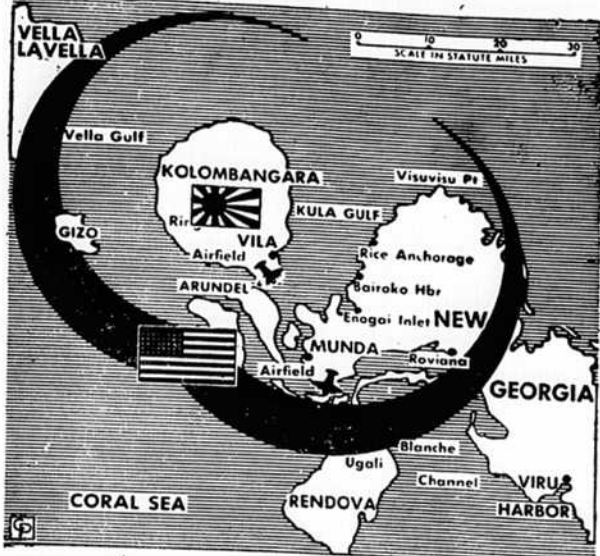


KOLOMBANGARA PINNACLES CLOSE



AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN have landed unopposed on Arundel Island, just west of New Georgia, in the Solomons. This places the Yanks within three miles of the Japanese-dominated island of Kolombangara and provides positions from which field artillery could shell Vila Airfield, last major Jap base in New Georgia.

GERMANS FLEE DONETS BASIN

Scavenius Declines Nazi Offer

He Refuses To Organize New Cabinet

Other Cabinet Members Even Refuse to Meet Germans; Nazi Chief Seeks Compromise

Stockholm, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Eric Scavenius, Danish prime minister who resigned his post when Germany clamped a military dictatorship on Denmark last week-end, has declined an offer by the nazis to form a new government, Danish refugees said today.

Scavenius, one of the few Danish political leaders to escape arrest following Sunday's bloody revolt, had been asked to head a new cabinet by General Hermann von Hanneken, nazi military dictator. Other members of the cabinet, who resigned in a body with Scavenius, refused to meet the Germans to discuss the situation, the refugees reported.

Von Hanneken is expected to explore further the possibility of establishing a Danish government. He is reported to be anxious to have the Danes handle the civil affairs of the country with the nazis retaining the power, through martial law, to punish saboteurs and suppress disorders.

Danish refugees arriving here today said it was apparent von Hanneken is striving to reach a compromise with the Danes but that his efforts so far have been unavailing. They said that for the first time in more than ten days no German soldiers were seen patrolling Copenhagen streets and that disorders appeared to be diminishing under the rigid controls set up by the Germans.

Grand Jury Probe Ordered

New Orleans, Sept. 2.—(AP)—District Attorney J. Bernard Cooke announced today that he would ask a grand jury investigation of the killing yesterday of William Stevens, 36, confessed child attacker, by Detective Joseph Vignier in a police automobile.

Cooke said the case would be placed before the grand jury when it meets next Tuesday. Stevens was shot and killed while being taken from the seventh precinct police station to detective headquarters for further questioning after being identified Wednesday in rape attacks on small girls.

ONE OF SIX SHIPS LOST IN SICILY INVASION



An alert Coast Guard cameraman took this spectacular picture at the moment a United Nations vessel blew sky high after Axis planes bombed it during the initial stages of the invasion of Sicily. Censors have just released the information that only six vessels were lost in the large-scale invasion. From News of the Day Newscrl. (International)

Chiefs Plan Diplomacy

Official Washington Awaits Some Word From Russia Regarding Three-Power Meeting

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—In the easy atmosphere of a semi-social visit Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt settled down to a discussion of war-generated political problems today while official Washington awaited some on-the-record response from Russia to Anglo-American overtures for a three-power conference this year.

Despite all that the President and the prime minister have said about meeting Russia, there still was no indication from Moscow as to whether the suggestion was considered favorably there, nor was arranging a preliminary get-together of top diplomats of the three governments.

Nazis Show Nervousness

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—In a series of nervous broadcasts, axis radio commentators declared today that the allies were massing vast invasion armadas both in the Mediterranean and in Britain for a two-directional continental assault which might be sprung at any moment.

Light Planes Raid Targets In Italy

Tar Heels Wed In Britain

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—WAC Private Mary Elizabeth Elliot, Gillingham, N. C., and Private Wallace H. Best, Raleigh, N. C., have received permission from their commanding officers to be married in the first wedding of Americans serving in the armed forces in the European theatre of operations, it was learned today.

REVENUE RECEIPTS INCREASE IN STATE

Goldsboro, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Internal revenue collections in North Carolina totaled \$58,924,203 during the past month, bringing collections for the first two months of the current fiscal year to \$118,109,719. C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue for this State, reported today.

Notice To Subscribers New Subscription Rates

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 1943 Because of the rapid advance in the cost of newsprint paper and other materials that go into the making of a newspaper, THE DAILY DISPATCH feels compelled at this time to increase subscription rates to help take care of some of the extra costs of production.

Over 40,000 Casualties Suffered

Nazi Military Circles Try to Explain Away Retreat, but Moscow Tells Another Story

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Russian troops driving forward on the Voronezh front today captured the town of Sumy, important Ukrainian regional center about 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, Moscow announced in a special order of the day.

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The Germans, by their own admission, were hastily withdrawing today from their once strong Donets basin salient in southern Russia, presumably in fear of an even greater debacle there than the one at Taganrog which, the Russians say, cost them 11,000 troops.

Berlin military circles attempted to explain away the retreat by telling Swedish correspondents that greater forces were needed in the west to meet an expected allied invasion.

Jaws Close On Salamaua

Japanese Resistance Crumbles as Allies Close Pincers About Airdrome

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The coastal jaw of a slowly closing allied pincer pressed nearer the Salamaua, New Guinea, airdrome from the southeast today as Japanese defenses cracked.

Marcus Island Raid Remains A Mystery

Unanswered Question Is Whether Attack Was Feint at Island Or Knockout Blow

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The big unanswered question in the Pacific today was whether the during U. S. Navy raid on Marcus Island in Japan's home waters was a feint or a well aimed knockout punch.

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—A Japanese imperial headquarters communique said today 150 bomber and fighters participated in the American raid on Marcus Island, less than 1,200 miles from Tokyo, and that "some damage was suffered by our grounded planes."

Army Loses 7,590 Men In Sicily

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Army losses in the 33-day conquest of Sicily numbered 7,500 killed, wounded and missing to bring the army's overall war losses to 70,372 and lift the announced casualties for the armed services and merchant marine to 105,446 since Pearl Harbor.

Portugal Warns Foes

Lisbon, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar stated today that Portugal's stepped up military preparations were defensive but "in the unfortunate times in which we are living may have to be used against foreign enemies as much as against internal elements of national disintegration."

Draft Of Men Of Older Age Is Advocated

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Ascerting most future selectees will not be used for combat duty, Representative Snyder, Democrat of Pennsylvania, urged today that selective service resume the induction of men between 37 and 45 years of age.

Ration Stamp Values Change, Effective Sunday

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Creamery butter will go up two ration points a pound Sunday, and the ration value of 35 cuts of fresh meats will be reduced one or two points.

Four Types of Canned Fruits to Cost More; Changes Are Ordered for 21 Food Items

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The office of price administration today ordered the blue stamp ration value of four types of canned fruit boosted, effective Sunday, in an attempt to slow down shoppers' demands.

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