

# Navy Sinks Six Jap Warships in Solomons

## 5 Tires Limit To Car

### Gasoline Ration Signup to Begin On November 9

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13-(AP)—The office of price administration formally announced Tuesday that motorists would be limited to five tires per car beginning next month, and at the same time disclosed that registration for gasoline ration books would start November 9 in the 31 states will be entitled, as in the rationed east, to at least enough gas to drive 2880 miles per year—slightly less than four gallons per week. Supplemental rations will be provided for necessary purposes upon application to local boards. It had previously been disclosed that actual rationing in the 31 states would become effective November 22.

Nationwide gasoline rationing was recommended by the Baruch rubber committee to save the rubber on existing tires.

Henderson said issuance of ration books would be contingent on these two provisions: 1—The car owner must swear he has no more than five tires. 2—He must agree to periodic inspection of his tires.

These provisions also will be extended to the east. Although in those 17 states, motorists will not have to register again for gasoline books, they will be asked to supply data on the number of tires they own.

For the 31 other states, Henderson outlined this procedure:

Starting about October 27, application blanks will be made available in filling stations and other public places.

Starting November 9, motorists will take the filled-in application blanks to local school houses where rationing officials will check to see that the blanks are filled out properly and at the same time issue "A," or minimum, ration books.

Persons needing more gasoline for essential purposes may apply immediately for supplemental rations after they receive the "A" book.

Those working in industrial establishments employing 100 or more persons may apply for extra gasoline to a committee in that plant which would refer it to the local rationing board.

Persons showing a need for extra gasoline to drive to work may get a "B" book, which, together with the "A" book, provides a maximum of 470 miles of occupational driving a month. (This means a little more than 31 gallons a month, since the OPA bases its figures on 15 miles to the gallon). The "A" book contains enough gasoline to drive 240 miles per month, theoretically including 150 miles for occupational purposes and 90 miles for necessary family driving.

An extra "C" book may be obtained by a "preferred mileage class," which includes only a few groups of drivers performing duties held essential to the war effort and the public welfare." The (Turn to Page 2)

## Navy Crew Stood by Gun



These members of a navy gun crew stood by their deck gun seeking a shot at a Japanese submarine which torpedoed a tanker October 4 off the Oregon coast near Marshfield. Standing, left to right, in top photo, are C. F. Wienke, Coy Vincent, Robert Willis, John Erre-cant, D. E. Dixon; sitting, Floyd Davis, Chalmers J. Thompson. Picture to left shows Charles Flick, 24, boatswain's mate of Alhambra, Calif., in charge of the navy gun crew.—Associated Press Photos.



## Chest Climbs To Only \$6.35 From Victory

It was "all over but the shouting" and the collection of a few dimes and nickels Tuesday in the Salem United War Chest campaign—but since it seemed desirable to postpone the shouting until Thursday when the "victory luncheon" is scheduled, no effort was made at the Tuesday report luncheon to make up the deficit which amounted to no more than \$6.35. Total subscriptions to date were announced as \$64,993.65.

Tuesday's luncheon program was designed to honor the women's division but that division did the honors itself by bringing in \$1107 to lift its total to \$3963, 130 per cent of its assigned goal. Miss Dorothea Steuseloff, division leader, and several of the team captains were introduced by General Chairman J. J. Gard.

Special speaker was Mrs. Stanley Chin of Portland, a leader in the United China Relief program, who told of the amazing achievements of the Chinese people in their present adversity and of the happiness and well-being which has been provided for orphan Chinese children in the program directed by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek and financed largely by Americans. (Turn to Page 2)

## Passage Barred At Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Oct. 12—Due to the fact that military activity on the post has now reached the progressive stage, for safety and other reasons, only military personnel or authorized civilians will henceforth be allowed to enter the reservation west of highway 99W.

Civilians, visiting relatives or friends and others who have business on the post may enter the cantonment proper by obtaining official passes. These passes may be obtained at the east gate on the Albany-Independence road and at the west gate on highway 99-W.

## Schools' Faculties Again Completed; Building Renamed

### New Instructors Coming; Leaves Given Teachers

For the first time since August 15, Salem public schools' faculty will be complete on Thursday of this week if W. S. Van Nise, formerly of Umatilla, arrives on schedule to take over mechanical drawing classes formerly taught by Lloyd Swanson. Swanson took a drafting position in the shipyards last spring; this fall the classes have been handled temporarily by George Brant, shop coordinator.

