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DESTROYER'S GUNS BLAST PATH FOR TARAWA MARINES



SUPPORTED BY A DESTROYER lying offshore, U. S. Marines crouch amid the ruins of a blasted building on Tarawa Atoll (top) as the ship's shells score a direct hit on a Japanese position that was holding up their advance. One shell has scored a bull's-eye on an oil dump, which sends a column of black smoke skyward. The obstacle eliminated, the Leathernecks charge (bottom). U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International)

## Bailey And O'Mahoney Appeals Byrd Hit At For All-Out Price Democrats Control Measures

Threaten to Form  
Separate Party of  
Southern Democrats

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Senate Democrats tried with soft words today to turn away the wrath of an unexpected and angry uprising by their southern colleagues.

Chairman Guttry (D., Pa.), of the Democratic senatorial campaign committee met with silence a double-barreled attack from Senator Byrd (D., Va.) and Baile (D., N. C.)—an attack that wound up with Byrd demanding Guttry resign his campaign post.

There was a tendency among some southern Democratic members to use "a pure rhetoric," Bailey's words, that the southern Democrats "ought to form their own party."

The war blared up over Guttry's assertion that southern Democrats had formed an "unholy alliance" with the Republicans to "deprive the armed forces of America the right to vote."

He referred to last week's scrapings in the Federal war ballot procedure in favor of a directive to the states requesting them to arrange for the armed forces to vote in next year's general election.

"This is not on iota of truth in any part of the statement," declared Byrd. "The sooner Guttry tears from his position the southern campaign chairman, the better it will be for the Democratic party."

Byrd followed with an assertion the southerners were getting tired of being "deceived as southern Dem-

ocrats." He attacks continue, he said. "We will find a party which honors us not because we are southerners and not because of politics, but because we love our country."

"They might possibly drive us out," he declared, "in which event there would never again be a man elected president of the United States on the Democratic ticket. We can form a southern Democratic party and we will hold the balance of power in this country."

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## Elimination Of Points On Pork Asked

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—(AP)—State Agriculture Commissioner W. E. Scott recommended that the Office of Price Administration eliminate points on all pork and other meat products for 90 days.

"Marketing of hogs from North Carolina," he wired officials in Washington, "is approaching an acute stage due to hog movement."

"Holdovers are increasing every day on the markets on account of insufficient labor in slaughter plants Fayetteville, N. C., and Florence, S. C., and markets are closing for an indefinite period. Other markets in the state are buying on a limited basis. The Henderson market is closed today."

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## 5th Army Takes Mt. Camino; Japs Slacken Rabaul Activity

### Incessant Bombing By Americans

#### Excellent Air Base And Rabaul Harbor Untenable to Japs

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters, Dec. 8—(AP)—A slackening in naval activity observed at Rabaul lent emphasis today to the official assertion that the Japanese are finding their once proud New Britain island air and sea base too hot to handle.

White Allied bombers poured loads of explosives on the invasion-threatened island with incessant fury, a spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur said aerial observation had shown a noticeable drop in naval traffic at Rabaul.

This tied in with the recent declaration of Rear Admiral Robert Curnow, chief of staff for Admiral William F. Halsey, the South Pacific fleet commander, that Rabaul, on the northeast coast of the island, is untenable to the Japanese and "we have complete control in the waters."

Rabaul, with its excellent deep water harbor and six airfields, is Japan's best base south of Truk, which is in the Caroline Islands 800 miles away. Pounded repeatedly by bombers, its neutralization would constitute a major victory.

On New Guinea itself the sharp ground fighting for Wauco on the Huon peninsula remained static as to position but Allied bombers raised enemy concentrations. The Australians, supported by tanks, are attempting to clear the Japanese from the strategic Huon peninsula which overlooks the possible invasion straits to New Britain.

Bombers also hit the Japanese on Bougainville around the American beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay, smashing supply lines and exploding 48 tons of bombs on an ammunition dump and other targets. The fighting here was reported to have subsided.

### Drink Kills Six Negroes

Durham, Dec. 8—(AP)—A Monday night party featuring "canned heat" cocktails had brought death to six Negroes today and left another in a critical condition at a hospital here.

Police expressed fear there are still others who partook of the deadly drink but who have not yet sought medical attention.

Five of the celebrants died yesterday and another succumbed in a hospital today. A woman collapsed on a street this morning and was taken to a hospital, where her condition was described as critical. She admitted having drunk some of the "canned heat" at the party. Police Captain N. K. Hardee said.

