

British Ready To Continue Desert Battle

Axis Facing Stronger Foe With Many New American Reinforcements

CLASH COMING SOON

Air Activity Strong As United Nations Gather New Strength

CAIRO, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The sixth and possibly most vital chapter of the Battle for North Africa...

In the next desert battle Axis troops will have more American weapons against them than in any previous encounter in Africa.

BUILDING STRENGTH

Today both sides are building up strength to break the deadlock around which has persisted through the weeks since the British retreat from Libya...

American arms have arrived steadily at ports on the Red Sea where they are unloaded, assembled and sent out on the long trek over dusty roads and crowded railways to the front line areas.

Supplies as well as arms, marked "U.S.A." have been pouring into the Middle East from factories on both American coasts...

But while fighting on the ground is at a standstill the battle continues in the air.

'VICTORY TAX' PASSAGE SEEN

Senators Predict New Levy Will Win Final Congressional Approval

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Final Congressional approval of a 5 per cent victory levy on the earnings of individuals above \$24 yearly will forecast today by Senators...

who will serve on a joint conference committee to compose Senate and House differences over the record-breaking new tax bill.

The Victory Tax, written into the measure before the Senate passed it on a 77 to 0 vote Saturday, is the major revenue-raising amendment among upwards of 200 added originally passed the measure July 20.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee told reporters he believed the proposal, calculated at \$3,600,000,000 in gross yearly collections, must stay in if the measure was to produce anything like enough revenue to contribute substantially to war financing.

Concurring in this view, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky

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Canteen Feeds Scrap Collectors



Coffee and sinkers were in order for this group of workers who helped to gather scrap metal in Brooklyn, N. Y., during the borough's scrap day.

County Scrap Campaign Well Into Second Week

With the newspaper-sponsored scrap metal drive well into its second week here, collections were near the million and a half pound mark last night, salvage heads reported.

The street-to-street canvass of the city was finished Saturday with a haul of 37,770 pounds swelling the total gathered up here since October 1 to 1,451,906 pounds.

Beginning this morning the eight Army trucks, loaned to the drive by military authorities at Camp Davis, will begin to gather all the scrap metal reported by telephone calls.

W. A. Stewart, co-chairman of the salvage committee, said.

New sources of scrap are being sought, he said, while a list of scrap metal locations in the city discovered by the Wilmington Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week, will be contacted soon.

"The city and all out-lying districts were combed for scrap Saturday," Mr. Stewart said, "and it is believed that very little is left on the streets. What still remains will be picked up by the trucks as they are making the rounds to answer personal calls."

Persons having scrap, he said, are asked to call the Brigade Boys Club, phone 6367.

Saturday's haul of 37,700 pounds was made up of 27,230 pounds turned in by the Army trucks and 10,540 pounds collected by the Brigade Boys.

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Southport Man Builds Road For Children To Convey Scrap To Pile

SOUTHPORT, Oct. 11.—Giving the cannon and other buried iron of Battery Lamb to the Southport school children was not enough for Thompson McRackan, who owns the land on which the famous old Confederate defense point is located.

When the students went out to dig up cannon and hunt for other metal they found that Mr. McRackan had been out for the better part of a day with a big tractor and other machinery, building a road to make the battery more accessible for getting out the iron.

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Junking Of Unnecessary Autos For Metal Suggested To Solons

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Proposals to reclaim the nation's non-essential automobiles for scrap metal and pay their owners trade-in allowances were advanced today by Dean Alfange, American Labor Party candidate for governor and member of the New York state salvage commission.

In telegrams to Democratic Senators James M. Mead and Robert F. Wagner, of New York, and to Senator Harry S. Truman (D-Mo.), chairman of a Senate committee investigating the war effort, Alfange urged the government to buy up cars laid up for the duration and compensate owners with war bonds.

Such a step, he said, would provide 3,000,000 tons of scrap immediately.

