

Declaring War By Italy Brings Mixed Reaction

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ment in power of those who have been mainly responsible for the loss of their liberties and the ruin of their country." The committee asked that President Roosevelt's pledge that Italians would be allowed to choose their own government be put in force immediately.

The Evening Star, commenting before the declaration was announced, appeared to sum up the British view by saying "Only deeds will prove the worth of Badoglio's words."

The Daily Telegraph said "It seems obvious that the new status of co-belligerency means that all Italian forces will rank for (be entitled to) lend-lease assistance—a necessity, as in the case of the French, if they are to make any substantial military contribution."

"We must accept whatever help will lighten the task of our men and save their lives," said the Manchester Guardian. "If the Italians mean by 'co-belligerency' to do that we shall remember it in their favor, at the same time remembering also that the wrongs they did while they worshipped Mussolini, applauded his treacheries and fought his wars, must be righted and no injustice done the victims because of the promised 'co-belligerency-aid.'"

Italian Move Termed Start Of Bandwagon

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Washington interpreted the Badoglio declaration of war against Germany today as the start of a bandwagon movement that could leave the nazis completely isolated and internally shaken.

Nobody expected decisive, direct military aid, at least not immediately.

Typical of congressional comments on the Italian action are these: Senator McKellar (D-Tenn)—"I'm not surprised, and I expect others will want to get on the bandwagon soon. I hope that Portugal, Spain and Sweden all will be climbing on the wagon before long."

Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex)—"I am glad to see that the liberty-loving people of Italy have lined up with the other liberty-loving people of the world." Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, republican floor leader—"The declaration should speed up the winning of the war against Germany."

Rep. Bolton (R-Ohio)—"The psychological effect on German morale should be terrific."

Italian co-belligerency with the United Nations is accepted on all sides as a powerful propaganda weapon, but the amount of military assistance the nation can render remains to be seen.

Reprocessing Of Old Papers Seen Solution

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—A pulp paper executive told a house subcommittee today that more than enough old newspapers could be reprocessed in this country to make up the growing shortage of newsprint.

The witness, Pierre Loddengard, manager of the technical department of the Buckley Dunton Pulp company, of New York, said practical methods of reclaiming waste paper for newsprint have been developed, although they are not being used on a large scale.

He spoke of methods of taking the ink out of used paper and changing the paper back into pulp, from which clean, new paper may be made.

"Is there any reason," asked Rep. Wolverton of the Eisen committee investigating newsprint supplies, "why de-inking and reprocessing methods are not being used now, in a time of a critical shortage?"

"I can only give you my personal opinion," Loddengard replied. "There seem to be people who don't believe old newspapers can be de-inked, because they personally have never de-inked one."

Allies Capture Greek Islands

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Allied troops were reported in an NBC broadcast from Ankara tonight to have captured some of the Cyclades, Greek islands in the Aegean north of German-held Crete. Unconfirmed advices from Istanbul last week said British forces had landed on some of the islands and the new report indicates the footholds have been made secure.

