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# RUSSIANS TAKE SMOLENSK

### DRAFTED DADS BID FAMILIES ADIEU



WHILE THE NATION'S LAWMAKERS debate whether or not to draft pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, these men who became fathers after Dec. 7, 1941, say good-bye to their wives and children as they leave Detroit for Fort Custer after their induction. Left to right are Robert Wentzel holding Dennis, nine months; Robert Matthews with Gail, 11 months, and Alice Vargo with Joan, 11 months. (International Soundphoto)

## U. S. Army Overlooks Naples

### 19 Enemy Planes Are Shot Down by Allies; Vesuvius Lights Way

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 25—(AP)—Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark's American Fifth Army has fought its way onto hills looking down on the plains of Naples in a furious day and night offensive supported by heavy artillery barrages and resisted by German tanks as well as strong gun emplacements. Allied headquarters said today.

Meanwhile, Allied fighters shot down 19 Junkers-52 transports in another sweep against the hard pressed enemy's air evacuation movement from Corsica where French patriots and regulars and American Rangers were pressing him into a tight corner.

At least ten more of the evacuation planes were damaged in the great air battle off historic Elba in which RAF Beaufighters laid siege to the German-held tip of the island and trapped the Nazi air fleet just as they did off Tunisia and Sicily. Struggling forward over terrain so difficult that pack mules were used extensively to carry up guns and ammunition, Gen. Clark's men gained a foothold on the top of mountains extending from Vesuvius and Pompeii in their drive on Naples.

In the words of the headquarters spokesman the Allied troops could watch "our air forces knocking hell out of enemy communications in the area below." Reports from the front said the whole rugged mountain area north and northeast of Salerno was brilliantly lighted throughout the night by the flashes of a terrific artillery duel between hundreds of Allied and German guns.

Clark, who appeared to have been swinging somewhat eastward from his previous hard course due north of Salerno in a drive to outflank Naples, now seemed to be thrusting with Vesuvius as a beacon, and a breakthrough in the mountain area appeared possible at any time.

An indication that the Germans despaired of ever being able to establish a strong defense line across the whole Italian peninsula, which would enable them to retain possession of Naples, was seen in the fact that the British Eighth Army advanced 15 miles up the Adriatic coast from Bari to the outskirts of the town of Molfetta without encountering enemy resistance.

## Seven U. S. Planes Landed in Russia

Moscow, Sept. 25—(AP)—Seven American planes landed on Soviet territory in Kamchatka on September 12, date of the bombing of the Japanese Kurile islands. It was announced today.

The announcement said the planes and crews had been interned.

(An American intelligence officer, describing the raid September 12, said five planes were presumed lost and five others might have reached land.) The Russian announcement said the planes were forced down because of "engine trouble."

## Glass Fabrics In Postwar Era Sure, Scientist Claims

Chicago, Sept. 25—(AP)—Spun glass for fabrics has a great future, a scientist said today, and the post-war Cinderella may wear a fade-proof glass dress—to match those fairytale slippers.

Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, chairman of the American Institute of Chemists, said that after the war women will be able to buy dresses made from the new material and they won't fade, shrink or mold, and will cost less than cotton frocks.

He displayed a dress made of the new material which he said cost \$7 a yard for 10 inch width.

## Cotton Still On Low Side

New York, Sept. 25—(AP)—Cotton futures closed (old contracts) 15 to 30 cents a bale lower.

October	29.11	29.35
December	29.14	29.09
March	29.94	29.92
May	29.75	29.71
July	29.56	29.52
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## WAR PREVENTION BILL PASSED



CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO Rep. J. W. Fulbright (center) by Rep. Sol Bloom, N. Y. (left), and Rep. Charles A. Eaton, N. J. Fulbright's measure providing for U. S. participation in "appropriate international machinery" to prevent wars had just been passed by the House by a vote of 360 to 29. (International)

## Finschhafen Airfield Is Wrested From The Japs

### Drive Upon Burma Set For October

Toronto, Sept. 25—(AP)—Y. Hock Hwang, special commissioner of the Overseas Ministry of China, predicted in an interview last night that the Allied assault against Japanese forces in Burma will open early in October and that within two months all Japanese will be driven from the country.

## Broughton Boom Has Real Help

### Governor's Support For Vice President Mostly From Outside of State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By LYN SIBBET Raleigh, Sept. 25—Governor Broughton's only comment when asked about the Washington story that he was being considered as a likely nominee for vice president next year was to say that he found the story "very interesting."

