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President Calls for Anti-Inflation Move

Nazis Try Fron Assault on Volga, Claim Novorossisk

Wedges Move Toward Stalingrad, Black Sea Coast; Soviet Troops Counter Attack in Mozdok Area

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Sept. 8-(AP)-The German army, turned back at the northwest and southwest flank approaches to Stalingrad after two days of violent fighting, has attacked frontally and driven a wedge into one sector west of the Volga river city. the Russians announced early Tuesday.

Numerically superior German forces also hammered a wedge into Russian positions at Novorossisk on the Black sea coast "de-spite heavy losses," the midnight communique said. (The Germans

claimed Novorssisk's capture Sun-

Extent of the German gain or

and southwest of the city.

Germans to retreat.

The Russians said their

soviet artillery battery.

positions all around the city the

general situation still remained

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 -(AP)

Lowering of the draft age from 20 to 18, which would make

from 2,500,000 to 3,250,000 youths

subject to military service, was

proposed Monday in a bill in-

troduced by Representative Wads-

worth (R-NY), author of the

"For several months past the

reduction of the age range has

been inevitable," the representa-tive said off the house floor. "The

Inclusion of the 18 and 19-

year-old youths, he said, "will operate to lessen considerably

the domestic and economic dislo-

"History teaches us that these

military service in this country

cooner it is done the better."

Introduced

original draft act.

munique said.

northwards."

Rommel Pulls Forces Back

Nazi General Killed In Fighting; Land Front Quieter

CAIRO, Sept. 7-(AP)-Thrown into reverse after losing his second supreme bid for the valley of the Nile, Marshal Erwin Rommel withdrew his battered axis forces further toward the west Monday under ceaseless assault by allied artillery and air forces.

At last accounts the position of the slowly but steadily back-track tions in a series of counterattacks. To Strength, given officially as west of the treated "to new positions" im-British minefields which they enmediately west of the Volga Use Planes tered last week, indicating Rom- stronghold-the first time this mel had been forced beyond his

Three Messerschmitts were shot down in doglights over the central sector this afternoon, one by a flight lieutenant from Dallas, Tex., who is a member of the Canadian air force. He damaged another axis fighter before his ammunition gave out, and evaded a third who attacked him later.

The land front was quieter Mon-

Behind Rommel lay a battlefield strewn with the wreckage of many of his big tanks and also his shattered hopes, confidently expressed just a week ago, that "we'll be in Cairo next week." Also left behind was the body of one of his trusted aides, Gen. George Von Bismarck, whose death in the recent fighting was disclosed by German prisoners brought here.

Von Bismarck was identified as one of Hitler's abler generals and a distant relative of the great iron chancellor, Count Otto Von Bismarck, who created the first Ger- Bill to Lower man reich in 1870. Young Bis-marck was said to have taken Draft Age Is in the desert after service in Rus-

Most of the continuing action Monday was below the central sector of the El Alamein front where the Germans were fighting a determined rearguard action to cover withdrawal of their main

The main British lines, strung out for some 45 miles from the dediterranean coast to the Qattara depression, remained solid.

At Alexandria, headquarters sunk five large and two me-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

New York Has Air Raid Alarm

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 -(A)- An fective soldiers when given thorunfamiliar airplane which sub-sequently proved to be a friendly be the better for their being in it."

Hitler, Mussolini army bomber spotted off the east Secretary of War Stimson, in a Schedule Session coast early Tuesday, prompting a letter to the house military com-nine-minute air raid alarm mittee last December, said "the throughout the New York metro- traditional age for liability for

seeking pleasure in night spots rushed to the streets for a look at what appeared to be the real thing, and 50,000 air raid wardens instead put it at 20.

The legislation introduced by Wadsworth would make no change in the present maximum in the city proper took their posts. draft age, 44.

It would make a special pro-

Our Senators





Bitter Siege Waged



Stalled in flank attacks on the Volga stronghold of Stalingrad (1), the German army is attempting to storm the city in a frontal attack from the west. At Mozdok (2) a surprise Red army counterblow ting to storm the city in a frontal attack pushed the Germans northward. The Russians admitted a wedge driven at Novorossisk (3) by the nazis, who Sunday claimed the port's capture.—Associated Press Telemat.

Germans had shifted their weight into a direct frontal attack on the city after being stalled northwest and southwest of the contract of the city after being stalled northwest and southwest of the city after being stalled northwest and southwest of the city after being stalled northwest of the city after being stalled northwest and southwest of the city after being stalled northwest of the city after bein the Stalingrad front was not dis-In Kokoda Advance, terattacks in the Mozdok area of the Caucasian foothills forced the Fail in Solomons Fighting on the northwestern approaches to Stalingrad was not mentioned in the midnight com-

Reinforcement

Forces Misses

would not be very great.

