

Reds Repulse Nazi Attacks On Stalingrad

Russians Hold Ground In Steel City And In The Caucasian Zone

NO MAJOR FIGHTING In Mozdok Area, Snowy Mantle Begins Falling Over Mountains

MOSCOW, Thursday, Oct. 15.—(P)—The Red Army, fighting in the welcome chill of an approaching winter, repulsed several more tank-supported German attacks in the Stalingrad and Caucasian areas yesterday without yielding ground, the Soviet Command announced early today.

For the second straight day the communique reported no significant change in the general situation. The German shock troops apparently were in a state of temporary exhaustion or were holding back for replenishment or to switch to another theater.

Two Nazi Companies Killed Two companies of Nazis were reported to have been killed, and five German guns, seven machine-gun positions, and three dugouts destroyed by one Soviet unit operating inside the ruined city where the enemy's attacks have noticeably faltered within the last week.

Northwest of the city only "Battles of local importance" occurred, with the Russians fending off an attack by two infantry companies which lost 100 men, the communique said. Nazi prisoners also were taken in this area where one dispatched said the Red Army had destroyed the enemy from hilltops which had dominated Russian supply roads.

In the Mozak area of the Central Caucasus where a snowy mantle was descending the mountain slopes, the Germans also were contained, the Russians said.

Several German tanks supporting a German infantry regiment broke through Russian defenses in this area individually, but the communique said "fighting went on for the destruction of this group of enemy tanks." On other sectors,

DRAFT AGE DROP REASONS GIVEN

Stimson And Marshall Declare Army Has Too Many Older Men

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(P)—Army plans to build a hard-striking force of at least 7,500,000 men in 1943 were disclosed today by Secretary of War Stimson and General George C. Marshall as the "imperative" reason for lowering the draft age from 20 to 18 years immediately.

Simultaneously, they revealed that Congress that this nation already has 4,250,000 men in the Army alone, 3,250,000 less than the minimum requirements by the end of next year.

Achievement of the 7,500,000 goal would mean that Uncle Sam would have at the end of 1943 an Army almost twice the size of the estimated 4,000,000 men in uniform at the end of World War No. 1.

Both Stimson and Marshall, the Army chief of staff, said the Army had too many older men, who would find it hard to stand the strain of modern war, and Marshall

Don't Hold Scrap Back

(An Editorial)

The Wilmington area has done a good job thus far in contributing to the scrap metal campaign which, for the present is sponsored by the Star-News as a part of the national newspaper crusade. The people, both house dwellers and industrial firms, have made a splendid record which must make even sluggish hearts beat a little faster with pride.

But it is to be regretted that all owners of idle metal are not doing their full part. There is a great quantity of old machinery, boilers, mechanical appliances of one sort and another, still to be sold and delivered. It is serving no good purpose now. Its future usefulness is exceedingly doubtful. Certainly it could never be put to such good use as being converted into tanks and shells and ships and all the other many war tools of which steel is a most vital part.

Now it is rusting away. As machinery its value is negligible. As scrap it has a value far in excess of any reapplication in its original functions.

Owners are under heavy obligation, in the interest of the nation's war program, to sell it. To SELL it, not give it away. The government is paying for all scrap turned in. No gift is asked, or expected. Every pound brings compensation.

Is cash so easy that the money available for junk is not worth considering? And is patriotism so cheap that Americans can leave the metal which could be going into war tools exposed to the weather to rot, when the very existence of the country's liberty is at stake, and can be jeopardized by a steel bottle neck?

In addition to this junk that is being withheld there is need for heavy trucks and strong crews to move it when owners recognize their duty and sell it. In the past, the collection in New Hanover county of heavy pieces of metal has been handicapped by lack of enough heavy trucks for transportation to junk yards. The army has helped, the junk dealers have loaned their rolling stock, the WPA has put two trucks into service, but none of these has fully met the need.

Surely, among the trucking firms operating out of Wilmington there are some who could donate a part of their heavy equipment and crews for this vital work. It would not be necessary to assign any trucks to the job regularly. Definite hours could be set for collections and the crews given specific directions where to go, so that no time need be lost. This would not involve an actual sacrifice, but even if it did it ought to be made, willingly, in the cause of freedom, and made now.

WATER PROJECT CONTRACTS LET

A. H. Guion, F. D. Cline Companies To Build City's New System

The A. H. Guion Company of Charlotte and the F. D. Cline Construction company of Raleigh were awarded contracts for the construction of the proposed King's bluff water supply project here by the city council yesterday morning on a joint bid of \$1,642,880 submitted by the two firms.

