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Powerful U. S. Fleet Is Striking Savagely At Solomon Islands

Combined Sea-Air Forces Smashing At Japs In Pacific, Aleutians

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 9.—(P)—The powerful United States Pacific fleet and warships of the south-west Pacific flotilla struck savage continuing blows to-night with "other forces" of the Allies at Japanese bases in the Solomon Islands in America's first great offensive of the war.

(In Washington, the Navy department reported tersely that the attack on the Solomon Islands was continuing but was meeting with "considerable enemy resistance." The Navy said it was still too early to announce results or estimate our own or enemy losses.

The Washington communiqué disclosed that Australian units also were in the battle with our forces. Plumburgh Japanese broadcast that 11 transports and 17 other "Anglo-American" warships were sunk or damaged.

Only the scantiest details of the major engagement of the Solomons came from Allied sources. The results of the battle, now in its third day, lay locked in the smoking steel throats of the huge naval guns.

The operations are progressing favorably in spite of opposition by enemy land-based aircraft and garrisons. A communiqué relayed here from Pearl Harbor by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander

ECONOMIC SYSTEM MUST BE REVAMPED

League Of Nations Committees Report On Problems Of Post-War Rebuilding

PRINCETON, N. J., Aug. 9.—(P)—The League of Nations economic and financial committees reported today that post-war reconstruction would require the building of a new system of economic society "from the foundations."

Making public the opening section of a report on future international cooperation dealing with the problem of relief and reconstruction, the committees said it was probable that the rejuvenation of war-torn countries would depend largely on the ability and willingness of countries whose productivity had not been directly curtailed by war to furnish supplies and services "on the largest possible scale."

The meeting of representatives from 12 nations at the institute for advanced study was under the chairmanship of Henry F. Grady, former assistant secretary of state. A draft report on post-war problems drawn up earlier in London

TOBACCO PILING INTO CHADBOURN

Estimated 300,000 Pounds In Warehouses For Sales Today

CHADBOURN, August 9.—An estimated 300,000 pounds of golden leaf tobacco is on the local warehouse floor here tonight, waiting for the opening of the first sales Monday morning.

Lem Winstan, supervisor of sales, declared that farmers are apparently in a panic to get rid of their tobacco. "We know prices are good now and we aren't going to take any chances with them falling," Winstan said.

REDS FALL BACK BEFORE MAIKOP

Fighting Desperate Defensive Action; Admit German Progress

MOSCOW, Monday, Aug. 10.—(P)—Russian troops fighting desperate defensive actions were giving way today before both of Germany's two drives aimed at the Caucasus oil center of Maikop, it was indicated in the Russian midnight communiqué.

The Germans, striking powerful blows with mechanized armies, admittedly made progress both in the area of Kropotkin, 60 miles north of Maikop, and in the region of Armavir, 60 miles northeast of Maikop, where the Russians said they were fighting "heavy defensive engagements."

The Germans were throwing great masses of men, guns and machines into action as the struggle for the possession of the vital Caucasian oil fields gained in fury. Russian soldiers were under orders to stand their ground or die, but on several sectors of the 250-mile front German numbers and mechanical superiority appeared to be overcoming the Russians.

(The German high command issued two special communiqués announcing the capture of Krasnodar and Maikop, two key cities on the approaches to Russia's oil reserves. The Germans also said their drive had carried them to the northern foothills of the Caucasus mountains.)

While the prize in the Caucasus was oil, other Russian armies were battling as courageously to protect the industrial region of Stalingrad. In this area the Russians were more successful. Savage German attacks being met by Russian counter attacks.

2 KILLED, 5 HURT IN PLANE CRASH

Big Army Bomber Falls In Heavy Swamp Near Raleigh Golf Course

RALEIGH, Aug. 9.—(P)—Two men were killed and five injured today when a medium Army bombing plane crashed in the middle of a swamp near the Raleigh airport.

As fire and smoke started engulfing the wreckage, several of the injured began dragging their comrades from the plane. Employees of the airport and givers from a nearby course arrived quickly and lent aid in taking the men through more than 100 yards of jungle-like underbrush and to ambulances.

The crew was from the 315th bombardment squadron, 21st Bombardment group, MacDill Field, Fla.

John R. Rarrat with next of kin at 2725 West 39th Place, Chicago, died in a hospital. The other killed was not positively identified.

