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REDS STORMING OUTSKIRTS OF KRIVOI ROG

More Controversy On Strike Threats In Coal And Rails

Washington, Oct. 27—(AP)—The labor front rattled with controversy today with strike threats booming over two war-vital industries—coal and railroads—as a result of these developments:

1. Soft coal miners received with could receive the War Labor Board's proposed substitute for an Illinois "model" wage agreement.

2. The WLB set tomorrow morning as a deadline for resumption of all coal mining and said strikes in effect then would be certified to the President, presumably as a prelude to a second government seizure of the mines and the invocation of penalties against the union, under the anti-strike law.

3. Fifteen non-operating rail unions joined the five transportation brotherhoods in ordering a strike

vote as a protest against government rejection of their wage demands.

The WLB said it could not approve the Illinois plan which would have increased earnings \$1.50 a day for a 40-hour week or less. It said it could approve increased earnings of \$1.12 a day. The board's alternative proposal would increase the earnings for a six-day week more than \$9, compared with an \$11 increase under the agreement as submitted. The earnings for the last two days of the week are higher because of the overtime rates after 40 hours.

The strike ballot in the railroad case was made returnable November 25. The union chief, made it plain that whatever the results of the poll, no strike was to take place until authorized and that all efforts at peaceful settlements must be exhausted first.

Three-Day Holiday Of Markets Begins

Raleigh, Oct. 27—(AP)—A three-day marketing holiday went into effect today in fluorescent tobacco belts of North Carolina and Virginia as tobaccoists and government officials sought to bolster sagging prices. Governor Broughton said last night after conferences with Governor Colgate W. Darden of Virginia that the holiday would go ahead as scheduled. E. D. Matthews of Winston-Salem, president of the Virginia-Carolina Warehouse Association, said as far as he knew all markets at the Old Belt would observe the recess and reopen Monday.

Governor Broughton said he understood the Commodity Credit Corporation had assured North Carolina congressmen that

tobacco allotments to buyers would not be cut and that the CCC would continue its support to markets until the end of the marketing season.

The Governor said Governor Darden planned to confer with Virginia congressmen today and that the two governors would confer again tomorrow, when a joint statement about reopening the markets would be issued.

Prices on the common and low grades of leaf and non-descript tobacco, which registered the greatest declines before the holiday was planned, rallied somewhat Monday but skidded again yesterday on North Carolina's Old and Middle Belts, the War Food Administration reported. Advances were general on the New Bright Belt.

Caldwell Demands Fair Treatment For Farmers

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau.

BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—The report of Harry B. Caldwell, master of the State Grange, prepared for delivery to the 15th annual session of the Grange at Statesville today, demands for the farmers of the nation and of this State more equitable treatment at hands of government, and indirectly pledges greatly increased production by the farmers if justice is accorded them.

Caldwell foresees that hunger, uncertainty, lack of confidence and a sense of insecurity will constitute the big problems of any postwar reconstruction program. He laid down the proposition that no post war program

can succeed unless it is based on sound Christian principles. While looking ahead to conditions after the war, the Grange master devoted most of his attention to more immediate situations.

Farmers are being called on for more production of essential food, feed and fiber crops, he said, and at the same time are expected to buy more bonds and to pay higher taxes. He believes the farmers of North Carolina can meet all these challenges if certain restrictions and limitations are removed from them.

Inequality of farm wages and non-farm wages must be removed so the field worker can be assured of pay

