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Russians Stave Nazi Assaults; Tobruk Raided

Stalingrad Fight in 20th Day; Troops, Ships Strike In Africa; Convoy Is Hit

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Fighting through their 20th day of assault with an ominous lack of fighter aircraft, the Russians were draining their last resources Monday night to save Stalingrad. But by their bold offensive action elsewhere, red army and air force alike gave proof the loss of Stalin's city will mean no collapse of Russia's furious resistance to Germany.

A small contingent of British troops, supported by light naval forces and heavy RAF attacks, landed at the axis-held Libyan port of Tobruk Sunday night "and inflicted casualties and damage on the enemy before withdrawing," the admiralty announced Tuesday.

"Our force landed in the face of strong opposition," the communiqué added. "The withdrawal was not carried out without losses, which in view of the strength of the defenses, were to be expected."

The Italians said a violent bombardment by a large number of RAF planes preceded the landing, and "immediate intervention of Italian-German defenses frustrated the attempt."

British parachutists, Rome said, also participated in the raid which "was supported by six naval units, made up of cruisers and destroyers."

British columns progressing steadily into Madagascar were reported Monday night to have accomplished more than half their march and to have advanced to within 100 miles of Tananarive, inland capital of the French island.

In the unending North Atlantic battle of ships, there were two official reports of U-boat action versus convoy passage, without any immediate connecting link.

The Canadian government reported loss of four merchantmen and an escorting Canadian patrol vessel from a convoy somewhere off the Dominion east coast.

The Germans, who first reported attacking a North Atlantic convoy last week, upped their claims to 19 merchantmen, two destroyers and corvette sunk, and chanted their usual formula: "Only small scattered remnants of the convoy were able to continue the journey."

Persons familiar with German communications know these "small scattered remnants" usually turn out to be astonishingly large.

The Germans said the attack began last Wednesday and continued until Monday.

At midnight (Russian time) the red armies at Stalingrad were reported officially to have repulsed two additional attacks from the southwest of the city, the sector which has been hardest pressed in the last few days.

However, the communiqué issued at that time acknowledged a German tank advance in the Tersek valley of the deep Caucasus, and said the Russians fell back in one sector on the rugged approaches to the Grozny oil fields.

Prior to issuance of the midnight communiqué, the Russians' story of the 20th day of Stalingrad's resistance was one of unyielding storm on north and west approaches to the city and the slowing up on German penetration from the south.

But the Russians, exposed to merciless and constant dive bombing and strafing on their high plateau before the Volga, were admittedly limited in anti-air defense to AA guns and rifles. The Germans, who say they are already inside the southern limits of Stalingrad proper, felt able to claim possession of hills dominating the center of the city from the northwest.

The two-front air war against Germany and her junior partners achieved its broadest scope thus far when hundreds of RAF bombers assaulted Bremen and other targets in northwestern Germany Sunday night and uncounted Russian bombers fanned wide over eastern Germany, Rumania and Bulgaria.

RAF Bombs German City

BERLIN (From German broadcasts), Tuesday, Sept. 15—(AP) British bombers attacked a harbor town of northern Germany Monday night, DNB reported Tuesday.

"Flares were started and some damage was caused to buildings, mainly in residential districts," the news agency reported.

Jap Fire Bomb Believed Found In Oregon Forest; Sub Bomed

Committee Passes Huge Revenue Bill; 43 Million to Pay

Final Bill Would Boost Direct Tax By 6 Billions, Includes Credits; Corporation Levies Increased

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—A gigantic new revenue bill geared to increase treasury collections to more than \$25,500,000,000 annually from corporations and 43,000,000 individual taxpayers won approval Monday night of the senate finance committee.

In addition to regular individual income levies and surtaxes the measure contains a 5 per cent "victory levy" on individual earnings over \$624 yearly.

The measure was sent to drafting clerks after last-minute committee action lopped 5 per cent off the previous-approved rate of 45 per cent on normal and surtax earnings of corporations.

The committee also provided some relief for individuals in the middle brackets by restoring the entire house schedule on individual surtaxes. Previously it had cut the surtax below \$2000 and raised the rates from \$2000 to \$8000 to bring in \$33,000,000 more revenue.

As it finally was referred to technical experts who will spend the next 10 days drafting changes in the measure, the bill was unofficially estimated to provide a minimum of \$6,774,000,000 more direct tax revenue than the \$17,000,000,000 obtained under present laws, which it supplements. This compared with \$6,271,000,000 in new taxes voted by the house.

In addition, the treasury would collect \$1,800,000,000 yearly which it would return to taxpayers in the form of credits for debt payments or in post-war rebates. Of this amount, \$1,100,000,000 would come from individuals through operation of the victory tax.

Under terms of this tax, which would be collected at the source in the form of a withholding levy, single persons could get a rebate of 25 per cent of the tax paid and married persons 40 per cent, plus 2 per cent for each dependent.