The purchasing under Alfange's plan would be carried out by an "auto reclamation authority" with power to pay fair trade-ins based on standard used car valuations. This would be accompanied by a campaign to persuade owners to turn in their cars instead of putting them in storage.

"With a scrap shortage due again in six months," Alfange said, "I believe that we should start now to collect a reserve."

He said Americans are more than willing to sacrifice their cars, especially if gasoline and rubber shortages curtail their use, but that it would not be fair to ask for the cars without payment.

"There are 2,510,000 automobiles in greater New York," he said, "registration figures show a decline of 12.2 per cent in the first five months of this year. That means more than 300,000 cars have been withdrawn from use. Unfortunately they are not going to the scrap pile."

The candidate said these cars represented about 300,000 tons of scrap, and if projected against the number of motor cars in the nation the rate indicated 3,000,000 tons of scrap waiting to be tapped in the country at large.

Payment in bonds, he said, would "provide a cushion of past-war purchasing power to stimulate business, create employment, and ease the burden of rehabilitation of our fighting men," after the war.

Planes Turn Rabaul Into Mass Of Fire

Many Flying Fortresses And Medium Bombers Smash Jap Base

ENEMY RUNS AWAY

Officers And Men Of Foe Flee To Hills When Attacks Begin

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Flying Fortresses in heavy force and medium bombers have turned the important Japanese base at Rabaul in New Britain into a smouldering ruin in two successive assaults in which 100 tons of bombs were dropped while enemy officers and men scurried to the safety of nearby hills.

The attacks on early Friday and Saturday mornings will have an important bearing on the campaigns in the spinal Owen Stanley mountains of New Guinea and in the Southern Solomons where the Japanese have been reinforcing their troops on Guadalcanal for an assault to wrest from the U. S. Marines the airport they hold.

Important Base Rabaul is the supply base for both Japanese encroachments, which in turn are menaces to the Australian mainland.

Rabaul lies 700 miles northwest of Guadalcanal and 575 miles from Port Moresby, the advanced Allied base in Southeast New Guinea. The crippling blows of the greatest Allied bombing attacks ever made in the Southwest Pacific at Rabaul were believed today to have complicated the Japanese supply and reinforcement problems in both theaters appreciably.

The big planes were guided to Rabaul in the darkness of early Saturday by fires still smouldering from the attack of the night before.

Major William Hipps of Lumbago City, Pa., was in one of the

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LOCAL MAN DIES AFTER ACCIDENT

Bernhard J. Kuhlken, 76, Succumbs After Being Hit By Truck

Bernhard J. Kuhlken, 76, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Bernhard Rathjen, 1019 South Sixth street, from injuries received when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver at the corner of Nixon and Sixth street about 8 o'clock Saturday night, police reported last night.

Mr. Kuhlken succumbed to "internal hemorrhage, shock and old age," Dr. A. H. Elliot, who performed a post mortem, said yesterday. The body has been removed to the Yopp Funeral Home. Coroner Asa Allen has scheduled an inquest for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

In jail on a charge of hit and run driving with injury resulting in death is Chauncey Sikes, negro, of Ivanhoe.

Sikes, according to Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen Sunday, admitted running over a white man early Saturday night and said that he became frightened and left the scene.

According to the police report, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Continued rather cool today.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:

Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 62; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 60; maximum 65; minimum 58; mean 62; normal 67.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 61; 7:30 a. m. 90; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 85.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.15 inches; total since the first of the month, 6.50 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY: (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):

High Low Wilmington 11:20a. 5:32p. Masonboro Inlet 11:31p. 5:42p. 8:12p. 3:22p. Sunrise 6:15 a.; sunset 5:42p.; moonrise 8:43a.; moonset 7:50p.