The governor returned Thursday night after a ten-day absence from his office during which he attended a regional conference of governors at Denver, an executive committee meeting of the national conference at Lincoln, Nebraska, the national American Legion convention at Omaha, and appeared before a congressional committee on steel shortage in Washington.

Each of these engagements was strictly in line with his position as governor of North Carolina except the post-conference on the Omaha Legion convention. That was just a neighborly visit. In the same category falls his trip to South Boston, Virginia, Friday night to help out in a war bond rally.

The Virginia visit came about through close personal friendship of both Governor Broughton and Lieutenant Governor Harris with Lieutenant Governor W. M. Buck, of Virginia, who lives at South Boston. All the same, it won't do the prospective candidate for vice president any harm to get better acquainted with the voting population of Virginia.

The governor says he is not going to get excited about the vice presidency and is certainly not going to make any campaign for the nomination. From other sources, in addition to those indirectly quoted, previously in this correspondence, it is learned that there is some real force back of the idea that the southeast is entitled

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## Red Army's Victory One Of Greatest

### Germans Admit Armies Withdrawn; Disastrous Defeat for the Nazis

London, Sept. 25—(AP)—Smolensk, among Europe's most heavily fortified cities and backbone of the German central Russian defenses, fell to Soviet forces today in one of the greatest victories of the Russian war, Moscow announced tonight.

London, Sept. 25—(AP)—The German high command announced today that German troops have evacuated Smolensk, greatest Nazi base on the Russian central front for more than two years. On the basis of the German announcement the Red army has won one of its greatest victories of the war. Evacuation of the city, 210 miles northeast of threatened Kiev and 230 miles west of Moscow, was announced in a communique broadcast by DNB and reported by the Associated Press. Abandonment of Smolensk, railroad town 65 miles southeast of Smolensk, was also reported in the communique.

Col. Ernst Von Hammer, military correspondent of the Nazi international information bureau with the German armies on the eastern front, said in a dispatch broadcast by DNB that evacuation measures had been started three weeks ago and that it was quickened during the past few days while German rear guards fought a successful defense battle.

The German war bulletin said that Nazi columns were attacking in the Lake Ladoga region in the Leningrad salient and had repulsed Soviet tank supported counter attacks on the Murmansk sector in the far north.

Strong Russian attack on German bridgeheads on the eastern bank of the middle Dnieper river were hurled back with heavy tank losses, the communique asserted, and Soviet columns operating north of Cherkass were smashed, it was claimed.

The fall of Smolensk was regarded here as one of the most disastrous defeats suffered by German forces in the current Russian offensive. Berlin said Smolensk evacuation was completed early today and that covering forces blew up bridges and important crossroads after the last German transports had left the city.

In the nine months since a badly beaten Red army threw back the Germans from Stalingrad, the Russians have accomplished two-thirds of their task of hurling the invaders from Soviet soil.

Hitler's steadily retreating forces have now given up all but about 230,000 of the 700,000 square miles of Soviet territory they held at the height of their successes, and hold only about three percent to Russia's 8,800,000 square mile area.

## Fortresses Near Rescue RAF Crew Down in the Sea

A United States Fortress Base in England, Sept. 25—(AP)—Six Flying Fortresses searching for an RAF Halifax crew floating in the North Sea a few days ago spotted them just as they were about to be "rescued" by a German Dornier seaplane.

The Fortresses sank the Dornier and also shot down one of two Junkers-85's which tried to interfere. They then engaged in a race with the remaining Nazi plane to get a rescue plane to the Halifax and Dornier crews before another German seaplane could be found, but the Germans won and captured the Englishmen.

When the Fortresses broke in on the ocean drama, the Dornier was so close to the RAF dinghy that the American gunners were hard put to attack the seaplane without endangering the Englishmen. They managed to shoot the tail off as the Dornier went down and the German crew had to take to their boats.

When the twin-engine Junker escorting the Dornier closed in, the gunners polished off one. The other streaked for home, presumably to get assistance.

The Fortress airmen waved reassurance to the floating fliers and took up the race. But the German rescue base was closer and when RAF planes reached the scene the fliers already had been picked up.

