

## Sees Allies On Grade Upward

### Hints Diversion Of Enemy From Russia, China

By RICHARD L. TURNER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, asserting that allied strength was "on the upgrade" and the enemy growing nervous, Monday night urged the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds so that an army with the spirit and hardihood of youth may shorten the war with annihilating new offensives.

At the same time, the president called for the rationing of manpower. Workers must be kept from changing jobs at will, he said. Pirating of one employer's labor by another must be forbidden. The objective must be "the right numbers of people in the right places at the right time."

And he held out a possibility that legislation of a drastic nature may be necessary to keep the farmers supplied with hands to harvest the nation's food supplies. The American people, he added, will not "shrink" from such action should it become necessary.

The president was delivering his second radio report to the nation in five weeks. It was, generally speaking, an optimistic report of what he found on his recent tour of defense plants, army posts and naval stations. Already, he said, America is getting ahead of the enemy in the battles of transportation and production.

In addition there was another hint at second front gains. The officers of the general staff, he said, were in general agreement that it was necessary to divert "enemy forces from Russia and China to other theatres of war by new offensives against Germany and Japan."

"The objective of today is clear and realistic," he said. "It is to destroy completely the military power of Germany, Italy and Japan to such good purpose that their threat against us and all the other united nations can not be revived a generation hence."

He pictured a jittery lot of axis leaders, nervously watching the strength of the united nations grow and their own diminish. "The strength of the united nations is on the upgrade in this war," he said. "The axis leaders, on the other hand, know by now that they have already reached their full strength, and that their steadily mounting losses in men and material can not be fully replaced. Germany and Japan are already realizing what the inevitable result will be when the total strength of the united nations hits them—at additional places on the earth's surface."

"The war of nerves against the united nations is now turning into a boomerang. For the first time, the Nazi propaganda machine is on the defensive. They begin to apologize to their own people for the repulse of their vast forces at Stalingrad, and for the enormous casualties they are suffering."

"They are compelled to beg their overworked people to rally their weakened production. They even publicly admit, for the first time, that Germany can be fed only at the cost of stealing food from the rest of Europe."

"They are proclaiming that a second front is impossible; but at the same time, they are desperately rushing troops in all directions, and stringing barbed wire all the way from the coasts of Finland and Norway to the islands of the eastern Mediterranean."

"Meanwhile, they are driven to (Turn to Page 2)

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# Three US Cruisers Lost in Solomons

## Russia and Malta Fighting Flares; Nazis Beaten Off

### German Tanks and Infantry Attack In Stalingrad; Malta Fighters Knock Down 37 Enemy Planes

The midnight Russian communique reported a sudden resurgence of German tank and infantry attack inside Stalingrad, which may or may not be sustained.

Enemy troops supported by 50 tanks made three attacks on positions held by the elite Russian guards. They pressed the defenders back a little in one block, but the Germans lost 20 of the tanks and about two battalions of infantry, the communique said.

Simultaneously the Germans were making 14 attacks against an important point held by the Russian relief armies northwest of Stalingrad, but they were said to have been beaten off with 800 German dead.

The Russians reported renewed fighting on the Leningrad front, killing about 600 Germans.

On both Caucasian fronts there was hot action; the Russians made some advance in the Mozdok area of the deep Caucasus, the midnight communique said, and they were counter-attacking below Novodossik on the Black sea coast, where the Germans apparently hope to maintain operations and supply lines well into the winter months.

A later announcement on the Moscow radio said the Germans had brought up fresh divisions and tank columns to the Mozdok front and were "straining to advance." "They attack from five to eight times a day," the broadcast said.

On still another front—the Mediterranean — the axis was striking new blows. Swarms of Nazi-fascist aircraft were descending on Malta, sometimes 70 at a time, sometimes 30, and that little sentinel island was striking back hard. The Malta (Turn to Page 2)

Willkie Avers No Reply Need Arrives in Alberta With Information For Americans EDMONTON, Alta., Oct. 12 (AP)—Wendell Willkie arrived here Monday night by airplane as he neared the end of his round-the-world tour as special representative of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Willkie issued a 350-word prepared statement declaring he did not deem it appropriate to reply to "flippant statements by certain public officials concerning the expression of my opinion in Russia on the question of a second front."

Willkie's statement in Russia, urging speed in opening a second front and saying that, perhaps, the military leaders needed prodding by the public, resulted in widespread repercussions in the United Nations.

President Roosevelt, replying to questions at a press conference, said October 6 that he had read the headlines on the Moscow dispatches but had not considered the stories worthwhile reading. He added that he regarded the stories as purely speculative.

In Chungking, Willkie told newspaper correspondents all the statements he had made on his trip contained only his personal views.

"When I speak for myself," he said, "I'm Wendell Willkie and say what I damn please."

Mr. Willkie arrived here about 6:30 p.m., PDA, and will leave by plane Tuesday morning for Minneapolis.

