

### Japan Holding Battle Fleet in Lifeline Area

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pre-dawn hours Wednesday. On the west central coast of Bougainville, the last big enemy Solomons base barring the eastern approaches to Rabaul, American troops have fought their way inland at Empress Augusta bay for new gains, their guns adding more dead Japanese to a total which has grown beyond 800 since the invasion opened November 1.

In contrast, American losses have been little more than 100, Admiral Halsey's headquarters said.

Reconnaissance fliers went over Buka after the naval bombardment and reported that the runway and dispersal areas, where planes are kept, had been thoroughly covered by the shells.

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The Aussies, who captured Finschhafen early in October, began their push toward enemy holdings in the hills on Thursday morning and, at last reports, were making steady progress. The Japanese at Sattelberg, which is about 15 miles northwest of Finschhafen on the Huon peninsula of northeastern New Guinea, several weeks ago tried to cut a possible avenue of escape to the peninsula shore but they were driven back in bloody fighting.

Australian-flown Vengeances provided air support for the new drive by attacking enemy defenses in the Sattelberg area. Allied planes raided in the Wewak-Madang area northwest of the fighting scene, and Japanese planes frequently stabbed along the Ramu valley which leads from near Madang southwestward behind the Finschhafen area. Australian troops are in the Ramu valley, moving slowly toward Madang.

By CHARLES McMURTRY PEARL HARBOR, TH, Nov. 18 (AP)—Liberator bombers of the US army's 7th air force struck at enemy bases in the Gilbert and Marshall islands on Tuesday and Wednesday, it was announced today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, extending into the fifth successive day the promised campaign to "give the Jap no rest" in the central Pacific.

There were no losses in personnel or planes, but a retaliation attack by Japanese planes on Funafuti, American base in the Ellice islands to the south, killed two men and damaged several planes on the ground.

### Baruch Finds Task Bigger

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18—(AP) Bernard M. Baruch was described tonight as believing that it will be a bigger task to get America back to a civilian way of life than it was to organize the nation for war.

He said the war production board should handle the demobilization of war industry; that the men who "wound up production should unwind it."

The senate postwar planning committee recommended meanwhile that congress immediately set up a central agency to plan and direct the nation's war-to-peace transition, warning that the lack of proper planning in advance of the war's end might result in a disruption of the national economy "for years to come."

City Street Lights Doff Dimout Caps Increasing their candlepower by approximately 75 per cent, upper globes of Salem city street lights are doffing their dimout caps as soon as the job of untying the "bonnet strings" can be done, City Engineer J. H. Davis said Thursday. Limited help available in the street department will prohibit a rapid de-capping, but the added light will be noticeable, Davis declared.

Apartment Looted A black handbag containing \$22 in cash, a watch valued at \$20 and ration books was taken from her apartment at 285 South Commercial street sometime between 3 and 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, Faye Cooper reported Thursday to city police.

### ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

A kind message comes out of the south Pacific to wives, sweethearts, yes and even sisters of men serving in the sarong land which the movies make seem so right.

Marine corps public relations offices have released a story about the arrival of one marine contingent which includes these juicy bits:

"Natives paddled to the ship in dugouts. Marines were impatient as they approached. "Stentorian voices bellowed welcomes. The Polynesians responded with toothy, ear-to-ear grins.

"Native men and women came aboard at night. They presented a native dance accompanied by song.

"The women wore sarongs. "The marines sighed. Dottie Lamour never looked like this."

"Comforting!" you howl? Ah, I know not one crack is made in the quoted portions (or elsewhere in the story) about how the girls looked, but the sergeant-correspondent goes on to add that the marines sought and received autographs, found that the writing of the girls was better than their own. Not only were the native lasses high school graduates, "they could discuss Cole Porter or Shostakovitch. They knew how to recognize and steer clear of a split infinitive."

Fond and foolish lasses, that finished 'em.

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### Holman Battles For Albany Lab

PORTLAND, Nov. 18—(AP)—A battle to place the electro-metallurgical laboratory at Albany in operation has been opened by Senator Rufus Holman (R-Ore.) the Oregonian's Washington correspondent reported today.

Holman said he had protested the war labor board (WPB) decision to delay work on the laboratory until after the war, the newspaper said.

Maury Maverick, head of the WPB government division, replied that the bureau of mines might be able to transfer equipment from other laboratories to Albany. "If that can be done," he wrote Holman, "the whole picture may well change."

Shortage of copper may still halt operations of the laboratory, however, Maverick said.

### Portland Market Closed by Peterson

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18—(AP)—The city council decreed the death sentence today for Portland's rotating farmer-consumer market.

