

KNOX MEETS EISENHOWER IN ITALY



Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox is greeted by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at an airport in Italy. Telek, the general's Scottish terrier, was also on hand for the meeting. Knox is on a tour of the Italian war front. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)

Administration Against Federal Sales Tax Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. — (AP) — The Administration aligned itself solidly today against a federal retail sales tax, and congressional opposition developed to any compulsory savings program as a part of the new revenue law.

Other developments on the swiftly changing tax front included:

1. Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson apparently failed to muster Congressional interest in the Administration's \$10,500,000,000 new tax program, members of the Ways and Means committee leaning toward a much lower figure.

2. Rep. Celler (D-N. Y.) declared in a statement that an increase in the liquor tax from \$6 to \$10 a gallon, as recommended by the Administration, would cause a return to "bootlegging and hijacking."

3. President Philip Murray of the CIO wrote Ways and Means Chairman Douglas (D-NC) opposing any downward revision of personal exemptions in paying income taxes.

4. Rep. Falmer (D-S.C.), who is chairman of the House Agriculture committee urged adoption of the Treasury recommendation for repeal of the 3 per cent levy on transportation of property.

Vinson told the Ways and Means committee a 10 per cent sales tax, calculated to bring in \$6,000,000,000 annually, would break the government's "hold the line" home-front policy and open the way for wild inflation, Treasury witnesses previously made the same argument.

Sponsors of a sales tax expressed doubt that it could pass, in view of the Administration's position.

Other developments of the day: The Senate, gathered in an unusual secret session, heard five of them number who have just toured battlefronts call for a firm foreign policy, especially to assure American use of airfields now being built around the world.

Secretary of War Stimson reported that the first four weeks of the Salerno fighting cost 8,307 American casualties, including 511 killed in action.

The House Immigration committee voted 8 to 4 to repeal the old Chinese exclusion acts.

Larger allowances for dependents of servicemen were voted by

Before Lodge spoke, the Senate had heard Senator Russell (D-Ga.), standing beside a huge globe map of the world criticize the British because, he said, they are passing lease-lend materials to other countries without giving credit to the United States.

He suggested that American relief and rehabilitation in occupied countries be under military, instead of civilian, direction, and said there was lack of a clear foreign policy to guide American military, economic and diplomatic representatives in their competition with the British.

NAZIS HURL ARMORED DIVISIONS AT ALLIED ARMY ON ADRIATIC COAST; RUSSIANS OPEN HUGE DRIVE AND CROSS DNEIPEK RIVER

Vila Seems To Be Clear Of Japanese

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, Oct. 8. — (AP) — Starving and short of ammunition, the Japanese apparently have abandoned their principal air base of Vila and, at considerable cost in lives and ships, have fled the entire southern half of Kolombangara island in the Solomons, General MacArthur announced today. Evacuation of the rest of the island is in progress.

"Cutting of supply lines supporting Vila, accomplished several weeks ago by our surprise occupation of Vella Lavella to the north, thus outflanking all sea supply routes, has forced the enemy to attempt to evacuate his troops from Kolombangara," a communique said.

"Vila and the southern part of the island apparently already have been abandoned by troops moving toward the northern shores.

"For several nights by barge and small warship, the attempt at evacuation has been progressing. Many barges have been sunk with great loss of enemy life and some of his troops undoubtedly escaped to safety. The enemy's struggle to evacuate continues."

Vila, which is across the Kula gulf from American won New Georgia and has undergone artillery shelling from American forces on nearby Arundel, once garrisoned an estimated 10,000 men.

Over a wide area, Allied planes struck at enemy shipping. The communique reported at least 27 small Japanese boats, ranging from barges to cargo ships, sunk and at least 12 enemy planes destroyed.

The enemy's Vila garrison has been in an untenable position since the Americans drove the Japanese from New Georgia and occupied Vella Lavella, thus putting forces north and south of Kolombangara.

Recently the Japanese have been evacuating troops from Vila by large to Choiseul and Bougainville, many of these self-propelled vessels falling prey to bombs of Allied planes.

The Japanese have paid heavily in lives lost in these bombings, headquarters said today.

Off Choiseul, 18 such barges were smashed in the latest air attack by Aircobras.

But some of the Japanese did reach safety, headquarters added. Such an evacuation means virtual clearance of the enemy from the central Solomons except possibly for small groups still contesting the Americans on Vella Lavella.

