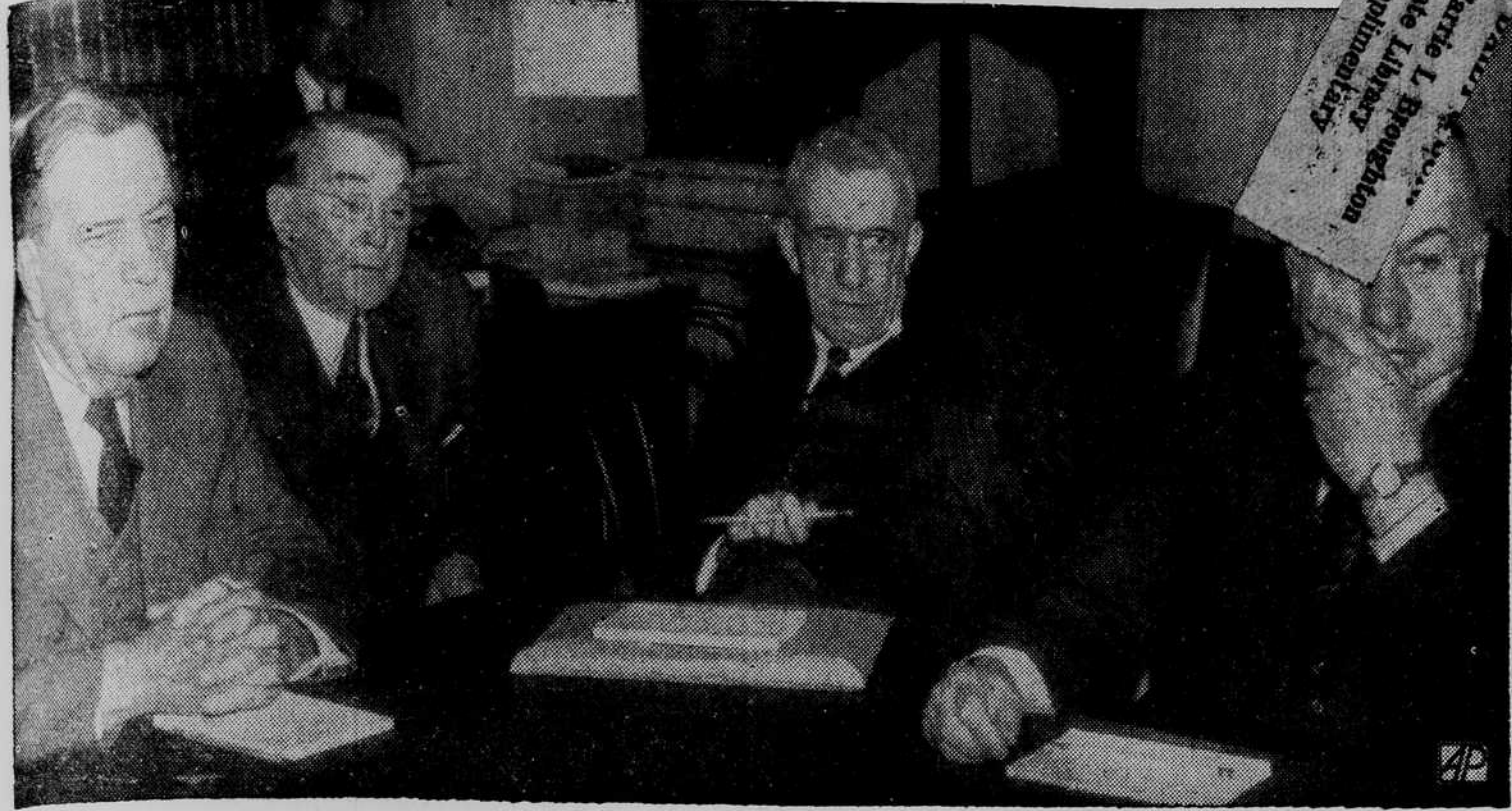


Jeffers And Senators Exchange Quick Words



Quick questions and answers marked the appearance of Ruber Administrator William M. Jeffers before the Senate Agriculture Committee in Washington to discuss a WPB order to substitute rayon for cotton in heavy tire manufacture.

UNITED STATES FORCES HAND JAPS TERRIFIC BEATING FROM SOLOMON ISLES TO ALEUTIANS

ARMY AIR FORCE HITS KISKA BASE

Many Planes Raid Foe's Aleutian Stronghold; Little Opposition

RETURN HOME SAFELY

No Enemy Planes Meet Americans And Anti-Aircraft Fire Small

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Army heavy bombers have made successful new raids on Japanese ships and shore installations at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands while encountering only light opposition, the Navy announced tonight.

No enemy planes rose to meet the American raiders and anti-aircraft fire was described as "moderate."

