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SEA-AIR FORCE ATTACKS MARCUS ISLAND

Reds Smash Nazi Defenses

Long Front Feels Force Of Offensive

German Fortifications From Taganrog on South to Smolensk in North Crumble Before Reds

London, Sept. 1—(AP)—The DNB German news agency reported today another German retreat on the eastern front in the Donets basin area southwest of Voroshilovgrad. The dispatch was broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press.

Moscow, Sept. 1—(AP)—The Red army was bearing down heavily upon the southern sector of the German eastern front today, smashing to bits the remnants of the fortifications which the Nazi army has held for two consecutive winters along a 600-mile front which stretches from Taganrog to Smolensk.

Marcus island is 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo and 900 miles northwest of Wake island on a line with Tokyo. The action is the first against this enemy-held outpost guarding vital Japanese positions in the central Pacific since March 4, 1942.

There was no indication in either the Tokyo statement or the Navy disclosure here to show whether the action was limited to Marcus island or whether American forces had struck simultaneously at other points.

Plane Output Below Goal

WPB Discloses Failure to Meet Production Schedule for July; 7,373 Planes Produced

Washington, Sept. 1—(AP)—July aircraft production was 12 per cent behind schedule, a war production board spokesman disclosed today, despite Monday's announcement that plane output was 4 per cent above June, with a total of 7,373 aircraft produced.

As a result of the summer slump some WPB officials have concluded that this year's \$65,000,000,000 overall armament production goal will not be met.

Top officials stoutly asserted that the goal still can be achieved, but qualified observers within the agency reckon that \$62,000,000,000 is closer to the attainable.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Continued warm this afternoon, tonight and Thursday forenoon.

TWENTY ZEROS THEIR SCORE



Authenticity is given the sign above the entrance of a Southwest Pacific air base "home" by Maj. Edward Cragg, Cos Cob, Conn., who has downed eight Jap planes, and Capt. George S. Welch, Wilmington, Del., who shot down 12. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Patterson Promises 'Surprise' For Japs

World War II In Fifth Year

London, Sept. 1—(AP)—World War II entered its fifth year today, with the United Nations everywhere on the march and the dream of Adolf Hitler and axis satellites of world domination slowly but surely disintegrating.

It was just four years ago that the then mighty German military machine began history's most catastrophic contest by attacking Poland. It took the Nazis only 18 days to conquer most of the country, Warsaw alone holding out until September 27.

In 102 days more this most terrible of all wars will have lasted as long as the first World War and today's headlines blazon the upward surge of the United Nations against the axis.

State's Land Mostly Unfit For Cropping

Raleigh, Sept. 1—(AP)—Of 11,000,000 acres in North Carolina which surveys show are suitable for cropping, only 1,500,000 can be farmed safely without conservation measures, H. H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. soil conservation service, said today.

Bennett, speaking before soil conservation district supervisors at their state meeting, said the other 9,500,000 acres, which are mostly in crops now, need a well-planned combination of conservation practices and to protect them from erosion and to increase their production.

He said that North Carolina farmers were not using their land in such a way as to bring about the highest production. To make the most efficient use of their land, he said, farmers need to retire more than 600,000 acres and convert them to trees and grass "because this land cannot produce enough to pay off for the seed, material and labor that are usually expended on it."

On 370 farms where complete soil conservation practices have been carried out, Bennett said, an increase of 127 per cent in cattle, 92 per cent more hogs and 61 per cent more poultry were reported.

Danish King Encourages His People

Brief Message Spoken to Crowd of Danes Ignoring Nazi Ban Against Assemblies

Stockholm, Sept. 1—(AP)—Encouraging words from popular King Christian X today heartened the Danish people who have refused to crack under a German military dictatorship enforced, eye witnesses said, by merciless street executions.

Refugees who made a daring flight to Sweden through Nazi patrols declared they had seen German mechanized troops pour volleys of machine gun fire into groups of Danes waiting on safety zone platforms for street cars.

Three Danes who laughed and joked when German soldiers marched by were shot to death without a word of warning, eye witnesses added.

Drastic measures were ordered by General Hermann von Hanneken, military dictator, to restore a "state of normalcy" to the nation which revolted against Nazi domination and was sabotaging German troop supplies and arms production.

In the little town of Lyngby near Copenhagen, where King Christian and Queen Alexandra are held, a thousand Danes ignored the Nazi prohibition against assemblies to cheer their king and queen.

King Christian's words to the gathering were brief—"I am happy to hear the Danish language still spoken in my country; continue with that." They were significant, however, for the Danes who apparently interpreted them as an approval of their stout-hearted resistance against overwhelming odds. Yet there was nothing in the king's remarks against which the Germans could protest.

Synthetics Improved

Washington, Sept. 1—(AP)—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers said today that the all-synthetic tires on which millions of motorists will be rolling next year will come close to pre-war wearability.

Should it become possible to lift the 25-mile an hour speed limit, Jeffers said, drivers could run "at normal speeds" on synthetic casings without fear of tire failure. He didn't define normal speeds.

Increased similarity of the makers with the new material and constant research improvement, Jeffers said, will put synthetic about on a par with rubber for mileage.

Reports that the war-born tires would have to be bundled along as covered wagon speeds were dismissed as "plain hooey."

