

# Italy Declares War On Former Ally

## Great New Drive Opened By Russia On Central Front

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(UP)—The Berlin radio reported to-day that Russia had launched a great new offensive on a central front and signs increased that the Red army was squaring off for an attempt to wrest the Crimea from the hands of the Germans.

Nazi broadcasts reported an attempted Soviet landing in the Crimea, and Moscow dispatches reported that the Red army was shelling Kerch, coastal town tip of the peninsula of the same name comprising the eastern Crimea.

The Berlin radio acknowledged "temporary" breaches in its lines as a result of a "heavy" Soviet offensive along the entire central front from west of Smolensk to the area of Gomel in lower white Russia.

Numerous Soviet infantry divisions strongly supported by tank formations attacked, Nazi broadcasts said, but since the preparations had been observed.

## Detail Lumber Ceilings Set For Northwest

OCT. 13.—(P)—In the Northwest, lumber ceilings have been set up to control the distribution of lumber from the Pacific Northwest, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wisconsin and the Michigan peninsula, Wytze district OPA price executive said today. They are effective October 21.

The ceilings give specific area ceilings to be added to mill sales on sales from the yards and to be used until dollars-and-cents ceilings, tailored to individual requirements in various parts of the country, are established, he said. Studies are under way to establish the latter ceilings.

Most important of certain other ceilings in the original pricing instructions are the inclusion of special mark-ups to be made to mills in determining ceiling prices for hardwood flooring.

The Northwest area, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Nevada, Gortland, the interim ceilings for lumber from softwood distribution yards are established as follows:

Softwood ceiling price, plus allowable freight, plus \$5 per 1000 feet for handling and the softwood mark-up—25 per cent.

## Matilla Dam Project Backed

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## Youngsters' Hit War Delays

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(UP)—Congressional committee today held a hearing on "inexperienced youngsters" holding some of the personnel jobs in Washington, a real bottleneck to the government's war effort.

The youthful executives lack experience and tact" necessary in "top-notch management" declared the house service committee headed by Rep. Raskopf of Georgia.

The committee has turned down completely or delayed by these younger personnel officers," the report added.

## Air Raid Warning Signal

...the official air raid warning signal. A long steady siren approximately a minute will be the all clear signal.



HE'S JUST ONE OF THE GANG—That was apparent when President Roosevelt and his party visited Eugene yesterday and inspected terminal facilities. Above, Merrier, left, and Superintendent Merle Jennings of the Oregon Lines, are shown with two of the reasons why the S. P. is weathering the manpower shortage so successfully. The two are Shirley Gifford, next to Merrier, and Kay Simpson, next to Jennings. They are engine supply girls at the roundhouse. Below, the old and new "rails" of the S. P. are shown. They are, left to right: Jennings, 37 years in service; Lloyd Cressy, yardman, six years; Chester Harrison, yardman, 24 years; and President Merrier, 40 years. (Register-Guard photo, Willshire engraving)

## S. P. Employees Here Visit Sociably With President

Armand T. Merrier, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, who gives credit for the line's "best job of single-track railroading in the country" to the rank and file of S. P. employees, is himself "one of the boys."

That is proved by his history. He started as a section hand with the company 40 years ago and went up through the ranks—only he is apt to call it "down"—to the presidency, which he reached a year ago.

It also was clearly apparent during his Tuesday stay in Eugene, by his attitude in talks with the men and women of the S. P. here, and more distinctly by his attitude toward him.

There was an awe displayed at the august presence of the head of the system. The yard and roundhouse workers chatted and glibed with him on easy footing. A couple of grease-smeared mounds in overalls posed humbly with the president and Superintendent Merle Jennings for a Register-Guard photographer.

At one point, Harvey Carpenter, retired veteran engineer who has had just heard the president was in town, came rushing across the tracks with hand outstretched. "God bless you," he said with emotion, putting an arm around Merrier's shoulder. "I'm glad to see you again." Merrier was superintendent of the Oregon lines during the last war.

Carpenter also greeted Superintendent Jennings warmly, and told Merrier, "He's the best man you ever had under you!"

"They tell me," Merrier laughed, "that he's better than I was." "That couldn't be," said Carpenter, "but he's just as good."

Obviously Merrier liked the reception he got from his people. "They're all a splendid organization doing a splendid job and they are responsible for the record we are making," he said.

