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Pursuit By British Half Way To Libya

Six Italian Divisions, Abandoned by Germans, Waiting to Surrender

(By the Associated Press) Britain's victorious Egyptian armies were reported to have captured or trapped 100,000 German and Italian troops today, crushed a desperate axis attempt to rally and swept 100 miles across the desert nearly halfway to the Libyan frontier.

More than two-thirds of the total axis forces of 140,000 troops were said to have been eliminated from the battle, with the British in swift pursuit of the broken enemy.

A British communique said 20,000 axis troops already had been captured, along with 350 tanks and 400 guns. Six Italian divisions were reported cut off, without food or water, meekly waiting to surrender.

The crack Italian Trieste and Bologna divisions were reported among the beleaguered fascists waiting to be picked up when the British could get around to them. Latest dispatches said British armored columns had now pushed beyond Matruh, 104 miles west of the old El Alamein battle-front and nearly halfway to the Libyan frontier.

Lieut. Gen. Montgomery's field headquarters said British troops were mopping up "abandoned Italian divisions," left behind by the fleeing German panzers, in the southern sector of the battle area.

Six Italian divisions, totalling perhaps 80,000 troops, were reported left in the lurch by their Nazi comrades, with their communications cut and facing annihilation or surrender.

One large tanker was destroyed and a medium merchant vessel was hit directly several times in attacks on axis Mediterranean supply lines by heavy bombers of the United States army air forces of the middle east yesterday.

The tanker was hit with several heavy bombs in an afternoon raid on Bengasi and the merchant ship was hit in an attack at Tobruk. Both harbors are Libyan ports of supply for axis forces.

Red Defense Holding. On the Russian front, soviet headquarters reported that the red armies drove the Germans from two fortified positions in the 73-day-old siege of Stalingrad and held firmly from the Arctic to the deep Caucasus against Nazi attempts to crack the defense lines.

About 1,000 Germans were killed yesterday in the Stalingrad area alone, dispatches said.

At Moscow, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the bolshevik revolution, Premier Joseph Stalin voiced assurance that new soviet counterblows soon would fall upon Hitler's battle-depleted armies.

"We can and must clear the Hitlerite filth from our soviet soil," Stalin declared.

He said more than 8,000,000 invaders already had been put out of action and that the day was not far off when the German legions—"watered down with Rumanians, Hungarians, Italians

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Martin to Quit as O. P. Chairman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP) Rep. Jos. W. Martin of Massachusetts, minority leader in the house, announced today that he would resign as chairman of the republican national committee at a meeting to be held in St. Louis Dec. 7.

Martin declared that the increased republican party strength brought about Tuesday's elections would have "a beneficial effect" on the nation.

"It will serve notice," he said, "that the government will have to get down to the business of winning the war."

What the American people want," he said, "is to have the war conducted efficiently. They want less bungling. They want less inefficiency. They want less politics."

Simultaneously, he said he was giving "very serious consideration" to pressing for formation of a joint house and senate committee on the conduct of the war.

Martin said that he was resigning his party chairmanship because of his increased responsibilities in the house.

"I want to give all my time, all my efforts to the job," he said, "and I won't accept the chairmanship again even if they ask me to take it."

JAPS PAY HEAVILY FOR STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Allies Defend Airbase With Deadly Blows

Fierce Battle Reported In New Guinea; Jap Base At Rangoon Is Blasted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—American and allied advances in the Solomons and New Guinea battlefronts had crashed head-on into suddenly stiffened Japanese resistance today with enemy troops paying heavily for unsuccessful efforts to regain lost ground.

Lodged between two Japanese forces awaiting a chance to spring on the American-held airbase in Guadalcanal, U. S. marines and soldiers beat off several strong enemy assaults from the west, the navy reported last night.

The Americans clung to their gains obtained in an offensive that was started last Sunday, the navy said, and repulsed the counterattacks west of Matanikau river with "heavy losses to the enemy."