Notice To Subscribers New Subscription Rates

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PRICE PAID FOR VICTORY AT VIRU



STANDING AROUND A CEMETERY in Viru Harbor, New Georgia, U. S. Marines listen to a salute given their dead buddies. An American flag waves over the graves, marked with small white crosses, as a bugler at the right stands ready to blow taps. (International Soundphoto)

Flying Fortresses Raid Pisa In Italy

Pope Pius Urges Peace Before 1944

London, Sept. 1—(AP)—Pope Pius XII called upon the world's leaders today to reach "a just peace," expressing his hope and faith that 1943 would see the end of war "and a new dawn of peace."

The pontiff spoke for 14 minutes over Vatican radio. The broadcast, in Italian, was recorded and translated at the Associated Press listening post.

Pope Pius recalled efforts to halt hostilities before they began and suggested that his present words of mediation—addressed especially to "all those willing to cooperate for peace"—would be to the advantage of every belligerent without exception.

Speaking on the day that opened the fifth year of the greatest and bloodiest struggle in human history, the Pope was at pains to stress his concern not for any one nation but for the whole human family—to those he saw as asking now for nothing "but peace, bread and work."

1,000-Mile Round Trip Made to Blast Targets; Other Planes and Ships Hammer Italian Bases

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 1—(AP)—Pressing the aerial offensive against Italy with ever greater vigor, American Flying Fortresses yesterday made a 1,000-mile round trip from northwest African bases to pound railway lines, airfields and an aircraft factory at Via.

Medium bombers meanwhile delivered strong blows at railway communications at Salerno, Cosenza and Catanzaro in southern Italy.

At the same time American Liberators from the Middle East pounded enemy rail installations at Pescara on the eastern coast of Italy. A Curtiss communiqué said the freight yards "were well covered by bombs with resulting fires and explosions."

The four-engine bombers scored direct hits on the railway station and a railroad bridge and shot down ten enemy fighters which attempted to intercept them.

Two British battleships joined in the daylight offensive against the Italian mainland. Their 16-inch guns poured a heavy bombardment into enemy coastal batteries in the area of Reggio Calabria on the Italian toe, knocking out at least one gun and causing fires, apparently from exploding ammunition.

The same battleships, with a cruiser and several destroyers engaged batteries in the area of Cape Peiloro, also on the Strait of Messina.

Berlin Hit In New Raid

London, Sept. 1—(AP)—Fleets of RAF bombers struck in massive weight at Berlin again last night, ushering in the fifth year of war with blockbuster and incendiary bombs causing "great damage" in the German capital, it was announced officially today.

Forty-eight bombers were lost in the attack, concentrated into a 45-minute deluge, the fourth raid on Berlin in eight nights.

The enemy put up very large fighter forces over the capital and its approaches in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the launching of the concentrated attack, and a large number of them was destroyed, the air ministry said.

"Broken clouds at low levels made it difficult to assess results visually,"

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Tokyo Says Many Planes Make Raids

Planes and Guns of Aircraft Carrier Task Force Assault Jap-Owned Outpost

Washington, Sept. 1—(AP)—The Navy announced today that an airplane carrier task force raid on Japanese-owned Marcus island "is presumably in progress."

After Tokyo had broadcast a report that the planes and guns of a large American naval force had struck Marcus at dawn, a Naval spokesman issued a statement virtually confirming the Tokyo assertion.

The army of General Vassilly Sokolovsky on the western front, which was honored yesterday by a salute from Moscow's guns for the victory at Velnya, began the offensive against that vital railway station and highway junction by cracking the German defenses on the eastern bank of the Ugra river several days ago.

The Russians reported that fierce battles on the east bank of the Ugra river continued for two days before tanks broke through in crossing the river to pave the way for Red army infantry divisions.

The Germans put up terrific resistance and launched tanks, artillery and planes into a counter-offensive in an effort to keep the Russians close to the river, but finally the Russian tanks broke through the enemy lines and cut the railroad and pulled the enemy infantry into the trap.

Two tank brigades entered the city August 30 from the east and north-east simultaneously and began the battle for the city itself. Street fighting was taken up by the Infantry under Major General Stuchenko. Infantry groups quickly penetrated to the center of the city and spread out and completely cleaned it out in a few hours.

OFFICERS OF WAAC SWORN IN AS WACS

Washington, Sept. 1—(AP)—The officers of the WAAC dropped a letter today to become officers of the WAAC—no longer auxiliaries but in the Army.

At headquarters, officials said they expected "all but a very few" of the slightly more than 3,000 officers of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to be sworn in by midnight as officers of the Women's Army Corps.

The shift of the entire organization to its new status as an integral part of the Army, however, is not scheduled to be completed until September 15. There was no estimate available today of how many of the approximately 60,000 enlisted auxiliaries would re-enlist in the Army.

New Parleys In Prospect

Question of Bringing Russia Into Councils in Forefront of Plans for Allied Meetings

Washington, Sept. 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are heading toward a new series of talks against a backdrop of resurging upheavals in Nazi-lettered Europe, which sounds here like the first rumblings of an allied storm over that freedom-paraded continent.

There were indubitable signs that the focal point of some of the forthcoming discussions would be the question of how to bring Russia into the allied councils not only for the coordination of military operations but also for the solution of post-war political problems.

Russian participation in future meetings, at least in some degree, was described as "necessary and urgent" by Mr. Churchill in his speech from Quebec yesterday. And he said at his press conference a little later that things were going along pretty well with respect to a three-power conference.

Then, too, one of Churchill's close associates, Brendan Bracken, British minister of information, declared that while in his opinion the war against Germany certainly would continue into next year "post-war problems must be discussed because obviously you never know when the war is going to end."