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### Surprise Seizure of Vella Lavella Dooms All Jap Holdings in Central Solomons

#### Yankees' Ruse Captures 350 Nippons Alive

8,000 Others Cut Off From Supplies, Barriers To Rabaul Base Periled

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Japan's holdings throughout the central Solomons are virtually doomed and the enemy bases still barring the way to his fortress of Rabaul are gravely menaced as the consequence of a surprise invasion of Vella Lavella island.

United States forces in considerable strength seized it Sunday in a move so unforeseen by the enemy that the invaders accomplished the hitherto unheard of feat of capturing 350 Japanese alive, and unarmed. Gen. MacArthur disclosed the new move in today's communique.

(In a delayed dispatch from Leif Erickson, Associated Press war correspondent, who went ashore from a landing barge with the troops, first disclosure was made that waves of Japanese planes tried to break up the invaders after the first boats had been unloaded. He said the dive-bombers, escorted by Zeros, failed to hit a single boat but did succeed in strafing some of the last ships taking part in the landing operations.

(Taken on in furious dogfights, 34 of the enemy planes were shot.

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#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a lot of news as this I written nearly all of it extremely significant.

BADOLIO'S government decides to declare Rome an open city.

The details are still hazy, but seem to fall into an understandable pattern. The decision appears to have been made on July 31, and was announced to our side through the Holy See.

Thereafter there were delays, and it is quite probable that we suspected the Italians of stalling to give the Germans all the time possible. So, on Wednesday, we bombed Rome again.

That, apparently, brought results.

ALL this, please understand, is guesswork, but it does at least seem a reasonable guess. Badoglio has obviously been stalling to give the Germans time.)

CONDITIONS for permitting Rome to assume the status of an open city will undoubtedly include closing all railroad tracks used for moving axis troops through the city, removal of the Italian war government, ceasing manufacture of war supplies and admission to Rome of an allied commission to see to it that all the open-city obligations (as prescribed by international law) are carried out.

Badoglio, presumably, has agreed to these conditions.

GERMAN resistance in Sicily is collapsing at all points, and it is obvious that Germany's sole remaining aim is to escape to the Italian mainland with as many troops and as much war material as possible—a la Dunkerque.

The dispatches give us only a glimpse of what is happening, but we can construct the picture pretty accurately for ourselves. The Germans, obviously short of planes, are undertaking to cover their retreat across the Mes-

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#### Operation of Paulus Bros. Cannery May Start This Week; String Beans Slated For Initial Pack; More Property Bought

The Paulus Bros. cannery in North Roseburg will start operations this week if required machinery arrives in time. Claude Martin, manager, reported today. Three pieces of equipment are en route from the east and arrival must be awaited before work can start. All preliminary construction has been completed so that the machines can be installed immediately upon arrival. They are considerably overdue, apparently having been sidetracked because of military freight transportation, but are expected to arrive at any time, Martin states.

With the exception of a few minor tasks remaining to be completed, the canning plant now is ready to start work on string beans, which will be one of the principal products to be handled this season.

The steam plant has been converted to use oil for fuel, a huge tank having been buried beside the boiler room to contain the oil, which was pumped into the container last night. Sixteen line installation is nearing completion.

Martin reported plans have been made to pack beans, and tomatoes and prunes also will be processed in the event a sufficient amount of the tin for cans is allocated by the federal government.

More Land Purchased Equipment now in place has been installed only temporarily, as the company has acquired additional ground and plans to erect a building on the north side of the building now occupied following purchase from the Douglas County Prune Grow-

#### Reds Closing in On Bryansk; Fall Of Kharkov Nears

MOSCOW, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The drive on Bryansk, the hinge of the German front southwest of Moscow, is moving at the fastest pace of any of the three current red army thrusts, the Russian army newspaper Red Star indicated today.

With soviet troops meeting stiff resistance in the battle for Kharkov, other Russian divisions were moving steadily ahead toward Bryansk supported by the push further north from Spas Demensk.

Around Kharkov, Red Star said the Germans were hurling large concentrations of reserves backed up by units of from 40 to 50 tanks and air squadrons in an effort to improve their precarious position.

The Germans were meeting with little success in the counter thrusts despite the use of picked troops, Red Star said, and the army was throwing the nazis back and inflicting heavy losses.

The war bulletin reported red army successes all along the 500-mile front from Spas Demensk, 200 miles southwest of Moscow to besieged Kharkov, described by the Russians as "the largest German base of operations on the soviet-German front." The fall of Kharkov was expected almost any time.

#### Epidemic Puts Ban on Puget Sound Gatherings

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Combating a small outbreak of infantile paralysis, health authorities of Kitsap county and this Puget Sound navy yard city today closed all theaters, dance halls and churches and banned swimming in lakes or Puget Sound hereabouts, until further notice.