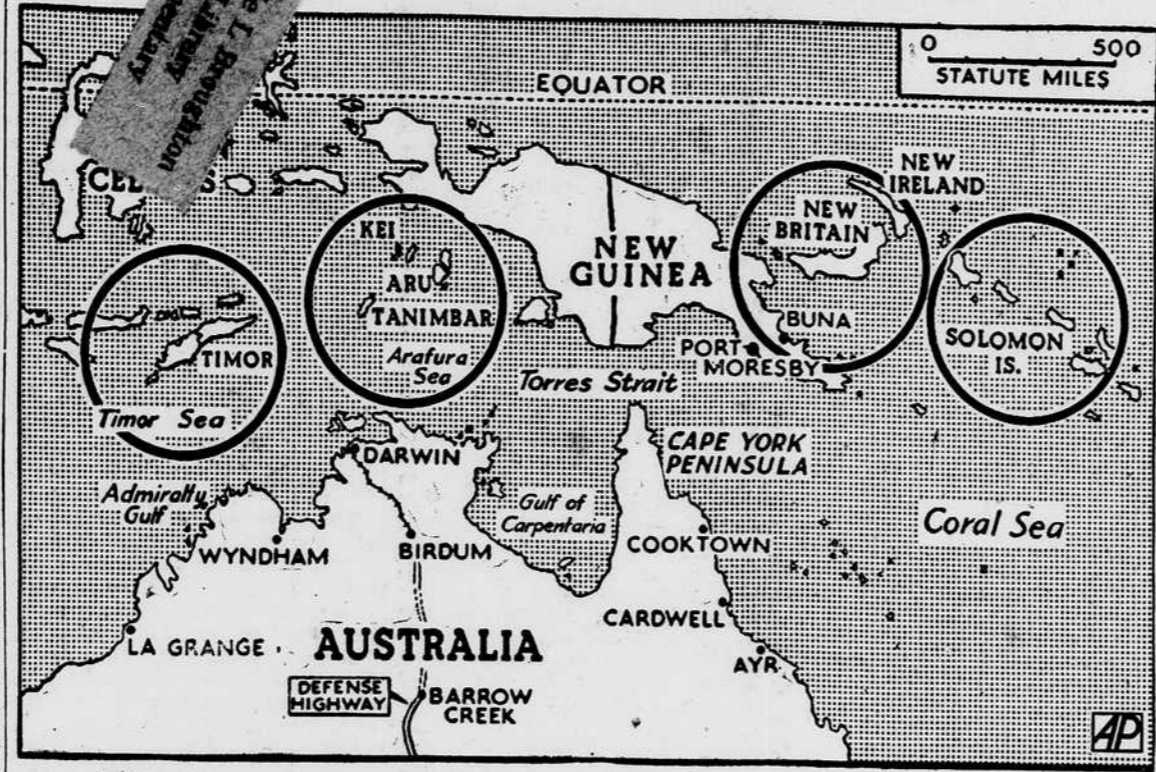
The injured were first Lieut. Frank E. Warneken, Jr., in command of 206 McKinley avenue, Grossepointe Farms, Mich.; Second Lieut. Elmer John Gedeon of 4821 Denmark ave., Cleveland; Lawrence D. Glover, of Route one, Hartford, Wash.; Michael A. Magnolia, Jr., of 812 North Barrion street, Elbion, Mich.; and Pvt. Morris L. Clark of 207 Murcer street, Durant, Mich. The names were released at a hospital here after the Army had given its permission.

The bomber was similar to one that crashed last month near Smithfield, killing seven, among them Pfc. S. R. McDonald, former sport editor of the Raleigh News and Observer.

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FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature, few widely scattered thundershowers Monday.

More Islands In Aussie Encirclement



Tokyo has announced that Jap naval units had occupied strategic points in the Kei, Aru and Tanibar islands in the Arafura sea north of Australia. Allies have reported bombing Kei islands but have not mentioned others. Circles mark areas where Japs now have bases north of Australia, including the new claims: Timor, Arafura sea; New Guinea and New Britain and the Solomon islands.

Chinese Increase Push In Province Of Kiangsi

CHUNGKING, China, Aug. 9.—(P)—Supported by the Sky Dragons of U. S. Brigadier General Claire Chennault, Chinese troops were reported tonight increasing their pressure against the important Japanese stronghold of Linchuan, in Kiangsi province, while striking at Japanese forces in widespread areas of China.

Front-line dispatches did not elaborate on reports that the United States airmen under General Chennault had attacked Linchuan but they have repeatedly raided the city.

FILIPINOS CONTINUE BATTLE FOR HOMES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—Operating from points "high in the mountains and far in the jungles," fighting Filipinos are continuing the battle against the Japanese forces which have over-run the island. President Manuel Quezon, president of the commonwealth of the Philippines, said today.

