only surviving daughter, Mrs. Clara Clemens Gabriellowitch, assisted in cataloging the items.

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# British Strikes Cut 53,000 Work Days

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Labor Minister Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons yesterday that labor disputes during September had caused stoppages costing 53,000 working days.

In answer to a question, Bevin said 25,000 workers had been involved in 132 disputes. Wages were the main issue in 74 cases and working conditions in 49.

# Axis May Scrap Geneva Pact On War Humanities

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—(AP)—German propaganda took another ominous step yesterday along a course which, although still obscure, might lead toward Axis repudiation of the accepted laws of humanity in warfare under the pretext that the Allies first violated the codes.

The Berlin radio gave circulation to statements attributed to the semi-official German commentary, Deutsche Diplomatisch-Politische Korrespondenz, that Germany, Italy and Japan have proof that on the enemy side former officers were given for warfare contrary to humanity.

The statement added the threat: "The day will come eventually when those responsible will be called to account for their actions."

**Punishment Promised**  
This newest outburst followed Japan's assertion that captured American airmen would be punished for inhumanities during bomb raids on Japanese soil, and German charges that the British attacked a dressing station for wounded on the North African front.

Reuters quoted a Vichy broadcast of dispatches from Stockholm as reporting that Germany and her associates had conferred on plans to denounce the Geneva Convention agreements on Red Cross and war prisoners on the grounds that the 1864 convention had been violated by the United Nations.

**'Special Orders' Charged**  
Referring to the Japanese action against American flyers, the German diplomatic commentary declared: "Although attacks contrary to international law against peaceful residential quarters, places of culture and hospitals... must be considered as serious, these attacks are not and were not acts ordered arbitrarily by some individuals. Public statements made by British Air Marshal Harris and U. S. Air General Baker clearly reveal that those responsible for it in London and Washington not only approve of such acts, but that they have given special orders against German children and women."

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