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County Disease Rate Very Low In View Of Crowded Conditions

"Considering the increase in population of New Hanover county during the past year the total number of diseases reported have not been alarming — with the exception of meningitis," stated Dr. A. H. Elliot, county health officer.

ADVANCE IS SLOW

Reds Claim Bridgeheads Being Widened At Heavy Cost To Foe

ENEMY IS THREATENED

2,000 Mile Front Ablaze From Leningrad To Southern Area

LONDON, Oct. 7. — (AP) — The Red army in a smashing renewal of its 1943 offensive has cracked the vaunted German middle Dnieper river defense line, establishing three west bank bridgeheads and extending them "step by step" despite furious German counterattacks which are being repulsed with heavy losses, Moscow announced tonight.

The Russians also have captured a springboard to Latvia and have virtually liquidated German resistance in the Caucasus opposite the Crimea in the resumed offensive, this time rolling ahead on nearly a 2,000-mile front from Leningrad southward.

May Force New Retreat

The smashes across the Dnieper threatened to trap hundreds of thousands of Germans in the river loop and force another German withdrawal—this time clear back into Rumania and Poland.

Tonight's communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, was read twice over the Moscow radio and was followed by patriotic songs—a procedure reserved for great events. It listed these sweeping Russian gains:

Soviet forces planted themselves firmly across the middle Dnieper on the west bank north of Kiev, south of Pereyaslav, 50 miles southeast of the kraie capital, and southeast of Kremenchuk between that city and Dnepropetrovsk on the river bend.

The Russian movement suggested another great series of annihilation pincers similar to those

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NAPLES IS TORN BY GERMAN MINE

Scores Of Italians Killed When Time Bomb Rips Postoffice

By NOEL MONKS Representing the Combined British Press

NAPLES, Oct. 7. — (AP) — One of the war's greatest atrocities was perpetrated against the Neapolitans by the Germans today when a delayed action mine containing several hundred tons of high explosive, planted in the basement of the postoffice building, went off.

Scores of Italian civilians, including many women and children, were blown to pieces as the whole pavement in the Via Armondo Diaz was flung into the air.

Practically every person on the ground floor of the postoffice was killed as well as many civilians walking in the street a block away. People also were killed in adjoining buildings.

The explosion occurred at one of the busiest times of the day when hundreds of Neapolitans

VICTORIOUS AMERICANS ENTER NAPLES



Residents of Naples wave on a truckload of American soldiers as they roll into the city shortly after the Nazis had been driven out. Note the arrow on the wall, painted by the Italians remaining in the city, indicating the direction that should be taken by the Yank troops. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International.)

RETREAT IS ENDED

Germans Battling Eighth Army Along 125 Mile Italian Front

SEEMS WELL PREPARED

Foe Appears Set To Make Invaders Pay Dear Price For Rome

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 7. — (AP) — The Germans have rushed an armored division to the Adriatic coast and have opened a bitter battle against the British Eighth Army, ending their 300-mile retreat and finally taking a stand against the advancing Allies along a 125-mile front across Italy.

After a slow withdrawal since the Allies first invaded the Italian mainland with the landing of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army at Reggio Calabria September 3, the German army apparently has entrenched itself for a strong stand and is determined to make the United Nations pay a dear price for their next major objective, Rome.

The Germans were disclosed at Allied headquarters today to be rushing the fortification of the Volturno river line north of Naples against Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American Fifth Army, which reported continued dogged progress despite extensive Nazi demolitions and a heavy rain which left the battlefield soggy.

British Admit Loss Of Landing Grounds On The Isle Of Coo

CAIRO, Oct. 7. — (AP) — The British declared today that fierce resistance against German forces landing on the Dodecanese island of Coo was continuing, but admitted the Germans had captured a number of landing grounds and now control the town of Cos.

A British communique said the small force of Allied defenders on the island, in the Aegean sea, was exacting a heavy toll from the Germans.

RAF bombers rained explosives on the nearby islands of Rhodes and Crete Tuesday night, pounding German airfields.

RAF fighters, who attacked German landing parties at Cos Sunday when the Nazis launched their attack to wrest the island from the Allies, said they swooped low with cannons blazing, and planted bombs among the Nazi vessels, and that they saw wrecked and smoking landing equipment scattered along the beach.

