#### WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

# Experts Call U.S. Attacks on Solomons 'Upset' to All Jap Strategy in Pacific; Nazis Pay Dearly for New Advances As Russ Succeed in Blasting Oil Wells

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#### UPSET: To Jap Strategy

Aerial support from captured land based airdromes was aiding the U. S. marines as they extended their footnolds gained in the Solomon islands. This important step marked the second major phase of U. S. at driving the Japs forever from the

When this first American offensive ter told a press conference that of the Pacific war opened, planes from General MacArthur's forces in Australia were the only land based craft which could aid the operation, Now, however, the marines had pushed for enough forward to oper-

Japs had been proffinlely using a tions," large harbor for raids on United This, Nations shipping lanes to Australia. short" statement, indicated to ob-That this menace had been overcome to some degree was indicated by the lack of Jap reports on such shipping. This looked too as if Jap reinforcements for their Solomon forces had either been swept out of the sector or had been pushed near to Australia and thus subjected to attack from that direction.

Another objective for the United Nations in the Solomons had been Guadacanal, one of the few islands suitable for a good-sized airfield.

Even as the marines blasted forward to these targets, warplanes under the command of General Mac-Arthur were pounding unmercifully at Jap-held points nearer Australia. On New Britain, Rabaul, junction of the Jap aerial lifeline to the Coral sea and New Guinea, was pounded constantly. Likewise on New Guinea, Salamaus was a prize objective of the bombings.

#### RUSSIAN OIL: Proves Hard to Get

The loss of another Caucasus oil city to the Germans was admitted in a Russian communique which stated that Malkop had fallen, but only after "equipment . . . and all supplies of oil were evacuated in time and the oil establishments themselves were made completely

The application of Russia's famous scorehed earth policy was told in the communique. "The German Fascists who expected with the capture of Maikop to enrich themselves



TIMOSHENKO Set for new tactics.

at the expense of Soviet oil have miscalculated. They did not get the Soviet oil and will not get it.

Evidence that huge air battles were being waged about the Russian front from the Caucasus to the north came with the official report that during the previous week the Nazis had lost 369 planes against 241 So. Five Times Ours' viet planes lost.

New tactics were being employed by the Germans in the battle for Stalingrad. Self-propelled artillery was coupled with tanks and motorized infantry to crack Soviet lines. But Marshal Simeon Timoshenko had had time to mass artillery to oppose the enemy.

The report admitted that the Nazis had made a minor gain by hammering a wedge into the advance defense positions of one infantry regiment on the Kletskaya front, However, a Russian infantry unit reported fighting northeast of Kotelnikovo was said to have repulsed several Nazi attacks and then routed a Rumanlan regiment.

# SECOND FRONT:

Time Is Short Those thousands of people all over the world who have been clamoring for a "second front" to aid the hardpressed Russians and overthrow Hitler, received a hint of the urgency of preparations going on for such a military and naval activity aimed program when Lieut. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, commander of U. S. army forces in the European thea-

> "the time is short." Said the general:

"Training in all its phases must be intensive. This is true first because time is short, second because the problems we have demand the ultimate in trained personnel, Chief objective of the long-planned and third because our men must be and complicated offensive in the toughened and hardened physically Solomons was Tulagi, where the to stand the most rigorous opera-

This, coupled with his "time is



EISENHOWER "Time is short."

servers that General Eisenhower's attitude reflected the feeling in many unofficial circles to the effect that a second front is needed at the earliest possible moment and also that the British have found the Germans to be a tough and hardy

### MOSLEMS SPEAK: On Cooperation

If the British continue to sacrifice Moslems' interests in seeking peace with the Hindu-dominated All-India Congress party, it will mean the end of co-operation between 80,000,000 Moslems and the British empire.

That warning was uttered by Mo-All-India Moslem league, which has not participated in Mohandas K. Gandhi's passive resistance campaign for immediate Indian independence.

Although the Moslems are a minority in the Indian population, they have contributed far more than their share of men to the 1,000,000 guarding against an expected attack by the Japanese.

