

# MANY RESERVATIONS MADE FOR WAR BOND DINNER

## Russians Forced Back Southwest Of Stalingrad

### Are Holding Other Lines Around City

### Bitter Fighting Costs Germans At Least 10,000 In Past Few Days

### DEFENSE IS REVEALED

### Germans Reported Hurled Back On Front Southeast Of Leningrad

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, Sunday, Sept. 13.—(P)—The Russians have fallen back from a point southwest of Stalingrad before the massed blows of German tanks and motorized troops. Somewhere the Soviet legions are holding their own in bitter-end fighting which has cost the Germans at least 10,000 men killed before the city in the last few days. Another 5,000 German soldiers have been killed or wounded in sharp fighting on the Volkhov front southeast of Leningrad, where the Germans were reported to have been held.

The Russians revealed the first news since Friday in their positions around Stalingrad in the following phrases in the midnight communiqué.

### Evacuate Locality

Southwest of Stalingrad tense fighting took place with enemy tanks and mechanized troops. Soviet forces evacuated one inhabited locality.

### 600,000 AMERICAN TROOPS OVERSEAS

### Patterson Tells Michigan Workers Force Will Be Doubled To Limit

MUSKOGON, Mich., Sept. 12.—(P)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, making a flying tour of Michigan war industries, told a gathering of war workers today that more than 600,000 men of our armed forces now are overseas.

"That force will be doubled and doubled to the limit of our manpower until we defeat our enemies," he declared. "We will fight on to the finish and a victory is certain."

President Roosevelt on Labor Day disclosed that more than 500,000 American troops were overseas.

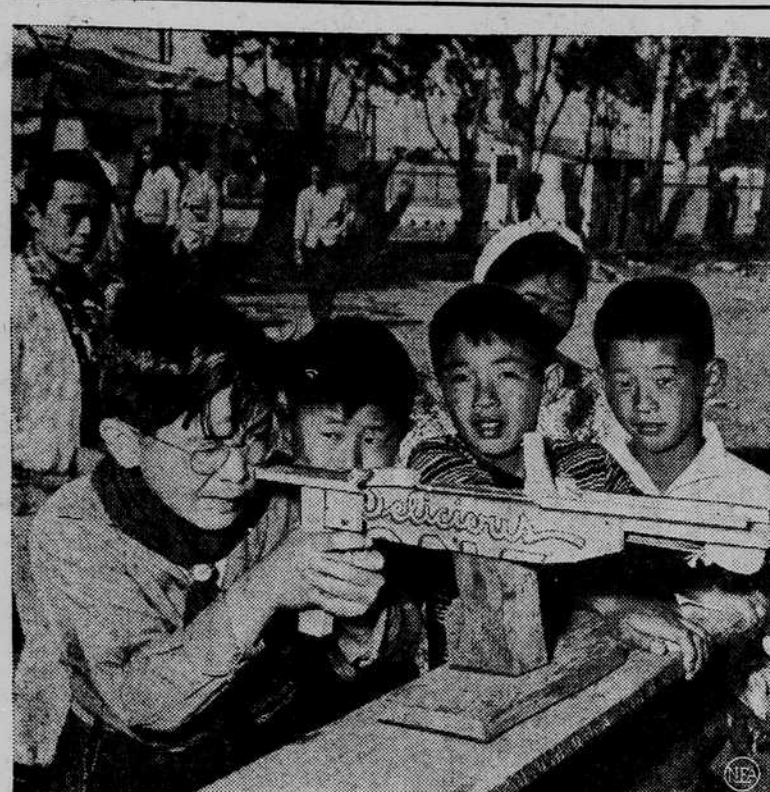
While Patterson spoke, operations at three war production plants here were at a standstill with company and union officials disagreeing over the cause of the walkout.

There was no indication that Patterson had knowledge of the shut-down.

Patterson, in his address, paid tribute to Michigan industry.

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### Little Men From Mars



A home-made machine gun, fashioned from boxes, rubber bands and tin cans, catches the fancy of this group of boys during Oriental Mardi Gras at Japanese assembly center near San Francisco.

### British Advance Toward Capital Of Madagascar

#### 70 MILES FROM GOAL

### French Reports Claim 'Enemy' Engaged With 'Very Heavy Losses'

By ALFRED E. WALL.  
LONDON, Sept. 12.—(P)—British forces pushing inland from the Maung landing on Madagascar were reported only 70 miles from Tananarive today after a 130-mile advance, but French reports said "the enemy" had been engaged en route with "very heavy losses" inflicted and that the going would be tougher over 200 intervening barriers before the capital.

The "considerable progress" reported by the first communiqué from the British East African command said the drive had carried to the great bridge over the Betsiboka river but that a concurrent overland advance from the north had been slowed by the French destruction of bridges.

