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## COOKING UP TROUBLE FOR TOJO



THREE OF AMERICA'S TOP NAVAL STRATEGISTS are shown at Pearl Harbor after discussing plans for the Pacific campaign against the Japs. L. to R.: Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, head of the Pacific fleet; Admiral Ernest J. King, U. S. chief of naval operations, and Admiral William F. Halsey, chief of the South Pacific area. U. S. Navy photo. (International)

## Portugal To Declare War On The Japs

### Lisbon Is Angered By Encroachments of Japs in the Pacific

London, Oct. 9—(AP)—Dispatches from Madrid today said diplomatic quarters looked for Portugal to declare war on Japan as a protest against Japanese encroachments upon Portuguese territory.

Correspondents of London morning newspapers reported from the Spanish capital also that the Portuguese national assembly was called into session yesterday to hear an "important statement by the Portuguese government."

There was no announcement when this session broke up, but the dispatches said Premier Salazar immediately went into conference with his cabinet. Just before the assembly convened, Salazar again saw the Japanese minister in Lisbon, it was said.

The Daily Mail, without giving the source of its information, said the Japanese minister had ordered his private papers burned after returning Thursday from a conference with Salazar.

# Allies Cross The Volturno; Russians To Surround Kiev

## Huge Breach Forged In German Line

### Moscow Thinks End Of War Might Soon Become More Evident

London, Oct. 9—(AP)—Blasting huge wedges into the 30-mile deep German defense zone west of the Dnieper river north and south of Kiev, strong spearheads of the Red army have hurled back fierce Nazi counterattacks and entrenched themselves for what appeared to be a huge pincer movement aimed at enveloping the great fortress city.

Moscow announced today that the major breach in the German lines was carried out south of a town 50 miles below the Ukrainian capital. It was expected expansion of this may collapse the whole front. Carried out under the cover of darkness, the attack caught the enemy by complete surprise.

Of almost equal importance was the storming of the German west bank defenses north of Kiev near the confluence of the Pripiet and Dnieper rivers.

Here Soviet advance guards were fanning out to the south in a drive evidently aimed at hitting Kiev from the rear and meeting other Red army columns sweeping up from the south.

A third important Red army foothold on the west bank also was firmly established, the Moscow communique indicated, and Russians were repulsing counterattacks in which the Germans hurled tanks, planes and men to no avail.

More than 2,800 Germans fell in the fierce bridgehead battle. Soviet armor, screening the crossings, shot down 32 German planes in air combat high over the river.

Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, said in a dispatch that the Red army positions on the west bank were now regarded as secure.

Cassidy added that nobody was more surprised by the Red Army's new offensive than the Russian people themselves, and its initial successes, coupled with its strategic possibilities, stimulated the hope that the end of the war might soon be in sight.

## GENERAL CLARK THANKS HIS MEN



LIEUT. GEN. MARK W. CLARK, commander of the Fifth Army, expresses his thanks to some Yank infantrymen for their fine work in mopping up the Nazis at Salerno. The Fifth Army is now moving north in its drive on Rome. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

## Foe Unable To Check The Allies

### Fighting Lessened On Adriatic Front Despite Enemy Move

London, Oct. 9—(AP)—The Cairo radio said today that Allied forces have crossed the Volturno above Naples on a "broad front."

The broadcast said the Germans were retreating to new positions along the Garigliano river 15 to 20 miles north of the Volturno.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers Oct. 9—(AP)—Allied patrols have fought their way across the lower Volturno river in Italy, where they are probing the strong enemy defenses on the north banks, and the Germans have flung another division—the Third Armored Grenadiers—into battle to hold that river line, Allied headquarters announced today.

The strategic railway and highway center of Caserta, 80 1/2 miles above Naples on the southern side of the Volturno, was captured as the Fifth Army mopped up the last enemy resistance below the Volturno and Calore rivers, official reports disclosed.

American and British patrols forcing the Volturno encountered brisk small arms and light artillery fire. A headquarters officer emphasized that front reports indicated no major body of the Fifth Army had yet penetrated across the stream, and declared "there is every indication that the Germans intend to try their best to hold there."

On the Adriatic front, the fighting died down somewhat after three days of heavy battling in which General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army knocked out half of thirty Nazi tanks, including huge Mark VI Tigers, thrown in the battle in an attempt to break the British hold on Termoli.

In the air, the Northwest African force smashed out again yesterday and Thursday at airfields in Greece, Crete and the Dodecanese.

The Allied communique said the Fifth and Eighth Armies had advanced two to three miles in their sectors despite heavy rains and floods in some areas. The weather continued bad.

Captured documents disclosed that fierce German counterattacks against Termoli were made under Nazi high command orders to "retake the port and drive the British back into the sea at all costs."

The Germans paid a high cost with the veteran 16th Armored Division and the First Paratroop Division charging steadily, but it gained them nothing and an official message from Montgomery's headquarters declared the situation was "little changed" from the time the Nazis elected to start their first major stand against the British in Italy.

Other units of Montgomery's British and Canadian troops advanced from two to three miles at some points farther inland, maintaining pressure, while in the mountainous central sector there was little change in the line.

