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NAZIS WEAKENING FROM RED BLOWS

Besiegers Of Stalingrad Lose Heavily

Retreat From City Zone To Steppes Is Reported After Futile Assaults

MOSCOW, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The Germans lost a foothold in the southern industrial section of Stalingrad and fell back to the barren steppes outside the city today under red army counterattacks while nazi assaults were reported to have beaten fruitfully upon restored defenses of a north-side factory.

Russian pressure against the German flanks both south and northwest of Stalingrad appeared to be growing and the invaders struggled ineffectually to make more than slight gains within the city, the Russians said.

Reporting on one phase of the action south of the Volga river stronghold, the soviet information bureau said soviet units had destroyed 10 machine-gun posts and 26 blockhouses and dugouts at the outskirts.

Izvestia said the Germans had been thrown back behind the low, rolling hills which rim the southern edge of Stalingrad, placing their front 150 yards from the city boundary, and chimneys of the battle-scarred soviet factories in that area continued to smoke.

Slaughter Recounted

One red army division was credited with killing 4,000 Germans and Rumanians in six days, routing survivors from their positions and occupying new lines.

Pravda said that, because of heavy losses, the Germans were unable any longer to press attacks on all sectors.

Red air force storm planes and bombers attacked enemy defenses south and northwest of Stalingrad, while German squadrons concentrated their attention

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EGYPT takes the spotlight again. The British eighth army, overhauled and reconditioned after its disastrous beating in June, moves forward against Rommel on the 40-mile line between the Mediterranean and the Quattaro salt sink.

THE reopening of the battle of Egypt comes with no shock of surprise. For days, the signs of it have been in the skies.

First the axis launched a terrific air attack on Malta. Its purpose was to keep British air and submarine forces based there so busy they would be unable to deal effectively with axis reinforcements being rushed across the Mediterranean to Rommel.

For two days British bombers pounded the Italian port of Genoa and nearby points in Italy, sending heavy bombers 1,500 miles from England to do the job. This operation was obviously designed to wreck or at least seriously hamper axis convoys being rushed to Africa.

FOR nearly two years, the fighting in northern Africa has swirled back and forth across the deserts, with first one side and then the other in the lead. Always the Nile valley has been its objective.

In the last battle, back in June, the British led off with an offensive which started well but ran into trouble. It closed with the British being chased out of Libya and more than halfway across Egypt, but finally making a stand and stopping Rommel only 70 miles from Cairo.

Both sides were exhausted, and

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To Speak at Navy Day Program Here



Austin F. Flegel and Lieut. Commander A. J. Harding, above, will be in Roseburg tonight as the principal speakers at the Navy day program to be given in connection with the public dinner meeting at the Umpqua hotel at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Flegel, a brother of Al Flegel, local Texaco distributor, is vice-president and general manager of the Willamette Iron and Steel corporation at Portland. He will speak on the subject, "Brains, Brawn and Blood." Commander Harding, an active flying officer of the royal navy, has been decorated for bravery in action.

Route Changes to Affect Roseburg Mail Service

The further effect of the rubber tire situation is reflected in instructions just received by Postmaster Lester L. Wimberly of Roseburg to solicit bids for a new star route service between Eugene and Roseburg. This new route is to replace the one now operating between Eugene and Ashland, which connects with another route to Dunsmuir, Calif., making daily direct connections to California cities. Southern Oregon towns from Grants Pass south will be served by another new route replacing the one now operating. Points between Roseburg and Grants Pass will only be served by trains No. 329 and 330 now operating at night, the postmaster points out.

The schedule of the new route to operate between Roseburg and Eugene are much different than present schedules. The northbound carrier will leave Roseburg at 8 a. m. and arrive by noon at Eugene, where a northbound train will be connected. The same carrier will leave Eugene after the arrival of train No. 19 about 12:35 p. m. or not later than 2:30 p. m. and arrive in Roseburg in four hours. There will be no service on this route on Sundays or holidays.

These changes will be important, as they affect the dispatch of mail from Roseburg and the delivery of mail locally. Very little mail will leave here on the morning dispatch at 8 a. m., since very little will have been mailed by that time. The airmail connection at Medford will be broken and all airmail sent to Portland for plane connection. This will delay delivery of airmail from 12 to 24 hours at some points. All California mail will be routed north via Eugene.

The mail from the north, received via the new star route, will arrive from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m., depending on the arrival of the train in Eugene, which is late frequently. Due to this late arrival, the second city delivery in Roseburg will probably have to be eliminated and a single delivery made earlier than at present. Any persons wishing to bid on this new star route may contact the postmaster at Roseburg.

Jap Sub Base on Kiska Hammered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Two new bombing raids on Japanese installations, including a submarine base, on Kiska Island in the Aleutians were reported by the navy today.