In a verbal interview, Mr. Willkie (Turn to Page 2)

## Nazis Remove Norse Clamp

LONDON, Oct. 12 (AP)—The Germans lifted a state of emergency along 400 miles of Norwegian coast between Trondheim and Bedo Monday and the Moscow radio said the Puppet Premier Vidkun Quisling had taken charge of the state police after ousting Jones Lie, their chief.

## Explosion, Fire Destroy War Mill

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 12 (AP)—A spectacular fire which followed a dull explosion destroyed a big mill of the National Supply company, Spang-Chalfant division, in nearby Etna, Monday night, causing damage estimated by Works Manager S. W. Bremner at \$500,000.

Mine workers fled for their lives as molten enamel, shot from a baking oven by the blast, ignited the building. One man was burned on the hands.

The plant, working on war orders, was wrecked by the flames, which were visible for miles and attracted thousands of spectators.

## UMW Admits Women; AFL Flays Arnold

CINCINNATI, Oct. 12 (AP)—John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Monday formally opened their doors to women and workers outside the coal industry, possibly to 50,000 mine bosses, and set up a fund to fight a post-war "movement to crush labor" predicted by its leaders.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 12 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor asked Monday for an investigation of Thurman Arnold, US anti-trust chief, to determine whether he has used the prestige of his job for personal material gain, signaled a fresh attack upon the national labor relations board, and offered an immediate armistice to the CIO pending negotiations for full reunion.

The delegates whooped and clapped again when Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Teamsters, read a telegram from President James C. Petrillo, president of the Musicians union, informing him that a federal court in Chicago had dismissed Arnold's civil anti-trust action against the musicians.

## Chest Attains \$62,533 Total

### Goal May Be Reached Today; Women's Part Featured

Victory was in sight Monday for the Salem United War Chest campaign. Subscriptions amounting to \$6533 were reported at the regular campaign luncheon, held in connection with the chamber of commerce weekly luncheon, bringing the total up to \$62,533 which left less than \$2500 to go. Unless subscriptions take a nose dive today, the \$65,000 goal will be reached at today's luncheon.

However the campaign will continue for the Chest will have no difficulty in placing any sum above that total, where it will do a great deal of good. The victory luncheon is scheduled for Thursday.

A special attraction on Monday was the appearance of Lieut. Martin Elder, navy dive-bomber pilot who scored a direct hit on a Japanese battleship in the Solomons on August 24. Despite his extreme modesty, Lieut. Elder managed to give his audience a fairly clear picture of the event while insisting that another pilot who was on the same foray, Ensign Robert T. Gordon of Nebraska, entitled to more credit.

United States fighter planes compare favorably with those of any other belligerent, Lieut. Elder said in response to a question. Plane design is a matter of compromise between factors of speed, maneuverability, load, fire power, range and protection; Japanese planes have more speed and maneuverability but much less fire power and protection—and when a plane is down, the plane and its pilot are "out for good," he pointed out. (Turn to Page 2)

## Italian Alien Not Enemy

### Restrictions to Be Removed, but Maybe Not Here

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—US Attorney General Francis Biddle announced Monday night that effective October 19, Italian aliens would no longer be classed as alien enemies, because, he said, "from that time on the exonerated which they have so well earned will be granted them."

"This does not mean that dangerous or disloyal persons are no longer subject to apprehension or internment," the attorney general said in a Columbus day address at Carnegie hall. "We still will take no chances. It does mean that the regulations applying, up to now, to alien enemies, no longer apply to Italian aliens. . . . They will be free to participate in the war effort without the handicaps that have hampered them up to now."

Biddle said that his office had investigated thoroughly all Italians in the nation in an "unprecedented exercise of wartime vigilance."

"We find that out of a total of 600,000 persons, there has been cause to intern only 228, or fewer than one-twentieth of one per cent," he said.

Biddle said that he had recommended also enactment of a bill in congress which would grant to an alien, otherwise eligible, citizenship without taking the literacy test—provided he is 50 years old or older and provided he came to the United States before July 1, 1924, and has lived in the country continuously since.

"This measure, would, I think, remove the greatest single difficulty that has stood in the way of citizenship for a large number of the older generations of Italians, who, in all other respects, have made this country their (Turn to Page 2)

## RAF, Nazis Trade Raids

LONDON, Oct. 12 (AP)—German raiders approaching under a cloud cover attacked towns on the south coast of England Monday, killing five persons and flattening a number of buildings and shops. Among the victims was a boy killed by a bomb which fell in the yard of an institution for crippled children. Several others were injured. One British fighter was lost on patrol but the pilot was saved.

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Oct. 12 (AP)—Three British planes were shot down over Denmark after they had flown into the western and southern sections of Germany, the Berlin radio said Monday night in a Copenhagen dispatch. "Bombs were dropped in some places, but there were no casualties," it added.

## Walking Home on Scrap



Men dismantling the wrecked Narrows bridge at Tacoma, Wash., for scrap, walk along suspension cable high above the water. The cables of the bridge are expected to yield 3000 tons of steel.—Associated Press Telegram.