The record he mentioned was recently called by Fortune magazine the best job of single-track railroading in the country.

President Merrier's private car was dropped at Eugene at about noon yesterday and he remained here until evening, leaving with the Cascade for the south at 8:38 p. m.

Superintendent Jennings, Division Engineer G. Hazelton, and Master Mechanic N. L. McCracken accompanied him on his inspection of the terminal.

## Disabled Troll Boat Saved In Heroic Fight With Storm

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 13.—(P)—The troll boat Tye was berthed at Cathlamet, Wash., for repairs today after being rescued from mountainous seas in one of the heroic chapters of northwest Coast Guard history.

A 52-foot Coast Guard vessel commanded by Chief Boatwain's Mate Alvin Combs battled 25-foot waves for 20 hours to bring the crippled Tye safely to this port. His crew members were Arthur Soderberg, chief motor machinist's mate; Maurice Carter, fireman first class; and Mathias Pitzel, seaman first class.

The Tye was reported disabled 18 miles off the southern Washington coast Saturday evening. After an all-night search, the coast guard boat took the foundering craft in tow four miles off the Willapa

## Churchill Gives Sharp Rebuke to U. S. Politicians

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(UP)—Prime Minister Churchill inferentially rebuked American politicians today for indulging in political rows in the midst of the war.

He told commons that in "some countries which I should not venture to name" the soldiers abroad and the politicians at home were fighting "with equal vigor."

His remarks coincided with the American political controversy touched off by charges of five United States senators on their return from the world's fighting fronts.

"Rather a Pity"

"As soon as the war is ended," he said, "the (British) soldiers will leave off fighting and the politicians will begin. Perhaps that is rather a pity, but at any rate it isn't so bad as what goes on in some countries which I shouldn't venture to name where the soldiers are fighting abroad and the politicians are fighting at home with equal vigor."

Laughter swept the house. The London Daily Mail in an editorial today recommended that the slogan, "careless talk costs lives," be brought to the attention of the five American senators.

The Daily Mail said they "apparently are busy throwing large-sized spanners into the delicate machinery of Anglo-American understanding, and that their careless talk is of the worst sort. Called Harmful"

"What matters more than the harm they are doing the friendly relations between allied countries is the harm they are doing to the war effort," the editorial said.

"By creating civilian indignation and prejudice, they hamper production of war goods and eventually will hamstring our boys on beaches, in mountains and on the seas. The senators, of course, do not intentionally indulge in such nefarious actions, but that is likely to be the effect of wild rumors, uncorroborated reports and sheer nonsense flooding the United States."

## GOP Rewards Oregon Voters

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## Eugene Firms Get Five State Jobs

The E. C. Hall company and the Oscar Joelson company both of Eugene entered low bids to supply the highway commission with crushed rock and gravel on the various rock production projects throughout the state.

Bids accepted by the highway commission from the Eugene firms Wednesday were: Klamath and Deschutes counties: Lapine rock production project on the Dalles-California and Fremont highways, E. C. Hall company, \$35,000.

Crook and Deschutes counties: Redmond-Marks creek rock production project on Ochoco highway, E. C. Hall, \$46,800.

Jackson county: Ashland-state line rock production project on Pacific highway, E. C. Hall company, \$23,900.

Wasco county: Wapinita rock production project on Wapinita highway, E. C. Hall company, \$29,850.

Umatilla county: Cold Springs rock production project on Columbia river, Hermiston and Pendleton-Cold Springs highway, Oscar E. Joelson, \$33,120.



CAUSTIC — Prime Minister Churchill, who rapped American politicians for talking too much.

## Nazi Protest Azores Action

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(UP)—British air, sea and ground forces converted the Portuguese Azores into bases for the anti-submarine war today while German raised cries of "extortion" and hinted at retaliation against Portugal.

Swiss and Swedish dispatches quoted Berlin sources that Germany would react officially only after receipt of the "most specific information from the Lisbon government itself." However, diplomatic observers doubted that Germany would declare war on Portugal.

There were indications that an official German statement would be published today. Baron von Homingen-Huene, German ambassador to Portugal, conferred with the Portuguese premier, Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, for an hour yesterday.