The reference to the submarine base was the first mention of such an enemy installation in the island chain reaching westward from Alaska. However, the navy on several previous occasions had mentioned enemy submarines operating in the Aleutians area.

Both of the bombing assaults were made by army planes. No report of the damage inflicted upon the Japanese was given.

The navy said that during the raids enemy anti-aircraft shore batteries were active but that no aerial resistance was offered.

In the first raid army "Liberator" bombers guarded by Lockheed "Lightning" fighters dumped 18 tons of bombs on the Japanese camp area on Kiska and the submarine base.

Local Committee Will Aid Greek War Relief

Organization of a local committee to work in connection with the Greek War Relief association was announced here today by George Trapalis, who has been acting as local chairman. The committee will be headed by Attorney B. L. Eddy as chairman. Other members include Harris Ellsworth, publicity director; A. C. Marsters, president; W. F. Harris, vice-president; George Trapalis, treasurer; Vernon Orr, assistant treasurer; J. E. McClintock, secretary; Olive Diller, assistant secretary.

Injured Danish King Is Reported Weaker

LONDON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The Copenhagen radio said today King Christian X, injured in a horseback riding accident last week, was "feeling increased fatigue and becoming weaker."

Main Line Of Rommel In Egypt Pierced

Way for Tank Attack on Axis Widened; U. S. Air Unit Hits Hard Blows

CAIRO, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Slashing forward in hand-to-hand fighting under cover of darkness and beating off desperate axis counterattacks by day, the army of the Nile has penetrated Marshall Rommel's main positions and widened a road for tank attack through enemy minefields, battlefront dispatches reported today.

As the battle for north Africa raged through its fourth day there was no word of a clash between main armored forces, but the cautious British advance through mines, barbed wire and fields of heavy fire was clearing a battleground for the expected test.

United States army fighters and bombers were taking an increasing part, along with the RAF and South African air force, in holding mastery of the air and supporting the British advance in a ruinous battering of enemy positions.

Advance ground forces operating within sight of the bombing of axis troops and strong points sent back their message of praise: "Good show; keep it up."

In all aerial operations yesterday, over the desert, the Mediterranean and Malta, allied airmen scored 18 to 10 over the axis in planes shot down.

United States fighters intercepted four Macchi 202's over the desert and knocked down all four, equalling in a single fight their total bag for the day before.

United States medium bombers dealt battering blows at Rommel's land supply lines and his massed tanks, and heavy bombers blew up a merchantman and hit a tanker and barges in convoy attacks.

Ranging out over Marshal Rommel's supply lines on the Mediterranean, allied bombers attacked a convoy off Tobruk and saw one tanker burst into flames and a large merchant vessel blow up after hits by bombs and aerial torpedoes.

Allied fighters shot down two German escort planes after an attack on the convoy.

The convoy attack was carried

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Hard Hitter on Job in Solomons



"Hit hard, hit fast, hit often" is the credo of Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, above, who last week succeeded Vice Admiral R. L. Ghormley as commander of the U. S. naval forces in the south Pacific, now engaged in the battle for control of the Solomon Islands. Halsey won a distinguished service medal for his "brilliant and audacious attack" last January on the Jap installations on the Marshall and Gilbert islands, inflicting heavy damage to the foe's ships and planes.

Good Conduct to Free Turpin, Oregon "Lifer"

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Ralph Turpin, Josephine county, who escaped from the state prison in 1920 and who was free until his return to prison last March, will be released from prison immediately. Governor Sprague said today after giving Turpin a commutation of sentence.

Turpin was received at the prison Sept. 13, 1917, to serve a life term for first degree murder. He escaped Oct. 16, 1939, later marrying and settling down to a normal life. The governor said that Turpin, during his 22 years of freedom, had lived an honorable life which merited his release from prison at this time.

Ex-Convict Held Here in Burglary Of Jewelry Store

James Edward Shouse, 42, reportedly an ex-convict, was in custody here today charged with burglary last night of the Morgan Lawson jewelry store here. Shouse was taken by the state police and city officers last night from a northbound stage when a sack containing jewelry valued at more than \$1,000 was found in his possession, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported.

Shouse has been sought since Oct. 22, when the Hub Cigar store here was entered by a burglar who descended through a skylight by means of a rope. Sergeant Morgan, who reports that he has assisted before in arresting Shouse on burglary charges, stated that he recognized the style of the burglary as being similar to cases with which Shouse had been connected previously, and when he learned of the man's presence in Roseburg from Oct. 7 to Oct. 22, he immediately broadcast a description and asked that Shouse be held for questioning. The man was not located, however, until last night, when Morgan said, he apparently arrived on a stage from San Francisco.