## Oregon Estimates 30 Tons of Scrap; Nation Has Million

### Rural Districts Begin Campaign; Albany Collects

More than 30,000 tons of scrap metals in stock piles throughout Oregon Monday as the third week of the Oregon drive of the national scrap harvest program got underway led Claude I. Sersanson, state salvage committee chairman, to predict that Oregon would exceed its quota of 100,000 tons by the first of January. Many localities, he declared have already exceeded their quotas.

In addition to Mapleton, little southern Oregon high school where 48 students in two days

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 12 (AP)—Scrap of Albany businessmen took Monday off to collect scrap iron and Monday night announced they had assembled more than 300 tons.

Only two freight cars were available, and these were filled to the tops, an estimated 40 tons. The overflow was dumped on a field and covered an area as large as a city block. Robert Sipe, general director, said more than 400 men donated services.

collected 70 tons of scrap metals, Fort Rock in Lake county and Reedsport in Douglas county were declared over the top Monday. (Turn to Page 2)

### Battleship Set For Scrapping; Rites Planned

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12 (AP)—Portlanders flocked to the battleship Oregon Monday to bid goodbye to the once-proud relic of the Spanish-American war. Announcement by the navy that the vessel, whose dash around South America to the battle at Santiago in 1898 was epic of the naval service, would be broken up for scrap, brought out scores of visitors. Custodians said the number was far above the average.

Farewell ceremonies were planned by navy officers, state officials and the Battleship Oregon commission, which has charge of the vessel, now retired and serving as a marine museum here.

Marshall N. Dans, commission chairman, said the ceremonies might be held on Pearl Harbor day, December 7, combining recruiting and bond sale campaigns.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox will be invited. Lieut. Com. G. F. De Grave, district navy recruiting officer, proposed that the ship's woodwork be made into gavel, plaques and other souvenirs to be sold in the bond campaign.

The date for the scrapping has not yet been set. The navy announced (Turn to Page 2)

## Majority Of Crews Rescued

### Initial Attack Takes Toll in Close Battle

By WILLIAM F. FRYE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The loss of three heavy American cruisers in a fierce, night-time naval battle fought during the initial phase of the attack on the Solomon Islands was announced Monday by the navy.

Covering the landing of reinforcements in the Tulagi-Guadalcanal area, the second night of the attack on the islands, the cruisers Quincy, Vincennes and Astoria were outlined in the glare of enemy searchlights and star shells and were sunk by a Japanese force of cruisers and destroyers.

In the same action, the night of August 8-9, the Australian cruiser Canberra was hit by shells and torpedoes, heavily damaged and set afire. Abandoned during the night, she sank the morning of August 9, as already announced by the Australian government.

Although a majority of the crews of the three cruisers was saved, a navy communique reported, the loss of life was heavy, and the commander of the Quincy, Capt. Samuel N. Moore, of Alexandria, Va., was one of those lost. Capt. F. L. Riefkohl, of Maunabo, Puerto Rico, commanding the Vincennes, and Capt. William G. Greenman, of Watertown, N.Y., skipper of the Astoria, were saved.

The action began about 1:45 a. m., August 9, as transports and supply ships were pouring reinforcements ashore for the marines who had occupied the Tulagi-Guadalcanal area of the Solomons in a surprise attack August 7.

Enemy planes dropped flares over the landing operations, and simultaneously the Japanese force of cruisers and destroyers skirted the south coast of Savo island, between Tulagi and Guadalcanal, headed for the supply ships.

Finding a screening force southeast of Savo, the enemy opened fire immediately with guns and torpedoes, smashing the Canberra. After a brief engagement, the Japanese headed for the passage northeast of Savo, where they met a second screening force of destroyers and cruisers and began a battle at close range.

"The action was fought with guns and torpedoes, with targets illuminated by searchlights and starshells," the communique reported. "The enemy fire (Turn to Page 2)

## Allies Fight Jap Troops

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (AP)—Allied forces are skirmishing with Japanese troops in the vicinity of the gap leading through the Owen Stanley mountains of New Guinea, the southwestern Pacific command reported Tuesday.

General MacArthur's Australian mountain fighters made some gains north from Myola Monday, a communique said, and now are approaching Templeton's crossing, about 12 miles south of the enemy's advance base at Kokoda.

Bomber and fighter planes helped in the renewed allied advance, bombing and strafing the slim Japanese supply line to Kokoda from Buna to the north shore of the island.

## Russians to Help US Make Rubber

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Russian experts are coming to the United States to help get synthetic rubber production going. William M. Jeffers, rubber director, said Monday.

Jeffers also told the senate agriculture committee that Russian-made synthetic tires were being sent here for examination.



## One of Ships Lost in Offensive on Solomons



The US 9375-ton cruiser Quincy (above), launched in 1935, was one of the ships the navy Monday reported sunk in the attack on the Solomon Islands. The normal complement of the vessel, which carried four airplanes, is 554 officers and men. The majority were reported saved.—Associated Press Photo.

## Weather

Sunday's max. temp. 61, min. 48. River Monday -4.1 ft. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Dimout: Tuesday's sunset 6:31 p.m. Wednesday's sunrise 7:27 a.m.