RAF PHOTOGRAPHS BOMBING DAMAGE

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(P)—RAF reconnaissance photographs taken in western Germany disclose that the recent big British raids caused damage "which is certain to have far-reaching effects on the enemy's production of armaments and munitions," the Air Ministry news service said tonight.

The announcement came on a day of quiet on both the offensive and defensive British aerial fronts. Bad weather kept the RAF at home last night. A single Nazi plane dropped bombs harmlessly on the East Coast last night and was destroyed while a few other enemy planes flew over the north and east of England, causing some damage and a small number of casualties, the government said.

Two enemy fighters dropped bombs harmlessly on the south coast this morning, an air and Home Security ministries communiqué reported. During the afternoon another pair of Nazi planes machine-gunned and bombed another point on the south coast.

20 LIGHTERS SUNK BY RAF IN AFRICA

CAIRO, Aug. 9.—(P)—British bombers, keeping up a continuous assault on Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's supply lines, have sunk 20 Axis self-propelled lighters off the Libyan and Egyptian coasts in the past three weeks, the Middle East news service said tonight.

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AERIAL 'MARKERS' FOUND BY AIRMEN

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., Aug. 9.—(P)—The existence of ingeniously constructed markers which pointed the way for enemy air attack on vital eastern air fields and airplane factories was disclosed today by the First Ground Air Support Command.

All of these subversive guides have been eradicated and the danger to the war bases averted, said Colonel Dache M. Reeves, commanding the Air Support group which is a tactical unit of the First Air Force.

U. S. Fliers Locate Ingenious Pointers To Air Fields, Factories

The fate of those who built these potential devices of destruction was not specifically detailed except that the announcement said that in each case investigation was made by First Air Force Intelligence officers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the "proper action taken."

United States Will Link Up With Burma Direct By Radio-Telegraph Net

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(P)—Direct radio telegraph service between the United States and Bermuda will be inaugurated tomorrow by R. C. A. Communications, Inc., Radio Corporation of America announced today.

12 ALLIED VESSELS SUNK DURING WEEK

Destruction Of Ships In Atlantic Brings Announced Total To 419

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Destruction of 12 allied and neutral merchant vessels by Axis submarines operating in the Western Atlantic was disclosed in official announcements last week.

At least 62 seamen and passengers were killed and 52 others were reported missing. More than 740 persons, however, were rescued by United Nations' craft and safely landed at Caribbean and United States ports.

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RIOTS AND BLOODSHED EXPLODE OVER INDIA; GANDHI UNDER ARREST

SECRECY SHROUDS SABOTEURS' DEATH

No Details Available As To Disposition Of Bodies Of Executed Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—The same strict secrecy which surrounded eight Nazi saboteur specialists during their trial for life before a military tribunal continued today to shroud six of them in death and the two who didn't die.

Office of War Information officials said that details of the disposition of the bodies of the six who were executed in the district jail's electric chair Saturday must come from the White House. Sources there said Presidential Secretary Stephen Early, from whom such an announcement would normally be expected, probably would not be available today.

Thus, an official curtain was drawn over the likely resting-place of the half dozen who landed from U-boats on a mission of sabotage but met instead swift and deadly justice.

But Berlin knew that Heinrich Harm Heineck, Richard Quirin, Edward John Kerling, Herbert Hans Haupt, Werner Thiel and Hermann Otto Neubauer were dead. The British radio took care of that last night, broadcasting the news in several languages to the Nazi-dominated European continent.

Snug in iron-barred safety, George John Dasch and Earnest Peter Burger continued to live today. The help they gave the Government in sealing the fate of the other six brought commutation of their death sentences—Dasch's to 30 years and Burger's to life, both at hard labor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(P)—The Rome radio, heard here by CBS, offered the first Axis comment tonight on the execution of the six.

VANDBERG ASKS STUDY OF REVENUE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—Senator Vandenberg (R—Mich) urged today that President Roosevelt put "the best fiscal minds of the country" at work immediately on a plan of war financing that would combine taxation with government borrowing in one comprehensive program.

Declaring that only haphazard attempts had been made thus far to meet the threat of inflation inherent in extensive government borrowings from commercial banks, Vandenberg said he thought work on this question ought to be begun now, "not next month and not after the election."

"By the time the next tax bill gets before the Senate," the Michigan Senator told reporters, "Congress will have spent nine months on an eight billion dollar segment of a fifty billion dollar program. Meanwhile, the Treasury with its voluntary bond purchase program,

Nation Only Beginning To Hit Stride, Says FR

President Roosevelt advised the nation today that "great progress has been made in the battle of production, but, in terms of what will be required to defeat our enemies, we have only just begun to get into our stride."