Located as he was in the act of leaving the city, officers found the jewelry in his possession and, upon investigation, Morgan said, learned that an entrance had been forced into the McKean and Carstens Furniture store and a hole cut from this store through a light partition and into the Lawson Jewelry store. In passing through the furniture store, Morgan said, the burglar took 16 cents from the open cash register. The officers found 16 coppers in Shouse's pockets, Morgan reported.

Persons who witnessed the arrest were astonished when the arresting officers suddenly stripped off the prisoner's trousers before leading him into the police car. It was reported today, however, that an officer had noticed plaster dust on the trousers and so seized the garment as evidence.

Japanese, Goaded by Series Of Reverses, Launch Frenzied Drive to Crush Allied Front

Fleets in Combat Over Watery Grave of Aircraft Carrier Wasp, Destroyer Porter; Japanese Also Suffer Naval Losses, Fail to Gain Air Mastery

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The battle of the Solomons has erupted in a thunderous and possibly decisive clash of ships, planes and artillery over the watery grave of the United States aircraft carrier Wasp—victim of three torpedoes in a few minutes.

All indications today were that the Japanese, goaded by continual bombing and a realization that their march of conquest had stalled, were throwing everything they have into a frenzied drive to crack the allied front in the southwest Pacific.

Loss of the 14,700-ton, \$20,737,000 Wasp on Sept. 15 was disclosed by the navy last night shortly before it was announced that a full scale attack was roaring around the American defenders of Guadalcanal by land, sea and air.

Both announcements followed an extraordinary white house conference between President Roosevelt and the naval high command.

Capt. Forrest P. Sherman, commanders of the Wasp, disclosed at Pearl harbor last night that the carrier was making a turn when hit and if the torpedoes had been fired a few minutes later they would have missed. As it was, the first three hit near the bow and the fourth went wild.

Destroyer Porter Sunk. The battle now in progress already has resulted in severe damage to another of the United States' four known remaining carriers, the sinking of the destroyer Porter, and lesser damage to other ships.

But the fighting, which assumed major proportions Sunday after a series of tank, artillery and aerial attacks on Guadalcanal, has not all been one-sided. The Japanese have suffered damage to two carriers, two heavy cruisers and one light cruiser since Sunday. Twenty-two of their planes have been knocked out of the skies, including 17 fighters and five bombers.

The Americans seemed to have the edge in the air but the matter of naval supremacy appeared yet to be decided. A force of enemy cruisers and destroyers was able to stand off and shell American positions on Guadalcanal from the north Sunday while enemy land troops were charging against our southern flank.

Five heavy tank and artillery assaults were made on the west flank Friday and Saturday but the enemy apparently found the going too tough there.

To add to Sunday's day-long

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Loggers Employed Near Sutherlin Go On Strike

Approximately 35 men employed in the logging camp of the Smith Wood Products company east of Sutherlin walked off the job this morning when demands for wage increases were denied. S. J. Severson, International Woodworkers representative, who met with the loggers following their action, reported that arrangements had been made for a meeting Wednesday morning with company officials, and that the loggers have agreed to return to work tomorrow, providing wage negotiations are opened.

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Willkie Renews Second Front Urge, Warns U. S. Failure to Fully Meet Aid Vows Drawback to Good-Will

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie again has urged a second European front, and says that "if we continue to fail to deliver to our allies what they are entitled to expect of us or what we have promised them, our reservoir of good-will will turn into one of resentment."

"We owe them more than boasts and broken promises," Willkie told a nationwide radio audience last night in an unscripted report of his recent journey to the middle east, Russia and China.

The 1940 republican presidential candidate declared that the war's record thus far was not such as to inspire "any sublime faith in the inability of our military and naval experts." He termed "misdirected censorship" the idea that non-military experts or persons not connected with the government should not make suggestions about conducting the war—"military, industrial, economic or political."

"Let's have no more of this nonsense," he declared. "Military experts as well as our leaders, must be constantly exposed to democracy's greatest driving power—the whip-lash of public opinion, developed from honest, free discussion."

"We and our allies must establish a second fighting front in Europe," Willkie said. "I also hope that shortly we can put the considerable force in India to aggressive use in an all-out attack on Burma, as General Wavell has urged. Thus we will relieve the pressure of our enemies on China and Russia, our superb fighting allies."

Willkie asserted that America was "also punching holes in our reservoir of good-will every day by failing to define clearly our war aims," and continued: "Besides giving our allies in Asia and eastern Europe something to fight with, we have got to give them assurance of what we are fighting for. The 200,000,000 people of Russia and the 450,000,000 people of China—people like you and me—are bewildered and anxious. "They know what they are fighting for. They are not so sure of us. Many of them have read the Atlantic charter. Rightly or wrongly, they are not satisfied. They ask: 'What about a Pacific charter? What about a world charter?'"