The Azores agreement was regarded in London as the initial victory in all allied diplomatic offensive to complete the military and diplomatic isolation of Germany. Next on the agenda, diplomatic observers believed, are:

1. Outright Spanish neutrality, including withdrawal of the Spanish blue division from Russia, the ending of the Nazi propaganda influence, a clean-up and deportation of Nazi spies and agents, and a ban on Spanish discrimination against the allies.
2. Elimination of Finland from the war.
3. Elimination of as many as possible of the Balkan axis satellites, with the allies offering military assistance.

## AFL Gives Lewis Cold Shoulder

BOSTON, Oct. 13.—(P)—The resolutions committee of the American Federation of Labor refused today to recommend the immediate seating of the United Mine Workers but proposed empowering the executive council to act finally on John L. Lewis' application "on a basis in keeping with the traditions, conditions and requirements of the federation."

Although this amounted to a rejection of Lewis' terms that the AFL take the UMW "as is," foes of the miners' chief made plain their dissatisfaction.

## Fallen Plane Sought

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 13.—(P)—State police and ranchers today continued their search for a twin-engine airplane reported by farmers to have crashed in a rugged area near Sprague river yesterday. Sgt. E. W. Tichenor said last night that no trace of the ship has been found.

## Portugal May Lead Others To Get on Allied Bandwagon

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Portugal's sturdy move in permitting the allies to use the Azores as a base has given us a powerful new weapon with which to combat the U-boat menace, but one of the most impressive aspects of the concession is the fact that the country is the first of the little European neutrals to look Hitler squarely in the eye and say "Who's-afraid of the big, bad wolf?"

The British press today is speculating hopefully whether Portugal may be the spearhead to open the way for other neutrals and non-belligerents. So far as Europe is concerned, Sweden and Turkey are possibilities. And we shouldn't overlook the small axis satellites—Bulgaria, Rumania and

## Badoglio Demands Ouster Of Nazis; Allies Hail Action

By RICHARD D. McMILLAN  
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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Oct. 13.—(UP)—Italy declared war today on Germany, its one-time ally, and was granted the status of a co-belligerent by the United Nations.

The declaration, made in a proclamation by Premier Pietro Badoglio, came 35 days after Italy signed the armistice that removed her from the ranks of nations giving military assistance to Germany.

"Italians! There will not be peace in Italy as long as a single German remains on Italian soil," Badoglio said in his proclamation.

(In Washington it was announced that President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin had issued a joint statement congratulating Italy on her action. The statement said that the granting of a status of co-belligerent to Italy did not affect the terms of the armistice granted to Badoglio.)

## Allies Batter Nazis in Italy For New Gains

MADRID, Oct. 13.—(UP)—Advices from La Linea said an impressive Anglo-American fleet, including the British battleship King George V, two British aircraft carriers, and a United States battleship, moved out of Gibraltar harbor into the Mediterranean today.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Oct. 13.—(P)—Battering down powerful enemy positions in central Italy, allied troops have punched nine miles northeast of Pontelandolfo to seize San Croce, while the eighth army advancing along its entire front captured Riccia and Bonero, official front line dispatches announced today.

The plunge to San Croce sent deeper northward the spearhead outflanking the strong German Volturno river line.

Riccia, seized by the British, is only eight miles northeast of San Croce.

Along the Adriatic coastal flank, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's troops smashed four miles ahead beyond Termoli against strong German resistance.

Bonero, 20 miles southwest of Termoli and five miles northwest of British-held Colletorto, was captured after exceptionally sharp fighting.

Southwest of Colletorto, patrols of Montgomery's British, Canadian and Indian troops penetrated six miles to the village of Santa Elisa.

Along the Volturno river line, a tremendous artillery duel raged.

## Japs Smashed At Finschhafen

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Oct. 13.—(UP)—Japanese troops have been smashed back with heavy losses in an attempt to regain their base at Finschhafen and stem the advance of Australian ground forces driving on Madang, in northeastern New Guinea, a communique disclosed today.

More than 400 Japanese were killed in a day-long battle three miles northwest of Finschhafen Saturday, when the Japanese launched three strong counterattacks against the Australians who captured the port October 2.

The fighting raged from early morning until almost midnight. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Australian veterans held their ground and finally drove off the attackers.

Meanwhile an Australian column moving overland toward the enemy's coastal supply base at Madang, 165 miles above Finschhafen, broke through strong defense positions in the Uria valley, a little more than 35 miles from their objective.

MacArthur's communique also revealed that four American P-47

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