East of the airfield near Koli joint, where the foe twice succeeded in landing reinforcements for a Japanese concentration in the last few days, the battle lines remained unchanged. Further attacks, however, were expected hourly.

The Japanese attempts to stall the army-marine offensive in Guadalcanal occurred the night of Nov. 4-5, the navy said, and drew withering fire not only from U. S. ground forces but from American planes as well.

The aircraft strafed enemy troops and installations continuously, the communique said. No Japanese aerial opposition was mentioned and apparently the American planes retained control of the air.

Battle Rages in New Guinea The allied advance in New Guinea to the west of the Solomons also collided with Japanese ground troops and presumably a fierce battle was raging about 50 miles south of the enemy's coastal base at Buna.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Aus- (Continued on page 6.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If this writer were to offer a suggestion to the republicans, who have just received what amounts to a left-handed pat on the back, it would go something like this:

Adopt as your theme song "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

Then proceed to live up to the theme.

WINNING the war is the big job now before the American people. Before the war is won, a lot of ammunition will have to be passed.

We need it in the Solomons NOW. We need it in Africa. We need it in India. We need it in China. We need it in Alaska.

We need it on all of the far-flung fronts of a global war, where our men are fighting.

Let's get about the job of providing it with unbelievable speed and passing it along to where it is so sorely needed.

LET'S not worry too much about maintaining social standards. There will be time enough after the war is won for that.

What we need now is to win the war.

BRITISH Home Secretary Morrison made a speech the other day in which some interesting figures were offered. Among other things, he said:

British aircraft production in (Continued on page 2)

U. S. Troops Put on Guard Over Railway

Strike-Tied Materials To Be Moved; Walkout Stalls Detroit Plants

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, Nov. 7.—(AP)—United States troops guarded the right of way of the strike-bound Fairport, Painesville and Eastern railroad today and their commander, Col. J. C. Daly, said the line would resume quickly by the transportation of war materials.

"The government has stepped in," Colonel Daly said. "The plants along this line are important to the war effort."

The railroad runs 33 miles from Fairport to Painesville, connecting at Painesville with the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio roads. The small line, with six locomotives, serves plants of Diamond Alkali Co., Diamond Magnesium Co., and Industrial Rayon Corp.

Troops stationed a machine-gun equipped truck in Fairport, and sentries guarded intersections.

William Ulle, president of a local in district 50 of the United Mine workers, said members of the union in shop and maintenance crews took a "work holiday" to support their demand for reinstatement of an unspecified number of employees who have not worked for the railroad since a strike was called on Labor day, 1935.

The company held at that time the men had quit their jobs, re-

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Reserve Fund for Post-War Work Urged at Meeting

Oregon Cities League Speaker Also Hits Tax Set-Up, Wants More for Municipalities

Oregon municipalities should build up reserve funds to be used to provide employment during the post-war period, Virgil Langtry of the League of Oregon Cities declared at a meeting held here last night. Only three Douglas county municipalities, Myrtle Creek, Oakland and Roseburg, were represented at the district meeting, held at the Umpqua hotel. The program included general discussion of various municipal problems.

The war undoubtedly will be followed by a period of unemployment for great numbers of employable persons, Langtry stated. Municipalities can, by advance preparation, make provision for this situation by setting aside funds to be used for street repairs, construction of needed buildings, parks and other public works, which will provide needed employment during the period of reconstruction. Legislation to authorize the setting up of such reserve funds will be proposed before the next legislature.

Tax Structure Rapped

He also criticized the state tax structure, pointing out that governmental costs in Oregon since 1911 have increased 250 per cent, but the tax base has been raised only 6.9 per cent. Giving comparative figures with other states, he showed that municipalities are suffering from lack of revenue, and urged a new tax setup which would provide increased allowance for municipalities. He also announced that the league would continue its efforts to require the state highway commission to use a greater portion of gas tax revenue for repair and maintenance of city streets, and, in the event suitable relief could not be obtained through the legislature, the initiative will be used to secure such diversion of the gas tax fund.