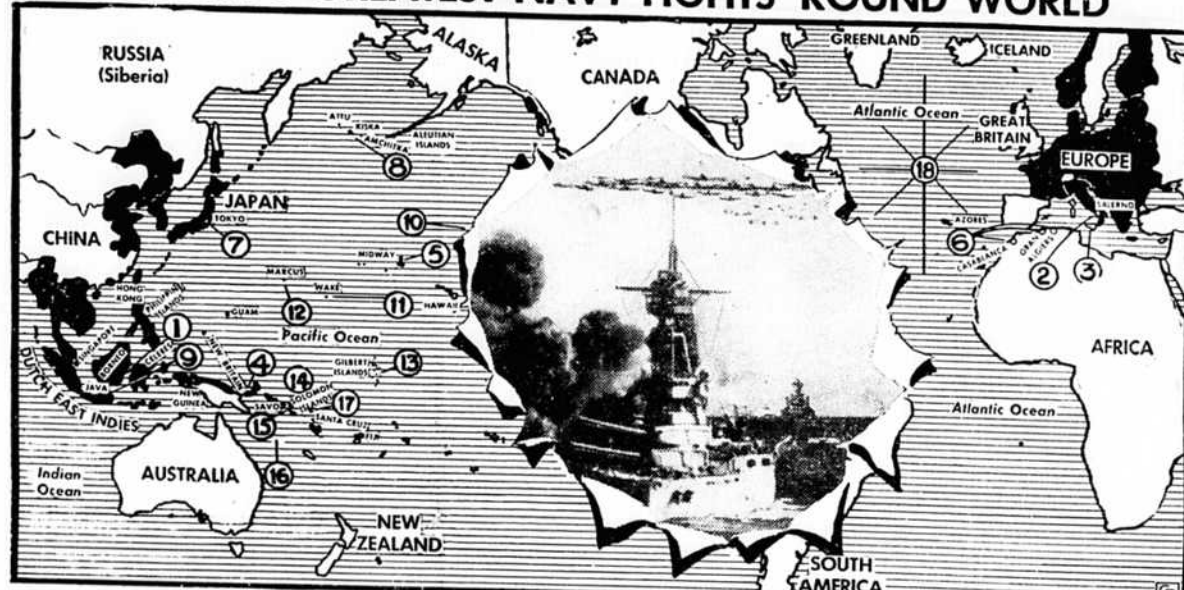
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PROSPECTIVE DADS CELEBRATE



THERE'S A GOOD REASON for the name and stork painted on the fuselage of this torpedo bomber at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal. Each member of the crew expects to become a father before January. L. to R.: Maj. R. E. Smith, Laguna Beach, Calif.; Sgt. N. Stanner, Niles, Mich.; and Sgt. Irwin F. Waldvogel, Cicero, Ill. (International)

HISTORY'S GREATEST NAVY FIGHTS 'ROUND WORLD



1. Battle of the Macassar straits
2. Landings at Salerno
3. Landings in Sicily
4. Battle of the Bismarck sea
5. Battle of Midway
6. Landings in French North Africa
7. Bombing of Tokyo (carrier-based Army bombers)
8. Aleutians campaign
9. Battle of the Java sea
10. Protection of U. S.-Canadian west coast
11. Task force raid on Wake island
12. Task force raid on Marcus island
13. Task force raid on Gilbert islands
14. Battle of Kula gulf
15. Battle of Savo island
16. Battle of the Coral sea
17. Battle of Santa Cruz
18. Battle of the Atlantic

NAVY DAY, 1943, brings the homage of the nation to its sailors of the sea and of the air at a time when the United States Navy has become the most powerful naval striking force forced in history. This map, with the accompanying key above, shows the major engagements of World War II in which American fighting ships, Navy planes and sailors have participated.

Post-War Education Is Planned

President Suggests Billion Dollar Fund For Armed Services

Washington, Oct. 27—(AP)—A \$1,000,000,000 program to provide post-war educational opportunities for men and women in the armed services was recommended to Congress today by President Roosevelt.

The program was developed by a special committee of educators which Mr. Roosevelt appointed last November when he signed into law the drafting of men 18 and 19 years old. In sending it to the Capitol, the President urged prompt legislation to put its broad outlines into operation.

Suggested by the committee, and approved by Mr. Roosevelt, were recommendations that the Federal government make it financially possible for every man and woman who has served six months or more in the armed forces since September 16, 1940 (effective date of Selective Service), to receive a year's training in an educational institution to equip them for gainful pursuits in peacetime.

The committee and the President also proposed that, in addition, a limited number of service personnel selected for special activities be permitted to carry on their education for an additional one to three years. The Federal government would meet not only the educational cost but provide money for maintenance.