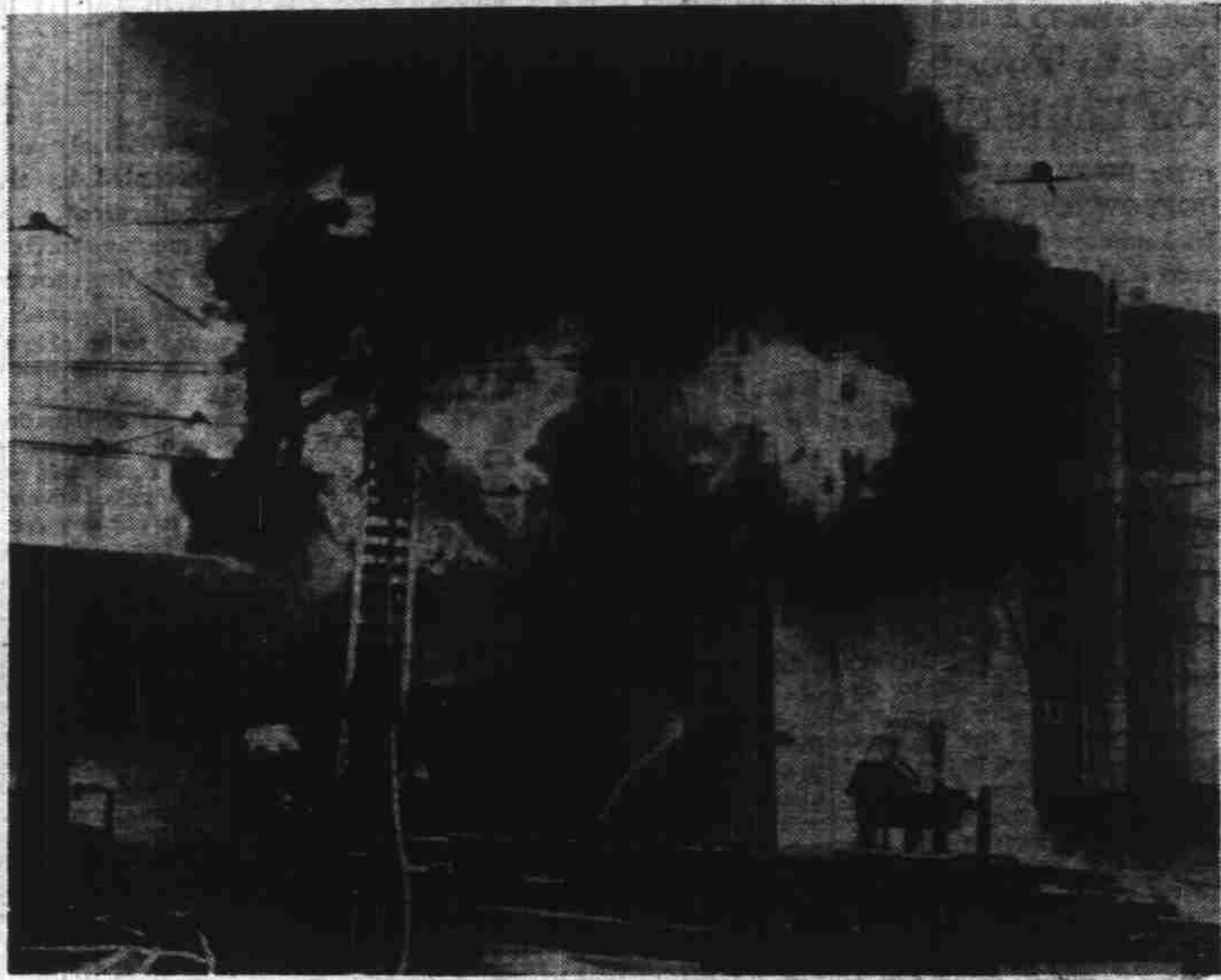
The islands have air bases and port facilities for submarines and small shipping. Fighter planes based there could range both to Crete and far over Greece.

US Task Force Bombards Jap-Held Wake Island



Planes and ships of the Pacific fleet rained bombs and shells on Jap-held Wake Island October 5. This picture shows a small tanker burning in the channel while a bomb has just hit near storage tanks on the island. Simultaneously the US task force pounded the enemy airfield at Peacock Point on Wake Island. Many Jap planes were burned out on the runways, which was peppered with shells and bombs from the attacking American force.—(International).

Flames Raze Huge Grain Elevators In East



Flames roaring through a grain elevator at the Harper Feed mills near Pittsburgh, Pa., October 11, razed the structure as well as four adjacent buildings, destroying several thousand bushels of grain. Damage was estimated in excess of \$40,000. Fire chiefs declared the low pressure seriously hampered the fire-fighters. Note weak stream of water spouting near truck.—(International Soundphoto).

Italian Troops Join Yugoslav Against Nazis

By A. I. GOLDBERG
LONDON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The Yugoslav national liberation army announced tonight that it had been joined by the entire Italian Venezia division, until recently an enemy force, in fighting the Germans.

Announcement of the switch-over of the Italian division was contained in the liberation army's communique broadcast by the free Yugoslav radio. It coincided with the declaration of war against Germany by the Italian government of Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

The liberation army, led by Drag Tito, also charged that it was being opposed by the Chetnik forces of Gen. Draza Mihailovic, King Peter's field commander, as well as the Germans. A similar charge against Mihailovic was made recently by Tito's supporters in London. The communique as recorded here said:

"The whole Italian division Venezia has come over to our side and is fighting with us against the Germans. Only a few days ago the same Italian division was fighting our units together with German forces and Gen. Mihailovic's units."

