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2,000 Tons Of Bombs On Berlin

U.S. BOMBER BLASTS SALAMAU



TAKEN FROM A SISTER SHIP, this picture shows an American Liberator bomber hovering over clouds of smoke rising from bombed military installations at Salamaua, Jap base in New Guinea. More than 1,600 tons of bombs have been dropped on Salamaua by Allied planes in recent weeks. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Bright Belt Sales Average 39 To 41

Volume of Offerings Below 1942 Opening With Much Inferior Leaf on Floors

Drum Heads Defense Board

(By The Associated Press) Opening sales on the New Bright Blue cured tobacco belt averaged between 39 and 41 cents a pound today, with some of the largest markets reporting decreased offerings, compared with first sales last year. Large quantities of inferior grades were on the floors.

Prices leveled off about now, with common and medium grades still predominating the offerings.

That farmers were waiting for renewed efforts to raise the weighted average ceiling above the 41-cent top now in effect was reflected on the Wilson market, largest in the belt, where only 1,500,000 pounds were offered, compared with the 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 pounds on opening days of recent years.

One bag of 76 baskets averaged 39.65, and another of 69 averaged about 40.17 cents. The range was from 29 to 43 cents. Quality was fair to common with lugs predominating. No bags were turned. Crowds were smaller than usual. The Wilson market sold 1,223,706 pounds on opening day last year for an official average of 37.57 cents.

From Goldboro and Rocky Mount, however, came word that offerings were comparable with last year. The first 22 piles at Goldboro averaged between 40 and 41 cents with about 350,000 pounds on the floors. No bags were turned there, with scrap bringing between 8 and 15 cents.

In the first hour, Rocky Mount sold 200,000 pounds for about 41 cents, a high of 45 and a low of 25. Sales Supervisor Ed Johnson described the offerings as poor to fair. General satisfaction prevailed.

Predominant offering, today's average was not expected to go over the 41-cent a pound ceiling average.

Kinston's prices ranged from 25 to 47 cents for quality considerably off.

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Australians Near Field

Francisco River Crossed Two Miles From Salamaua in New Guinea

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Australian troops, emerging into the Francisco river valley after months of mountain fighting, probed the enemy's prepared defenses today within two miles of the Salamaua, New Guinea, airfield.

Today's communiqué from General Douglas MacArthur reported the Australians crossed the river northeast of Old Bodoem to a position due west of the air strip.

It also disclosed that for the first time the guns of allied warships have been brought into play in the showdown battle for northeastern New Guinea. Monday night, light warships, probably destroyers, moved more than 70 miles above Salamaua into the narrow part of Dampier Strait for a close range bombardment of the dock and supply

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NEW FIVE-CENT STAMP

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The post office department announced today that a five-cent stamp honoring France would be placed on sale here September 23. The general subject is a reproduction of the French flag. It is one of a series of stamps issued in honor of countries arrayed against the axis.

FEWER FAILURES

New York, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Business failures last week numbered 54 compared with 69 in the preceding week and 147 in the like week of 1942. Dun & Bradstreet announced today,

Quebec War Conference Is Ended

Tri-Partite Meet Hinted In Closing

'Necessary Decisions Taken' to Press War; Conflict With Japan Has Important Place

Quebec, Aug. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill closed the Quebec war conference today with a statement hinting at a tripartite meeting with Russia and declaring that "necessary decisions have been taken to provide for the forward action of the fleets, armies and air forces" of Britain and the United States.

The President and prime minister brought their meeting here to an end at a press conference on the terrace of the Citadel where they have been deliberating for eight days.

Nothing of the strategy directives that have been sent to military commanders in the field was disclosed. But the two leaders spoke with utter confidence of the future.

In their formal statement, Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill said they had decided to meet again before the end of the year, "in addition to any tripartite meeting which it may be possible to arrange with Soviet Russia."

They said full reports of the decisions reached here, so far as they affect the war in Europe, would be supplied to the Russian government.

Churchill made it clear that the war against Japan had held an important spot on the Quebec conference calendar. Russia is not fighting Japan and the prime minister left the definite impression that she had not been invited to send representation here for that reason.

The two allied leaders disclosed also that consideration had been given to the question of the Free French Committee for National Liberation and said announcements might be expected in that connection over the weekend from many governments.

Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill said they had surveyed "the whole field of world operations" in the light of "many gratifying events," which had taken place since they met last in Washington in May.

Further conferences probably will

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NO DOUBT

Ram, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Chief of Police Abe Stein was summoned by a group of women who previously reported seeing a secret army plane in ghostly white—assimilate in a searing valley, execute a series of marches, then disappear.

The chief trained his field glasses on the sky. Roy White objects began to move and the chief relaxed.

The army turned out to be 200 geese and ducks—walking on a concrete house lawn picked up

scraps left by patients.

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Notice To Subscribers New Subscription Rates

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U. S.-CANADIAN FORCES ARE KISKA-BOUND



The shore of an Aleutian island is buzzing with activity as American and Canadian forces are loaded into an invasion barge bound for Kiska. When the Allied forces landed on the island, they found it was deserted by the Japs. Large U. S. naval craft that accompanied the invasion forces to the invaded island, can be seen in the background. (International Soundphoto.)