To replace Jens Svith, Smith-Hughes instructor under whose supervision Future Farmers of Salem high school have taken top honors in the state and ranked among the first five and ten such organizations in the nation, Neal Craig is to come from Newberg high school, where an outstanding Smith-Hughes program has been offered. Svith has accepted appointment as Washington county agent.

George Birrell, Willamette graduate with advanced work at Boston Tech, was named by directors Tuesday night on a substitute basis to replace Neil Brown, who has moved from the chemistry position at the high school to Parrish as assistant principal.

Military leave was granted Clifford Bennett said.

## Rent Controls To Be Widened

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13-(AP)—James F. Byrnes, director of economic stabilization, Tuesday moved to control rents on all real property throughout the nation, commercial as well as residential.

At his request, Rep. Steagall (D-Ala.) introduced a bill authorizing the stabilization of all rents, thus supplementing existing law which authorizes only the control of rents for housing in defense areas.

Byrnes, in a statement issued through the white house, said he had received reports from many states that landlords were demanding increased rentals for grocery stores, restaurants and other properties. Some of these increases, he said, would amount to over 100 per cent and would add greatly to the cost of living.

## RAF Hits Naziland

LONDON, Oct. 14-(AP)—British bombers attacked targets in Germany Tuesday night for the second successive night, an authoritative source said Wednesday.

### Old High School To Be Known as Office Building

Without christening or contest, the red brick structure which from 1908 to 1937 housed Salem high school Tuesday night received a new title. Directors of the city system authorized Supt. Frank B. Bennett to place a sign in front of the High Street entrance to the building declaring it the "public school office building." The term "old high school building" has caused confusion and is not attractive, board members had previously declared.

Although city schools are operating on a cash basis, the probability that before new tax moneys are received they may have run through available funds was foreseen in the plan advanced by Business Manager Connell Ward, who was given authority to borrow up to \$100,000 to tide the district over.

Tuesday night's meeting was the first held by the board in the office building, the old high school. The large conference room, now equipped to serve as many as 30 persons and spacious enough to accommodate more than twice that number, has served an average of more than one group a day since the opening of the new suite of administration offices, Bennett said.

Directors' table of oak, with a hard composition top inlay, rounded corners, and legs designed and polished to save the sheer stockings of women, was made in the school shops by staff members, as were the cabinets and shelves in the offices.

### South Africa Leader Confers in Britain

LONDON, Oct. 13-(AP)—Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa has arrived in Britain for war talks and is expected to stay for more than a week, the dominions office announced Tuesday night.

The 72-year-old south African leader in the war calls for a careful review of the course before us and what little I can contribute in that cause will be most gladly given.

## 2nd Ship Sunk Off Oregon

### Tanker Lost Six Days After Raid; Only One Killed

PACIFIC COAST PORT, Oct. 13-(AP)—A navy gun crew which stood by its post with nearby flames leaping skyward, waiting a chance for a shot at a submarine, was praised to the limit by survivors of a medium-sized coastal tanker which was torpedoed off the Oregon coast the morning of October 4.

The sinking was announced Tuesday by the navy. It was the second west coast sinking of a tanker from enemy submarine action announced within four days. The navy reported last Saturday the sinking of a tanker off the Oregon-California coast with the loss of six lives.

In the sinking announced Tuesday, only one life was lost.

The vessel, third merchant victim of enemy action in 13th naval district (North Pacific) waters since the outbreak of war, remained afloat six days before finally going to the bottom. The 48 survivors were brought here by a foreign vessel, flying a neutral flag.

Lieut. Comdr. W. R. Brust, commander of a crew of three officers and 11 enlisted men who boarded the tanker and tried to bring it into port, praised his men in the same glowing terms.

"They walked into the face of death, whistling and singing—'What a crew,' Commander Brust said.

The other announced 13th naval district sinkings have been: On June 7, a merchant ship was torpedoed off the Washington coast and one man died of exposure before the survivors were landed.

Eight men died of exposure and wounds after their ship was sunk by gunfire in the North Pacific July 14. The survivors drifted three days and nights before being picked up.

The survivors brought here Tuesday found a ready spokesman in Boatswain Nathan A. Astashkin, a merchant mariner, of Sitka, Alaska, who was on his third torpedoed ship of the war. He said of the navy crew:

"The guts of that navy gun crew; kids, most of them, they stood by their gun aft, with the flames leaping maybe a hundred feet from the forepeak fuel oil bunker, just for a chance to take shot at the sub. "But the submarine never surfaced, so far as we could see."