## Yugoslavs Open Fierce Campaigns

London, Oct. 9—(AP)—Yugoslav troops have launched fierce battles in a new drive to wrest the Italian neck of Trieste and Fiume from the Germans, a Yugoslav communique announced today, and have delivered smashing blows at German forces along interior railways.

"Bitter fighting is going on in the southern suburbs in Trieste and south of the port," said the war bulletin broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio.

Italian battle free units, turning against their former allies to support the Yugoslav guerrillas, have bombarded Nazi-occupied towns on the Dalmatian coast, the Bari, Italy, radio declared last night in a broadcast heard by the London Daily Express.

The Yugoslav communique said there was spirited fighting also in the Susak sector, with the Germans throwing a complete division against Yugoslav liberation forces holding heights dominating the port of Fiume.

# Senate Plans Probe Of Lend-Lease On Colleagues' Report

### Civilian Trucks Are Sent Australia, With Half That Many Here

Washington, Oct. 9—(AP)—The Senate two-day private review of what's going on at the war front spawned today an investigation of lend-lease operations and boded ill for President Roosevelt's request for an additional \$5,000,000 appropriation for the Office of War Information.

In cantankerous mood after nearly six hours' wrangling behind closed doors yesterday, members showed a pressing desire to look into the operation of some agencies that were criticized roundly by five Senators who inspected the war theatres.

One of the touring Senators, Brewster (R., Maine), served notice that lend-lease is in line for a thorough going over by the Truman War Investigating Committee, on which he serves. Brewster charged there had been instances of mismanagement, citing 30,000 trucks sent to Australia, including 15,000 more were left for use of civilians in this country.

Brewster said the Truman group also is interested in the President's request for more funds for overseas operations of the OWI—a subject at which the House Appropriations Committee will have the first crack. Senator Lodge (R., Mass.) previously told the Senate he felt some OWI propaganda in foreign lands was childish.

## AVIATOR RUNS FOR CONGRESS IN NINTH

Gastonia, Oct. 9—(AP)—Lt. C. Y. Nancey, Jr., former Union Mills business man and now a Civil Air Patrol pilot, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to Congress from the 11th North Carolina district in the 1944 election. Major A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia now represents this district.

## Shortage Of Paper Grows More Serious

Washington, Oct. 9—(AP)—Mirroring the increasing gravity of the pulp and paper situation, the War Production Board today advised that newspaper publishers who appealed for additional newsprint allocations over quotas in the fourth quarter of 1943 would have small chance of success.

Harold Boeschstein, special coordinator of the WPB industry division, concerned with paper and lumber, said the growing shortage of pulp and paper had resulted in "a tightening up" of recommendations by the printing and publishing division on appeals for more paper. The agency coordinator warned that publishers who use reserve stocks in excess of quota before the appeal board passes finally on their positions do so at their own risks.

## Sues Hospital



MRS. SELOM F. BURNS is shown with one of her twins, Annie John, born in a Seattle, Wash., hospital July 9. She and her husband have started habeas corpus proceedings against the hospital for the other twin. The hospital claims the baby died at birth, while the parents say the twin is alive. (International)

## Defection Of Italians Lets Germans Out

Ajaccio, Corsica, Oct. 9—(AP)—Escape of 20,000 Nazi troops from Corsica during the recent campaign resulted from the defection of 85,000 Italian troops fully equipped with tanks and guns who failed to hold vital bridges against a few German patrols.

That is the conclusion reached after correspondent Wes Gallagher arrived after reviewing the campaign with American and French officers who took part in the fight. It was not dissipated by conversations with the Italians themselves.

The Corsicans were told yesterday by Gen. Charles DeGaulle that France would be freed with Corsica and that "all must give way to the cross of Lorraine."

Standing in the center of the Bonaparte memorial and newly named "DeGaulle Square," the fighting French leader received the enthusiastic cheers of the Corsican population after a rapid two-day tour of the island.

## DARST APPOINTED

Raleigh, Oct. 9—W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, has announced the appointment of W. H. Darst as head of the Seed Laboratory division of the State Department of Agriculture. Darst, who succeeds J. W. Woodside, will assume his new duties immediately, according to Scott. Woodside will become a feed and seed inspector and will work out of Newton.

## U. S. Hospital Ship Sunk by Enemy At Salerno Sept. 13

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 9—(AP)—Official sources permitted the disclosure today that the United States army hospital ship Newfoundland was sunk in the Gulf of Salerno off Italy September 13, after it had been attacked by German bombers, despite the bright identification light it bore.

The Newfoundland, which formerly was a passenger-cargo ship on the Boston-Liverpool run, was struck by a heavy bomb at 5 a. m. There were several British nurses and doctors aboard, some of whom were killed, but all of the 103 American nurses escaped. No patients were aboard.

## Governors Are To Compete Very Soon In Picking Cotton

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 9—(AP)—Governor Olin D. Johnston, 46, declined today to allow North Carolina's 54-year-old Governor J. M. Broughton a handicap in their cotton picking duel.

Johnston accepted Broughton's challenge yesterday to a contest to determine which could pick the most cotton. The date and site of the contest, to be on neutral ground, has not been set, but Johnston said he would meet Broughton "any time and any place."