There was little indication, however, that Byrd's appeal to the nation to guard against inflationary steps had wrought any change in congressional sentiment on food price subsidies, railway wages or other related issues now to the fore.

### U. S. Steel To Negotiate New Contract

Washington, Dec. 8—(AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today killed, in effect, legislation which would have authorized paid newspaper advertising by the government to promote the sale of war bonds.

The vote in executive session was announced as 11 to ten.

Chairman Daugherty (D., N. C.) said the action was to table the legislation, which had the effect of killing the bill. He said, however, that someone probably would introduce another such bill.

Three bills, one of them passed last month by the Senate, were affected by the committee action. The Senate bill provided for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 for advertisements in daily, weekly, semi-weekly and tri-weekly papers published in cities of not more than 10,000. Two House bills would have authorized the expenditure of \$30,000,000 to be "equitably distributed" among news papers, having second class mailing privileges.

LONDON, Dec. 8—(AP)—A decision by the Turkish government during the country's about does conclusively in the light of the Churchill-Roosevelt conference in Cairo was viewed here today as likely to come from Ankara in the near future.

First reports, incompletely indicated that the tense negotiations concerning Turkey's "closed" policy with Britain and the United States at the conclusion of the three-day conference would put Hitler's forces facing British satellites with explosive force.

#### REUNION AT TEHERAN



President Roosevelt greets WAAF Officer Sarah Churchill as they meet again in another corner of the world, this time at Teheran in Iran, at the three-power conference on war against Germany. Standing between them is Averell Harriman, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, and at the right, Prime Minister Churchill, the young lady's father. U. S. Army (International Soundphoto.)

## Reds Driven Back At Kiev Bulge, But Gain Near Dnieper

### Desperate Tank and Infantry Assaults by Nazis Are Launched

Moscow, Dec. 8—(AP)—One of the most desperate German tank and infantry assaults launched during the seven weeks' battle for the Kiev bulge has forced the Red army to retire from several towns in the Chernyakhov-Korosten area but Soviet troops have scored important gains southwest of Kiev and almost completely enveloped Znamenka, vital rail junction in the Dnieper bend, a Russian war bulletin said today.

Russian drivers said approximately 1,500 tanks had been knocked into a narrow sector west of Kiev by Field Marshal Fritz von Arnim. The Russian communists said the Nazis had lost at least 1,200 vehicles in the first four days.

The Nazi gains in the Kiev bulge, however, were offset by Russian gains to the south. Here three Red army regiments were driving on Znamenka from several directions and one already was within four miles of the town's gates, the communists indicated. Fall of this strategic rail junction, which front dispatches said was apparently inevitable, would lead to disrupt the whole German communications and supply system in the vast areas below Kiev and would undoubtedly help to relieve pressure on the Kiev salient.

Sixty German regiments fell before the Soviet advances before Kremenchuk, the communists reported.

### Reinforcements In Maneuvers Taken By Plane, Glider

Camp Mackall, N. C., Dec. 8—(AP)—More men and supplies were transported by plane and glider into the Sandusky maneuvers area today as the army continued the greatest simultaneous assault attack by air ever put on in this country.

Additional paratroopers and airborne cavalry, fully equipped with types of weapons, even including light artillery, were landed as reinforcements to the first attackers who returned from the air last night.

The attacking Blue force, commanded by Major General Joseph M. Stilwell bridged a theoretical bottleneck of the ocean by air as it endeavored to seize vital spots in the area held by dashing Red ground forces.

Approximately 10,000 troops, consisting of half airborne division, attacked by a battery of paratroopers, 2000 in total, crossed the front in hurried convergences around their objectives.

The second blow of the Nazi attack was delivered in the first two hours of the maneuver. Nearly 60 percent of the entire Blue force was loaded into transport planes and gliders with a schedule calling for landing within a two-hour period.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Party cloudy and continued warm tonight and Thursday.

## Turkish Declaration Expected

London, Dec. 8—(AP)—A decision by the Turkish government during the country's about does conclusively in the light of the Churchill-Roosevelt conference in Cairo was viewed here today as likely to come from Ankara in the near future.

It is a complete agreement on the problems of war and peace."

The communists were reported to have started a whirlwind of diplomatic activity in Sochi, the Bulgarian capital, in mid-November, thus received the Turkish ambassador to Bulgaria and then called a closed meeting.

Despite her satellite status, a tradition of friendship with the Soviet Union has kept Bulgaria out of hostilities with Russia and it is questionable whether German troops garrisoned in Bulgaria could force the country to resist a Balkan invasion in which the Red army participated.