The survivors were picked up within two hours after the torpedoing, a short time for Astashkin. His other torpedoings were in the north Atlantic, aboard ships of Panamanian registry.

"The first time we were 17 days in an open boat before we were (Turn to Page 2)

## Houses Speed Draft Action

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13-(AP)—With speed reminiscent of that which it declared war last December on Germany, Italy and Japan, congress went into high gear Tuesday to put 18 and 19-year-old boys into army uniforms.

Responding to President Roosevelt's fireside chat, and to an appeal by Secretary of War Stimson that it help build up "with the minimum delay the finest army in the world," congressional leaders disclosed plans to rush to house passage this week legislation lowering the draft age from 20 years to 18.

Announcing plans for hearings Wednesday and Thursday and a house vote Friday and Saturday, Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military committee said the legislation to be considered would provide that teen-age soldiers be kept out of combat until they have had at least 12 months of training.

### Two Aliens Arrested

PORTLAND, Oct. 13-(AP)—A German was arrested at Toledo and an Italian here on charges of violating the alien curfew law, Douglas Swenson, Portland FBI chief, announced Tuesday. They will be brought before the alien hearing board.

## Landing Effort Balked; Jap Fighters Disappear

### No Opposition Given Since October 3

#### Fighters on Floats Shot Down; Kiska Raids Not Easy

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN

#### HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN ARMY AIR FORCE,

Oct. 13—(AP)—American and Canadian airmen apparently have run Japanese fighter planes out of the Aleutian skies.

This was the conclusion reached by army officers here Tuesday on the basis of reports from fighting over Kiska and vicinity, where allied forces kept up the practically continuous raids over Japanese-held islands,

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13-(AP)—The army heavy bombers have made successful new raids on Japanese ships and shore installations at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands while encountering only light opposition, the navy announced Tuesday night.

as they have been doing for more than a month.

Japanese floating fighter planes were the bane of United States bombers over Kiska most of the summer. Their appearance at high altitudes in what appeared to be good fighter maneuvers was an unpleasant surprise to unescorted United States bombers. With the exception of navy catapult planes, no other fast fighters on floats have been seen in this war.

For a while, it looked as though the Japs might have found something new to fill in when, as in the Aleutians, they were unable to establish land bases for fighting planes.

However, the float fighters (Turn to Page 2)

## Civil Defense Urged to See Saturday Show

Approximately half the grandstand at the state fairgrounds is to be reserved for active civilian defense workers and army personnel Saturday afternoon when the army's spectacular lesson in defense against air attack is presented.

Urging civilian defenders to include the 4 o'clock show on their schedules for Saturday, Lee Crawford, county chairman of the defense divisions in the civilian defense organization, announced Tuesday night that the reserved seats tickets are now available through the office of County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley.

Division chiefs should secure tickets for their workers, Crawford said.

Sixteen officers and enlisted men who have been part of the training staff at the Seattle school for civilian defenders, operated by the army, are to stage the Salem show.

Work of erecting the buildings to be destroyed in the simulated air raid is to commence Thursday, Crawford said. Still needed are a dozen old garments to be destroyed in a clothesline sequence and a dozen pieces of old furniture no longer wanted. Any metal pieces contributed will be put on the city's scrap pile after the show, Crawford promised.

### Oregon Holds Fourth Place With Scrap

NEW YORK, Oct. 13-(AP)—The industrial east Tuesday had the best figures to show for scrap metal collected in the salvage drive led by the newspapers but the wide-open west was doing the better job on a basis of every man, woman and child involved. Kansas, Nevada, Utah and Oregon were still in front. Kansas, averaging 72.2 pounds per person and with 65,000 tons to its credit, still retained the lead it had held for six days now.

## Rabaul Again Heavy Bomb Raid Victim

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Wednesday, Oct. 14-(AP)—Supporting allied naval forces in the Solomon Islands battle area, Gen. Douglas MacArthur sent a large formation of heavy bombers into smashing attacks on the Japanese airdrome at Rabaul, New Britain, again Tuesday for the third time in a week, a communique said Wednesday.

The big bombers attacked during darkness, dropping "many tons" of bombs, including 1000-pounders, on runways and dispersal areas of the air fields of the great Japanese base where at least 30,000 troops and many planes have been assembled.

A strong force of allied medium bombers, during the same night, attacked the Buka airdrome, at the northern tip of the Solomons, causing fires and explosions.