Navy Assault On Wake Island Is New Challenge To Jap Navy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. — (AP) — The Navy assault on Wake island challenges anew Japan's control of the West-Central Pacific.

If the Japanese fleet won't come out and fight now, the whole, huge mandated island area on which Tokyo has relied heavily for defense of the empire must be considered vulnerable to early American conquest.

The betting among military and naval authorities is that the fleet won't come out, that key points in the Marshall, Gilbert and Caroline islands will be taken against strictly localized resistance and that before the war is many more months along Allied Pacific strategy will have succeeded in cutting the enemy's economic jugular vein through the China sea.

NAZIS SCHEDULE PURGE IN ITALY

Hitler Reported Planning To Wipe Jews From All Europe

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 7. — (AP) — Adolf Hitler was reported today to have ordered all Jews cleared out of Europe before the end of the war, with a purge in Italy scheduled to follow immediately after the current persecution in Denmark.

The capitulation of the Badoglio government in Italy already is being blamed in Rome on the Jews, according to reports received here, and German papers in Rome declare that "Fascism demands that Jews should be rendered harmless and must disappear from the national life of Italy."

This phrase is similar to that used in official German announcements launching the pogrom in Denmark.

The Stockholm newspaper Social Demokraten said it had learned from informed German circles that a Hitlerian decree already had been issued ordering all Jews cleared from Europe.

The order was declared being carried out under storm troop leadership by Eichmann, known as the "Jew dictator" of Europe. Eichmann was born in Palestine after his parents went there as German colonists.

Another Swedish source was told by a high German elite guard officer who visited here recently that "whether we win the war or not, one thing is sure: not a single Jew

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YUGOSLAVS THROW TANKS INTO PUSH

Guerrillas Using Modern Weapons Against German Forces

LONDON, Oct. 7. — (AP) — A Yugoslav Partisan broadcast reported in London tonight said Yugoslav guerrilla fighters had thrown tanks into the battle for the Istrian peninsula and destroyed 10 German tanks and one German plane.

News of the victory, said to have occurred near Jedreska, was not included in the regular communique of the people's liberation army, but Yugoslavs here with Partisan connections reported hearing the broadcast detailing the tank fight.

Sixty-five German soldiers were said to have been killed while the Yugoslav forces lost four tanks.

Yugoslav sources in London were unable to say what type of tanks the Partisans were using or where they were obtained.

(Daniel de Luce, Associated Press)

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Siberian Bases For Allies Could Save Million American Lives, Says Senator

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. — (AP) — The Senate, afforded a bomb bay view of the fighting fronts in reports from three globe-girdling members, heard an estimate from one today that a million American lives can be saved in conquering Japan if Russia will open Siberian bases to Allied bombers.

Senator Lodge (R-Mass.), one of the group who reported behind the public and the press for the first time since June, 1942, gave this estimate in a review dealing largely with the toughness of the fighting in the Pacific.

While the session was secret, many members talked fully about it afterward and some said they saw no reason for the secrecy.

Permits Are Issued For \$52,365 In New Building Work Here

Permits were issued for an estimated \$52,365 in new construction and alterations here during September, City Building Inspector Gilbert C. Morton said Thursday.

The permits brought the city \$254 in fees.

The major permits went for three alteration contracts, to be completed by the government under the Homes Conversion program, a \$8,210 job at 114 Market street, a \$7,897 job at 311 North Third street, and a \$11,420 job at 110 Orange street. The conversions are being made to furnish apartments for war workers.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA: Continued cool. (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., 7:30 a. m., 54; 1:30 p. m., 74; 7:30 p. m., 65. Maximum 82; Minimum 66; Mean 74; Normal 68.

Humidity 1:30 a. m., 69; 7:30 a. m., 79; 1:30 p. m., 28; 7:30 p. m., 69. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 0.00 inches.

New Crisis Develops For Nazi Army As Russians Begin Another Campaign

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON A new and grave crisis has developed for the Nazis in Russia, threatening their whole northern flank to the Baltic.

A major Russian offensive is under way in the Velikie Luki-Novosokolniki-Nevel triangle, north of the Dnieper line. Nevel already has been captured.

That is the most critical sector of the long eastern front for the Germans. Linked with Russian thrusts converging on the Vitebsk gateway just to the south above the Orsha bend of the Dnieper, the fall of Nevel could crack the German front apart. It could send the whole north flank to Leningrad back in precipitate retreat to avoid being cut off from the rear.

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