The V. P. Loftis company of Charlotte was the only other bidder. Its bid was \$2,445,170.

Yesterday's contract award, however, is subject to approval by the Federal Works Agency, it was pointed out.

A resolution requesting the Federal government to provide additional funds to take care of the increase of the estimated cost of construction of the city's entire waterworks improvement project was unanimously adopted by the council.

The over-all increase in the cost of the project amounts to only \$269,000, City Attorney W. B. Campbell said, despite the fact that estimates were drawn up last February.

The council's action yesterday placed the last division of the city's \$2,889,000 waterworks project under contract.

Work is already underway on the main extension and the filter plant. Release of steel is needed before construction can begin on the two storage tanks, designed to provide an emergency source of water pressure.

The Federal Works Agency is providing 60 per cent of the funds while the remaining 40 per cent is being furnished by two municipal bond issues, approved by the voters last December and last June.

The major item in yesterday's contract was the 22-mile, 30-inch

FDR MAY CONTROL RENTS IN NATION

House Group Approves Plan To Allow Presidential Stabilization

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(P)—Broad legislation authorizing and directing the President to stabilize all rents, commercial as well as residential, and hotel rates throughout the United States and its possessions was approved speedily today by the House Banking Committee.

No opposition developed in the committee after James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, appealed for action on the ground that uncontrolled rents had risen as much as 200 percent in some places.

Leaders planned to call the bill up in the House for passage tomorrow under procedure requiring unanimous consent for its consideration. If any member blocks this action, however, the bill probably will go over for consideration later under such procedure as the rules committee may provide.

Unlike the recent act authorizing and directing the President to stabilize wages at the levels of September 15 as far as practicable, the rent bill stipulated no level at which rents should be frozen. Steps already taken to control rents under existing law, however, have aimed at bringing about reductions to the levels of last March 1.

The provision extending rent control to the transient rates charged by hotels and rooming houses was not originally requested by Byrnes, but was inserted by committee

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WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Occasional rain over east portion 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:

Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 70; 7:30 a. m. 69; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 73; maximum 80; minimum 68; normal 74; normal 66. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 100; 7:30 a. m. 98; 1:30 p. m. 73; 7:30 p. m. 83. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.55 inches; total since the first of the month, 4.09 inches.

U. S. SUBS SINK NIPPONESE CRUISER ON GUADALCANAL AND HIT AIRPORT;

4 OTHER VESSELS SENT TO BOTTOM

3 More Ships Damaged By American Raiders In Far Pacific

AVENGE NAVY LOSSES

Latest Reports Bring Enemy Casualties To 18 In Two Days

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(P)—American submarines operating in Japanese dominated waters of the Western Pacific have sunk an enemy heavy cruiser and four other vessels and damaged three more, one of which probably sank, the Navy reported today.

Disclosure of the undersea successes raised the total of enemy ship casualties officially announced in two days to 18, of which 11 ships were sunk, two probably sunk and five damaged.

Those sunk included two heavy cruisers, destruction of which at least partially avenged the loss of three American heavy cruisers announced by the Navy three days ago as having been sunk at the outset of the Solomon Islands campaign in August.

The recent record occasioned considerable satisfaction in naval quarters here on the ground that such attrition of Japan's naval strength must inevitably increase the enemy's difficulties in maintaining his extended supply line while protecting his bases scattered over the Central, Western and Southwest Pacific.

The communique making one of the Navy's periodic reports on Pacific submarine operations listed these results without telling how any of the actions occurred:

Sunk—a heavy cruiser, medium sized cargo ship, small cargo ship, small tanker, and small trawler.

Probably sunk—a medium sized cargo ship.

Damaged—a large tanker and medium sized tanker.

Navy men expressed the opinion that there was undoubtedly a dramatic turn behind the destruction of the cruiser, which is considered a most formidable target for submarine attack. Ordinarily several torpedoes would be required to sink such a ship which under usual circumstances would have a strong destroyer escort.

RAF BOMBS SMASH NAZI NAVAL BASE

Hundreds Of Big Bombers Rain Devastation On Kiel Shipyards

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(P)—Some hundreds of bombers, including many of Britain's biggest dynamite carriers, gave the German naval and submarine base of Kiel one of its most destructive blastings of the war last night, it was announced today.

Two-ton "block busters" sprinkled with incendiaries smashed a shed among the dockyards and ship-building facilities, leaving large fires and flying debris, pilots reported.

