

# Japs Land Reinforcements on Guadalcanal

## Willkie Sticks To Word

### Decries Delay of 'Front'; Asserts Russia to Win

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—(AP) Back from his globe-girdling tour, Wendell L. Willkie conferred with President Roosevelt Thursday night and emerged from the White House still sticking to his stand that there had been needless delay in opening a second front.

Although he said that in his judgment "Germany will never conquer Russia," he hammered away again at the second front theme in a session with reporters.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—(AP) Wendell L. Willkie came home Thursday morning after conferring in Washington with President Roosevelt on the results of a 31,000-mile trip to the war fronts of the United Nations.

Willkie, who arrived at Pennsylvania station at 1:10 a. m. (EWT) accompanied by Joseph Barnes of the office of war information, said merely that he was fatigued, and that he had no further statement to make.

Asked whether he thought there had been "needless delay," he said that was the conclusion that might be drawn from what he said at Moscow and what he was saying tonight.

Clad in a battered hat and a blue suit plainly showing the effects of his 31,000-mile journey, Willkie announced in a formal statement that he would now devote himself to "making careful, crystal-clear reports to the American people."

"How long that will take I don't know," he continued. "I do know—because I have found out at first hand—that a lot of us, including public officials, are going (Turn to Page 2)

## Finale Slated Today in War Chest Drive

The ball was already on the one-foot line and there was no possibility of a fumble as workers in the Salem United War Chest campaign prepared for last cleanup solicitations this forenoon and their "victory luncheon" today at the Marion hotel.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague and Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, who officiated at the kickoff breakfast nine days ago, are scheduled to lead the rooting when the winning touchdown is officially scored today. Another feature of the program will be vocal numbers by Josephine Albert Spaulding.

Officially, the fund stood all through Wednesday just \$8.35 short of the \$65,000 goal, but ordinary reason suggested that the ball actually was over the goal line, though not yet declared dead, and the only unanswered question was—how much over? Guesses ran from \$500 upward.

## War Chest

Actual construction of the miniature city to be "bombed" in a simulated air raid is to commence today in front of the grandstand, where seats have been reserved for 2500 civilian defense volunteers.

The 3 o'clock show, staged by army instructors from the Seattle school for civilian defense personnel, is open also to the interested public.

## Janitor, Housewives Help Princip With School Hot Lunches

Cook or no cook, of course, at Richmond elementary school will get their vitamins via the hot lunch counter.

When Principal Lloyd Girod was unable to find a WPA cook to prepare the regular hot lunches, Walter Biggerstaff, the janitor, volunteered. Now, with the help of a member of the Parent-Teacher association, Girod and Biggerstaff will serve 125 hungry children each noon.

On Wednesday, the opening day of the hot lunch program, pupils were served pork and beans (seconds if they wanted them), sliced tomatoes, lots of butter and grapefruit juice.

"The government is furnishing us all the butter the children want," said Mr. Girod. "This hot lunch project a federal program to give vitamins to children of the country. The butter is one way they'll get them."

The Richmond PTA will provide one woman each day to assist Girod and Biggerstaff. Mrs. C. F. Felke was on duty Wednesday. Biggerstaff, who volunteered to assist the principal in preparing the daily lunch, is prominent in community affairs. He sings at many social "doings," is generous in offering services to local projects.

Lunches are served at a nominal fee, 10 cents daily, \$1 a month, or \$7 for the entire year.



Lloyd Girod, principal of Richmond school, (top photo), serves juicy red tomatoes to Dorene Cavender on the first day of the hot lunch program at the school. In the lower picture, Walter Biggerstaff, civic-minded janitor, and Mrs. Charles Felke prepare the school lunch for pupils.



## Albany Tops 100-Pounds-per In Scrap; Oregon in Fourth

NEW YORK, Oct. 14—(AP) A growing group of cities reported Wednesday their newspaper-sponsored scrap metal collections have topped the 100-pounds-per-person mark.

The nationwide drive, backed by American newspapers, kept some communities so busy they haven't taken time out to figure up their totals.

The newspapers' united scrap drive committees listed Danville, Va., with more than 22,000 citizens in the lead with 171 pounds from each resident. From another source, however, came a report Lynchburg, Wyo., had dug up 12-

754,989 pounds for a per capita average of 286.3 pounds. Portsmouth, N.H., and Mamaroneck, N.Y., had nearly tied close behind, Danville, the former reporting 164.9 pounds per person and the latter 164.

Fort Worth stacked up an average of 156 pounds for each citizen. Albany, Ore., had 105 pounds a person, and Marion, Ind., and Detroit, Mich., each passed the 100-pound mark.

On a state basis, Rhode Island moved up to third place with a per capita average of 67.3 pounds from 24,000 tons. Kansas holding first with its 65,000 tons and 72.2 pound average and Nevada second with 3870 tons or 70.3 pounds per capita.

For the leading 24 states of the nation, the newspaper committee reported a per person average of 42.1 pounds, or a total of 1,429,304 tons.