Other changes which the senate-committee approved bill would make in present tax laws included: Individuals:

- Present normal income tax rate increased from 4 to 6 per cent, with surtaxes now ranging from 6 to 77 per cent boosted to range from 13 to 82 per cent.
- Personal exemptions for income tax cut from \$1500 to \$1200 for married couples, from \$750 to \$600 for single persons.

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450 Japanese Prisoners in Solomons

PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 14—(AP)—Pacific fleet headquarters announced Monday night 450 Japanese prisoners were taken in the Guadalcanal and Tulagi island areas of the Solomon Islands and have been removed to a port outside of that area.

US marines landed on those islands August 7 in the first major offensive action of the war in the Pacific.

The fleet announcement said: "Four hundred fifty Japanese prisoners of war were taken in the Tulagi and Guadalcanal theatre of operations."

"The outstanding feature in the capture of these prisoners is that each one expected to be killed. Humane treatment, including the furnishing of medical attention and clothing, was so surprising to the captives that many expressed a desire never to return to Japan. This attitude is understandable, since according to the Japanese code any man missing after a battle is declared legally dead. His family is paid a death gratuity and he is posthumously raised one rank. He becomes a man without a country."

"Capture by United States forces of a large number of Japanese prisoners is the first step toward balancing the losses we suffered by capture at Wake, Guam and Bataan. It is hoped that our kind handling of prisoners will be watched by the Japanese in their treatment of personnel."

Willkie Goes To Teheran

TEHERAN, Iran, Sept. 14—(AP) Wendell L. Willkie, personal representative of President Roosevelt, arrived Monday from Baghdad, Iraq, by plane.

He was welcomed by US Minister Louis G. Dreyfus, jr., and the heads of the US military commission. Others present were representatives of the Iranian government, the British minister, the soviet charge d'affaires and the Chinese minister.

Willkie told reporters he was "deeply moved when I left Baghdad, where the people lined the streets and crowds came to the airport to say goodbye."

Criticizes



SEN. HARRY S. TRUMAN
Hits at slow aircraft

Senators Aver Planes Inferior

'Brass Hats' Charged With Failure to Provide Best

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP) Army and navy "brass hats" were accused in the senate Monday of sending some American pilots out to meet the enemy in slow-moving, inferior planes, including one navy ship which Senator Wallgren (D-Wash) said he regarded as "a joke."

Bristling debate was touched off by Chairman Truman (D-Mo) of the special defense investigating committee, who criticized not only fighter planes used by this country, but steel distribution, handling of the rubber program and allied failure to eliminate "waste" in construction of army camps and war plants.

Truman blamed "perfectionists" in both army and navy for delay in producing better fighting planes as well as ships and landing boats.

"Something had to be done to shake up the brass hats and get action, and obtain the best planes obtainable, even if we have to go to some other country to get them," Truman said.

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Balkans Hit Back at Axis Oppressors

LONDON, Sept. 14—(AP)—A new wave of axis terror and anti-axis revolt were reported spreading through the Balkans Monday night following redoubled efforts by Hitler to wring greater tribute for his war machine from occupied but still recalcitrant southeastern states.

The Germans themselves contributed to the account of trouble on their hands, reporting revolt in Bulgarian Macedonia and execution of 800 persons, described of course as "bandits," captured in Bosnia, mountainous western area of occupied Yugoslavia.

A state of siege was clamped on the district and city of Skopje, a part of Bulgarian Macedonia and formerly a part of Yugoslavia, after the killing of many Bulgarian officials by Yugoslav patriots, said Balkan dispatches received in Switzerland. One account said these disorders were set off by efforts of Germans, Italians and Bulgarians to loot the district of its oil harvests.

One Sofia dispatch told of the appearance of mysterious planes over the Skopje area from which were dropped leaflets addressed to the population and ammunition for Macedonian insurgents.

At one stage of the outbreak, dispatches said, an attempt was made to assassinate Peter Grabovsky, Bulgarian interior minister. In two villages every last Bulgarian official was declared slain by Macedonian bands.

Sunday's Weather

Sunday's max. temp. 81, min. 52. River Monday -3.5 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Disout: Today's sunset 7:24; Wednesday's sunrise 6:38 a.m.

Coast Spots Plane

Soars Over Brookings During Fog

BROOKINGS, Ore., Sept. 14—(AP)—Eyewitnesses told Monday night of the incendiary attack of an unidentified seaplane, presumably Japanese, that winged in from the sea last Wednesday.

Residents of this coastal town heard the plane circling in the mist at dawn, and a few caught glimpses of the ship.

Mrs. W. C. Crissey, wife of a Brookings real estate man, described it as a small plane without distinguishing marks. She said it circled over the beach at 500 feet, its pontoons clearly discernible. Then it headed inland.

Asa Carpenter, operator of a sawmill several miles up the Winchuck river, said he heard the plane circling around Mt. Emily shortly after 6 a.m.

Harold "Raz" Gardner, forest service lookout on Mt. Emily, saw the plane circling and later fire broke out.