"Broughton ought to be good," Johnston laughed, "he's been picking cotton almost every day at the North Carolina experiment and test farm near Raleigh instead of playing golf." On the other hand, South Carolina's governor said he had not picked cotton in the past 20 or 25 years.

## EXTENDS WATERWORKS

Richmond, Va., Oct. 9—Bids for the construction of approximately 3,250 of terra-cotta sewer pipe to extend the municipal sewer system of an FHA housing development at Aberdeen, N. C., are scheduled to be opened at the office of Mayor Forrest Lockey in Aberdeen next Wednesday (Oct. 13) at 2:30 p. m., Kenneth Markwell, regional director of the Federal Works Agency, announced.

# Interior Germany Feels Attacks By Fortresses

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## 6,000 Planes Lost In Mediterranean Area by the Axis

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 9—(AP)—The campaign that began in North Africa last November 11 has cost the Axis more than 6,000 planes up to October 1. Allied air force headquarters said today.

Of that number, 3,411 were destroyed in the air. Nearly 2,600, mostly rent by bombing, were found on captured Axis airfields.

The total does not include planes destroyed by bombings on fields still held by the Germans. The Northwest African air force also reported sinking of 185 ships totalling 173,000 tons. The weight of bombs dropped on Italy in September was computed at 15,989 tons. This was over 2,000 tons more than the last previous high for this theatre in August.

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## Kolombangara Fort Evacuated By Japs; Enemy Vessels Sunk

London, Oct. 9—(AP)—The German news agency DNB reported today from Tokyo that Japanese forces had evacuated the island of Kolombangara in the Solomons.

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Oct. 9—(AP)—An outnumbered force of United States destroyers, waylaying a Japanese task force bent on rescuing troops from the central Solomons, sank an enemy cruiser or heavy destroyer and at least two other destroyers in a moonlit battle.

The engagement, in which the American losses were described as "moderate," occurred shortly before midnight Wednesday northwest of Vella Lavella island. It first was reported today by General Douglas MacArthur.

The Japanese ships, in three groups, were intercepted by a force commanded by Captain Frank Robinson Walker of Alabama while attempting either to

pull off Japanese remnants still holding out against the Americans on Vella Lavella, or to complete the evacuation of Kolombangara to the south.

Without waiting for reinforcements, Captain Walker maneuvered his forces for battle against the first group. MacArthur's communique said gunfire exploded a light cruiser and one destroyer, a torpedo sank a second destroyer, and two other destroyers, badly damaged, limped away. (South Pacific headquarters said a third destroyer probably sunk, and two or three other destroyers were damaged.)

The second Japanese group, probably destroyers, and the third, consisting of barges and small combatant craft, saw at a distance the flaming action, then swung around and retired at high speed.

The losses increased to more than 25 the number of warships the Japanese have expended in the Solomons since MacArthur launched his current offensive June 30. They also have lost approximately 1,000 planes, more than 500 barges and uncounted hundreds of men.

## Montgomery Army Smashes Attacks Of the Germans

With the British Eighth Army in Italy, Oct. 9—(AP)—Under the cool gray eyes of General Sir Bernard Montgomery's British Eighth Army, tanks and infantry today smashed back strong German forces that had half-encircled Termoli, east coast anchorage of the Allied line across Italy.

In a brief visit to the forward fighting zone General Montgomery declared:

"The situation was a bit sticky yesterday. The Germans were surprised when we took Termoli with a seaborne landing and departed them of the important lateral road violently. They transferred their forces to this sector."

"But the Eighth Army has held their counter attack successfully."

## ELIZABETH CITY BENEFITS

Richmond, Va., Oct. 9—The regional office of the Federal Works Agency has awarded to Coleman Trainor & Company of Huntington, W. Va., a contract for \$83,540 to construct additional waterworks facilities to serve military establishments, shipyards and housing developments at Elizabeth City, N. C. Kenneth Markwell, FWA regional director, announced.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Little change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Sunday forenoon.

## Little Resistance By Japs to Planes Over Indo-China

Headquarters of the 14th U. S. AAF in China, Oct. 9—(AP)—Liberator bombers with a fighter escort yesterday heavily attacked Giham airbase at Hanoi without meeting Japanese opposition and landed off only feeble interception in a raid at a cement plant at Tapong Thursday. It was announced at headquarters today.

Major Gen. Claire Chennault said that the failure of the Japanese to offer stiffer resistance to the American aerial blows indicates that the Japanese force is pretty well shot in northern Indo-China.

## Stocks Are Improved

New York, Oct. 9—(AP)—Leading stocks again were improved in today's market although few made much headway and dealings were slowest for more than a month.

The list shifted irregularly higher at the start and, while the ticker frequently was at a standstill, gains of fractions to around a point were in the majority at the close. Transfers for the two hours were about 200,000 shares.

Stocks in front the greater part of the time included Sante Fe, Southern Railway, New York Central, U. S. Steel, U. S. Rubber, Sears Roebuck, General Electric, International Nickel, and Jersey and Standard Oil of New Jersey.