Meanwhile, in the Owen Stanley mountains of New Guinea Australian jungle troops continued their advance toward Kokoda despite Japanese resistance.

## Volga Battle Action Light

### Reds Retake Street; Tractor Factory in City Sacrificed

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Oct. 14 (AP)—German attacks on the Stalingrad front died down again Wednesday and the soviet midnight communique said red army troops had recaptured a street given up the previous day and pushed the Germans back slightly in one sector northwest of the battered city.

Beyond the isolated soviet action in which the street was recaptured, the communique said, activity inside the rubble-strewn city again was confined to artillery after a one-day renewal of German assaults.

Action northwest of Stalingrad also appeared to have been restricted to local engagements. The communique said one unit of elite guardsmen "pressed back the Germans somewhat" in one engagement and in other sectors the Russians "continued to defend their former positions" and "carried out reconnaissance raids."

Fighting, however, continued heavy in the Mosdok area of the Caucasus and along the Black sea.

In the Mosdok area, the communique said, two battalions of German infantry, supported by tanks and aircraft, attacked Russian positions, but were hurled back to their original positions by fierce artillery and mortar fire after losing 300 men.

Southeast of the German-occupied Black sea base of Novorossiisk, it said, soviet marines repelled an enemy attack and "imposed a tactical defeat" (Turn to Page 2)

## Industry Pool Talks Growth

Probable expansion of plans for Pacific War Industries, Inc., war production pool being organized in Salem, is to be discussed by members today, according to Carl W. Hogg, president of the Salem chamber of commerce, who has been assisting in organization activities.

Representatives of the group are to confer here this morning with John S. Bowes, pooling adviser for the war production board for Oregon. A general meeting is set for 2 p.m. at the chamber of commerce.

Originally named Marion-Folk War Industries, the organization as now on paper would be capitalized at \$50,000 and be designed to serve as a non-profit prime contracting agency to deal with federal procurement services. Actual production would be carried out by a member and other plants acting as sub-contractors.

## US Destroyer Lost in 30-Minute Fight

### Guadalcanal Troops Gain Ground; Two Jap Ships Hurt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—The navy announced Tuesday night that a Japanese cruiser, four destroyers and a transport had been sunk in a big naval battle in the Solomon Islands area and that another cruiser and a destroyer had been badly damaged.

One American destroyer, the name of which was not given, was sunk.

The Japanese cruiser damaged was described as "out of action" and burning and the damaged destroyer was listed as probably sunk.

The action was carried out initially by a task force of American cruisers and destroyers which engaged the enemy to the westward of Savo Island in the Solomons on the night of October 11-12. Additional damage was dealt the enemy the next day by navy and marine corps torpedo planes and dive bombers based on the airfield on Guadalcanal island.

The night navy battle lasted 30 minutes and was fought with guns and torpedoes.

The purpose of the American task force, a navy communique explained, was to prevent the Japanese from landing more reinforcements on Guadalcanal—a job which antiaircraft alone had not been able to accomplish, the navy explained.

Thus, when the enemy cruisers, destroyers and transports came in to attempt a landing, the battle ensued.

Several American ships received "minor to moderate damage," and one US destroyer was sunk," the communique said. But the enemy lost in this engagement one heavy cruiser, of either the Natori or Atago class, displacing about 10,000 tons, four destroyers (Turn to Page 2)

## Willkie to Go To Capitol Talk Today

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 13-(AP)—Changing his plans in response to a suggestion from the White House, Wendell Willkie said Tuesday night he would end his presidential-campaigning world air tour, during which he undertook missions for the president, at Washington instead of New York.

Willkie arrived here at 2:22 p.m. (CWT) from Edmonton, Alta., aboard the "Gulliver," an army plane which carried him and his party over 17 countries and territories. On his arrival he announced he planned to go on to New York Wednesday and thence to Indiana for a rest.

At a press conference Tuesday night, however, he disclosed he had received a message a short time before from the White House, suggesting that the president would like to see him Tuesday night or Wednesday. Therefore, he said, he planned to leave about 9 a.m. Wednesday to fly non-stop to Washington and would advise the president's secretary when he arrived. Aides indicated the plane would reach National airport about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

His only comment was this: "I was gratified to find that the elements which criticized my trip were the same old die-hard tory groups that still think America can live to itself. Such opposition is a great asset."

Monday's max. temp. 61, min. 42. River Tuesday -4.1. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Timout: Wednesday's sunset 6:29 p. m. Thursday's sunrise 7:28 a. m.

### War Chest

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