Jail to Top

Number 25 on the register of

Listed as James Smith, Jack

Kenworthy and Tom Brown, a

trio charged with using profane

State police had left Harvey

Sullivan, Portland, at the jail fol-

lowing his arrest at Oregon hop

Also charged with reckless driv-

ing was Lynn Povee, entered there by Deputy Sheriff Denver Young.

were topped.

The latest reported enemy

last Saturday. The fleet of

small boats was discovered by

an air patrol, which attacked in

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7-(A)

Of Islands

munique. It was in this area that Allies Yield Soviet troops were reported Monday to have bettered their posi-

area has been mentioned-was GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADsaid to have repulsed four nazi attacks before yielding ground. QUARTERS, Australia, Tuesday, Sept. 8-(A)-Japanese troops at a Southwest of Stalingrad the red army beat off a series of German have thrown allied troops back in attacks, one unit destroying eight the Kokoda-Myola area less than of 30 nazi tanks which attacked 60 miles east of the big allied base of Port Moresby in New Guinea. A surprise red army counter-Using both frontal attacks and blow in the Mozdok area of the encirclement strategy the enemy central Caucasus "dislodged the

has pushed westward toward a Germans from an inhabited lopass in the Owen Stanley mountcality, destroyed an artillery batains "and is now in contact with tery, and smashed the headquarour defense positions," an allied ters of a German unit," the comcommand communique said Tues-

"Having lost 23 tanks in these engagements" it added, "the Allied airplanes struck heavily at the Japanese, scoring dienemy was forced to retreat rect hits on native huts used by the enemy, and sweeping low to Russian troops southwest of machinegun the creeping jungle Stalingrad already had blunted two German salients driven into

The communique said of this soviet positions, and while the Russians were reinforcing their

"In a series of frontal attacks, combined with envelopment, the enemy has made advances forcing back our troops in forward areas and is now in contact with our defense positions.

"His casualties are conservatively estimated at more than

"Our air force continues to harass enemy lines of supply and installations. Direct hits were scored on huts and large fires 25 in County were started, while the area was machine-gunned in extensive lowlevel attacks."

The advance to Myola, about the advance to Myola, about eight miles south of Kokoda, is an 4-Year Mark uphill drive for the enemy. Myola is about 6000 feet above sea level, and below "the gap" leading through the mountains. Kokoda is only 1000 feet.

The communique did not state the period in which the Japanese casualties were inflicted, nor were allied losses given. The Japanese first landed in the Gona-Buna area July 23 to begin the hasty cations incident to drafting large numbers of married men." he drive to Kokoda.

Supporting the overland Japanese drive the enemy sent 26 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 7-(AP Startled citizens tumbled from is 18 to 45." At that time he monday that Hitler and Musso-their beds. Thousands of a recommended that the draft age lini had decided to call a meet-ord influx of holiday visitors be lowered to 19, but congress ing in Vienna about September 15 to consider the dispute beover Transylvania.

He said the conference wou deal with complaints of Hungar part of Transylvania regarding alleged seizure of their property.

lective service during the last half of a school year be deferred until the end of the academic Sunday's Weather Sunday's max. temp. 81, min. 47. River Monday -3.8 ft. By

Migrant Congress Has October 1 Loggers Deadline Before Decree Stopped

Pacific Area Is **First Critical** Region Set Up

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7-(4P) Workers in the non-ferrous metal and lumber industries in 12 west coast states Monday were forbidden to switch to other jobs without first obtaining specific permission from the US employment service.

Acting to check manpower reduced production of copper other non-ferrous metals and lumber, Chairman Paul V. McNut of the war manpower comm sion, designated the 12 states as a "critical labor area."

Describing it as an employment stabilization plan, McNutt's order said it was designed to half wasteful pirating and migration of workers engaged in the production of essential non-ferrous metals and lumber.

The order directed all depart ments and agencies of the federal government to "take all steps which may be necessary or appropriate" to insure observance of the regulations.

The "critical labor area," the first to be established in the country, is composed of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Mon-tana, Utah, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington. New Mexico and Texas. All non-ferrous metal mining

Desperate and repeated sitempts milling, smelting and refining and by the Japanese to reinforce the all logging and lumbering indusisolated remnants of their shat- tries and activities in the area were designated as "essential war tered forces on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons have met production activities." strong American aerial resistance,

No employer in the area, wheththe navy announced Monday er engaged in essential or nonnight, and they have suffered essential production, may hire any worker employed in any of heavy losses in troops and small the critical occupations, effective Monday, except upon presentation say that all Japs have been preof a "certificate of separation" from the US employment service. vented from landing and it was The plan was said to be based presumed here that some almost certainly had succeeded in getting upon an anti-pirating policy deon the island but the air attacks veloped by the war manpower commission's national manageapparently had been so devastating that their usefulness probably ment-labor policy committee, and approved by McNutt July 16. attempt at a landing was made

Fast Chinese Drive Frees 25 Villages

central China province of Anhwei has liberated 25 villages in 20 days and still is gaining ground, the Chinese high command announced Monday night.

