



Italy Surrenders "Unconditionally"

THE DONETS BASIN LIBERATED; REDS RECAPTURE STALINO

London, Sept. 8.—Marshal Joseph Stalin announced today that the Red Army had captured Stalino and cleared the Germans from the Donets basin, a region rich in mines and factories.

A special order of the day, announcing the re-occupation of one of the most important areas of south Russia, came a few hours after the German radio said Stalino had been evacuated.

Red armies, meanwhile, were charging toward the Dnieper river west of Stalino, cutting railways to Dnieperopetrovsk, 100 miles to the west, and Mariupol and menacing the Nazi lines of retreat.

"As a result of skillful maneuvers and a determined offensive in the last six days, our troops captured a number of cities, including the city of Stalino," Stalin's order said.

Triumphant radio broadcasts told of the developments.

The daily communique recorded by the Soviet monitor said more than 200 additional settlements had been overrun in the Russian drives between the Smolensk sector and the Sea of Azov.

Among them were listed the town and rail junction of Yasnovataya, 12 miles northeast of Stalino; the nearby district of Novos Knonicheskoye, 35 miles northwest of Stalino.

Red Army troops were credited with the destruction or crippling of 98 Nazi tanks yesterday and 118 enemy planes were declared shot down.

This greatest Russian victory since Leningrad toppled Russia's 12th largest city of nearly 500,000 which the Germans described as the "Eason of the Soviet Union" when they first overran the center on Oct. 21, 1941, when their war with Russia was four months old.

Stalino then became the German command's main headquarters for the entire southern front, and served as such until recently.

The Germans attempted to explain their defeat with the time-worn descriptive of "shortening the line" and "elastic defense."

"In line with the fighting on a mobile basis, the city of Stalino was evacuated according to plan following the destruction of all war facilities as a measure for shortening the front," said the German communique, recorded from the Berlin radio by the Associated Press.

"German troops continued their tactics of elastic defense and have evacuated Stalino," another German dispatch said, "the battle in the Donets basin continues to rage with undiminished violence. The Soviets, by throwing more tank formations and mechanized units into the battle, attempted to disturb German detaching movements. At a few points, the Soviets succeeded in achieving small, local breaks which were partly ironed out."

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Rev. James A. McCaleb of Mid-dletown, Ky., will be the preacher and Prof. A. E. Lynch of the Campbell College faculty, the song leader. The public is invited to participate in these services.

No Lend-Lease To Argentina

Secretary Hull Criticizes Country's Attitude Toward The Axis

Washington, Sept. 8.—Possibly jealous and fearful over the growing power of Brazil, Argentina has asked for—and been firmly refused—American lease-lend materials, including the implements of war.

The request came from the Argentine foreign minister, Vice Admiral Segundo Storni, on August 5 and the flat turn-down was released by Secretary of State Hull last night.

The Argentine cabinet distributed the message without comment.

Storni contended Argentina was pro-Ally, though it is the only neutral in the hemisphere. All others have broken off relations with the Axis.

Hull shot back that Argentina still is doing business with the Axis, and harbors enemy agents and espionage.

As long as Argentina stays out of the inter-American hemisphere defense setup, it would be folly for the U. S. to allow this country to have American-produced instruments of war, Hull intimated.

Storni, in his letter, recalled the military coup which placed General Pedro Ramirez' government in power.

Storni contended that Argentina couldn't take such an abrupt step.

He acknowledged that "defeat is inexorably drawing closer to the Axis," but that to break relations now would "put Argentine chivalry to a hard test."

He explained convincingly, he indicated, why Argentina's neutrality had not been "understood."

TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

GASOLINE—In 17 states of Eastern shortage areas A-6 coupons are new good.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons in old ration remain good through September 30.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October.

STOVES—Consumer purchases of rationed stoves must be made with a certificate obtained at local War Price and Rationing Boards.

FARMERS' WAR-BOND QUOTA—Farmers have a War-Bond quota of 1 1/2 billion dollars in the 15 billion dollar Third War Loan drive.

TO START USING RATION BOOK III—The first brown "point stamp" in War Ration Book III will become valid September 12.

FARM ITEMS UNDER PRICE CONTROL—Used hay loaders, side delivery rakes, and manure spreaders were recently placed under specific price control by OPA.

OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL—More than 10 million individual Christmas parcels for overseas soldiers are expected in the mailing period, September 15 to October 15.

FATHER ENLISTS AFTER SONS DIE—A 54-year-old Wisconsin farmer whose two Marine sons gave their lives in the war against Japan, is now a Marine private doing guard duty somewhere with his companion son.

PICKING COTTON—Growers will be unable to harvest the cotton crop with the labor that is now on the farm.

REACTIIONS TO FALL OF ITALY—The Italian surrender hailed as one of the greatest Allied victories.

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Secretary Stephen Early rushed into the presidential office with the dispatch and reported later that Mr. Roosevelt commented calmly.

Both he and Early congratulated the Chief Executive. The publisher, a long-time friend, had gone to the White House on a "purely personal" visit.

He and Churchill were in separate rooms in the White House when news of Italy's surrender was flashed from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's North African headquarters.

Mr. Roosevelt was talking with Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News, when Press Secretary Stephen T. Early informed him Italy had laid down her arms.

President Hails Defeat of Italy

But Warns That War Is Far from Over; Opens Nation's Third War Loan Drive

Washington, Sept. 8.—President Roosevelt said tonight he and Prime Minister Winston Churchill already have made plans to capitalize the vast opportunities opened by Italy's unconditional surrender.