Freighter Is Aground Off Jersey Coast

Belmar, New Jersey, Oct. 28—(AP)—A 6,000 ton freighter, described by the Navy Department as a United Nations vessel, ran aground in the tail end of a heavy storm early today 200 yards off the beach front here.

Six members of its crew of 50 were removed by breeches buoy lines rigged up from the shore front by the Coast Guard.

Rescue attempts were discontinued, however, as the storm subsided. Other crew members remained aboard.

Within a short time after the ship ran aground, Coast Guards estimated thousands of sightseers were on the scene. Lt. (jg) Ernest Hulse, in charge of the operations at the scene, said the freighter did not appear damaged.

Allies Advance As Nazis Retreat To Mountain Defenses

Air Warfare Intensified but Fighting Subsides As Germans Occupy Left Bank of Trigno River

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 27—(AP)—Allied troops advancing three to six miles have taken two more towns below the Trigno river in Italy, but fighting generally subsided as the last of the German rear guards were pulled back into the massive new mountain line guarding Rome, official reports disclosed today.

Air warfare intensified with smashes at Greek airfields and hammering of enemy supplies and transports in Italy.

The Nazis are withdrawing to the left bank of the Trigno river near the Adriatic coast, headquarters said, and Eighth Army units inland on this flank have taken Civita Campomariano and Acquaviva Collecroce, both about seven miles below the Trigno.

American troops to the west occupied high ground facing Massico ridge, an anchor of the new German line. They established themselves on "Mad Dog Hill" near Raviscanina and on another ridge Francolise.

The only heavy fighting yesterday was in the Eighth Army advance to the two towns. Canadian troops were in the thick of the fighting and acquitted themselves well, front reports said.

The German emphasis on their defenses in the center of the front was undoubtedly based on the realization that the road running northwestward from Vinchiaturo to Isernia was of vital importance in holding their new mountain line.

An Allied advance along this road, which runs through main north-south valley of the Italian peninsula, would threaten Venafro a key point in the new line.

Withdrawal of Nazi rear guards into the mountain defenses might be likened to the pulling up of ladders by a medieval army as it gathered behind the walls of its fortress to defy an enemy threatening to batter them down.

Steel, Rail Stocks Ahead

New York, Oct. 27—(AP)—Steels, rails and assorted specialties forged ahead in the stock market today but speculation contingents were a bit cautious after "Tudor's" spurt.

Among issues of new highs were American Dilling, Alcoa in demand were U. S. Steel, Youngstown, Loxley, Paramount, Warner Brothers, Hiram Walker, National Distillers, Santa Fe, Southern Railway, Great Northern Preferred, American Telephone, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Westinghouse, Union Carbide and Douglas.

Three Vital Jap Airfields Made Useless

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Oct. 27—(AP)—Three vital airfields on which the American march up the Solomons to Rabaul have been bombed into uselessness and enemy planes have abandoned them.

Whether the Japanese ever will try to restore them remains to be determined but headquarters disclosed today that, for the time being, United States bombs have knocked out the big enemy airbase of Kahili and Kara strip, both on southern Bougainville, and the Bulale fighter strip in the Shortlands immediately south.

Methodically last Saturday a mighty force of 230 American bombers and fighters tore up Kahili and Kara with 130 tons of bombs without so much as seeing an enemy plane in the sky.

Kahili has been the core of Japanese air resistance in the Solomons, since the big American push, which now has driven the enemy from all except the northern Solomons, opened June 30.

On New Guinea, four bitter counterattacks by Japanese jungle troops northwest of Allied held Finsehafen have been bloodily repulsed, a spokesman for General MacArthur said today. These Japanese recently were hurled back by Australians in an attempt to reach the coast for possible flight north.

Cotton Opens Unchanged

New York, Oct. 27—(AP)—Cotton futures (old contract) opened unchanged to ten cents a bale lower. Noon prices were unchanged from previous close. December 20.07, March 19.91 and May 19.76. Previous Close: December 20.07, March 19.91, May 19.75, July 19.63.