A Yugoslav source here who has contacts with Tito's guerrilla partisans said that group greeted Italy's declaration of war with the broadcast statement: "The United States, Britain and Russia have accepted Italy as a co-belligerent. Now Italy has a chance to redeem itself."

Japs Declare Philippines 'Independent'

broadcast, hailed Japan as "the great power of east Asia" who was granting the Philippines their freedom "as an example of justice in the history of mankind."

"The empire of Japan, which in this great war has the mission to liberate the oppressed races," Laurel's proclamation said, "has banished occidental domination from the Philippines and has collaborated with all the means at her disposal in the formation of the independent Philippine nation. We have now attained the glory of seeing the honor of the national race restored."

"Before the world we are now a free and independent people. Henceforth we shall not belong to any foreign power. All rights and interests of the nation will be reintegrated and guarded. For national defense and in order to maintain our independence, we pledge all our resources for the defense of the fatherland."

German Flank In Danger
Official front line dispatches announced the new advances. Today's communique simply reported further progress in the Tannu and central sectors, and patrol activity.

Brewster Plant Failures Told
By ALEX SINGLETON
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—A dismal record of production failures at the Brewster Aeronautical corporation—one blamed jointly by labor and management—was unfolded by navy officials today before a house committee sharply critical because the situation was not corrected long ago.

Japs Open 3-Pronged Burma Drive

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
CHUNGKING, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The Japanese have opened a three-pronged drive northward along the Burma road at the entrance to southwestern China and are engaged in heavy fighting with Chinese troops who are aided by air force of the 14th US air force.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters announced tonight. The high command's communique said Chinese forces in the Yunnan province border region had succeeded in holding two of the columns beating their way toward the provincial capital at Kunming, only after suffering a number of casualties. The Japanese in that area have received large reinforcements, the Chinese added.

Severe fighting which began October 6 in an attempt to halt a third drive based on Changachieh, however, still continued today, the communique said, with both sides suffering casualties.

A communique from the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, American commander in the China-Burma-India theater of operations, disclosed yesterday that American planes were co-operating with the Chinese in the Yunnan area, bombing military installations and oil and gas storage dumps.

The three-column Japanese drive, obviously to expand their holdings along the Burma road, was based on Tengchung, 250 miles west of Kunming; Lunging, on the Burma road 100 miles southeast of Tengchung; Mang-shin and Tocho, the high command explained. Lunging and Tengchung are the deepest points of Japanese penetration in western Yunnan.

The third drive reached the vicinity of Manshichai Oct. 9 before being intercepted.

Air Armada Blasts Rabaul

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damage to Simpson harbor, one of the finest in all the Pacific. Only five planes were lost out of the hundreds employed.

Rabaul long has been regarded as the primary objective of the Pacific offensive which opened on June 26. Presently this offensive has reached the northern Solomons island of Bougainville. The only important enemy holding barring the direct approach to Rabaul in the South Pacific.

On the other arm of the offensive, General MacArthur's Australians have overrun the Huon Gulf sector of New Guinea, which is separated only by narrow Vitiat Strait from New Britain island, with Rabaul approximately 350 miles to the northeast.

The communique said "this operation, including the first phase of Wewak, gives us definite mastery in the air over the Solomons sea and adjacent waters and thereby threatens the enemy's whole perimeter of defense."

At Wewak, New Guinea, some 300 miles northwest of the present ground fighting scene, approximately 500 enemy planes have been destroyed in raids since mid-August. The first few, on which the bulk of that total has wiped out, caught the Japanese completely by surprise as did the Tuesday raid on Rabaul and most of the Wewak planes were lined up wing tip to wing tip on the ground.

"The enemy has sustained a disastrous defeat from air attack at Rabaul," the communique reported.

"With complete secrecy, the mass of our airforce was concentrated and launched against his air and naval forces there, using fields made possible by our occupation late in June of island groups north of New Guinea."

Russians Tear Gaps in Fronts

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clared repulsed. Two thousand Germans were killed, 37 tanks wrecked and German artillery destroyed in the battle.

Soviet aircraft, masters of the sky, bombed German troops and equipment, destroyed 200 trucks, 20 tanks and fuel and ammunition dumps. Twenty-eight German planes were brought down in this area.