Navy communique No. 150 said: "North Pacific: Demolition Bombs Used"

"1. On the 8th, 9th and 10th of October, Army heavy bombers, escorted by fighters, continued to bomb enemy installations and ships in the harbor of Kiska. Both demolition and incendiary bombs were used.

"2. Targets for these bombings were chiefly the camp and hangar area and enemy ships in the harbor. Fires were observed ashore and damage was reported on ships in the harbor. In these attacks only moderate anti-aircraft opposition was experienced and no hostile planes were observed in the air. Although receiving minor damage, all of our planes returned.

"3. The various types of Army aircraft employed in these raids were: "Consolidated Liberator" bombers. "Boeing Flying Fortress" bombers. "Lockheed Lightning" fighters. "Bell Airacobra" fighters."

RABAU SMASHED AGAIN BY ALLIES

MacArthur Sends Big Bombers Over Jap Base With Much Success

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia Wednesday, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Supporting Allied naval forces in the Solomon Islands battle area, Gen. Douglas MacArthur sent a large formation of heavy bombers into smashing attacks on the Japanese airbase at Rabaul, New Britain, again yesterday for the third time in a week, a communique said today.

The big bombers attacked during darkness, dropping "many tons" of bombs, including 1,000-pounders, on runways and dispersal areas of the air fields of the great Japanese base where at least 30,000 troops and many planes have been assembled.

In a similar raid announced in last Saturday's communique sixty tons of bombs were dropped on Rabaul and the following day forty tons were dropped.

Today's communique did not say whether the latest attack equalled the previous in extent, but said

didn't think I was going to get out of it alive and I still don't see how I ever did—just luck, I guess."

The Astoria was drawn up in the channel between Guadalcanal and Tulagi Islands, he recalled. "We had been laying a lot of steel into Guadalcanal to help cover the landing of Marines," he related.

"Japanese seaplanes suddenly flew over and dropped a lot of flares and lit us up like Broadway."

The Well-Dressed Cotton Picker



Well protected from the hot sun by a huge hat, Eloise Bethell from Wilmington, was among the students and faculty members of Converse college at Spartanburg, S. C., who helped farmers pick their cotton in the surrounding countryside. The girls were paid wages which they promptly gave to the Red Cross.

U. S. TASK FORCE WAYLAYS ENEMY

Sink Nipponese Cruiser, Four Destroyers And Transport In Pacific

MARINES PRESSING ON

Clinching Hold Around Airfield On Guadalcanal Island

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—From the tropic jungles of the Solomon Islands to the chill shores of the Aleutians, United States Forces have dealt the Japanese enemy a terrific beating by land, sea and air in the last six days, it was revealed tonight.

Three Navy communique gave this account of American onslaughts at both ends of the far-flung Pacific battle front:

A task force of U. S. cruisers and destroyers waylaid an enemy force trying to land troop reinforcements on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons Sunday night and sank one 10,000 ton heavy cruiser, four destroyers and a 5,000 ton transport. One unidentified U. S. destroyer was sunk.

Chase Fleeing Japs

Navy and Marine Corps torpedoed planes and dive bombers, chasing the fleeing remnants of the enemy fleet next day, badly damaged at least one more cruiser and probably sank a destroyer. Total enemy ship losses for these sea and air actions were six ships sunk.

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MALTA DEFENDERS BAG MORE NAZIS

Tiny Island's Garrison Knocks Down 47 Axis Planes In 3 Days

CAIRO, Oct. 13.—Malta's defenders bagged eight more Nazi planes today, bringing a three-day total to 47 definitely destroyed and about 50 more so badly damaged that some probably never regained their Sicilian bases.

Only six Spitfire pilots of the RAF were downed in this sustained struggle over the tiny sentinel island which has impeded Nazi seaborne supplies from Italy to Marshal Rommel's Axis North African troops. Of the downed pilots two were rescued from the sea. Only a few casualties have been suffered and property damage was described as slight.

Only a few of the Junkers 88 bombers which were heavily es-

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Vanity, Improvised



Showing glamorizing herself for an evening out is Lieut. Arnot Todd of New York City, one of the American nurses serving with Uncle Sam's Army in Northern Ireland. She uses an upended crate for a vanity table, a trunk for a seat and a borrowed shaving mirror for her looking glass.

German Attacks On Stalingrad Die Down To Artillery Fire

YOUTH DRAFT LAW PLANS ARE BEGUN

Congress Gets Up Speed To Soon Pass Measure On 18-19 Year Olds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—With speed reminiscent of that with which it declared war last December on Germany, Italy and Japan, Congress went into high gear today to put 18 and 19-year-old boys into Army uniforms.

Responding to President Roosevelt's fireside chat, and to an appeal by Secretary of War Stimson that it help build up "with the minimum delay the finest army in the world," Congressional leaders disclosed plans to rush to House passage this week legislation lowering the draft age from 20 years to 18.