This drive was matched in the south by a thrust which the official central news agency said had resulted in recapture of a number of important places near Samshui, terminus of the Canton-Samshui railway 25 miles west of

Among the Anhwei points liberated were a number in the vibattle, a war bulletin reported. and a number of troops of a Japa-

The high command said troops of the regular Japanese army had attacked headquarters of the puppet army at Luiliang, on the Yangtze, and both the Japanese language was entered at the jail sunday by Sheriff A. C. Burk.
The charge allegedly grew out of a squabble at a Woodburn auto king to register a loud protest to Wang Ching-Wei's Japanese-spon-

the high command the Japan tacks against Chinese forces which have driven to the suburbs of Kinhwa, provincial capital and Farm prices should be establish Arrested by Young on an NSF strateg check charge, E. A. Woolsey of Japan.

dependence of his own volition and was registered at the jail. Scheduled to appear at 10 Two, Closes Plant

Some of Solons US Bombing Of France Rebel at Plan Protested

VICHY, Sept. 7 .- (AP)-The proaxis government of Pierre Laval protested energetically to the United States Monday because American Flying Fortresses and Bostons had bombed cities Price Stabilization by in occupied France, held by nazi troops and important to the German war effort. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 .-(AP) - President Roosevelt

The protest was lodged personally by Pierre Laval, chief of overnment and foreign minister, in an interview with the US charge d'affaires, S. Pinkney Tuck. Previously, the government had expressed displeasure after the Americans bombed Rouen shortly before the mass raid on Dieppe to disrupt com-Germans shuttled reinforcements to the coastal garrison.

German planes flying over East

Anglia also dropped heavy ex-

but there were no reported bomb-

LONDON, Sept. 7-(A)-Maj.

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of

US army air force in Europe,

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"the overwhelming strength that

free men have when they are

completely united and complete-

ly in earnest," Donald M. Nel-

son asked labor Monday to end

'quickie strikes" and needless ab-

Addressing thousands of work-

ers at a Labor day rally broadcast

land's public hall, the war produc-tion baord chief said "we are re-

lying on labor" to keep its no-

strike pledge and "we are also re-

lying on management not to take

advantage of labor's agreement to

equal amounts of restraint from both sides."

Nelson, saying the axis powers

had put winning the war ahead of

"It is my measured conviction

that unless we fight with the

same determination and the same

unity of purpose, we are going to

lose this war. I'm not just saying

that we can lose this war. I'm

gypsum board Monday to prepare for an increased demand for these materials for use in place of lum-

everything else, asserted:

sences from work.

ings in the metropolitan area.

burning out in fields.

Some elements in congress rebelled at once. The president had **Germans Bomb** virtually placed a pistol at the head of congress," objected Sena-tor LaFollette (P-Wis). Senato **London Area** Taft (R-O) quickly asserted Mr. Roosevelt had laid down a "revolutionary and dangerous" doctrine in saying that under wartime pow-Flying Fortresses ers he could abrogate laws pre

Held Key to Air viously enacted by congress. In asking for the legislation, Superiority evelt linked closely with farm prices as the factors responsible for the inflationary pressure. If congress would act to stabilise farm prices, he promised he would stabilize wages. A general situation of the cost of living was encombs were dropped. tirely possible, he said, but it could not be accomplished with-out firm control of all influ-However, bombs struck in two areas of the home counties outside

ences involved. Mr. Roosevelt said he had considered meeting the problem himself "without further reference to the congress" but had decided instead to consult with congress.

Of FR Move

Wage Results

Congress to Bring

told congress Monday the war

effort was sharply imperiled

by a growing threat of infla-

tion and demanded legislation

by Ocober 1 to permit estab-

lishment of price ceilings for

all farm products. Unless con

gress acts by that date, Mr.

Roosevelt firmly asserted, he will

take the necessary action himself.

In advance of Monday's presidential message, some government officials had said Mr. Roosevelt's approach to the inflation problem would take the form of an immediate executive order. Last Friday, an official who could not be quoted by name informed the Associated Press an order had been prepared for issuance today limiting all wages, salaries and farm prices and the Associated **Nelson Urges** Press so reported.