After Kansas, Nevada and Rhode Island, the committee listed, with per capita averages and total tonnage included: Oregon 55.7 pounds, 30,363 tons.

## US Subs Sink Five Ships; Four Merchantmen Lost

### Heavy Cruiser Made Victim, Jap Waters

Undersea Successes Raise Recent Toll To 11 or 13 Sunk

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—(AP) American submarines operating in Japanese dominated waters of the western Pacific have sunk an enemy heavy cruiser and four other vessels and damaged three more, one of which probably sank, the navy reported Wednesday.

Disclosure of the undersea successes raised the total of enemy ship casualties officially announced in two days to 18, of which 11 ships were sunk, two probably sunk and five damaged.

Those sunk included two heavy cruisers, destruction of which at least partially avenged the loss of three American heavy cruisers announced by the navy three days ago as having been sunk at the outset of the Solomon islands campaign in August.

The recent record occasioned considerable satisfaction in naval quarters here on the ground that such attrition of Japan's naval strength must inevitably increase the enemy's difficulties in maintaining his extended supply line while protecting his bases scattered over the central, western and southwestern Pacific.

The communique making one of the navy's periodic reports on Pacific submarine operations listed (Turn to Page 2)

## Excess Tires Buying Will Begin Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—(AP) The government will begin purchasing motorists' "excess" tires Thursday in an effort to create a huge national stockpile to keep America rolling.

Details of the purchase plan were announced Wednesday by the office of price administration in connection with nationwide gasoline rationing which limits each private car to five tires.

The defense supplies corporation has advanced \$150,000,000 to finance the program, and designated 160 warehouses throughout the country as delivery points. The Railway Express Agency will collect the tires and transport them to the warehouses.

While gasoline rationing puts a limit only on the number of tires for each car, DSC also will purchase tubes which motorists desire to sell.

Under OPA regulations, gasoline rations will be issued to private cars only after owners list all their tires by serial number and certify they have no more than five tires for each car. In the already-rationed east, the (Turn to Page 2)

## OSC Greets New Prexy

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 14—(AP) Oregon State college Wednesday welcomed its new president, Dr. A. L. Strand, who said he came here because he believes in the future of the Pacific northwest.

"It was not an easy decision to make as I like Montana where I spent 41 years," said Dr. Strand, who accepted the Oregon State post after being president of Montana State college for five years.

"But I like the northwest; I believe in its possibilities, its fundamental sources of wealth, its agriculture, power, transportation, forests, ocean resources—and its people."

Dr. Strand spoke extemporaneously after being accorded an ovation at a faculty-student convocation. He was presented by F. A. Gillilan, who retired as acting president Wednesday to return to the school of science as dean.

## Teen-Agers Crowding Recruiters

By the Associated Press

Teen-agers are crowding recruiting stations in most sections of the nation, a survey disclosed Wednesday night. The recruiting tempo went up markedly as plans were speeded in Washington for drafting 18 and 19-year-olds.

The upswing in enlistments was experienced mostly in army recruiting offices. Navy authorities said the bulk of their enlistments normally were in the teen-age group.

The marine corps at Chicago said the fests of its men in the Solomons had been a great stimulus to enlistments. The navy reported it had been breaking all records, but did not attribute the jump to draft prospects for 18 and 19-year-olds. (See also story on page two.)

## Flag Raised Over Plant

### Employees Make Gift For Defense Work, Making Houses

By ISABEL CHILDS

High above the long, low buildings that house Salem's largest defense and fastest growing industry there flies today a flag. The red, white and blue banner and the smooth 70-foot pole of Oregon fir from which it catches the breeze went up for the first time in the gravel courtyard of the plant Wednesday.

Gifts of the employees of the Keith Brown Building Supply plant, now in its 14th month of building prefabricated houses for government projects, the "broad stripes and white stars" and the pole were dedicated at an official flag-raising between shifts Wednesday afternoon.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague, using an army jeep as a platform, delivered the oration of the day, speaking simply of the meaning of the flag, the freedom of the nation it signifies and the contrast between Americanism and nazism.

Although the overalled men who stood with bared heads as (Turn to Page 2)

## Rift Thought Widened by Axis Partners

By the Associated Press

One of the more intriguing items in Wednesday's news budget was the Berlin announcement that Gestapo chief, Heinrich Himmler, is paying one of his "social calls" to Italy.

In certain quarters this was believed to be a direct reaction to signs that Italy is straining again at her axis bonds, this time in the direction of the United States, where Italians no longer are considered enemy aliens and where there is much talk of formally regarding Italy as an occupied country.

The fact that Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's special envoy to the Vatican, was allowed to land by plane in (Turn to Page 2)

## Paper Curtailing Order Delayed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—(AP) The proposed war production order curtailing production of all types of paper will be delayed a week or ten days, a WPA spokesman said Wednesday, pending a reexamination of the action and possible alteration of its provisions.