Clamp Put On Wages As Of Sept. 15th

All Pay Under \$5,000, Except for Farm Work, Affected by Order

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Realization that an "early freeze" had stunted growth of their pay envelopes last September 15 dawned on the nation's workers today as they were confronted with the strict terms of a new wage-salary stabilization order issued by the war labor board.

Empowered by President Roosevelt's October 3 economic stabilization order, the WLB virtually froze most wages and salaries under \$5,000-a-year at the mid-September levels, and Chairman William H. Davis served notice it would be "pretty damn tough" to break the ice.

Adopted unanimously by the public, labor and industry members of the board, the order affected all non-agricultural wages and salaries under \$5,000, except salaries paid supervisory or professional employes. Farm wages come under the agriculture department's jurisdiction and the treasury controls other salaries.

"Only in exceptional cases" are increases to be granted over the listed levels, the order stated, adding that no raises whatsoever are to be approved unless "necessary to correct maladjustments or inequalities, to eliminate sub-standards of living, to correct gross inequalities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war."

While no specific policy for (Continued on page 6.)

Freight Car Hits Auto Of Unlicensed Driver

Wilbur Hallcraft, 15, local high school student, believes in signs, but hereafter he probably will be a little more careful that the signal is intended for him rather than some other person. Driving an automobile over the railroad tracks at Oak street last night Hallcraft stopped when he saw the warning signal in operation and a switch engine moving cars nearby, according to a report by Chief of Police Erwin Short. The youth saw the switchman give a signal to the engineer and thought that he was being motioned to proceed. He started his car across the track just in time to meet a freight car. The automobile suffered considerable damage, but the driver was unhurt. Hallcraft paid a fine of \$2 in the city court this morning for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

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Rescue Plane Saved With Guadalcanal Wounded

The rescue plane, from which this photo was taken, was a welcome sight to the men stranded on this wrecked plane. The whole contingent, 20 U. S. marine casualties from Guadalcanal and four army fliers, spent 10 days battling the elements after the plane, out of gas, crashed on a reef in mid-Pacific.



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Genoa Blasted for Fifth Time By British Bomber Armada

Italy's Principal Axis Supply Port Heavily Damaged

LONDON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Britain's home-based bombers revisited Italy last night for the fifth time since last October, showering Genoa with fire and explosives which, by the Italians' own word, inflicted "notable damage" on Italy's most important supply port for the axis armies in North Africa.

The air ministry called the attack "concentrated and effective" and the Italian communique itself said that "particular damage was reported in the center of the town, and in the eastern part notable damage was caused."

The long haul to and fro over virtually the length of continental Europe and twice across the Alps was made in bad weather, the British communique said, but the night skies opened over Genoa and the British bombers were able to unload on clear targets.

Casualties so far counted are 20 persons killed and 50 wounded, the Italian communique said. Both it and the British bulletin placed the RAF's losses at two planes.

The air ministry said photographic reconnaissance showed great damage inflicted on Genoa in earlier attacks and that reports on last night's assault indicated that at least as much was done again.

Returning fliers said the British bombers set fires which could be seen 120 miles away.

Aids African Drive

The RAF's heavyweight battering of Italy, whose people have shown signs of panic in the air assaults, apparently is coordinated with the offensive in North Africa.

Genoa also was the target on the opening night, the eve of the eighth army's offensive in Egypt. That was Oct. 22. The next night, British bombers again blasted Genoa, causing such a scramble for shelter that dozens were reported killed in the crush, and also hit Savona and Turin. Milan was hit in daylight of the same day, Oct. 23, and again the following night.

That only 13 RAF planes have been downed in all five assaults was hailed by British sources as remarkable.

