

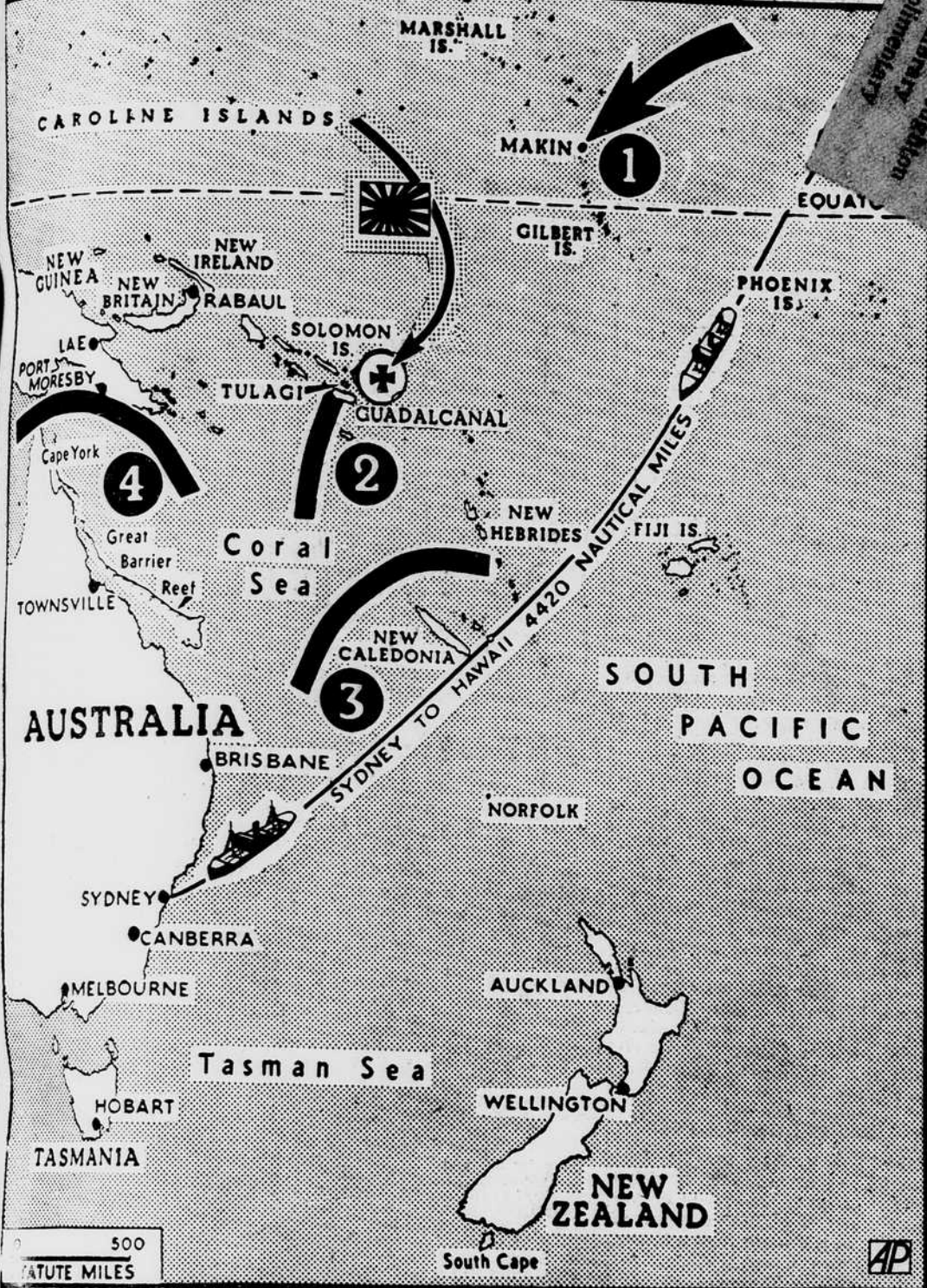
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## U. S. Attacks Lead To Great Pacific Sea-Air Battle



This map of the Australian Pacific area shows some of the recent strategic attacks of U. S. forces culminating in the great sea-air attack announced by the Navy. (1) U. S. Marines smashed into Makin, killing Japs, destroying defense installations, then successfully withdrawing. This followed (2) a heavy battle in which Marines, protected and aided by the Navy, moved into strategic Tulagi harbor and other of the Solomon islands, inflicting defeat on the enemy. These two attacks aided considerably in lending further protection to Australia and to the vital U. S.-Australian shipping line, shown by ship symbols, and already protected by defense-offense establishments at New Caledonia (3) and Port Moresby (4). Heavy black lines show how Allied forces are blocking the enemy from Australia and the shipping lines and long curved arrow (lap flag attached) shows how the Japs came out of the northeast with their heavy forces in an effort to retake the Solomon area. A fierce sea-air battle is now raging in that area.