Simultaneously, WPA announced the appointment of Arthur G. Wakeman, formerly manager of the Fox River Paper corporation, Appleton, Wis., as chief of the pulp and paper branch, succeeding David J. Winton, who announced his resignation Tuesday.

## Enemy U-Boats More Active Along Africa

### Losses Take Lives Of 45; Germany Claims Big Ships

By The Associated Press

Destruction of four United Nations merchant ships—two Brazilian, one American and one Panamanian—claimed 45 crew casualties in submarine warfare off the South American coast; it was officially disclosed Wednesday.

The navy revealed that 33 of the 71-man crew aboard the Panamanian ship were dead or missing after two submarines struck at the vessel in August. Despite the concerted attack, the merchantman floated for two hours before sinking.

Heroism of one of the seamen, a poor swimmer who surrendered his lifebelt to a shipmate and then disappeared, marked one of the stirring incidents of this action.

Torpedoes sank the American vessel in two minutes, but only nine casualties were reported out of a crew of 36, the navy said.

The Brazilian government announced that two U-boats destroyed the 5472-ton freighter Lages and the 2730-ton Ozorio last September 29, raising Brazil's ship losses to 21 since early 1942 when diplomatic relations with the axis were broken off. Three of the Lages' 46-man crew were reported missing. The Ozorio carried 38.

The four latest United Nations losses boosted to 491 the Associated Press count of disclosed western Atlantic ship sinkings since America's entry into the war.

Meanwhile reports from London indicated that numerous submarine nests, along the allied shipping route to the Indian ocean, were feeding axis U-boats spreading down the west African coast. The raiders have been "forced further afield by the defensive offensive tactics of the united nations," a British spokesman declared, and now are concentrating along the African Atlantic coast with a complete supply setup.

A German communique (without confirmation elsewhere) reported the sinking of four merchantmen between Capetown and Freetown, West Africa, among (Turn to Page 2)

## Reelected



WILLIAM GREEN

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 14—(AP) The American Federation of Labor reelected President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, and all 13 vice presidents Wednesday and retained all the 15 officers on the executive council. Accepting his 18th full term, Green expressed belief "the year 1943 is going to be a decisive year, and some time in this decisive year the German machine is going to collapse of itself." He said labor must regard unity in its ranks in 1943 as a "solemn objective."

## Reds Repulse Tank Attacks

### No Ground Yielded In Stalingrad or Caucasus Areas

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Thursday, Oct. 15 (AP)—The red army, fighting in the welcome chill of an approaching winter, repulsed several more tank-repulsed German attacks in the Stalingrad and Caucasus areas Wednesday without yielding ground, the soviet command reported early Thursday.

For the second straight day the communique reported no significant change in the general situation. The German shock troops evidently were temporarily exhausted or were holding back for replenishment or to switch to another theatre.

Two companies of nazis were reported to have been killed, and five German guns, seven machine gun positions, and three dugouts destroyed by one soviet unit operating inside the ruined city where the enemy's attacks have noticeably faltered within the last week. (Turn to Page 2)

## Major Battle Impends

### Airfield Bombed To Prepare for Enemy Assault

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP)—The Japanese landed heavy reinforcements on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons early Wednesday, and indications Wednesday night were that a major battle was impending, if not actually begun, between the strengthened enemy and the marines spearheading the American offensive in the southwest Pacific.

Announcement of the enemy landings was made by the navy department Wednesday night in a special communique based on reports received up to 4:30 p. m. Pacific war time.

The communique also reported that Japanese warships had bombed the American airfield and shore installations on the strategic island two nights before the landings were undertaken.

These bold operations were carried out successfully by the determined enemy despite the fact that only last weekend a US cruiser-destroyer task force had repelled a landing attempt and smashed eight Jap ships while marines had fought forward to advanced positions on the edge of the northernmost section of the island where the enemy troops were concentrated.

The latest landings were made on the coast of this same section. Whether they were opposed by US army and navy aircraft stationed on Guadalcanal was not stated in the communique. Neither was there any mention of the Japanese surface vessels having been engaged by American ships during their bombardment.

The seriousness with which the navy viewed the enemy's latest maneuvers was emphasized by the speed with which they were announced. Almost invariably in the past activities in the Solomons have not been disclosed until at least two or three days after they occurred.

Moreover, the Japanese activities of themselves contained a grim new significance not heretofore attached to their movements in the southwest Pacific archipelago. (Turn to Page 2)

## Weather

Tuesday's max. temp. 65, min. 36. River Wednesday -3.9 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Dimout: Thursday's sunset 6:28 p. m. Friday's sunrise 7:29 a. m.

## Union Presents War Chest Contribution



President John Graybill of Teamsters' union local No. 324, (left) looks on as Lewis C. Harkins, secretary-treasurer of the local presents to J. J. Gard, general chairman of the Salem United War Chest campaign, (right), a check covering the local's contribution of \$225. The War Chest campaign closes with a big "victory luncheon" today noon at the Marion.