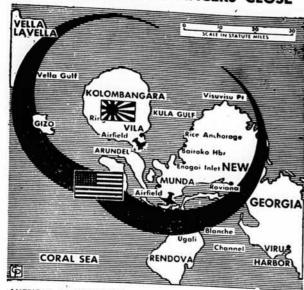
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KOLOMBANGARA PINCERS CLOSE



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 airdrome, last major Jap base in New Georgia.

(International)

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 Facilic today was whether the daring U.S. Navy raid on Marcus island in Japan's home waters was a feint or a well aimed knockout meh. Japan could use the answer to that riddle, right now.

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 1,250 miles from Tokyo, and toat "Some Gamage was suffered by our grounded planes."

The communique, broadcast from Tokyo and recorded by Reuters, added that there were some casualties and damages to ground installations and declared twelve of the American planes were shot down.

Three possibilities emerged from the meager accounts of the spectacular raid:

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2. The attack could have been a feint to cover some highly important move elsewhere, conceivably occupations were detensive 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 mational disintegrations or speculation regarding the military preparations, preparations were detensive detensive 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 accounts of the kill-ing yesterday of William Stevens, 36, confessed child attacker, by Detention Tolky of the preparations of the kill-ing yesterday of William Stevens, 36, confessed child attacker, by Detention regarding the military preparations, preparations, preparations, preparations, preparations, preparations, preparation

Of Older Age Is Advocated

Washington. Sept. 2—(AP)—
Ascrting most future selectess 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.

Induction of men over 37 was halted some time ago because the average man in the 38-45 bracket was physically fit for combat service.

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Snyder, head of the appropriations subcommittee handling all War department funds, said today it is boosting creamery butter from ten to twelve points a partment funds, said he believed it would be fair better to induct menbetween 37 and 45 without dependents than to put fathers under 38 in the service.

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"The size of our army now is such that the main need for additional men is for replacements." Snyders aid. "We have plenty of well trained soldiers on American soil now and they can be used for replacements in combat service as soon as their places here can be filled. There is no reason why men up to 45, without dependents, cannot protested these services mand staks are lowered one ration point.

Army Loses 7,590 Men

In Sicily

Washington, Sept. 2—(AP)—Army losses in the 38-day comquest of Sicily numbered 7,500 killed, wounded and missing to bring the army's overall war losses to 70,872 and lift the amounced casualties for the armed services and merchant marine to 105,446 since Pearl Harbor.

The latest Army figures were given at a press conference today by John J. McCloy, assistant secretary of War, He said that secretary of War, He said that of the 70,872 casualties in all combat zones, 9,209 were killed in action or died of woonds, 20,-159 were wounded, 21,764 were missing, and 19,740 have been officially reported prisoners of war.

Warns Foes

Scavenius Declines He Refuses To Organize

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

New Cabinet

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 ref-

new government, Danish relugees 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 Hannecken, 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.

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Von Hannecken is expected to explore further the possibility of establishing a Danish government. He is renorted 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 Hannecken 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 paradling Copenhagen streets and that disorders appeared to be diminishing under the rigid controls set up by the Germans. Schotage was said to be continuing, though on a seale smaller than that of a week ago, and industrial slowdowns were reported prevalent throughout the country despite all German efforts to speed up production.

Grand Jury

Draft Of Men Ration Stamp Values Change, Effective Sunday

Creamery Butter Goes Up Two Points; 35 Cuts of Fresh Meats Will Be Reduced

Washington. Sept. 2—(AP)— Creamery butter will go up two red ration points a pound Sua-day, and the ration value of 35 cuts of fresh meats will be re-duced one or two points.

The office of price administratio said today it is boosting creamery butter from ten to twelve points a pound because production is 5 per

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

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

The agency made point changes

ONE OF SIX SHIPS LOST IN SICILY INVASION

GERMANS FLEE DONETS B



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 ves sels were lost in the large-scale invasion. From News of the Day Newsre el. (International)

Chiefs Plan Diplomacy

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

Washington. Sept. 2—(AP)—
In the casy atmosphere of a semi-social visit Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevell 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. The need for closer coordination among the three most powerful allied nations thus remained the number one political problem posited up by the recent Anglo-American.

lied nations thus remained the number one political problem pointed up by the recent Anglo-American conference in Quebec and obviously held open for further discussion in Washington.