The vote of Commissioner Fred Peterson killed an emergency ordinance providing for extension of the city-supported market plan which has enabled western Oregon farmers to sell tons of surplus fruits and vegetables during the Autumn harvest season. The extension would have kept the market running until January 1.

Peterson contended that the harvest emergency was over. Farmers estimated they had yet to market about 1,083,000 pounds.

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### 8th Artillery Smashes Nazi Plans, Sangro

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nazi concentrations were observed just as they were moving up for a counterattack, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's cannon blasted them into disorganized retreat before they could get underway.

On the Adriatic coastal sector and along the entire Fifth army front running to the Tyrrhenian sea only intermittent artillery fire was reported.

By WES GALLAGHER AT 15th ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHERN ITALY, Friday, Nov. 19—(AP)—Allied estimates today placed the number of German divisions tied up by allied and independent military actions in the Mediterranean area at "approximately 50," not including Bulgar and Croat units.

Of these divisions only 10 are facing the Fifth and Eighth armies in southern Italy; the rest belong to Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's reserve in northern Italy, Yugoslavia and the Balkans.

There are definite indications that German manpower is draining the bottom of the barrel, while equipment also is scarce for new divisions or replacements.

This is seen in the three German divisions recently thrown against the allies on this front: the 94th infantry, the 305th infantry near the center and the 65th infantry. Mules and horses were used for transport for these nazi divisions.

Both the 94th and the 305th have many inexperienced men while the 65th division, installed at the center, has only two rifle regiments instead of three. This is the way the allied view put it:

"The arrival in action of such divisions as the 94th, 305th and the 65th suggests that German units from the reserve pool are not provided with the strength or seasoning of former years.

"And the presence of a strong reserve in north Italy and Yugoslavia suggests that the German high command felt it necessary to strain their resources elsewhere to provide support toward delaying the union of allied forces with elements resisting in Yugoslavia."

The bulk of the German 10th army facing the allies is dispersed on a front facing Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army.

### Cascade Area Council Selects January For Annual Meeting

January was selected as month for the annual meeting of Cascade Area council of Boy Scouts by members of the area's executive board who met in Salem on Thursday night in quarterly session. Don Lundberg, new assistant executive, was introduced to the board.

Among those in attendance were chairmen from the five districts of the area: Ray Glat, Woodburn, Silver Falls district; Lindsey Wright, Stayton, Marion district; O. P. West, Albany, Calapooya district; Otto Adolph, Dallas, Polk district; and Lowell Kern, Salem, Cherry City district.

### Hull Declares Conference Founded Peace

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18—(AP) Secretary of State Hull, in a history-making personal report to congress on the Moscow conference, expressed conviction today that the declaration adopted there laid the foundation for a postwar world of peace and security for all peace-loving nations.

"As the provisions of the four-nation declaration are carried into effect," he told a joint senate and house session, "there will no longer be need for spheres of influence, for alliances, for balances of power or any other of the special arrangements through which, in the unhappy past, the nations strove to safeguard their security or to promote their interests."

The 72-year-old secretary's visit to the capitol broke precedent, and he was received with an ac-

claim unequalled save for the appearances before the legislators of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. His address was interrupted frequently by applause which was loudest when he paid tribute to the Soviet people, saying they "merit the admiration and goodwill of the peoples of all countries," and to Soviet Premier-Marshal Stalin whom he called "a remarkable personality, one of the great statesmen and leaders of this age."

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doubt of his relation over the declaration by the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China that they "recognize the necessity of establishing at the earliest practicable date a general international organization based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all peace-loving states and open to membership by all such states, large and small."

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CO-FEATURE "HAUNTED RANCH" Range Busters, and "Jungle Girl"

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### Evangelical Church Sponsors Scout Troop

Boy Scout troop no. 7, sponsored by the First Evangelical church and organized by Loyal Warner, came into existence at a father and son banquet held Wednesday night. It may be the first troop registered under the Cascade Charter club.

The troop will have its first meeting Wednesday night with twelve boys forming it. Kenneth Elliot is scoutmaster for the troop. Members of the troop committee are E. H. Riggs, chairman, C. G.

### Latercomers Obtain 850 Ration Books 4

Approximately 850 new food ration books of the number four variety were issued since Monday through Salem war price and ration board offices, Mrs. Florence Bell, chief clerk there, said Thursday afternoon. Persons who failed to secure their books when the registration was in process at Salem schools last month now may apply during regular office hours at ration board headquarters, Chemekeeta and Liberty streets.

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