Jinnah, in a press conference, explained his position thus:

In his capacity as leader of the Moslem league, he offered at the beginning of the war to co-operate with the British. This assurance has been given many times. But, he said, the Congress party, consisting mostly of Hindu political elements (and a minority of Moslem representation) consistently has refused to co-operate. Because of this, the British have attempted to satisfy the Hindus with more and more offers of a part in the government Each concession, he pointed out, weakens the Moslems' strength while building that of the Hindus.

# JAP NAVAL LOSSES:

In face of ridiculous Japanese claims in the southwestern Pacific, Adm. Arthur J. Hepburn, new chairman of the navy's general board, announced that Jap naval losses since the start of the war have been possibly five times as great as those of the United States, including losses at Pearl Harbor.

"Their losses in tonnage have been several times ours, perhaps as great as five times as much," Hepburn stated. That includes Pearl Harbor. Most of the damage done there has been repaired.

"And one thing you want to remember is that we are very conservative in our claims. When we say a ship is sunk, she's sunk."

# HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

DISEMBARKED: Nazi radio reports claimed that a number of ing for New York was the word U. S. ships disembarked American from the office of Mayor F. H. Latroops at "various ports throughout Guardia, who said that some sort Iraq." This was unconfirmed by of- of plan must be worked out to conficial U. S. dispatches.

NOISELESS: A noiseless propeller which eliminates the hum that during those hours tenants should submarines use to detect ships has be willing to accept only warm wabeen perfected by a Scottish scientist. | ter," he said.

HOT WATER: Hot water rationserve fuel. Under a suggested plan hot water would be available only between certain hours. "And even

### TRANSPORTATION: Peak Load Ahead

Defense Transportation Chief Joseph B. Eastman warned that with the fall opening of schools and colleges, local transportation systems will face their heaviest load in his-

Walking a little farther to the bus stop, strap hanging and other



JOSEPH B. EASTMAN Strap hanging . . . A necessity."

minor inconveniences are fast becoming patriotic necessities," he de-

When the peak of the load comes in mid-September, he said, busses and street cars will be carrying 40 per cent more passengers than a year ago. For the most part this will be due to curtailment of private automobile use and the increasing demands of war workers.

#### WAR DEPARTMENT: Marshall Upped

In a move designed to further speed the war effort, the duties of the office of chief of staff, now filled by Gen. George C. Marshall, were redefined by regulations making him an "executive" under the President.

For the first time in history the army chief of staff became "the executive through whom the President, as commander-in-chief, exercises his functions in relation to strategy, tactics and operations."

Some observers saw in the move a possibility that General Marshall would be tied to Washington to transmit presidential orders to the armies abroad.

At the war department, spokesmen interpreted the change as an official recognition of an accomplished fact. It was pointed out that field commanders already had been appointed; General Eisenhower in Europe, General MacArthur in Australia, General Emmons in Hawaii, General DeWitt in the West and General Drumm on the East coast.

## SHIP LAUNCHING: Bad News for Axis

An answer to the challenge of the Axis' submarine campaign resounded in the waters along the Maine coast when six cargo ships totaling 61,000 tons and two destroyers to help protect them from U-boats took hammed Ali Jinnah, leader of the to the Atlantic in a single day in a mass launching that broke all records for the shipbuilding yards near

Portland. One after another six new merchantmen built for the British Purchasing commission were christened and floated from constuction basins to start the day's celebration. Two of these had required only 48 days' building time. The other four took

61 days. As tugs pulled out the new cargo ships, the berths were immediately made ready for keels of five more.

The two new destroyers were the Conway and the Cony. The crowd present at the launchings heard Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, United States Maritime commission chairman, challenge the Axis to sink our ships faster than they are built.

#### NAZI EXECUTIONS: Dutch Are Stubborn

Nazi ferocity was visited on Occupied Holland when Heinrich Himmler's Gestapo executioners killed their first hostages in the Netherlands. The victims were five prominent Dutch citizens. The executions were in reprisal for the wrecking of a train carrying "second front" Ger-

man troops to the European coast. This summary action by the Nazis was regarded by some observers as evidence of their anxiety over the Allies' projected second front. The killings followed a Gestapo pattern already well imprinted on Occupied

France and Czecho-Slovakia. The traditional stubbornness of the Dutch in refusing to meet the Germans' demand that the trainwreckers be caught and turned over to them, was evidence, too of the spirit of revolt ready to flame when United Nations' land operations reach Continental Europe.