The orders also urged all residents to avoid public gatherings. Fourteen cases have been reported, including three deaths. None have been of service men nor navy yard employees.

#### Building Code For Roseburg Is Considered

Council May Adopt Zone System; New Alleged Fire Hazards Are Cited

An informal discussion of the need for establishing building zones and a building code and appointment of a building inspector for the regular mid-month meeting of the Roseburg city council last night. Anticipating extensive increases in population and industrial and business activity, councilmen expressed the opinion that steps should be taken to safeguard the city against fire, protect residential areas from encroachment by industrial plants, and take other precautions for the safety and welfare of the city's residents.

The discussion was brought about by presentation by Fire Chief Glenn Taylor of a list of properties claimed to be fire hazards, and by an application for a permit for construction of a box factory on Cobb street.

The application was made by Rudolph Solinka, who asked permission to erect a box factory and automobile court. The application was tabled pending further investigation.

Targets of Complaints Fire Chief Taylor asked condemnation of a barn on the Ohman property on West Cass street, an unfinished residence building owned by L. W. Ingels on Court street and the building on North Main street formerly occupied by the Sarff Auto Wrecking company and now owned by John Alspaugh. The owners are to be given notice of the council's intention to condemn the properties unless haz-

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#### Ration Book 3's Brown Stamp A Valid on Sept. 12

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Brown stamp A from ration book No. 3 becomes valid Sept. 12 for the purchase of meats, fats, oils, butter and cheese, and by Oct. 2 the brown coupons will completely replace the familiar red stamps of ration book 2. Point values remain unchanged.

Brown stamp B becomes valid Sept. 19. Both A and B expire Oct. 2. Stamp C will be effective Sept. 27, D on Oct. 3, E on Oct. 10 and F on Oct. 17. Those four expire Oct. 30.

Meanwhile red stamps X, Y and Z become valid Aug. 22, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 respectively, and all will expire Oct. 2.

In announcing the new regulations, the OPA said that henceforth the meat-fat stamps always will expire on the Saturday nearest the end of the month, and new sets will become valid on the following Sundays.

Blue stamps U, V and W from ration book 2 will become valid Sept. 1 and expire Oct. 20.

In another phase of the rationing program, OPA announced that old-style B and C gasoline coupons will be no good after Sept. 1, and told automobile owners to exchange them, coupon for coupon, for the new type sheets between Aug. 20 and Sept. 1.

#### 13,000 Chickens Die in Albany Plant Blaze

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Approximately 13,000 chickens were destroyed about 2 a. m. today in a fire which leveled the Shook produce plant here. Olin Shook, operator, estimated loss at \$12,000. The building, owned by the Hammond Lumber company, was a total loss.

Shook blamed the fire on friction from a belt in the refrigeration system. Fire fighters barely saved the state liquor store building nearby as high winds fanned the flames toward it.

#### Wings, Bride Won By Melrose Boy



Richard Jay Young, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young, Melrose Rt., Roseburg, was graduated recently from the naval air training center at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. marine corps reserve. Lieutenant Young was married here August 14, to Miss Patricia Quine. He is a former student of Chaffrey Junior college, Ontario, Calif.

#### Estranged Husband Sees Swimming Wife Drown

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Despite efforts of her estranged husband to rescue her, Pearl Green, 26, resident of the Louis Hilliard hop farm near Aurora, drowned last night in the Pudding river.

Mrs. Green went swimming with her former husband, Harry Green, Portland, and Mildred Haag, Portland, about 8 p. m. She was carried beyond her depth, Deputy Sheriff Shobe reported.

#### Shift Organized to Save Lane County Bean Crop

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—A bean pickers' swing shift has been organized by the U. S. employment service in the hope of saving all of the Lane county crop. Persons who can arrange their business and household schedules have been asked to report for work at 12:30 p. m.

#### 2nd-Story Fall Kills Woman at The Dalles

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Frank Fulkerson, 65, of The Dalles, died last night in a fall from a second story window of the residence of her son-in-law, Stanley J. Spender. Mrs. Spender died two weeks ago.

#### A Mule is a Mule—Even in Sicily



It may be patriotism—but more likely it's mullism, as this Sicilian beast lies down on the job and refuses to haul medical supplies for laughing British soldiers.

#### Second Front Preparations Stir Britain

Non-Residents Ousted From Coast, Forces Put On All-Out Smash Basis

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Great Britain began clearing all non-residents from her barricaded coastal areas today as a conviction gripped the nation that the hour is near for a powerful new blow at Adolf Hitler's European fortress.