# AMERICAN AIR POWER REPULSES JAP INVASION FLEET IN SOLOMONS AREA; MANY NAZIS WIPED OUT BY RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS NORTH OF MOSCOW

## 45 THOUSAND KILLED

### Push Started To Relieve Pressure On Imperilled Stalingrad

## AXIS REACHES MOZDOK

### City About 55 Miles West Of Grozny Oil Area Is Captured

MOSCOW, Thursday, Aug. 27.—(P)—A Red army counter-attack northwest of Moscow to relieve pressure on imperilled Stalingrad was reported officially early today to have killed 45,000 Germans in a 15-day push that recaptured 610 localities and regained from 25 to 30 miles of territory.

Soviet troops under General Gregory Khukov, who turned the Germans back from Moscow last fall, were reported fighting at the gates of Rzhev, 130 miles northwest of the Red capital, after retaking the towns of Karmatovo, Pogoreloye-Gorodishche, and Zuztsov.

Five German divisions were reported to have suffered heavy losses and nine others were routed by the Red army. Effects Undetermined

It still was too early to determine the effects of this huge drive on the still sorely criticized Stalin front, where a million-man Nazi army was assaulting the city approaches to that vital Volga city from two directions.

A midnight communique issued

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## Chuhhsien Under Heavy Attack By Fast Moving Chinese Force

CHUNGKING, Aug. 26.—(P)—Chuhhsien, site of the biggest air field in China and a potential shangri-la from which to bomb Japan, is under concerted attack by Chinese forces rapidly prosecuting their counter-drive against the Japanese invaders in Chekiang and Kiangsi provinces, it was reported tonight.

## ALLIES PRODUCING 'SECRET WEAPONS'

### New Armament Has Surprising Potentialities, Says Authority

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(P)—The chief of the United States Army's arms design division declared emphatically today that the Anglo-American Allies were producing secret weapons with surprising potentialities and that new British weapons in production were "really eye-openers."

The statement by Brig.-Gen. G. M. Barnes and a meeting between Lieut.-Gen. Dwight B. Eisenhower and Prime Minister Winston Churchill on his return from Moscow via the Middle East again stirred speculation on the opening of a second front and selection of a generalissimo to command it.

Barnes asserted that the Allied production of munitions would support "a full-sized army in any enterprise," but declined to comment on the transport situation which official circles considered still serious.

The 56-year-old general, here as head of a technical mission working with British munitions producers, is an expert in developing advanced types of armament, particularly heavy ordnance and anti-aircraft weapons.

He declared the Allies need not concede any superiority to the Germans in qualitative weapons, and added: "It is no longer a question of ordnance production as far as supplying a vast army is concerned."

A three-weeks' tour of British factories convinced him that British workers, doing such exacting tasks as boring guns, are showing American women what they will have to do to replace skilled male mechanics.

"We employ women, but we are going to have to employ many more," he said.

The comparatively rare meeting of Churchill with the chief of American forces in the European theatre was authoritatively described as a "visit by General Eisenhower to pay his respects," but it was considered certain that the prime minister gave the general a full picture of the critical Russian military position and the second front possibilities.

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 26.—(P)—Five Czechs were condemned to death by the Nazi court at Brunn today for possession of arms and ammunition, a Prague dispatch to the newspaper Der Neue Tag reported.

## Cause Of Kent Accident May Be Told By Single Surviving RAF Officer

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(P)—What happened to the Sunderland flying boat that carried the Duke of Kent to his death yesterday against a mountainside in the Scottish highlands may be told by a flight lieutenant who turned up today as the sole survivor of the air crash in which it had been believed all the crew perished.

More than 24 hours after the plane crashed while taking the Duke on a war mission to Iceland, Lieut. Andrew Jack, a 24-year-old Scotsman, was found dazedly stumbling through the heather.

From the tall-gunner's post he was thrown clear and had wandered about three miles from the scene, suffering burns on face, arms and legs but not seriously injured.

In all 13 were killed. The Duke will be buried with full military honors but in privacy for the safety of the Royal Family, in the Royal tomb house under St. George's chapel in Windsor castle where others of the reigning family lie.

## 'PAY-AS-YOU-GO' TAX PLAN VETOED

### Senate Finance Committee Rejects Ruml Proposition On Payments

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(P)—Bowling to treasury objections, the Senate Finance Committee voted 13 to 3 today against incorporating in the new revenue bill the Ruml "pay as you go" plan of collecting individual income taxes but acted to retain a house-approved 5 per cent withholding levy on wages, interest and dividends.