Meanwhile, in daylight today, Spitfire patrols attacked a freight train and workshops near Lannion in Northern France, and damaged two minesweepers off the French coast, while Beaufighters attacked German motor torpedo boats off the Dutch coast.

It was the 70th raid on Kiel since September, 1939, but the first in nearly six months—a period which

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NOTICE! If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 3311 before 9:00 a. m., and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

Bumper Goes Into War Effort



Ed M. Anderson, left, immediate past president of the North Carolina Press Association, that is sponsoring the N. C. newspapers scrap metal contest, is shown congratulating Jack Schulman, well known Brevard merchant, for being the first motorist to join the "Transylvania Scrap Bumper Club."

County Scrap Collection Total Reaches 3,129,741 Pound Mark

NATION TO BEGIN TIRE PURCHASES

Plan To Start Today In Effort To Keep United States Rolling

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(P)—The government will begin purchasing motorists' "excess" tires tomorrow in an effort to create a huge national stockpile to keep America rolling.

Details of the purchase plan were announced today by the office of Price Administration in connection with nationwide gasoline rationing which limits each car to five tires.

The defense supplies corporation has advanced \$150,000,000 to finance the program, and designated 160 warehouses throughout the country as delivery points. The Railway Express agency will collect the tires and transport them to the warehouses.

While gasoline rationing puts a limit on the number of tires to sell each car, DSC will purchase tires which motorists desire to sell.

Under OPA regulations, gasoline rationing will be issued to private cars only after owners list all their tires by serial number and certify they have no more than five tires for each car. In the already-rationed East, the certification will be required for continuous use of coupon books.

OPA said the maximum penalty for false certification was a fine of \$10,000 and a ten-year prison term. Except in the East register

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Evidence Shows Axis Subs Moving Forays Down African Coast

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(P)—Accumulated evidence indicated strongly today that U-boat warfare is spreading systematically down the African Atlantic coast to Capetown and an authoritative British source said warships of the United Nations probably were seeking out mother ships and shore bases along the Allied shipping route to the Indian Ocean.

The British spokesmen, who could not be named, told today of the intensifying German submarine campaign in the area around the Cape of Good Hope and of the Allied counter-measures probably being undertaken already.

Collection Of 359,965 Lbs. Wednesday Boosts Total Skyward

A collection of 359,965 pounds yesterday in the newspaper-sponsored scrap metal drive in Wilmington and New Hanover county swelled the total for the 13 day drive here to more than three million pounds and boosted the county to second place in the state campaign.

The drive figure now stands at 3,129,741 pounds, a per capita rate of 65.8 pounds.

Biggest boost to the drive was given by the 225,000 pounds contribution of the Southern Junk company, which reported that they had collected that amount through their own efforts since October 1. Roberts Auto Exchange reported a collection of 78,120 pounds while Murrell's Auto Exchange said they had contributed 17,005 pounds to the drive.

Boy Scouts in their week-end collection garnered 21,490 pounds which was added to yesterday's total.

Working only a half day yesterday four Army trucks turned in a total of 5,100 pounds while the Brigade Boys club truck collected 13,250 pounds. W. A. Stewart, of the Salvage committee, said.

Nine Army trucks will be on the job today, Mr. Stewart said, and the collection job is expected to move along much faster.

Biggest individual donation yesterday was made by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morgan, proprietors of the Brunswick hotel, who cleaned out their place of business and produced 8,000 pounds of scrap metal. Their contribution included a steel table. A steel filing cabinet, donated to the drive by Louie Woodbury, Jr., added 1,200 pounds to the total.

As a further effort to boost the collection in Wilmington, the Star-News scrap metal matinee show will be given at the Bailey theatre Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Only persons contributing two or more pounds of scrap will be admitted. The scrap metal movie is

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The 'Welles Episode' May Not Affect Amity With Southern Nations

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 14.—(P)—A high government official declared today that "the Welles episode" would not affect relations between Argentina and the United States "which will continue as friendly and cordial as always."

Mentioning no names, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles observed October 8 that two American republics "are still permitting their territory to be utilized by the officials and the subversive agents of the Axis as a base for hostile activities against their neighbors."

WILLKIE CONFERS WITH ROOSEVELT

FDR's Personal Envoy To War Zones Makes No Comment On Meeting

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie, back from a 31,000-mile trip to United Nations war fronts, conferred with President Roosevelt late today and declared flatly afterward that "in my judgment, Germany will never conquer Russia."