Invasion talk was heard everywhere amid cries in both Britain and Russia for speedy opening of a second front.

From every angle new moves appeared directed at invasion, but whether in the Mediterranean, the Balkans or across the English channel was the allied war chiefs' secret.

Significant, however, were these developments:

1. Heavy and repeated American air raids on axis airfields in France—natural targets as a prelude to any new offensive.

2. Declaration of a state of siege in Norway by apparently jittery German occupation authorities.

3. Virtual isolation of Italy by severance of that country's telephone and telegraphic communications with Switzerland, giving rise to the belief that important developments might be in the offing.

(Dispatches from the Swiss border town of Chiasso quoted the Swiss telegraphic agency as saying that the situation throughout Italy "remained grave, with possibility of radical changes from one moment to the next.")

4. The British war cabinet was reported in constant session all day yesterday, keeping in direct touch with Prime Minister Churchill in Quebec.

5. The diversion of RAF heavy bomber attacks from German war industries to an all-out attempt to knock Italy out of the

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#### Flying Fortress Crashes Near Pendleton; 3 Die

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—A Flying Fortress near the Pendleton army air base crashed in the Blue mountains near Tollgate yesterday, killing three men.

A fourth crew member was believed to have parachuted, but searchers did not locate him at once.

Names of crew members were not disclosed.

### German Remnants Flee to Mainland, Now Hammered By Allied Naval, Air Craft

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The American Seventh Army surged into Messina today, writing a spectacular finish to the 38-day campaign in Sicily.

The German radio declared the last German and Italian soldiers had been evacuated to the mainland.

In the scarred streets of the port of Messina doughboys of the American Third division smashed at lingering enemy resistance in hand-to-hand fighting after reaching the outskirts at 8 o'clock last night.

They were the first to reach the city, but eight miles to the south British commandos, after landing from the sea in defiance of the enemy's guns on both sides of the strait, had cleared the way for the approach of Gen. Montgomery's British Eighth army.

American "Long Tom" artillery had already opened fire on the enemy in Italy across the two-mile wide strait.

#### Major Battles Still Lie Ahead Byrnes Points Out

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The nation and the world had from one of President Roosevelt's closest confidants today a pronouncement that the initiative in the global war, now held by the allies, "is of no value unless followed vigorously with great forces."

Broadly implying the imminence of further grand scale operations against nazi-held Europe, James F. Byrnes, war mobilization chief, stressed the success of aerial bombardment to date, but said the president had authorized him to say that "the major battles lie ahead of us, not behind us."

Some observers drew an inference from his talk that attack by air, rather than by sea and land forces against numerically superior odds, might continue to keynote offensive strategy, for the time being at least. There were indications that the decision in this connection may be reached in the Roosevelt-Churchill parleys at Quebec.

Meanwhile Dana Doten, representing the Office of War Information, described the conference as "one of the greatest gatherings of military experts ever held."

In addition to the highest ranking military officials of the United States and Great Britain, he said "the officers directly responsible for the practical planning of major allied operations have been brought together."

A large force of Liberators attacked three airdromes in southern Italy with more than 300,000 pounds of bombs and shot down 43 of the nearly 100 enemy fighters.

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#### Disloyal Japs Unchanged In Mind, Cozzens Finds

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Disloyal Japanese still are disloyal and are making no bones about it.

Robert B. Cozzens, assistant director of the War Relocation authority, today said nearly all of the minority of interned Japanese those who professed sympathy for Japan in a registration six months ago—say they still are of that mind.

Cozzens' statement followed a visit to Japanese relocation centers, including that at Tululake, Calif., which under a segregation program is to house an estimated 15,000 Japanese who are regarded as disloyal, or who are suspected of being disloyal to America.

British fighter planes simultaneously attacked nazi airdromes and communications in France and the Lowlands, and destroyed one enemy bomber over its base.

Minor enemy aerial activity, meanwhile, was reported over the Thames estuary and a few bombs were scattered along the coast. Only one fatality and slight damage was reported, however.

#### Long Motor Trip Costs Minister Gas Ration

SPOKANE, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A Spokane minister, name undisclosed, who explained that he took a 1,000-mile motor trip into Oregon to visit members of his flock, yesterday was deprived of his "C" gasoline ration book and had his "A" book suspended for 30 days.

Stephen B. Derringer, chief investigator for the district OPA, said the "flock" included one member each in Sweet Home and Hood River, Ore., and that the minister had visited both with a stopover in Portland to visit his mother-in-law.

Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Retzsch

Shortage of the apple crop has its compensation in a concurrent shortage of school teachers. Pupils will require fewer apples for their traditional first-day-of-the-term peace offerings.