He hailed the Italian armistice as a great victory for the United Nations and also for the Italian people, but he added a warning that the Allies have beaten the Germans and the Japanese to their knees or that any victory celebration is in order.

A bigger and tougher war "and long months of fighting lie ahead before the Allies achieve their primary objectives—Berlin and Tokyo," he said.

Opening his silence on the Italian armistice for the first time, he warned the nation in a broadcast launching the \$15,000,000,000 Third War Loan drive that this is no time for complacency.

"I ask you," he said, "to bear these objectives constantly in mind—and do not forget that we still have a long way to go before attaining them."

He made it plain that Allied leaders are ready to press the advantages which the Italian capitulation implies and hasten the death blow against Germany and Japan.

"But let us not delude ourselves that this armistice means the end of the war in the Mediterranean," he said, adding that the Allies still must drive the Germans out of Italy, must drive them out of France and all other captive countries and must strike the enemy on their own soil from all directions.

In these generalities he gave the only clue to what might be contained in the "new, extensive plans" he and Churchill have drawn for the future.

He noted that he and Churchill "are together here at this crucial moment (and) we have seen the satisfactory fulfillment of plans that were made in Casablanca and here in Washington last May."

"And we have made new, extensive plans for the future," he said. "But throughout these conferences we have never lost sight of the fact this war will become bigger and tougher, rather than easier during the long months that are to come."

Nobody, he said, knows when total victory will come—but he did know that the harder we fight now, the more might and power we direct at the enemy now, the shorter the war will be and the smaller the sum total of sacrifices.

Only thus did he hint that vast actions may be imminent both in Europe and in the Pacific.

(Even as the President spoke, there were multiplying rumors that Allied forces had struck at various points on the European continent, including France and Norway.)

Italy's capitulation prompted immediate speculation that Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill might meet soon with Russian Premier Josef Stalin, but the President gave no inkling that such a move is impending.

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First of Enemy Nations Definitely Removed As Foe Of The Allies

Next Stop

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Sept. 8.—Allied troops and airmen in North Africa and Sicily greeted the news of Italy's unconditional surrender today with cheers, whoops of joy, and such shouts as: "Next stop, Berlin!"

WAR IN BRIEF

Italy surrenders unconditionally; Allied troops reported pouring into Italy from new landing points in race to trap Germans in south; Berlin denounces capitulation as treason; Badoglio calls on Italians to resist any German attack; Allies demand Italian troops quit Germans from Dodecanese islands; Cunningham asks Italian fleet to escape to Allied ports; Mussolini expected to become Allied prisoner.

Red Army liberates Donets Basin in continuing offensive; Captures Stalino. Allied forces closing in on Japanese base at Lae, New Guinea; Tokyo hints at new withdrawal from "island outposts" in South Pacific.

Anglo-American bombing fleets pound German airdromes in Northern France; new night attacks on the continent under way.

U. S. Lightning fighters make debut in China fighting; help sink Japanese shipping on Yangtze and bomb other enemy installations in Central China.

Rev. Wilson To Conduct Series Of Services

Rev. Howard H. Wilson, of Concord, N. C., will conduct a series of services at Ballard's Cross Roads beginning Friday evening, September 10th and continuing through Friday evening, September 17th.

Services each evening at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. He will also preach at the Farmville Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, September 13th, at 11:00 o'clock, and at Carraway's Chapel at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Rev. Wilson's friends will remember him as former pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church, Ballard's Cross Roads, Carraway's Chapel and other churches in this section of the state.

There's plenty of room at the top, but after making the hard climb, one is too tired to enjoy it.

Reactions To Fall Of Italy

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Tobacco Prices On Farmville Market Show Improvement

Sales on the Farmville Tobacco Market, this the third week of the season, continue strong, with full sales every day.

A large number of Green and common Taps is still holding the average below the Ceiling price, while the better grades go a little higher.

Farmers are urged not to bring damaged tobaccos on the market, but dry them out and keep them at home until they are in better shape.

Rev. Olive To Speak At Baptist Church Sunday

Rev. Bunn Olive who has spent many years as a missionary to China will speak at the local Baptist Church on Sunday, at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

Both Mr. Olive and his wife, now in the States due to war conditions in China, are in much demand for speaking engagements throughout North Carolina and the Farmville Church is fortunate in having Mr. Olive at this time.

Rev. Olive will also speak at the Fountain Baptist Church in the afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock.

W. T. Perdew Produces Unusual Corn Yield

An unusual display of corn was seen at the store of The Turnage Co., Saturday, when three full grown stalks, each with two full grown suckers, contained a total of 12 full grown ears.

This corn was grown on the W. C. Askew Belcher farm, near Bellair, by W. T. Perdew, and planted and tended in the usual way, except, due to lack of time to pull suckers, an additional 100 pounds of soda were added.

Mr. Perdew states that about 75 per cent of the suckers have full grown ears of corn.

Pitt NYA Center Given To School

Greenville, Sept. 8.—The NYA Center in Greenville will be made available to the youth of Greenville and Pitt County as a vocational and technical school, June H. Rose, superintendent of city schools, was informed today by the procurement division of the Treasury Department.

The city and county boards of education and the State board of vocational education will work together to render special service to the boys and girls of this section.

Governor Broughton Urged Farmers To Hold Back Tobacco

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—Governor Broughton recommended today that farmers withhold or at least retard the movement of their tobacco to markets.

Commenting that "the farm law problem of the state is in its most difficult stage," the governor said that "every available individual in the farms of the state should give full time to picking cotton, to hawking or stacking hay, harvesting peanuts and other food and feed crops. The marketing of tobacco in any great quantities now will not only retard other important crops but will also depress the price of tobacco."

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