Further reprisal executions loomed as the Nazis held nearly all of Holland's social and intellectual leaders as hostages in dingy prisons.

# U. S. AIRMEN:

# Raid France

Flying with a Canadian squadron, United States army airmen made a long raid over France, and, with the British Royal Air force, participated in convoy patrols and interception sorties, a communique an-

nounced. The raid over France was looked upon as an educational flight in preparation for the time when United States fliers will make independent raids on the Axis.

# Washington, D. C.

WOMEN INFLUENCE HISTORY All through history, from Helen of Troy to the Duchess of Windsor, women have influenced the tides of fate. And if it had not been for a woman in the life of Gen. Douglas MacArthur he probably would not have been in a position to perform his heroic defense of the Philippines and command Australia today.

Just after the last war, the belle of Washington society was vivacious Louise Brooks, step-daughter of the millionaire Edward T. Stotesbury, a partner of J. P. Morgan. She was the toast of Washington. General Pershing, just returned from France, was one of her most devoted attendants. Admiral Beatty, hero of the battle of Jutland, was another.

Once, after a dinner at Mrs. Marshall Field's both Pershing and Beatty escorted Louise to her car, nearly had an altereation over who was to take her home.

But General MacArthur, then superintendent of West Point, stopped n and married the lady. Shortly thereafter, General Pershing, not at all happy over MacArthur's victory, transferred him to the Philip-

MacArthur and his wife were stationed in the Philippines for several years. And although the marriage later ended in divorce, it was Mac-Arthur's tour of duty in Manila which acquainted him with Filipino leaders and later brought about his return as field marshal of the Philippine army.

#### BORED BY WASHINGTON

As a reward for selling \$25,000 worth of war savings bonds and stamps, Delbert Hudson, Reno, Nev., newsboy, recently was given a free trip to the nation's capital by the Kiwanis club.

For several days young Delbert led the life of Riley

He was entertained by Vice President Wallace, U. S. senators and high treasury officials. He lived in an expensive hotel, toured all the showplaces and polished off numerous ice cream sodas.

"Well, Delbert," asked Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada when it was all over, "what do you like best about Washington?"

"My bed," yawned Delbert, "I'm

#### SOLOMON ATTACK-A TEST Inside fact about the attack on the Solomon islands is that it was very carefully planned six weeks in advance, and was different from any other naval action in the Pacific.

U. S. naval raids on the Gilbert and Marshall islands were hit and run affairs. There our navy had no idea of enemy strength, but depended on quick surprise hits and

speedy withdrawal. In the battle of the Coral we were able to take the Jans by surprise. And in the battle of Midway, we knew the enemy was coming, while the Japs did not know we

But in the Solomon islands battle, our reconnaissance planes had made advance surveys and we knew fairly accurately the size of the enemy -knew also that we were up against a tough job that would exact heavy

There is every reason to believe, too, that the Japs knew about our preparations, because troop transports cannot be loaded and brought within striking distance without enemy scouting planes sighting them. Therefore, this was a real test in more ways than one.

For instance, this was the first time land, air and sea forces all have co-operated in a single striking force.

Upon the final outcome of that cooperation will depend whether the United States follows the advice of many high army-navy strategists and concentrates more on the Paeific than on Europe.

# BRITAIN'S FUTURE

A U. S. official, back from London, tells of standing in line for breakfast at the Hotel Waldorf. Just ahead of him he heard an English "After this war is over, we'll have

to fight a war of independence to save ourselves from becoming the 49th state of the United States." This semi-good-natured, semi-

grousing attitude, according to Americans returned from London, is rather typical of the apprehension which exists as to what will happen to Britain after the war.

There is no hostility in this, but a realistic awareness that the war is strengthening United States ties, and weakening British ties, with Australia, Canada and Africa.