### French Make Stand

The Vichy troops, mostly concentrated outside the capital, made their stand at the confluence of the Ikopa and Betsiboka rivers where the British forces must turn up the Ikopa valley to reach Tananarive by the best route, the French said.

The first battle was joined yesterday in the vicinity of Maevatanana, some 90 miles down the road from Maung, where the British made one of their three major west coast landings Thursday and advanced swiftly with negligible opposition.

A broadcast from Tananarive, heard at Port Louis on the British island of Mauritius East of Madagascar, was less sanguine than the reports from Vichy, declaring the French "still were resisting" at 9:30 a. m. today and "at 3:30 p. m. a detachment of our troops still is holding out at Maevatanana."

### Many Barriers

"The British will have to overcome some 200 barriers stretched across their path between Maevatanana and Tananarive," the overheard communiqué said.

British commentators had expected the Vichy defenders to put up some resistance but official ad-

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### Unrationed Areas Asked To Curtail Use Of Gas

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—His request followed other indications from OPA that the national rationing plan, when placed in effect, would put the rest of the country on an equal footing with the east as to the amount of gasoline allowed motorists.

Easterners receive a basic ration of approximately four gallons weekly, with supplemental allowances for motoring deemed essential. The committee headed by Bernard M. Baruch which investigated the rubber situation recommended that motorists be curtailed.

### 20 Jap Planes Shot Down In Solomon Raids

### Still Trying Unsuccessfully To Dislodge American Troops In Islands

#### DESTROYERS ACTIVE

### U. S. Dive Bombers Make Another Attack On Japanese On Gizo Isle

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Paying a high price in planes and pilots, the Japanese are still trying unsuccessfully to dislodge the American forces in the Solomons, the Navy reported tonight, and losing better than one out of every five bombers they send over.

The Japanese sent two waves of 26 bombers and one of 27 against the Guadalcanal installations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Of these 79 bombers 15 were destroyed along with five of the Zero fighters supposed to protect them, bringing to 143 the number of aircraft the Japanese have lost in the Solomons fighting.

### No Losses Reported

Of the latest bag of 20 American fighter planes accounted for at least 16; whether the other four also were downed by planes or by anti-aircraft fire was not specified. And if the Americans suffered any losses in these aerial combats, they were not reported.

The Japanese bomber losses of about 20 per cent on these raids compare with an average loss of about five per cent suffered by the British in their big bomber raids on Germany and the vastly lower losses of American flying fortresses. Only two of the fortresses have been lost since the big raids began in mid-August.

While these futile air attacks were made by day, Japanese destroyers prowled off shore by night shelling the United States positions "but no damage has resulted," the communiqué said.

On their own account, American dive bombers made another attack yesterday on enemy installations on Gizo island, in the western part of New Georgia group of the Solomons, sinking a small ship and blasting buildings. The Americans had made a previous attack there Sept. 6.

### Supplying Troops

The communiqué also reported that the Japanese were supplying their troops still fighting in the island.

### PERMANENT WEED CEILING PLANNED

### Schedule Will Be Put Into Effect Soon To Replace Temporary Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—The Office of Price Administration said today that permanent ceiling prices would be placed on flue-cured leaf tobacco "shortly" to replace the temporary order now in effect.

OPA said it agreed with trade spokesmen that the present system of allowing private buyers to purchase flue-cured tobacco for two separate periods beginning

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### Heavy Guard Is Placed Around Vichy Buildings

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Sept. 12.—(P)—Springing up at dawn and without any warning, soldiers and police manned machine guns at strategic points in Vichy today and heavily guarded all government buildings and diplomatic hotels in mysterious maneuvers which authorities dismissed as mere practice.

Whatever the reason for the bristling of arms all over the city, it was noted that the guns were pointed at roads leading into Marshal Petain's capital city.

### Family Devotion Leads To Lifer's Undoing



Mrs. Louise O'Brien sits in car with son, Jimmy, 9, as she awaits further word of her husband whose fingerprinting for a defense job led to his unmasking as Ormund Westgate, who escaped from Joliet prison 18 years ago while serving a life term. Westgate (right) took the name O'Brien and led a model life. He voluntarily submitted to fingerprinting in New York while seeking a better paying job due to his wife's illness. He was serving life on a robbery charge.

### Broughton To Study Housing Problem; Seeking Fayetteville Pipeline Project

#### PROMISES HELP

### Will Also Give Attention To Pressing Need For Hospital Expansion

The critical shipworker housing shortage here and the pressing need for expansion of Wilmington's present hospital facilities are two things to which Governor J. Melville Broughton is going to give his immediate attention, North Carolina's chief executive promised in an interview here yesterday.

Climaxing an inland water trip from New Bern to Wilmington by his first full-dress inspection of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, the governor said that he talked to many workers on the job yesterday morning and that their only complaint was lack of suitable housing for themselves and for their families.

### Promises Aid

"Expansion of Wilmington's present hospital space is very badly needed," Governor Broughton declared. He said that he intended to do everything in his power to expedite relief for both situations.

