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# U.S. REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO SALERNO

## Army Bitter Over Laxity For Fathers

High Command Claims Strategic Pledges Would Be Sacrificed

Washington, Sept. 15—(AP)—The Army high command today sharply rejected congressional proposals that planned induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers be postponed or canceled.

Urging that selective service be permitted to go forward with its program with taking such fathers, after October 1, Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, deputy chief of staff, warned Senate and House military committees that any reduction in the prospective draft pool would necessitate a change in the national strategic commitments.

An army of 7,700,000 by the end of this year is "the minimum force required for the task ahead," he said.

Under Secretary of War Patterson, following McNarney as a witness in hearings on the explosive issue, told the legislators that the production of war planes would "go to pieces" if the deferment of fathers disrupted the present selective service schedule.

Specifically opposing the bill by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) to postpone father inductions for the remainder of the war, Patterson said: "If the proposal were adopted, the men to be added to the military forces would necessarily be the non-fathers who are doing skilled work in munitions plants. In that case, our production of planes would go to pieces and with it would go our surest means of victory."

## Fascist Decrees Are Broadcast In Mussolini's Name

London, Sept. 15—(AP)—The German radio today broadcast an eight-point proclamation under the name of Benito Mussolini creating a "republican fascist party" in Italy with the former premier in supreme direction.

While the proclamation was said to have been signed by Mussolini, whom the Nazis have declared they freed from imprisonment by the Pietro Badoglio government, it was read by some one else.

## Tokens Will Be In Order By January

Washington, Sept. 15—(AP)—Some time early next year you'll be digging tokens out of pockets or purses to get your rations of meat and fat and processed foods.

While General Manager Chester Bowles of the Office of Price Administration has announced the long-awaited decision to use tokens as change for food ration stamps, it'll be at least four months before they're ready.

There's much still to be decided about the tokens.

So far OPA has decided there'll be two kinds, red and blue—red for meat and fat, blue for canned and other processed foods—because the public got used to these colors in Ration Book No. 2.

But OPA still hasn't selected a material and as yet has to approve designs and specifications for the tokens. They'll be made either of glass or plastic. Probably they'll be in a single denomination—one point each—and therefore, all of one size. One of the problems is making them difficult to counterfeit.

The tokens will be used in connection with ration stamps.

When the system goes into operation, a certain stamp will become good on a certain day for a certain number of red or blue points, probably 16 points. You'll turn in the stamp at the store on a purchase, get tokens in change.

# Russia's Armies Roll On Toward Dnieper

## Autumn Rains Are Slowing Advance Of Soviet Forces

En Route to U. S.



United States Ambassador to Turkey, Laurence A. Steinhardt, is en route to Washington. He will consult with the State Department concerning the position of Turkey in a possible Allied Balkan invasion. He also will discuss problems arising from Allied penetration into southeastern Europe, according to Ankara sources. (International.)

## Victory Tax Repeal Now Is Proposed

Simpler Forms Demanded By Virginia Democrat; Alternatives Studied

Washington, Sept. 15—(AP)—Repeal of the five percent Victory tax was proposed by a member of the House Ways and Means Committee today as a cure for the decimal point jitters suffered by many income tax payers.

Representative Robertson (D., Va.), member of the committee which originated the tax, said there must be some simpler way of collecting the \$2,000,000,000 a year netted from the Victory levy.

Capitol Hill heard, meanwhile, that the administration probably would present to Congress Sept. 29, not a specific program to raise more wartime revenue, but several alternative plans for digging deeper into the taxpayers' pockets.

The administration's tax procedures were reported to have been decided upon finally yesterday at a White House conference.

Robertson did not suggest a specific substitute for the Victory tax, but some authorities were known to be discussing a 5 per cent sales tax as a possible alternative. However, congressional tax leaders privately expressed doubt that there is much prospect of announcement of a sales tax.

Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.) called the Ways and Means Committee into a closed meeting tonight for a discussion with Treasury and congressional tax experts of the various proposals.

## All-Star Baseball Teams Are To Tour Pacific War Area

Washington, Sept. 15—(AP)—The War Department announced today that two all-star baseball teams from the National and American leagues will play a series of inter-league games for troops overseas in the Pacific theater.

"The teams will be sent to undisclosed destinations in the Pacific theatre of operations following the close of the World Series," the announcement said.

## Last Ukraine Bastion Of Germans Threatened By Push Toward West

London, Sept. 15—(AP)—Russian troops have captured Nezbin, on the Kiev-Kursk railroad 80 miles northeast of Kiev, Moscow announced today in a special order of the day.

Capture of this important town on the main rail line opens the way for an assault evidently intended to crack the middle Dnieper defenses of the Germans, just up the river from the Ukraine capital.

The order of the day, signed by Premier Josef Stalin, was broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the Soviet monitor.