# MERRY-GO-ROUND

@ Not satisfied with 100 per cent participation in the war savings campaign, the doughboys bought a \$25 bond for their mascot, "Blackout," a tiny black dog . . . When "Blackout's" bond comes due, the money will go to the SPCA.

@ Even the lepers are suffering from the shipping shortage. The high commissioner of Guadeloupe, French West Indies, has asked U. S. assistance to get 300 kilograms of chaulmoogra oil from Brazil, needed for treating lepers.



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OW that Vera Zorina has been removed from the role of "Maria" in "For Whom the Bell Tolls," and Ingrid Bergman has been assigned to it, a lot of people are much happier. The role seems made for Miss Bergman. The change wasn't made without a struggle; extra tests were made after the first few days' work, but finally out came the dancer.

Paramount announces that this did not in any way impair the star's career, and put Somerset Maugham's "The Hour Before Dawn" into preparation for her.

Metro's talking about opening "Seven Sisters" simultaneously in America's seven most romantic cities; if you think yours is one of them, they ask you to send in statistics! Of course, Savannah, Charleston and New Orleans ought to be on the list. But let's hope that they won't ignore smaller towns when they make their decision, the ones that are really representative of modern American life.

When Katharine Hepburn made her first picture, "A Bill of Divorcement," Adelyn Doyle was her standin. When Adelyn married, her sister Patricia took over the job. Pat



KATHARINE HEPBURN

married, and Miss Hepburn recently began "Keeper of the Flame" with Katharine Doyle as stand-in. There dress and such. Actually cottons are two more Doyle sisters, so it looks as if the supply would last as long as the star's in the movie busi-

mander to squadron commander.

lo." It's another of those costume pictures-she must be getting sort

tioned at Mitchel Field. If you've seen her work you'll recall him, rushing out of the wings to lift her into her wheel chair, hurrying out prophecy of what is to be in the way again to take her off stage. She sings it as often as she can on the Friday "Caravan" show.

The kitten, "Zero," heard fre quently on "Those We Love" broadcasts, is played by that very versatile actress, Virginia Sale. She also portrays the principal role of "Martha" in the drama series. You've seen her in pictures.

For weeks Phil Baker had USO headquarters in New York searching for service men named Bakerwanted them for his anniversary and birthday broadcast of August 23, when only persons named Baker could take part in "Take It Or Leave It." Celebrities who qualified were numerous enough, starting with Bonnie, Benny, Kenny and Belle. But the program was incomplete without men in uniform.

June Havoc caught the mumps from her young daughter, April, and promptly exposed the entire company of "My Sister Eileen" to them; hadn't the faintest idea she had them. She says she looked as if she were wearing a small balloon for a necktie.

Jack Briggs is going to find "Seven Miles From Alcatraz" especially interesting, if he gets a chance to see it. The young RKO contract player enlisted in the marines as soon as he was 21; a week entertaining program, designers are later he told his family and the creating fashions that are pictorialstudio what he'd done-on the very ly perfect for the occasion. This day that RKO announced him for a pair of important roles in "Ladies" in a quaint print. It has a square Day" and "Seven Miles From Alcatraz.'

He just had time to finish the former when he had to report for active apron with capacious pockets.

# Back-to-School Clothes Made Of Smart, Practical Cottons

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



So FAR as the "clothes" program is concerned, exciting moments are ahead for teen-aged school girls and their collegiate sisters. The new styles fascinate with their refreshing originality, their bright and lovely colors and their altogether different outlook from that of past There's just one thrill after an-

other in promise for those assembling back-to-school wardrobes, one of the "thrillingest" of which is the acceptance of cotton as smart and wearable for fall and winter. It took wartime scarcity of other fibers to break down the tradition that cotton is just for warm-weather wear or for the workaday housecan be warm as well as cool.