Gardner hiked to the fire and brought the flames under control.

He reported to H. R. Dewart, Curry county air raid chairman, that he found bomb fragments and a "sizeable" crater. The bomb sheared a six-inch tree and set fire to a stump, he said.

Ed Marshall, federal forester, dug in the crater and extricated what he said was the nose of an incendiary bomb. Attached was a steel shank bearing Japanese characters.

Nearly were approximately 50 square pellets.

Where they fell, the earth was fused into slag, Marshall added.

L. L. Colville, assistant supervisor of the Siskiyou national forest, who was with Gardner, said "we didn't spot the fire at once because of the fog, which didn't lift until noon. Then we had a hard time getting to the scene because the brush and trees were so thick."

"The bomb struck on a steep mountain slope after being deflected by an oak tree. After we put the fire out we noticed the incendiary pellets. We didn't know what they were at first. After we realized what they were we searched around, but couldn't find any others in the area."

This area is well known to Japanese, although why it would be (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Walters Dies In Accident

LEBANON, Sept. 14—(AP)—Ferdinand Walters, 68, died Monday morning at the Lebanon hospital as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday near the Ford mill near Lebanon.

Mrs. Mattie Williams, who was in the car with Walters at the time of the accident, although badly shaken up, was able to return to her home.

The accident happened when Walters started to turn into the main logging road. He saw the truck approaching and backed down on the side road, but the driver of the truck, in order to avoid a collision, swung his truck abruptly and the trailer broke loose, sideswiping the car. The driver of the truck was uninjured but the truck, overturned by the sudden change of direction and speed and the breaking away of the trailer, overturned and burned.

The state police, who investigated, said the truck driver was not held.

Jap Raid?



At the extreme southwestern corner of Oregon, particles believed to be from a Japanese incendiary bomb were found in the Curry county forests, the western defense command disclosed Monday. The purported attack occurred last Wednesday. Approximate area where the bomb was dropped and where an army plane bombed a submarine off the coast is marked on the above map with a cross.

Missile Starts Blaze

Metal Pieces Found Near Big Crater

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Evidence that a Japanese seaplane, possibly operating from a submarine, may have attempted to set southern Oregon forests afire in the first air bombing of the continental United States was reported by the western defense command Monday.

A communiqué issued by Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, western defense commander, said:

A small seaplane was observed over the area of Mount Emily, nine miles northeast of Brookings, Ore., September 9.

A submarine was later sighted and bombed about 30 miles off the same shore by an army patrol plane, with unobserved results.

A forest fire was started near Mount Emily and that marking on what appeared to be fragments of an incendiary bomb were Japanese.

Forest patrols, which extinguished the blaze, discovered a foot deep crater, the communiqué added, and about 40 pounds of metal fragments and small pellets.

The fragments bore Japanese insignia.

Apparently, the Japanese, if they made the attack, selected one of the most heavily wooded sections of the coast, frequently threatened by forest fires.

A few years ago a fire in the same general area swept out of control and virtually wiped out the Oregon coast town of Bandon.

Japanese submarines have twice shelled the Pacific coast, at Goleta in southern California February 23 and near Seaside, Ore., June 22, but this was the first reported attack from the air.

The Goleta shelling caused slight damage to oil well installations. The Seaside shells buried harmlessly in a beach.

Shells were also fired June 20 at a lighthouse on Estevan point, BC, on the west coast of Vancouver island, by either a Japanese submarine or surface craft, without damage.

General DeWitt's communiqué read:

The western defense command is investigating the circumstances surrounding the discovery on September 9 of fragments of what appears to have been an incendiary bomb. These fragments were found by personnel of the United States forestry service near Mount Emily nine miles northeast of Brookings (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Britain Base For Offense Avers FDR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP) President Roosevelt disclosed Monday Britain is regarded as "an offensive base" for the fighting men of the United Nations, but is sharing equally with Russia in American lend-lease supplies flowing across the seas to the European war theatre.

Mr. Roosevelt sent congress his sixth quarterly report on lend-lease operations and, breaking down export figures for the first time in a year, showed about 35 per cent of the weapons and war supplies are going to Russia, 35 per cent to the United Kingdom, and 30 per cent to all other regions.

Total lend-lease assistance through August was \$6,468,000,000, the report said. Yet the president declared that so far the United States "has little more than passed the halfway mark towards maximum possible war production."

He emphasized this production still must expand.

The value of exports alone through August was \$3,525,000,000. With only 30 per cent of this going to the middle east, Australia, China, and other areas, the report commented on the fact help for China had been limited by transportation difficulties, but said "the development of other means of transportation will relieve this situation."

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British Sub Score 300

LONDON, Sept. 14—(AP)—Admiral Sir Max Horton, chief of Britain's submarine service, said Monday British submarines have sunk 300 enemy supply ships and sunk or damaged 87 German and Italian warships since the start of the war.

Speaking at the launching of a new British submarine, Admiral Horton said more German submarines had been destroyed by British undersea craft so far than in all the World

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