In connection with the president's request for congressional action by October 1, Speaker Rayburn called all members of the house to return to the capital by Stoppages next Monday. The house has been in informal recess.

In addition to his anti-inflation request, Mr. Roosevelt asked congress to quickly enact the long pending tax bill. Taxation, he said, was "one of the most powerful weapons in our fight to stabilize living costs." At the same time he reiterated previous demands that taxes be so levied that no individual could retain a spendable income of more than \$25,000. And he asked again for the elimination

But interest centered primarily upon his blunt challenge to the powerful congressional farm bloc. In presenting this challenge, Mr. be established for farm prices. The floor, moreover, should be mainperiod, to protect the farmers spiral as brought suffering to the "First to hold the line against

inflationary price increases," the required production of necessary farm products. Third, to maintain the principle of parity for Increased Lumber Substitute Asked

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 -(P)
The war production board urged
manufacturers of brick, tile and

Wage and Farm Prices Vital; War Reviewed

Dangers of Inflation Spiral Described: Hero Praised

By RICHARD L. TURNER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. (AP)-President Roosevell arried his battle for stabiliation of living costs to the people Monday night with a radio address asserting that immediate action was necessary to avoid a "serious domestic economic crisis," that "if we wait for two or three or four or six months it may be

During the day he sent a message to congress demanding leg-islation by Oct. 1 to bring farm prices under control. Unless congress acts by that date he will act himself, he said. Firmly he reiterated this statement of his intentions in Monday night's address. With farm prices stabilized, he himself would act to stabilize wages, he promised.

LONDON, Tuesday, Sept. 8-(A) also a front-by-front summary of Nuisance raiders dropped flares in the progress of the war, which the London area just before mid- closed with a statement that in night during a short air raid Europe the "aim is an offensive alarm, but heavy anti-aircraft fire against Germany," toward which drove off the planes before any preparations are on progress in both the United States and Great Britain.

"The power of Germany must be broken on the battlefields of Europe," he said, adding that:

plosives and incendiaries in one "Certain vital decisions have district damage was believed to be been made. In due time you minor, most of the incendiaries will know what these decisions are-and so will our enemies. Shell bursts and tracer bullets I can say now that all of these decisions are directed toward streaked the skies over London. taking the offensive." and searchlights roved overhead.

Paragraph by paragraph he reriewed the war on each front. Russia: Hitler is still unable to claim the "smashing victory" which almost a year ago he announced had already been achieved. Important Russian territory has been captured, but Hitler has not been able to destroy the Red army. The Russians are "killing more nazis, and destroying more airplanes and tanks than are being smashed on any other front." The German army must spend another "cruel and bitter winter" on the Russian front. "In spite of many setbacks, Russia will hold out, and with the help of her CLEVELAND, Sept. 7-(A)-Flaty declaring we will lose the war allies will ultimately drive every unless we quickly develop and use nazi from her soil."

The Pacific area - One major Japanese offensive has been stopped, but the enemy still posses great strength, seeks to retain the initiative, and will strike hard again. Don't over-rate the victories in the Solomon islands, which were "local operations," and don't under-rate the victory (MBS) nationally from Cleve- at Midway, for "there we stopped the major Japanese sive."

Mediterranean and middle east: A "desperate" battle has been Roosevelt offered the farm state keep from striking. We expect the Mediterranean and Indian congressmen a single concession. our danger, but we are hopeful

In the nine months since sald. America has sent three times as many men overseas as went to France in the equivalent period of the first war.

"And every week," he added saying that we are going to lose ber of American men and wea-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 3) ber of American men and wea-pons in the fighting areas. These pons in the fighting areas. These reinforcements in men and mu-

Bluntly, Mr. Roosevelt told the American people "we are not do-ing enough" toward winning the war. The economic situation with its inflationary dangers was proof enough of that, he thought.

and was registered at the jail.

Scheduled to appear at 10 o'clock this morning, Robert M. Duncan, charged with larceny and use of profane language, was released Sunday by order of Judge Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold cancelled a speaking engagement in Philadelphia Monday, the war department said, because of what the chief of the army air forces termed "a vital and unexpectedly called conference."

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company with Curtiss army pursuit planes, making the first announced army operations in the Solomons. Three of the enemy's boats were sunk and several CHUNGKING, Sept. 7-(AP)-A others damaged and a large number of troops were killed. Prior to that, as the navy had (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

jail totaled 25 Monday night as the number of weekend commitments reached eight and previous figures for the past four years

cinity of Kwoyang, a town in the northwest part of the province, the high command said. More than 400 Japanese were killed in one sen, brought in by a Silverton ofnese puppet army surrendered. ficer on a charge of being disorderly on a public highway in a