The latter levy, to become effective next January 1, would provide a measure of advance collection since the amount paid in during the year would be credited against the total income tax due from each individual on March 15, 1944. The levy would be increased to 10 per cent on January 1, 1944.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) said the committee had agreed to simplify the collection of this tax as much as possible by permitting employers to make deductions in \$0 wage bands instead of figuring each individual's liability to the penny.

He said also the committee had agreed to limit the withholding collections on interest and dividends by exempting bond and coupon interest, as well as small dividends paid by building and loan associations, credit unions and other similar organizations. (Such interest and dividends would still be subject, however, to the regular income due March 15 of each year.)

The Ruml plan, proposed by Beardsley Ruml, chairman of the New York Reserve bank, would have wiped out 1941 individual income tax liabilities and considered payments made this year as applying on 1942 taxes. At the end of this and subsequent years, individuals would figure their actual income and make adjustments, paying additional tax or receiving refunds.

George announced that the committee had rejected, 11 to 6, a treasury modification of this plan which would have excused the normal taxes and first bracket surtaxes assessed against individuals on their 1941 incomes, but would

## BLAST ENEMY PLANES

### Results Of Terrific New Struggle Are 'Encouraging' Says Navy

## BATTLE STILL RAGES

### At Least 13 Of Invaders' Ships Damaged In Wide Spread Operations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(P)—American air power has repulsed one Japanese invasion fleet seeking to recapture vital areas in the Solomon islands and has wreaked havoc among attacking Japanese planes, the Navy disclosed today.

All in all, the results of the terrific new struggle for strategic islands are "encouraging," a communique said, but it made plain that a large-scale sea battle still was raging north of the Solomons, and that the outcome could not yet be estimated.

However, as an indication of the blows dealt the enemy since he started his current effort to regain control of the southeast Solomons, the Navy disclosed that at least 13 Japanese ships have been damaged.

Six of these, including two destroyers, were left burning fiercely after American bombers plunged upon enemy transports, cruisers and destroyers approaching the Major Island of Guadalcanal from the northward on Aug. 24. Other vessels in this fleet withdrew. The enemy had thrown into the struggle. The other has been operating

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On this side, too, the strength has increased since the withdrawal to El Alamein, 75 miles west of Alexandria, two months ago. The old desert campaigners are rested and the new armies are eager for action.

Whatever despondency and weariness there may have been after the defeats in Libya and the long withdrawal to El Alamein is gone. This is a fresh army with a new command.

Airmen, also rested in the lull in their activity, are already back in actions which seem to foreshadow bigger events. In the past few days night strafers have poured incendiary bullets on enemy camps and vehicle concentrations. South African pilots have gone back into the fray with their Boston bombers. Fighter-bombers have attacked by day.

And spitfires in the hands of crack

## DESERT CONVOYS SMASHED BY RAF

### Hundreds Of Axis Troops Killed West Of German Advance Lines

CAIRO, Aug. 26.—(P)—Hundreds of Axis troops were killed or disabled in long-range RAF fighter raids on enemy transport columns west of El Alamein in the western desert yesterday. It was reported tonight amid indications that a new big battle is developing in Egypt.

Twenty vehicles were destroyed, many of them loaded with troops apparently bound for the Alamein front some 80 miles west of Alexandria.

The column was attacked while moving along the coastal road between Matruh and Sidi Barrani. Dispersed enemy aircraft on three landing fields near El Daba also were attacked last night by U. S. Army Air Force medium bombers flying alongside South African light bombers, RAF medium bombers and naval aircraft. The attack on this coastal point

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## GOVERNOR SLATED TO SEE SHIPYARD

### Brought To Be Guest At 'M' Pennant Ceremonies Here On Sunday

Governor J. M. Broughton will attend the ceremonies at which the North Carolina Shipbuilding company will receive the coveted "M" pennant for exceptional achievement in Liberty ship construction from the Maritime Commission here early Sunday afternoon, officials of the company announced yesterday.

It will be the North Carolina chief executive's second visit to the yards. He participated in the ceremonies for the launching of the first ship, the Zeb B. Vance, on December 6, 1941. The vessel was sponsored by Mrs. Broughton.

He is expected to join with Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission who will formally present the pennant, in praising the employees of the war-born shipbuilding company for their excellent record of production.

Officials of the company have pointed out that the honor—second of its type to be awarded to shipyards on the Atlantic coast—was won by its loyal workers and have urged all of them to attend Sunday's program. The ceremonies will not be open to the general public, because of space limitations, but will be broadcast over radio station WPTF, of Raleigh.

Details for the program, which

## Brazil And Uruguay Begin 'Cooperation'

MONTEVIDEO, Aug. 26.—(P)—The Uruguayan government announced today that Uruguay and Brazil would cooperate in a "common defense against possible aggression."