Moscow, Sept. 15—The Soviet army newspaper Red Star reported today that a Russian night attack broke the German intermediate line defending Lozovaya in the central Ukraine as the Red army pressed a general advance toward the Dnieper.

The autumn rains had started falling in the Ukraine, the dispatch said, bogging down roads and fields and slackening the speed of maneuvers, but the tanks and motorized infantry continued to slog forward in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

No further reports of the position around Bryansk were issued since yesterday's dispatches said the Red army marched to within view of the city. (The Germans have reported they evacuated Bryansk.)

The Soviet drive west across the Ukraine proceeded steadily despite the admitted difficulties created temporarily by the mud.

Lozovaya, 30 miles northeast of Pavlograd and 65 miles northeast of Dniepropetrovsk, was the last of the old Ukrainian bastions left to the Germans. It served as one of the main defenses south of Kharkov during the first winter offensive and was the scene of one of their counter attacks during the second winter. It was the high water mark of the Russian counter offensive in the south.

Red Star said the Russians were advancing toward Lozovaya along the railroad running west from Sloviansk through Boryvenkova, both of which have been captured.

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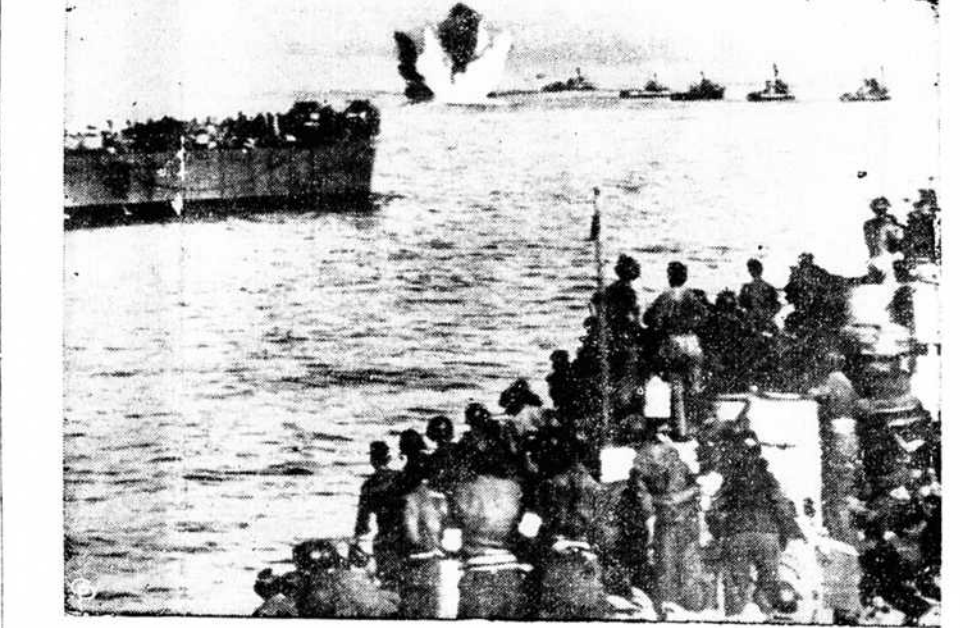
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## YANKS PUSH ON TO ITALY UNDER ENEMY BOMBS



An Axis rocket bomb that missed the mark explodes harmlessly in the water of the middle distance as LST boats and other craft loaded with American invaders drive ahead for the Italian mainland. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)

## Great British Army Of The Middle East Is Secretly Moving

London, Sept. 15—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports reaching London from Stockholm by way of Ankara today said that Britain's great Ninth Army—a force which the Germans assert led drive into the Balkans—was on the move today from its Middle East bases facing the island pathway into Greece.

British military officials had no comment to make on the Ankara reports, published in the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet, which said that General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's army had embarked for an "unannounced destination."

The dispatch coincided here, however, with authentic reports of movements in the Balkans, of sweeping successes by Yugoslav guerrillas and reports of fierce fighting between German and Italian troops in the Dodecanese islands of the Turkish mainland.

The Ankara radio, in a broadcast reported here by the Associated Press, today again forecast that important new military developments are imminent, and it was pointed out that the surrender of the Italian navy had cleared the Mediterranean for any assault against German positions in southeastern Europe.

Bases of the Ninth Army in Syria and Transjordan are only 400 miles from the island of Rhodes and less than 600 miles from Crete, Axis outpost in the Mediterranean.

## Japs Retreat Further Before Allied Pincers

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Sept. 15—(AP)—Japanese, faced with annihilation at Lae, New Guinea—a fate which has overtaken most of the routed Salamaua garrison—fell back today before Allied pincer forces from prepared positions on two sides of the big air base.

Thunderous artillery exchanges and aerial bombardments by both sides intensified the struggle.