Key Railway Points Hit

Tracks Are Ripped by Blockbusters; Liberators Down 14 Planes in South

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Allied bomber fleets have hammered two more key railway points near Naples without meeting a single axis defender, while U. S. Liberator bombers sweeping in from the Middle East struck Bari on the southeastern coast, downing 14 enemy planes in a blazing air battle, it was announced today.

None of the Liberators was lost.

No enemy fighters rose to challenge U. S. medium Mitchell bombers slaying a load of bombs by daylight into Battipaglia south of Naples, nor British Wellington bombers that pounded Bagnoli in Naples' environs before dawn today.

American Warhawks had a similar experience of no opposition in a sweep over Sardinia and a sharp raid upon enemy barracks and factory buildings of Cagliari.

The Nazis thus froze out to their own request.

DNA, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Seven bombers, including one sent on to Bari, destroyed another elevated road of second degree murder, were poised yesterday by Governor B. Douglass.

The Nazis were keeping up the heavy pressure from their Kifissia base, giving the Germans time to recover. The Red Army was expanding its drive for reoccupation of the Ukraine.

Polavas, the historic battlefield southwest of Klimovo, where Charles XII of Sweden obtained a great victory over the German army, was captured by the Red Army.

Red soldiers also were attacking the northern bank in the Lyman sector.

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Reds Pursue Nazis Beyond Kharkov

Himmler Elevated In Shakeup

Germans Fire City Before Evacuation; Russians Maintain Heavy Pressure

Moscow, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Red army drove west and south through the smoking ruins of Kharkov today pursuing the Germans who were thrown into full retreat back from the recaptured former capital of the Ukraine.

Front line dispatches said the Germans applied torches to Kharkov before being ejected from the city yesterday and also carried out wholesale demolitions, leaving behind them only a city of hollow walls.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued warm this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday forenoon.

Two Women And A Man Held On Charges Of Espionage

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Justice department announced today the arrest in Detroit of two women and a man on charges of espionage for gathering information for Nazi Germany.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said the arrests climaxed an investigation begun in 1939.

Hoover announced the arrest of Presidential agents of two German aliens in Detroit.

The German aliens were not named and both were women and that they will be held for a hearing before the alien enemy hearing board in Detroit.

The Justice department said those arrested on espionage charges are Grace Buchanan-Dineen, 34; Mrs. Theresa Behrens, 44; and Dr. Fred William Thomas, 44, a surgeon and physician.

All three have Detroit addresses. The complainants filed before U. S.

Commissioner J. Stanley Hand in Detroit charge that.

There is no criminal record information as to the location of the manufacturing plants of the Pittman Co. of Chicago, the number of employees engaged by the company in manufacturing was materialized, the kind of war materials then being manufactured by the company, and the transportation of war materials.

Dr. Thomas received information as to the number and location of certain plants of the Western Electric Co. in Ohio which during war manufac-

turing.

Grace Buchanan-Dineen secured information as to the production capacity of the Ford Motor Co. in manufac-

turing war material, the safety of construction of such plants against bombing, the safety of construction of such plants against airplane at-

tack and bombing and the operation

of the United States by which military airplanes deposited from this country for the war theater.

RAF Raid Is Greatest Ever Made

58 Bombers Are Lost to Strong Defense in Opening Attack to 'Hamburg' Berlin

London, Aug. 24.—(AP)—RAF squadrons smashed at Berlin last night in a raid twice as heavy as any capital ever suffered, casting down about 2,000 long tons of explosives and incendiaries, and opening of the supreme offensive to "Hamburg" Hitler's seat of power indicated.

Fifty-eight bombers went down before German anti-aircraft defenses in this historic assault, the air ministry announced, the largest number ever lost by the British in any one night.

Blasts were plainly on a scale comparable to the power of the attack. One returning pilot said the smoke boiled up three miles.

The air ministry's story of the operations did not mention the size of the raiding force except to say that the assault was twice as heavy as any made before on any capital and that it was "in very great strength."

The previous heaviest raid on any capital was the March attack on Berlin in which 900 long tons—the British standard of 2,240 pounds—were dropped.

The RAF has dropped as high as 2,000 long tons of bombs in a single night before this, but never before has approached that figure in an operation of such length, complexity or significance.

Retribution aircrafts of relatively light medium aircraft gained a short reprieve from German fighter planes.

"The Germans put up swarms of fighters," said one, "I have never seen so many before. There were about 20 miles of searchlights around the capital and across it. These were cooperating with the fighters. We avoided among the beams as best we could get, and the searchlights came after us.ights were going on all over the place."

Airmen pictured the German capital as a red chaos of smoke columns from tires and explosions, shining dully even at 15,000 feet.

They said German fighters rode the skies in "desperation squadrons," some of them even flying with navigation lights on.

The worst explosions were seen in the middle of Berlin, the others scattered.

German bombardiers insisted that both British and American bombers participated. This was to support the fact that although American airmen likely went along in some of the British planes and the RAF possibly used some British-owned Liberators.

He said an estimate that 2,000,000 men needed before the new year, and supplies for persons in doubt about the war-readiness of their local and national offices of the United States Employment Service.

Hershey Calls For Draftees

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Only the possibility of a congressional stop order remains to prevent the drafting this year of seven out of every 100 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers in the nation's dwindling manpower reservoir.

With congressional review of the entire subject expected soon after the lawmakers return September 14, selective service Director Lewis B. Hershey told local draft boards yesterday that they were expected to supply 436,000 physically fit fathers to meet anticipated Army and Navy calls up to January 1.

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