Mr. Churchill arrived from Quebec late yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and his staff. The only function immediately announced for his entertainment was an informalisating dinner at the White House last night.

White House officials stressed that t should not be considered parely business nature since purely business nature since seevelt hoped to make it social. They also described the talks as representing not beginning of a story but he co-sion of one begun in Canada.

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 around as both in the Mediterraneon and in Britain for a two-directional continental assault which might be sprung at any moment.

Whether based on fact or fancy, or in the hopes of gleaning information on alled plans, the sudden spuri in the enemy's invasion speculation

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Light Planes Raid Targets In Italy

Tar Heels Wed In Britain

London, Sept. 2—(AP)—WAC Private, Mary Elizabeth Elliot, Gingston, N. C., and Private Wallace R. Best, Raleigh, N. C., have received permission from high conventions. 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. The ceremony is expected to take place within the next few

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The couple had been friends back home and became engaged when they met shortly after the WACs first arrived here.

INCREASE IN STATE

Greensboro, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Internal revenue collections in North Carolina totaled \$53,924,203 diaring 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. Collections for the past month show an increase of \$19,486,628 over collections of \$39,437,574 during August of 1942, and an increase of \$15,732,687 over collections of July 1943.

Bad Weather Holds Big Bombers Grounded; Wellingtons Bomb Aversa Railways

Allied Headquarters in North Africa. Sept. 2.—(AP)—The al-lied air offensive against Haty has been concentrated on the too of the peninsula for the past 36 hours and has been carried on mainly by fighters and fighter-bombers, allied headquarters said today.

American Flying Fortresses and most medium bomber squadrons were held on the ground by bad weather for the first time in weeks.

RAF Wellingtons returned to the gailway targets of Averse, north of Naples, and scattered two-ton block-busters last night, however, and American Warhawks stabbed at the zinc factory at Iglesias in southwest Sardinia.

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Henderson Daily Dispatch

Over 40,000 Casualties Suffered

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

London. Sent. 2—(AP)—Russian troops driving forward on the Voronezh front today cap-tured the town of Sumy, im-portant Ukrainian regional center about 400 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 withdrawtoday from their once strong Donets basin salient in southern Russia, presumably in fear of an even greater debacle

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there than the one at Taganrog which, the Russians say,
cost them 41 000 croops.

Berlin min' by creles attempled to explain away the retreat by 12 2 Swedish correspondents that greater forces
were needed in the west to meet
an expected allied invasion.

But Moscow communiques told
a far different story—one of an
avalanche of Russian military
power sweeping against and
around out-fought and out-maneuvered nazi armies.

A Russian war bulletin recorded
today by the Saviet monitor, giving
figures that made Taganrog the
greatest single German defeat since
Stalingard, said charging Red army
troops had killed more than 35,
000 Germans and capturing 5,100
in the final liquidation of enemy
torces eneircled west of the Sea of
Azov port.

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Azov port.

In all, eight nazi divisions totaling 120,0000 men were routed
and mauled by the smashing
Russian attacks, the bulletin said.

Keeping up the steady pace of
enemy attrifion, Missow reported,
Stalin's troop yesterday cut down
an additional 6,000 of the foe who
not in the way of Russian draws.

Sardinia.

The flights of fighters and fighter-bombers over the southern extremity of the peninsula amed there blows chiefly at axis communications and detensive establishments, attready shattered and virtually paralyzed by the daily series of forays since the fall of Sicily two weeks ago.

From the Middle Factors

On Salamaua

Japanese Resistance Close Pincers About Airdrome

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

A spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur characteriz-ed the enemy's crumbling resis-tance as "rear guard", an indi-cation that the Japanese are

cation that the Japanese are giving way.

On the coast, below the airdrome and the Francisco river mouth, the Japanese for some time have been holding out on the western end of Rossevelt Ridge at its junction with Scout Ridge, which runs northeast from that point, Latest reports fracticate that the Americans nave skirted enemy pillboxes and foxholes, sent the main spearhead along

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Continued warm this after-noon, tonight and Friday forenoon, except slightly cooler north portion late tonight and Friday forenoon. Scattered thun-dershowers north and west por-tion this afternoon and over south portion tonight.