Allied forces landed from the sea above Lae on September 4 now stand only a few miles from the southern end of the Malahang airbase, the bigger of the two at Lae. This force reached that point by seizing the village of New Yanga, half way between the airbase and the Bussa river.

American and Australian troops landed from big transport planes in the Malahang valley September 5 have swept through two prepared positions west of Lae and are expected momentarily to engage in bitter fighting with Japanese at Healy's plantation, eight miles from the town. Enemy positions already have been encircled near the plantation.

Eighteen miles below Lae, where the Allies have captured the airbase and the base camp of Salamaua, General MacArthur's headquarters said "the enemy is completely routed and his forces destroyed." Only a few scattered groups succeeded in fleeing into the jungle.

## Britain Honors Memory Of 1940 Blitz Aviators

London, Sept. 15—(AP)—The memory of "the few" to whom Prime Minister Churchill said "so many owe a debt" was honored by this nation today on the first anniversary of the RAF's greatest victory in the Battle of Britain.

With an emotion akin to reverence, Britons recalled how, on September 15, 1940, British airmen and

## Famine For Italy Looms As Certain

Born, Sept. 15—(AP)—The spectre of famine looms over Rome and the Nazi-occupied cities of northern Italy, dispatches from the Italian frontier said today.

A Swiss telegraphic agency dispatch from Chiasso reported that Nazi parachute troops had taken up positions in St. Peter's Square and added that the fate of Pope Pius XII and that of other high church prelates who had taken refuge in Vatican City is at present unknown.

The Rome radio last night reported that food production and harvests in the vicinity of the Italian capital to bring food to Rome, promising that it would be used solely to feed civilians. All Rome schools had been closed indefinitely, it was said.

Diminishing food supplies were reported in the north, where the Germans have requisitioned all available supplies.

The Swiss telegraphic agency said that Rome yesterday was "totally without food" and that the Italian people were "in peril of the possibility of a countrywide famine."

## Jury Is Selected For Liquor Trial Of Wilkes Group

Wilmington, Sept. 15—(AP)—A jury was chosen without difficulty today to try Guy H. Scott, head of the State Bureau of Investigation, and 12 W. B. Lewis, head of the State highway patrol in the western district, on charges of larceny and receiving "stolen" liquor, and violation of the State prohibition law.

State witnesses were sworn just before noon, recessed by lunch and taking of testimony was scheduled to begin this afternoon.

light in such strength, according to an anniversary gathering of veterans of the Battle of Britain. Air Chief Marshal Dowding paid tribute to the eleven RAF flyers who were killed that day and to their families.

"So great were the odds against which they fought," Dowding said, "that the end of the battle one had the feeling there had been some final fixing intervention to alter the sequence of events which would otherwise have occurred."

## Attacks Of Nazis Are Beaten Off

British Stealing Up East Coast, Racing to Aid of the Americans

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 15—(AP)—Allied troops have beaten off fierce German counter attacks against the Salerno bridgehead in Italy, but were forced last night to yield some ground gained earlier, in order to straighten their lines.

New supports came to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces—the strongest air attacks of the Mediterranean war and the thunder of naval guns off-shore.

Today's Allied communiqué disclosed that average close-quarter combat raged along the whole Fifth Army front from Salerno to Agropoli, 27 miles north, with both sides throwing heavy reinforcements of troops and armor into battle.

British Eighth Army troops, stealing up the west coast to support the landing, drove through the village of Belvedere, 67 air miles from Agropoli, to close the gap between Allied forces to some 80 miles of east front by land.

Heavy sea-borne landings started in the Salerno sector, and the 1575-foot 210mm gun tower included all dates at its command against the Germans, firing more than 2,000 shells from dawn Tuesday to dawn today in the heaviest attack ever witnessed in this theater.

Not a single Allied plane was lost. The Nazis managed to bring up more troops to the Salerno sector despite the concentrated pounding of shells by Allied aircraft and elements of the British armor division.

The German 29th and 10th were defeated on their advance, the Allies, at least three divisions, the Hermann Goring, the 15th and 16th army corps divisions, already were in the line.

Allied naval forces were landing reinforcements all along the Salerno-Agropoli front, despite German interference, and the naval communiqué announced occupation of Capri Island west of Salerno on Sunday.

The land communiqué reported that "our armor troops have been forced to yield ground, but new positions are being consolidated." Both sides made determined counter attacks, it added.

The German attacks were strongly supported by tanks that were driven back repeatedly by blistering American and British fire. One United States combat team alone destroyed 13 tanks.

The yielding of ground at nightfall straightened Allied lines and permitted consolidation of positions against expected night assaults by the enemy, it was announced.

An officer declared that the end of the day showed the situation was "a little more in our favor, especially with the arrival of 107th reinforcements."

The Eighth Army's advance to Belvedere represented a 25-mile push beyond the Cassino line, which had been announced yesterday as its position.

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Slightly warmer this afternoon, tonight and Thursday forenoon.