His statement was read by Elmer Davis, War Information director, and keynoted brief addresses by top government and labor officials, calling attention to the presentation tomorrow of the first of the new Army-Navy production awards to management and workers of 20 major war plants. The program was carried by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The President asserted that to "win this war, an unceasing flood of weapons and materials must pour forth from the factories, shipyards and mines of our country."

At the same time it was reported that the company's straitliner planes, formerly operated between Los Angeles and New York, have been flying the Atlantic for several months.

To Lead Commandos



Col. Robert T. Frederick has been named to command an American-Canadian force of super-commandos just ordered into intensive training at Helena, Mont., and made up of picked specialists in parachute and marine landings.

PICKED DIVISIONS SENT TO ENGLAND

U. S. Forces Now Taking Over Some Defense Area In The British Isles

WITH THE U. S. GROUND FORCES IN ENGLAND, Aug. 9.—(P)—The American Army is sending "picked combat divisions" to Britain and "the sooner a second front could be opened the better," Major General M. W. Clark, commanding general of U. S. Ground Forces in Britain declared today at his first press conference.

American troops already have taken over some defense areas and have been fitted into the British plan to repel a Nazi invasion, the general said, and then added: "But obviously we are not here to sit on the defensive."

Shipping, he said, is the only bottleneck in American plans, and noted that his "exceedingly large staff" quartered with him in an old castle, is "ready to handle troops as fast as they come and they are coming by thousand upon thousand."

As continental Europe awaited with increasing agitation a threatened Allied invasion, the Russian news agency, Tass, reported from Geneva that a German motorized infantry battalion, a field artillery platoon and four midget tanks had arrived in Vichy, capital of unoccupied France.

Quoting "reliable sources" in its dispatch, Tass said the officers and men wore French uniforms, and that the arrival was believed to be connected with growing unrest in France.

General Clark, who at 46, is one of the youngest generals to hold a key position in the American army, said that the arriving American troops have been trained in amphibious warfare and are ready to invade the continent at once if necessary.

Big Cargo Plane Service Across Atlantic Planned

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—(P)—TWA is planning a trans-Atlantic air schedule designed eventually to send 24 huge cargo planes daily across the ocean in the service of the U. S. Army.

The airline said a regular five plane daily schedule will be inaugurated shortly. As soon as equipment and crews are available, transoceanic flights every hour on the hour will be started.

Brig. Gen. Harold Lee George, commanding officer of the Army Air Transport Command, authorized the announcement, Charles Hammond, TWA's western personnel director, said.

FRENZIED MOBS RISE

Loot Shops, Battle Police, Burn Houses In Campaign Of Violence

'DO OR DIE' IS SLOGAN Disregard Leader's Advice On Passive Resistance; Many Strikes

BOMBAY, Aug. 9.—(P)—Mohandas K. Gandhi's new do-or-die campaign to cast off the British rule in India exploded into bloodshed and riotous violence today.

Frenzied mobs, rising at their leader's call, looted shops, battled police, stopped trams and burned buses and police posts in heedless violation of Gandhi's own cautious counsel to stick strictly to passive civil disobedience.

The British Government of India, alert to the challenge to public order in this vital pillar of an embattled empire, promptly arrested 72-year-old Gandhi and all his principal collaborators in the Nationalist-All-India Congress Party, and met the outbreaks with tear gas and direct gunfire.

The All-India Congress Party and its committees were officially designated as unlawful organizations dangerous to the public peace.

Greatest of all the unruly assemblies in Bombay was a mob at J. J. Park in the heart of the city. J. J. Park in the heart of the city. J. J. Park in the heart of the city. J. J. Park in the heart of the city.

MAIKOP CAPTURED IS GERMAN CLAIM

Nazis Say Oil Region Taken And Foothills Of Caucasus Reached

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts) Aug. 9.—(P)—Mechanized detachments of the German army stormed and captured tonight the town of Maikop, center of the important oil region on the northern edge of the Caucasus, the high command announced in the second of two special communiqués issued since noon.

The first of the two claimed Nazi troops had taken the Caucasian city of Krasnodar about 60 miles northwest of Maikop. The regular communiqué said Axis troops had reached the foothills of the Caucasus on a 250-mile front.

(Krasnodar which had a population of about 225,000 in peace times, lies on the navigable Kuban river, and is an important railway junction.)

CD Needs

Auxiliary Firemen: 173 (MEN ONLY) Duties: Similar to regular firefighting forces. Training: General course, Fire Defense A, and B, First Aid, 10 hours. Enlisted to date: 27. Quota: 200.

Enlistments yesterday: Red Cross 16, Air Raid Warden 1, Medical Corps 1, Control Room 1, Auxiliary Firemen 1. TOTAL 20