## Senate Will Defer Foreign Policy Act To Get Soviet Idea

### British Views Sought Also Before Passing on Any Declaration of Course

Washington, Sept. 25—(AP)—The United States Senate, which will write America's ticket in the post-war world, took on this apparent attitude today.

Let's find out what Moscow thinks and wants before deciding on a definite international set-up for maintaining the peace.

This interest in Russia's views was heightened by the arrival of Admiral William H. Standley, who is believed to be ready to resign as ambassador to the U. S. S. R. He had a date to talk it over with Secretary of State Hull today.

As Standley returned to the capital, these facts stood out:

1. A strong trend developed in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to delay action on any declaration of post-war policy until the views of both England and Russia have been sounded out, fully and publicly.

2. Appointment of a new ambassador to Russia, possibly Lend-Lease Expert W. Averell Harriman, was in the wind, along with selection of an envoy to join the foreign ministers of Britain and Russia in a momentous meeting at Moscow soon. This meeting is intended to pave the way for a conference of Marshal Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt.

## Cooperation, Or Ruin, Is Hill's View

Pittsburgh, Sept. 25—(AP)—Senator (D., Ala.), Democratic whip, said today the United States must "either travel the way of international cooperation and of peace, or we go down the way of isolationism and destruction."

In an address for delivery before the Democratic Women's Guild, the Alabamian, co-author with Senators Hatch (D., N. Mex.), Ball (R., Minn.), and Burton (R., Ohio) of a Senate resolution proposing more effective machinery for maintaining world peace, said:

"The present war will so deplete our critical and precious minerals, so drain and disrupt our domestic economy and take the lives and break the bodies of so many of our youths that the United States could not survive another or third world war.

"And yet, we will go headlong into another world war if the United States fails to cooperate with other peace-seeking nations and play its part in the building of an orderly world."

## Beaverbrook Returns To British Post

London, Sept. 25—(AP)—Lord Beaverbrook came back into the British cabinet today after an absence of 20 months in a shuttle designed to strengthen the government for the direction of post-war planning.

The newspaper publisher, one of the vociferous critics of the government since he left his post as minister of aircraft production almost two years ago after a disagreement over the scope of his position, returned as Lord Privy Seal but without membership in Prime Minister Winston Churchill's war cabinet.

As general utility minister he will assist Churchill with special administrative work and preside over a number of governmental committees concerned with both war and post-war organization.

The appointment of Beaverbrook was the only one announced by No. 10 Downing street which occasioned any surprise.

## EDWARD WATKINS IS GIVEN COMMISSION

Washington, Sept. 25—(AP)—The War Department announced today a list of temporary promotions of officers. It included these North Carolinians: First lieutenant to captain: Louis Lambert Jernigan, Air Corps, 207 North Carolina street, Goldsboro; Edward Terry Watkins, Air Corps, 374 William street, Henderson.

## Rumania Is Said Asking For Peace

### Reported Negotiating With Allied Envoys In Turkish Capital

Madrid, Sept. 25—(AP)—Reports, some clearly of German origin, circulated here today that representatives of the Rumanian government are negotiating with Allied representatives at Ankara, Turkey, for an armistice.

The Rumanians first attempted, the reports said, to negotiate only with the western powers, but, failing in this, agreed to meet also with Russian representatives.

There was no indication of the progress of the rumored meetings, but Balkan representatives here feel that such conferences might be linked with Budapest reports of growing tension between Rumania and Hungary over Transylvania, northern Rumanian area ceded to Hungary under Axis pressure.

The reports said that Rumania first sounded out the Allies for an armistice shortly after Benito Mussolini's ouster as Italian premier, and again sought an armistice conference immediately after the Italian capitulation.

Although reconciled to unconditional surrender, the Rumanians were said to be mainly concerned over the method of surrender and the fate of Transylvania.

## Yugoslavs Blast Nazis In Balkans

Stockholm, Sept. 25—(AP)—A Budapest dispatch to the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said today that a full scale military operation was under way against German and Nazi satellite troops in Yugoslavia by a force 180,000 strong under Allied command.

The dispatch said the action had reached the scale where it could no longer be considered guerrilla warfare, and Berlin dispatches said the Germans were rushing reinforcements to the Balkan area in an effort to regain control. Nazi military commanders admit, however, the dispatches said, that Yugoslavian forces hold strong mountain positions.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued cool this afternoon, tonight and Sunday forenoon.