Announcing plans for hearings tomorrow and Thursday and a House vote Saturday, Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee, said the legislation to be considered would provide that "teen-age soldiers be kept out of combat until they have had at least twelve months of training."

On the Senate side, Chairman Reynolds (D-N.C.) of the Military Affairs Committee, said he agreed with President Roosevelt that lowering of the draft age was inevitable. Although Senate hearings might take four or five weeks, he later expressed hope that action might be obtained much sooner.

For his part, he said, he was ready to vote tomorrow.

Some Senators, notably Vandenberg (R-Mich.), said there was considerable "public anxiety" over reports that the Army might be built up to ten to thirteen million men, and expressed hope that the hearings would bring out "as clear a prospectus as possible" of eventual military needs.

Senator Barkley of Kentucky, Democratic leader, told the Senate: "I assume we're going to pass a law. When the President, after consultation with his military and naval advisors, says we need the

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Reds Recapture Street In City; Push Enemy Back Slightly

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Oct. 14.—(AP)—German attacks on the Stalingrad front died down again today and the Soviet midnight communique said Red army troops had recaptured a street given up the previous day and pushed the Germans back slightly in one sector northwest of the battered city.

Beyond the isolated Soviet action in which the street was recaptured the communique said, activity inside the rubble-strewn city again was confined to artillery after a one-day renewal of German assaults.

Action northwest of Stalingrad also appeared to have been restricted to local engagements. The communique said one unit of Elite Guardsmen "pressed back the Germans somewhat" in one engagement and in other sectors the Russians "continued to defend their former positions" and "carried out reconnaissance raids."

Fighting, however, continued heavy in the Mozdok area of the Caucasus and along the Black Sea. In the Mozdok area the communique said, two battalions of German infantry supported by tanks and aircraft, attacked Russian positions but were hurled back to their original positions by fierce artillery and mortar fire after losing 600 men.

Southeast of the German-occupied Black Sea base of Novorossisk, it said, Soviet Marines repelled an enemy attack and "improved their positions." In this engagement two companies of enemy infantry were said to have been wiped out.

Fighting also was renewed on the northwest front, between Mos-

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FIVE TIRE LIMIT ORDERED BY OPA

Henderson Declares Motorists Can Not Have More Than Number

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration formally announced today that motorists would be limited to five tires per car beginning next month and at the same time, disclosed that registration for gasoline ration books would start November 9 in the 31 states where gasoline is now rationed.

Every car owner in these states will be entitled, as in the rationed East, to at least enough gas to drive 2,680 miles per year—slightly less than four gallons per week. Supplemental rations will be provided for necessary purposes upon application to local boards. It had previously been disclosed that actual rationing in the 31 states would become effective November 22.

Nationwide gasoline rationing was recommended by the War Relocation Authority to save the rubber on existing tires.

Henderson said issuance of ration books would be contingent on these two provisions:

1—The car owner must swear he has no more than five tires.

2—He must agree to periodic inspection of his tires.

These provisions also will be extended to the East. Although in those 17 states, motorists will not have to register again for gasoline

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8th Practice Air-Raid Drill Slated For City

The Civilian Protection Corps of New Hanover county will conduct its eighth practice drill tonight between the hours of 8 and 9:30 o'clock.

All incident officers and other civilian protection personnel are requested to be at their posts, Commander C. David Jones said, at 8 o'clock to receive instructions.

There will not be a blackout or test of the siren, he said. Eight incidents will be handled in the city and five in the county.

After the drill the time and type of future practices will be discussed.

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U. S. WILL LEASE PRIVATE HOMES

To Get Quarters For War Workers; Requisition Houses If Needed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The government announced today it would lease privately owned homes and buildings to house war workers, requisitioning the structures and billeting the workers in them if necessary.

National Housing Administrator John B. Blandford said this step would be taken in addition to the \$500,000,000 new construction program now under way because demands for war housing accommodations could not be supplied in time through new construction.

Blandford said all the new housing which could be built by June, 1943, either through public or private resources, could not possibly be expected to be drawn into war production centers before that time.

At least 650,000 workers must be cared for through existing housing, and experience has shown that only a program to convert and remodel the housing can supply enough family accommodations, he said.

Blandford said the government would offer to lease private homes

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Voluntary Manpower Program Not Working Right, Declares FDR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that the voluntary manpower program was not working satisfactorily.

He gave no indication, however, that any immediate request might be made for legislation to put job assignments on a compulsory basis.

Mr. Roosevelt was asked whether he saw any indication that voluntary controls might have to be replaced by compulsory controls through the medium of legislation. A possibility he suggested in a fireside chat last night.

That is the whole point, he remarked, adding that the matter had not been decided yet.

New Senate Chaplain



Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church of Washington, D. C., was appointed Chaplain of the United States Senate. He succeeds the late Dr. Zebarney Phillips.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Occasional rain today with little change in temperature. (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

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