Birthday Of U. S. Navy Is Observed

Speakers Describe Naval Achievements On 168th Anniversary

(By The Associated Press.) Pride in its growing might and gallant deeds, tears for the ships and men who won't come back, and warning of battles ahead marked the 168th birthday of the United States Navy today.

While its warships, submarines and planes were on the move all over the globe, all geared to Secretary Knox's order to "seek out the enemy and destroy him," speakers at home extolled the power and achievements of the fleet in observation of the second Navy Day of the present conflict.

Admiral Ernest J. King, in an address prepared for a Navy Day celebration at Indianapolis, cautioned that the Japanese "is still convinced that he can wear us out and his long-term strategy is to keep us at arm's length from his important concentrations."

Senator Walsh (D., Mass.) predicted in a Navy Day speech in the Senate that the release of units of the Navy from Mediterranean operations soon will bring "smashing blows against the enemy in the Pacific." The chairman of the Senate Naval Committee asserted that "man for man, ship for ship, on the sea, under the sea and in the air we have the most efficient navy in the world."

Secretary Knox will speak in Philadelphia tonight.

From General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, came an expression of "grateful appreciation of 2,000,000 and more soldiers now in far combat zones, and their families at home for the superb protective convoying of the Navy."

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Continued rather cold this afternoon with light rain or drizzle in the northcentral portion. Slightly colder tonight and Thursday forenoon.

Submarine Runner Lost, Presumably In Pacific

Washington, Oct. 27—(AP)—The submarine Runner has been lost, the Navy announced today.

The submarine presumably was operating in the Pacific area where submarines have been taking a heavy toll of Japanese shipping and cutting into enemy supply lines to their scattered bases. Next of kin of all personnel on the Runner, listed officially as "overdue and presumed to be lost," had

Germans Withdraw At Dnieper

Nazi Counterattacks Have Little Success At Tremendous Cost

London, Oct. 27—(AP)—With Soviet troops storming the outskirts of Krivoi Rog, the German command today took the gloomiest tone toward the Russian front since Stalingrad, in an apparent effort to stiffen the public and army alike for an impending military catastrophe.

"A large German withdrawal movement" in the Dnieper bend was announced by the Berlin radio and by their own accounts the Nazis were being pounded back from the Melitopol area all the way up to the region west of Smolensk.

A great and fateful tank battle was thundering from Krivoi Rog, important iron and steel center, northward to Kremenchug as the Germans attempted to retard the advance of the Reds. But even this big counterattack could do no more than score a few isolated defensive successes at fearful cost.

This was taken to indicate that the Soviets were intensifying the base of their triangular salient driving down upon Krivoi Rog and the fall of the city, key to the whole German defense in the Dnieper bend, was important.

Spearheads of one Soviet force—the northern arm of a great pincers, designed to entrap those enemy units still inside the Dnieper river bend—already have captured Karnovatka, main rail center for the Krivoi Rog area on the north bank of the Saksohan river, a Russian commandant said. Although the Nazis fresh tank forces, some of them transferred from Italy, into the defense of the strategic stronghold, Soviet armor drove them back and left 2,000 German dead on the battlefield, the bulletin declared.

The southern arm of the pincers, operating out of Melitopol, was said to have captured Veseloye, 24 miles to the northwest, after "particularly fierce fighting," and was believed to be about to close the gap which would seal the fate of the Germans trapped in the loop of the Dnieper between Melitopol and Dnepropetrovsk.

Other Soviet columns were fanning out of Melitopol into the steppes above the Crimea. The Moscow war bulletin said they captured nearly 100 tanks yesterday in advances of four to twelve miles, which cost the Nazis more than 3,000 killed.

No Further Cuts In Gas Rationing Planned by OPA

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—Recurring rumors of further gasoline ration cuts were called unfounded today by Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Office of Price Administration.

"Occasionally we hear the report that at some midnight the value of some or all coupons will be cut," Johnson said. "We have been informed by Washington that there is no truth in any of these rumors. There is no indication that gasoline allotment quotas will be reduced this year, and OPA is not contemplating any reduction in coupon values. If there should be any change in this situation, the public will be given due notice."

He added that Shoe Stamp No. 18 will not expire without 30 days notice to the public.