Because of the close geographic connections of the two countries, it was said, the Uruguayan national defense ministry had been authorized to "adopt, in agreement with military authorities of Brazil, all measures designed for better efficiency in the common defense against possible aggression."

## Utilities Commission Denounced By Bellamy

### A scathing and bitter indictment of the state utilities commission for its procrastination, dilatoriness and lack of decisive action in furnishing relief to the citizens of New Hanover county from unfair and burdensome power and gas rates was made by Mayor Hargrove Bellamy speaking before a joint session of the city council and the county board of commissioners yesterday morning.

Charging that the utilities commission was failing to fulfill its duties of protecting the public which the commission was created by the legislature, the mayor cited Securities and Exchange commission reports condemning the financial structure of the Tide Water Power company and its holding company, the Associated Gas and Electric company, as "rotten."

He declared that the utilities commission had "ignored the rottenness of the situation," had ignored a four million dollar discrepancy between a report of Tide Water's valuation and earnings as submitted by the company before the commission in April and a computation of the company's "excess earnings" for 1939, 1940 and 1941 made by the Federal Power commission, and had allowed the company to sell a "well-known corporation" in New Hanover county power "at cost or below cost at the expense of the residential users of our city and county."

"They've let this situation exist for 25 years, knowing the rottenness of it all," the mayor declared in referring to rates charged commercial and residential users by the power company here.

Two definite results of the meeting were: Members of both local government bodies voted to appear before the utilities commission in Raleigh on September 11 in an effort to persuade the commission to take some definite action to relieve the rate situation here.

R. M. Kerton and J. E. L. Wade, Democratic nominees for representative and state senator respectively, appeared before the council and requested that it begin an investigation into the possibilities of the city and county acquiring ownership of the Tide Water's plant when and if it is put up for sale as the result of a re-

organization.

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## FDR TO ADDRESS NATION 3 TIMES

### Broadcasts Are Scheduled Within Next 2 Weeks On Problems

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(P)—President Roosevelt today arranged a crowded speaking schedule, concluding with an exposition and congressing three top flight addresses in eight days.

The speeches, all to be broadcast nationally and internationally, will conclude with an exposition of the administration's latest plan to attack inflation and mounting living costs.

August—dedication of a new Naval Medical center in nearby Bethesda, Maryland.

September 3—address to the youth of the world through an assembly here of the International Student Service.

September 7—Labor day speech—the one on inflation.

Presidential secretary Stephen Early said he thought they will all be extremely interesting.

The Labor day date still is tentative, depending on whether congress will be in session. As a matter of courtesy, Mr. Roosevelt plans to send a message to the legislators giving them an outline of the anti-inflation campaign before he explains it to the people in fire-side chat.

He made it evident at a press conference yesterday that the plan

## WEATHER

### FORECAST NORTH CAROLINA—Continued mild today.

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):

1:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 63; 1:30 p. m. 77; 7:30 p. m. 72; maximum 79; minimum 60; mean 70; normal 77.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 68; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m. 63; 7:30 p. m. 63.

Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 9.35 inches.

Tides For Today (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):

Wilmington High 10:35a. 5:17a. Low 11:01p. 5:38p. Masonboro Inlet High 8:20a. 2:12a. Low 8:51p. 4:22p.

Sunrise 5:42a; sunset 6:45p; moonrise 7:56p; moonset 7:08a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Wednesday at 8 a. m., 12.15 feet.

## Wilmington Fire Loss Only \$100,000 In 1941

While the total value of buildings and contents where fires in the city occurred during the last fiscal year amounted to \$2,930,866, loss by fire totaled \$100,163.66 and only \$9,743.40 of that amount was uninsured, according to the annual report presented to the City Manager A. C. Nichols and members of the Council Wednesday by Fire Chief J. Luddie Croom.

Total value of buildings where fires occurred was \$2,477,091 and the buildings were insured for \$2,124,707. Value of the contents amounted \$453,775, covered by \$333,690 in insurance. Of the total

loss of \$100,163.66, the damage to contents was \$23,659.97.

Largest loss for a single month was during last December when the damage to building amounted to \$24,980.69 and to contents \$7,900. Value of buildings endangered by fire in December was \$1,358,650 and of contents, \$159,000. The buildings were insured for a total of \$1,250,807 while the contents were completely covered by insurance.

The department answered 652 alarms during the year with 340 to frame buildings, 52 to brick build-

## CD Needs

### OFFICE STAFF: 2 (Women)

Volunteer typists, ability to take dictation not essential, to serve two half days per week in the Volunteer Office, 416 Tide Water Building.

Enlisted yesterday

Air Raid Warden ..... 4  
Clerical ..... 3  
Filter Center ..... 1  
Messenger ..... 1  
Red Cross ..... 1  
Total ..... 10