Willkie nevertheless renewed his appeal, first made in Moscow, for the opening of a second front.

He based this appeal, he said, on an analysis of the recommendations of military leaders of Britain, Russia, China, and the United States. And he told reporters he had had considerable experience in judging recommendations of technical experts.

He had his own ideas where a second front should be opened, he said, but he kept it to himself.

The man who opposed President Roosevelt in the 1940 elections, as the Republican party's presidential nominee, circled the world in 50 days as the Chief Executive's personal representative. He visited the Middle East, Russia and China, arriving in Washington in the late afternoon. Then, for an hour and a half, he gave what he described as very frank observations and conclusions to the President. He would not say specifically what he had reported and he preferred that Mr. Roosevelt say whether the President was satisfied with his mission and with his report.

To a question what he thought of the cause of the United Nations, after making his tour of 14 separate countries, Willkie replied that there were "some things he wanted to comment on only after more deliberation."

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Reports Of Nazi Rift With Italy Now Heard

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(P)—Reports of a widening rift between Germany and Italy came from neutral European capitals today as Hitler's Gestapo strongarm chief visited Rome and conferred at length with Mussolini in what seemed obvious to be something more than a social call.

As a possible clue to the topic of discussion between Heinrich Himmler and Il Duce, reports which filtered out of the Axis camp indicated strongly that Germany has grown increasingly suspicious of her junior partner's attitude toward the United States.

Reported among the findings that fed the flames of this distrust were:

MAJOR OFFENSIVE BELIEVED COMING

Bold Operations By Foe Is Carried Out Despite Loss Of Naval Craft

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Navy Loses No Time In Announcing Latest Move By Togo In Pacific

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(P)—The Japanese landed heavy reinforcements on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons early today, and indications tonight were that a major battle was impending, if not actually begun, between the strengthened enemy and the Marines spearheading the American offensive in the Southwest Pacific.

Announcement of the enemy landings was made by the Navy Department tonight in a special communique based on reports received up to 7:30 p. m. Eastern War Time.

The communique also reported that Japanese warships had bombarded the American airfield and shore installations on the strategic island two nights before the landings were undertaken.

No Opposition Revealed These bold operations were carried out successfully by the determined enemy despite the fact that only last week-end a U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force had repelled a landing attempt and smashed eight Jap ships while Marines had fought forward to advanced positions on the edge of the northernmost section of the island where the enemy troops are concentrated.

The latest landings were made on the coast of this same section. Whether they were opposed by U. S. Army, Navy and Marine aircraft stationed on Guadalcanal was not stated in the communique. Neither was there any mention of the

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U. S. BESTS NAZIS IN DESERT SKIES

American Fighter Pilots Win Major Battle Over Axis In Egypt

CAIRO, Oct. 14.—(P)—Fighter pilots of the U. S. Army Air Forces were disclosed today to have fought and won their first major battle over the Egyptian desert as the surge of heavy aerial warfare spread from Malta in mid-Mediterranean to the mainland battle areas of Africa.

Twelve U. S. fighters, escorting fighter-bombers of the South African Air Force, tangled for twenty furious minutes Tuesday with 20 Axis fighters, both Messerschmitts and Macchi-202s, which were guarding a formation of a dozen Stukas.

Two Messerschmitt-109s were shot down and others damaged by the Americans; while the South Africans after dropping their bombs on enemy targets in the El Alamein battle zone, tore into the Stukas. They shot down two of these Junkers-87s,

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Teen-Agers Out To Beat America's Call To Draft

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Teen-agers are crowding recruiting stations in most sections of the nation, a survey disclosed last night. The recruiting tempo went up markedly as plans were speeded in Washington for drafting 18 and 19-year-olds.

The upswing in enlistments was experienced mostly in Army recruiting offices. Navy authorities said the bulk of their enlistments normally were in the teen-age group.

At Detroit, Army recruiting had swelled so by yesterday that Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Bachus, recruiting chief, added two rooms to the of-

ice and referred inquiries to a special staff of recruiting officers.

The Little Rock, Ark., recruiting station reported an increase in the number of parents asking about various branches of the Army for which their teen-age sons might be eligible.

Army recruiting of youths 17-19 at Cleveland was up 75 percent in a week, although the Navy reported no noticeable rise there, and at Baltimore hundreds jammed stations on one of their busiest days.

At Rochester, N. Y., recruiting of youngsters doubled since Monday. Recruiting at Buffalo, N. Y.,

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