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GERMANS SHIFT OFFENSIVE FROM STALINGRAD TOWARD SOUTH IN MOZDOK SECTOR

DEFENSIVE VICTORY

Situation Is Such As To Contradict Hitler's Boast September 30

ENEMY PLANS UPSET

War Has Not Gone According To Foe's High Command War Plans

By The Associated Press The German squeeze on Stalingrad has relaxed after 48 days of siege and there are signs of a great defensive victory for the defenders of that city.

The situation now, at least, is such as to contradict Adolf Hitler's boast of September 30 that "we shall take Stalingrad, you may depend on that."

It appeared that since Hitler's assertion there had been a fundamental change in his high command's tactics, and that the Berlin radio for once had made a dependable statement of German military policy when it announced last Thursday that infantry and tank assaults on Stalingrad would cease to prevent "unnecessary sacrifice of German blood."

Upset Timetable There no longer is any doubt that the tough defenders of the city had upset a German timetable, and that the war has not gone according to the high command schedule set up on June 23 when, after the fall of Sevastopol and the occupation of the Kerch Peninsula, the German armies started down into the Caucasus.

Stalingrad stood as a menace on the left flank of Germans who thought they were on the way to Baku, and the direct attack on the city started on August 25.

Half a million men were assigned to the task of taking the town. They were reinforced by some hundreds of thousands more, coming on in waves as the days passed. The Russians estimate they killed 200,000 of them.

On September 15 the Germans said they had taken the main railway station of the city and that the battle was in its "final phase."

The next day a Nazi spokesman said that a special announcement of great importance was awaited within 24 hours from the Fuehrer's headquarters, and the German nation confidently expected that Stalingrad would be added to the long list of conquered cities. The world is still waiting for that special announcement.

On September 17 the Russian command said that vicious fighting was

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5 ALLIED SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Navy Discloses Most Recent Sinkings In Western Atlantic Area

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loss of only five Allied merchantmen in Western Atlantic submarine forays was disclosed last week, but reports of increased U-boat activity between Trinidad and the Western African bulge appeared to presage new and more vicious Axis assaults against United Nations shipping.

Secretary of the Navy Knox declared last week that "the submarines found this (Caribbean area) a better hunting ground than the Atlantic coast," and U-boats now were "especially active below Trinidad."

Announcement from an Allied base in West Africa revealed that a few small, enemy undersea craft, deserting the United Nations warship-patrolled North Atlantic, were

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SMALL CORVETTES HIT FOUR U-BOATS

Norwegian Ships Put Up Battle In Atlantic To Damage Axis Subs

LONDON, Monday, Oct. 12.—(AP)

A quartet of little Norwegian Corvettes and a British destroyer that led them have seriously damaged four Axis submarines and shelled several others in a 48-hour battle in the Atlantic, the British Admiralty announced early today.

The U-boat "Wolf Pack" attacked in relays of as many as seven at a time, by day and night. The Corvettes sighted submarines on the surface 18 times during the day and night battle. The Corvettes themselves delivered 33 attacks, it was said.

The night battles were lighted by an eerie criss-cross of calcium flares, star shells and tracer bullets.

The destroyer Viscount went after the U-boats nine times and the Corvettes made several daring but

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Jeffers Gets Reclaimed Tire



Smiling William Jeffers (left), U. S. rubber czar, is shown in Washington as he accepted a new tire, made entirely of reclaimed rubber. It was given to him by F. S. Carpenter, general manager of the U. S. Rubber Company in New York City. This is a phonephoto.—(Central Press).

Churchill Remains Quiet Or Aid To Russia Query

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Asked three questions paralleling those which Joseph Stalin answered last Sunday in a letter to Henry C. Cassidy, of the Associated Press Prime Minister Churchill stood pat today on previous statements on aid to Russia, saying that no further statement is called for at present.

The reply called particular attention to the Churchill statement in Commons last Tuesday in which he declined to discuss aid to Russia on the

basis of the Stalin-Cassidy letter, hinting his reticence was based on a desire to avoid tipping off the Germans in this "certainly significant" period as to the nature of coming operations.