Yesterday the RAF accompanied by squadrons of United States army fighter planes made sweeps over targets in occupied France

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Captured Nazi Tank Explodes; Nobody Injured



The next best thing to disappearing in a case like this is just flattening yourself on the ground. These Aussie soldiers on the Egyptian front did just that when the ammunition bin in a captured, smoldering German tank exploded. One Australian said, "We went to earth in a hell of a hurry." But no one was hit.

Cottage Grove Lumber Plant Has New Owner

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Nov. 7.—(AP)—Purchase of the Cottage Grove Lumber company's sawmill and logging operation by Clyde & Carlyle of Unalaska, Wash., was disclosed today.

Possession of the mill, which has a daily capacity of 30,000 board feet, was taken immediately by the new owners. The mill, built in 1930, is electrical.

The amount involved in the transaction was not revealed.

Liquor Allowance in Washington State Cut

SEATTLE, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Drastic reductions in the amount of liquor which individuals may purchase and a temporary ban on issuance of new permits went into effect in Washington today.

Permit holders will be limited to one quart or two pints a week, compared with the former limit of three quarts or five pints a day.

Potatoes, Onions, Turkeys Put Under Price Controls

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Price Administrator Henderson today issued new price controls on potatoes, onions and turkeys, which will mean somewhat higher retail prices for onions and some potatoes, and leave turkey prices at substantially present levels.

The controls apply at every stage of distribution from the time the products leave the country shipper's hands, until the housewife makes her purchases at the neighborhood store.

Prices of turkeys, potatoes and onions had been frozen at the levels of September 28-October 2 under a temporary order.

Also frozen at the September 28-October 2 levels were butter, cheese, eggs, poultry, fry edible beans, flour, mutton, canned milk, cornmeal and citrus fruits. Henderson said permanent price controls now were being worked out for these products. Western potatoes, which were frozen at comparatively high seasonal prices, probably will show no change at retail.

Onions—the temporary freeze caught onions in most areas at the peak of the seasonal glut when prices were lower than at any other time of the year. The new regulations allows onions to rise to the normal November level. At retail, Henderson estimated, onion prices will go up less than half a cent a pound.

The changes in potato and onion prices, Henderson said, will become apparent at retail in a week or so.

State Senate President Job Lies Between Two

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The contest for state senate president apparently lies between William H. Steiwer, Fossil, and Dorothy McCullough Lee, Portland.

Each rounded up support in the Multnomah county delegation this week but Steiwer left for Fossil yesterday without disclosing the number of votes promised to him.

Each senator predicted the contest would be decided within a few days.

Vets of Sutherlin, Oakland to Vie in Scrap Collection

Oakland-Sutherlin post, No. 121, American Legion will celebrate Armistice day by a general scrap metal collection, it was announced today by J. S. Maris, commander.

Members of the post will unite for a church service at Oakland Sunday, at which time there will be a memorial service for the soldier and sailor dead of the present war, as well as the comrades of world war I, Commander Maris reports.

November 11, Armistice day, the Sutherlin and Oakland members will meet in their respective communities. Sutherlin legionnaires will meet at Parrott's service station and Oakland members will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall. The starting time is 9 a. m., and intense rivalry is in prospect for the balance of the day as the two sides endeavor to collect a record amount of scrap metal.

Members owning trucks are requested to make the trucks available for use in transporting metal. Members of civic clubs, Boy Scouts and other organizations are invited by the legionnaires to participate.

"Hostilities" will cease at 1 p. m. at which time the legionnaires will gather at the I. O. O. F. hall in Oakland for a pot-luck lunch during which a check will be made on the tonnage of metal collected. Work will be resumed in the afternoon in the event the collection has not been completed by the time of the 1 p. m. meeting.

Fire Destroys House Eyed for Condemnation

A two-story frame residence belonging to J. Franks and located on East Sixth street, Roseburg was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. The structure was unoccupied and had fallen into such a state of disrepair that it recently was considered by the city council for condemnation. Origin of the blaze was not known, but the fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that nothing could be done to save the structure. Firemen prevented damage to adjacent property.