Granting of priorities for an 800-unit dormitory unit shipworker project and for a 1,100-unit duration dormitory project for married and single workers, both being built by the Federal government here, has speeded up work on the two projects and both are expected to be available by December.

However, shipyard officials have estimated that both projects are needed to take care of the present housing shortage and more Federal housing will be needed to take care of future increases in employment.

A Federal grant has been made for the construction of a three-story addition to James Walker Memorial hospital and condemnation proceedings are underway to obtain land for the site of the addition, next to the present hospital plant, but members of the hospital's board of governors have been unable, as yet, to obtain suitable priorities for the new building.

Sporting a coat of tan from a two-day trip down the inland waterway from New Bern, Governor

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### Earle Dickinson Wins More Navy Decorations

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—The Navy cross with two gold stars, equivalent of three Navy crosses—and an air medal for heroism—have been awarded Lieutenant Clarence Earle Dickinson, Jr., 29.

The Navy said today that Dickinson won his decorations for four actions against the Japanese in the Hawaiian, Marshall and Midway islands. He is the second man to win three Navy crosses. The other was Lieutenant Noel A. M. Gayler who received his awards a week ago.

### Ticket Sales To Be Opened Here Monday

### Movie Actress Jane Wyman And Jinx Falkenburg Will Be Present

#### SLATED NEXT SUNDAY

### Everyone Who Attends Will Be Required To Purchase \$500 Bond

Pre-sale reservations for the "Stars Over America" dinner here next Sunday at which Cinema Actresses Jane Wyman and Jinx Falkenburg will be present, are being made at a rapid rate, Allen C. Ewing, chairman of War bond and ticket sales for the day, said yesterday.

Tickets for the event, which will be held in the Cape Fear country club at 2 p. m. will officially go on sale Monday at the city's banks, building and loan associations and by special salesmen selected for the event.

Prerequisite to the purchase of a \$1.50 ticket is the purchase of a minimum of a \$500 War Savings bond which retails for \$375 and Chairman Ewing said he was confident that many of the guests at the dinner would purchase bonds of even higher maturity value boosting the average "admission" to the luncheon to better than \$500.

### Others Limited

Since Wilmington is the only southeastern North Carolina town at which the stars, now touring the country under the sponsorship of the Treasury department, will appear, an invitation to citizens of surrounding towns and counties to attend the dinner and the rally which will follow in the auditorium of New Hanover high school has been extended by J. G. Thornton and Emsley Laney, city and county War Bond sales chairman, and by A. G. Grist, special War bond sales chairman for this month.

Residents of other counties can purchase tickets for the dinner through their county War Bond chairman or in Wilmington, Chairman Ewing said, and added that he expected every one of the 200

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### FURTHER CHANGES IN TAX BILL SEEN

### Treasury Tells Senate Group Only \$830,000,000 Added To Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Members of the Senate Finance committee, told by the treasury today that their action on the tax bill had added only \$830,000,000 to the annual revenue provided by the house, indicated that they might consider further changes in the levies on individuals.

With a reopening of the tax schedules which already have been tentatively adopted, sales tax advocates hoped to revive a levy of this type and there were indications that a modified version of the "pay as you go" plan might be considered.

Calling a meeting of the committee for Monday morning, Chairman George (D-Ga.) told reporters the bill still was open to last minute changes but would not predict whether any would be made.

He said the treasury had estimated that as the measure stood it would raise \$7,100,000,000 more

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### Indians Propose F.D.R. Mediate Their Problem

LONDON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Indian proposals that President Roosevelt be invited to mediate the troublesome Indian problem found echo in Britain today, now that the way to direct negotiation apparently has been closed by Prime Minister Churchill's sharp criticism of the congress disobedience campaign.

"We should swallow our pride and invite the President of the United States to arbitrate on India," the labor peer, Lord Strabolgi, said in an address at Basingstoke.

He took cognizance of Churchill's suggestion that a Japanese fifth

### WEATHER

FORECAST:  
NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA—Little change in temperature Sunday.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Sept. 12, at 8 a. m., 22.75 feet.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Weather Bureau reports of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m.

Station	High	Low	Precip.
Asheville	82	57	0.00
Atlanta	88	65	0.00
Chicago	80	62	0.00
Boston	77	69	0.00
Cleveland	84	55	0.24
Detroit	82	62	0.00
Fort Worth	93	71	0.00
Jacksonville	90	68	0.00
Kansas City	80	75	0.00
Little Rock	92	70	0.00
Memphis	92	64	0.00
Mobile	88	73	0.00
New Orleans	95	79	0.00
New York	73	60	0.00
Norfolk	89	67	0.00
Richmond	80	65	0.00
St. Louis	96	70	0.00
Savannah	89	67	0.00
Washington	78	66	0.00
Wilmington	86	70	0.00