"We can see the steeples of Kiev Pechira Lavra (biggest and oldest of Russian monasteries) and the big building of the council of the peoples' commissars of the Ukraine," a front line dispatch to the Moscow newspaper Izvestia said.

Despite autumn rains that turned roads into bogs of mud, the soviet armies in white Russia advanced to "the immediate vicinity of Genoa" the communique said. The Germans were forced into retreat after their counter-attacks proved too costly and hundreds of Germans were killed.

With fighting in the center of Melitopol, capture of that town was imminent. Already lost to the Germans by this gain was the railroad from the Crimea north of Zaporozhe and the Dnieper bend. A Berlin broadcast by Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, German commentator, took a Russian announcement yesterday to mean that the Russians had landed at Yalta in the southern Crimea. It was too early, he added, to tell if it was a major invasion attempt.

Lost Deer Hunters Found

MEDFORD, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Leo Kelly, 18-year-old deer hunter lost Sunday in the Hershberger mountains, was found today hurt, but cold and hungry, by Wayne Downing and Robert Slagle, Prospect loggers.

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ON the HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the streets... Eccl. 12:3 and a portion of 4.

Chief ardents in Salem of former prime window shoppers in the daily checkup to see how many different phrases can be used to say such simple things as "Closed," "Out to lunch" and "No candy today."

Some concerns tell all who will stop to read the brown paper signs on the doors just how long they will be gone, others (deer hunters, these?) merely admit that their places of business are closed "temporarily." The candy shop, veteran at the art of standing off customers, explains it will be open for a few specified hours on Friday.

Salem window shoppers yesterday saw:

The sign go up in Postal Telegraph's window proclaiming that "This is Now a Western Union office." It was posted there seven minutes before noon. One bystander remarked that "The AP wires are faster than WU—read that in a paper several days ago."

The little advertising placard in a downtown shoe store advertising 51-gauge hosiery, and experienced women shoppers among us knew that if we asked for them we'd get the same "You dumb cluck" stare from a sales girl that we got a month ago and two months ago when we asked for the stockings in that same store. The store is invariably accompanied by the statement "We haven't any of those stockings."

When you patiently attempt to clear yourself of the apparently-justified charge of idiocy by the explanation that you saw the sign in the window and were merely trying to get some of the sheer leg coverings, the girl answers sometimes not-so-patiently that "That is part of the window dressing." Well, I guess it is, but even in wartime it seems to me wrong to mislead the public just to get them inside a store, and I, for one, would be in favor of reporting it as false advertising if I just knew to whom to report it.

Italy Wars on Former Ally; Aid Accepted

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This carries the implication that further concessions to Italy, both during the war and in post-war settlements, will be on a quid pro quo basis—in return for whatever aid Italy actually delivers to the allies.

Marshal Badoglio issued a proclamation to the Italian people saying: "Italians! I inform you that His Majesty the King has given me the task of announcing today, the 13th of October, the declaration of war against Germany." Italy's declaration against her former ally partner came a little more than a month after allied bombings forced her to sue for an armistice.

Badoglio failed to state specifically whether his government intended to maintain control over the Italian fleet, the bulk of which is in allied hands, or over such units of his army as might still bear arms and offer some assistance in the present campaign to drive the nazis from Italy.

Postwar Aid Pledge Voted, Senate Group

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legislation to increase government allowances to service men's dependents.

Labor and management both were blamed for production lags at the Brewster Aeronautical corporation plants at hearings before a house naval affairs committee.

The house civil service committee charged "needless hiring and duplication of effort" in federal agencies.

Connally and Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) joined in predicting early acceptance of the post-war resolution by the full committee and eventual passage by the senate.

Connally said it represented the "best possible action that could be secured" in the subcommittee, whose membership includes Senators Connally, Barkley, George (D-Ga.), Thomas (D-Utah), Gillette (D-Iowa), Vandenberg (R-Mich.), White (R-Ma.), and LaFollette. The latter, ill in a Madison hospital, had sent word to be recorded against reporting any resolution at this time.

Similarly, Vandenberg said that while the proposal was "not in the precise form in which any one of us would have wished it to be," it was "a fair and honest and forthright reflection of our composite mind."

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