On the basis of Stalin's broad hints of dissatisfaction over Allied help in his letter to Cassidy, the Associated Press London bureau wrote to Churchill, asking these parallel questions:

1. What place does the possibility of a second front offer?

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HANOVER BOMBED IN BRITISH RAID

RAF Makes Big Foray Against Industrial Cities Of Nazis

LONDON, Oct. 11.—(AP)—RAF bombers made daylight attacks on several places in Western Germany today, including the city of Hanover, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

Other planes made sweeps over the coastal region of Occupied France.

Three fighting planes and two bombers failed to return from these expeditions, it was announced.

The air ministry communique said:

"Daylight attacks were made by aircraft of the bomber command today at several places in Western Germany, including Hanover. Our fighters made sweeps over the St. Omer and Abbeville areas of occupied France. Three of our fighters and two bombers failed to return."

The Air Ministry News service reported that the German soldier, formerly so smart and alert, is dull and dejected and complains openly about the unexpected length of the war, the end of which he cannot see. Germany is on the eve of collapse."

The minister said that tired soldiers are in Belgium and their material is "much reduced in quantity and worn out."

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American Bombers Give Germans Reasons For Changing Defense

LONDON, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Four motored American "Battleships of the air," which in Friday's raid on Lille inflicted the heaviest defeat on the German air force since Dieppe, appear to have presented the Germans with the necessity of revising entirely their methods of defense.

The fortresses and liberators flying in tight, bristling formations and aided by a new technique in the use of their 500-plane fighter escorts, were known or believed to have destroyed and damaged a total of 105 of the very best fighting planes Reichsmarshal Goering can put into the air.

This American victory ranked with the known destruction of 91 Nazi planes during the nine-hour Dieppe operation August 19, and

was doubly significant in that only four of the American bombers were lost Friday while the Allies lost 98 planes in cooperation with the Dieppe landing.

Considering the significance of this score today, Allied airmen wondered if Hitler would not have to revise his whole aerial strategy to try to stop the big bombers.

The cumulative effect of the two shattering defeats, piled on top of the day to day attrition of Western European air war, will drive the Fuehrer to force his aircraft manufacturers to a new pitch of activity and at the same time demand of his designers and strategists a quick solution of the problem presented by the thirteen 50 caliber guns of the fortress and

FAIL TO CAPTURE CITY

Fighting Around Steel Center Confined To Artillery Activity

FIVE HEAVY ATTACKS

Nazis Strike Hard At Caucasus In Effort To Take Grozny

MOSCOW, Monday, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Germans appeared today to have shifted their main attack to the Mozdok area, deep in the Caucasus, after failure in 48 days of fierce assaults against the city of Stalingrad.

The Soviet midnight communique said the fighting inside the shell-torn city was now confined to artillery activity, and it referred also to fighting northwest of Stalingrad as being of "local significance."

In the Mozdok area, however, there were five heavy attacks at one place, the communique said.

Increasing Evidence Seen There had been increasing evidence of this shift for some days both in the German and Russian communique. Yesterday's Soviet communique mentioned large German troop concentrations in the Mozdok area.

(The German High Command spoke Sunday of Russian counterattacks along the Terek river, in the Mozdok sector, and said concentrated night bombing attacks were being made against Grozny, important oil center, which is the objective of the Mozdok drive.)

The Soviet communique indicated (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

NAZI COLLAPSE NOW PREDICTED

Belgian Official In Exile Declares Germany On Verge Of Fall

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Germany is on the verge of collapse on the military and home fronts, Antoine Delbosse, minister of justice and information of the Belgian government in exile, declared in a statement released early today.

"We are in 1918," Delbosse said. "The only point is how long her (Germany's) final struggle will last."

The minister recently escaped to Britain from German-occupied Belgium.

Delbosse said that Belgians have "the leisure to notice evident signs of slow German disintegrations which are the precursors of the final debacle."

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