Now that fashion has grown keenly cotton conscious, new uses of it are being played up which hold promise of surprises and exciting in-Remember David Niven? Nigel terest for everybody A new order Bruce, working in "Journey for of experience is awaiting school far-Margaret," had a letter from him ing voungsters in that they are going saying that he's now a major in to have the fun of selecting a com-England's armed forces. And Rob- plete wardrobe expressed in terms ert Montgomery has been promoted of cotton from start to finish. The I'm wearing washes 'just like new. by Uncle Sam's navy from com- new fall cottons are of such tremendous scope they take in every phase of school fashion as seen in coats. Alice Faye will return to the suits, dresses, accessories and linscreen soon after more than six gerie. The cotton fabric list includes months' absence, to do a musical corduroys, velveteens, twills, whippicture called "Hello, Frisco, Hel- cords, black poplins, ginghams, homespuns and challis.

Not only are the new fall and winof tired of them-with a story laid ter cotton weaves breathtaking in their colors (especially the new velveteens and corduroys), but the new When Connie Boswell sings "He style developments are so outstand-Wears a Pair of Silver Wings" it's ingly different in technique there more than just a song to her. It's isn't going to be a dull moment in a salute to her young brother-in the entire procedure of getting a law, Ben Leedy, a filer-to-be sta. smart and practical back-to-school wardrobe together.

Each of the fashions pictured in the above illustration serves as a of smart fall trends. Considering these styles from the viewpoint of the wearers themselves young Miss America shown to the left in the

group is probably soliloquizing in this wise-"I hope I'll be as smart in courses as I am about clothes. because I really think I'd made the dean's list if my cotton whipcord bolero suit with braid outlining the jacket and cuffs and velveteen collar could count for credit! Well, I'm on my way to a lecture but I have a feeling I'm going to have a time of it keeping my mind from wandering off into thoughts of the jigger coat I've ordered made of one of the new priority fleeces woven on cotton backing and cunningly lined with bright quilted cotton suit-

ing." "Now what do I need for my next class (bright girl centered in the picture speaking)? My clothes ought to help the intelligent impression I'm going to make, because they are so right for the campus and show I used my head in choosing washable cottons. My jumper is green pinwale corduroy with a chic dirndl-like skirt and handy slash pockets, and my woolly cotton

blouse is inspiringly cheerful in color. I'm so glad jumper dresses are 'the style' for with blouse changes a jumper dress is a whole wardrobe in one. I'm finding a lot of satisfaction in knowing that the plaid nd my pinwale corduray skirt goes through a soap-and-water beauty treatment as nice as you please!"

"I'm starting my sophomore year," says Miss Collegiate to the right in the group, "and after two semesters in college I know what's what, what's done and what's worn, such as my peasant corduroy skirt slipped over-guess what? A cotton challis play suit for lounging around! I adore the slenderizing lines of this play suit cut princess bodice-andshorts fashion. Don't you think the challis has a cunning rose patterning? Be sure to notice the fulllooking skirt with intriguing pockets which looks as if it took yards and yards, but designers are clever these days about using not even an inch of material over the amount allowed under WPB regulations. They've learned to get maximum fullness with minimum yardage." Released by Western Newspaper Union.

# Barbecue Dirndl



Now that backyard barbecue parwinsome outfit is of cotton percale

# Felt Hats Crowned By Dizzy Heights

The most noticeable thing about the new felt hats is their crowns, which mount to dizzy heights. To add to their spectacular rise in the world they are manipulated into fantastic shapes which are breathtaking in their daring and their originality.

Designed to be worn with suits are small cloche brims with tall tapering crowns, some with self-bow accents, others having their outlines softened with gracefully dangling tassels.

Feathers galore will also adorn the new hats. You can get allplumage turbans, or, if it's a huge felt beret you are wearing, it has more than likely taken on a spectacular coq sweep in vivid coloring. Felts also are taking on intriguing crochet accents. Colors important in millinery displays include salute blue, commando tan, Australian

## green and a goodly showing of gray. Tip to Toe

A costume formula that is in for a tremendous vogue calls for a suit made up of a velveteen skirt topped with a cardigan velvet jacket. Carry with this one of the new velveteen drawstring pouch bags, and be sure that the velveteen bumper-beneckline, puffed sleeves and corselet ret you wear matches, too. You lacing up the blouse front. The can carry the ensemble out in monoand hat with the suit.