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## Marines Continue Battle in Solomon Isles

### Death Toll of Indian Rioters Mounts to 60

#### Many Injured by Attacking Crowds—Says Picture Distorted

Bombay, India, Aug. 12 (AP)—Serious new rioting in which police repeatedly fired on independence demonstrators was reported today in dispatches from Wardha, Lucknow, Delhi, Poon, Nasik, Cawnpore, and Madras as the total death toll mounted to an estimated 60 in spreading disorders.

At Wardha, a center of the all-India congress party, police fired four rounds after charges with their batons failed to disperse a meeting which had been declared illegal.

Police Attacked  
Many constables were injured when attacked by the crowd, which hurled stones at them after a student had addressed the meeting and urged the people to disperse. The crowd refused to leave. Wardha is only six miles from the home of Mohandas K. Gandhi, interned congress leader, at Sevagram.

Revised casualty tolls showed at least 31 dead in the Bombay area up to noon today and 12 killed at Delhi, where fresh disturbances were reported this afternoon on the approaches to the New Delhi section in which British and American homes and offices are located. Troops and armed police are guarding the New Delhi sector.

Police fired on a mob at Cawnpore and 60 persons were arrested. Disorders also were reported at Poon but details were lacking.

"Completely in Hand"  
London, Aug. 12 (AP)—The situation in India is "completely in hand" and any picture of widespread disorder there is utterly distorted, the India office here said today in an official statement.

"Reports from the authorities in India state that the situation is completely in hand, and it is emphasized that any picture of widespread disorder in that country is utterly distorted," the statement said. "The latest official information from India leaves no room for doubt as to (Concluded on Page 7, Column 8)

### May Close Some War Plants

Washington, Aug. 12 (AP)—War plants which are running far ahead of schedule may be closed deliberately or slowed down for a time to ease the drain on scarce materials, under plans now being considered by the war production board.

The production cuts would be brought about by curtailments in the allocation of materials to such firms for the last three months of the year, it was disclosed by an official who requested that his name be withheld.

In any cases new or converted war plants are discovering that their output exceeds earlier expectations, with the result that parts they produce lie idle for weeks or months before they can be incorporated in the finished product.

"There is growing recognition that it is just as wrong to tie up materials in the form of component parts as it is to tie them up in stockpiles of unprocessed metals," the WPB source said. WPB's requirements committee, which allocates materials among industries, is expected to request the army and navy to furnish lists of their contractors who are in excess of present need, either because of unbalance in the production of parts for a weapon or because strategic developments have made the weapon itself of less immediate importance.

### Say Formosa Bombed by Sky Dragons

Chungking, Aug. 12 (AP)—It was rumored here tonight, without confirmation, that allied warplanes bombed Formosa today. This Japanese island off the east China coast is one of Japan's principal troop staging areas for offensive operations.

United States fliers yesterday bombed the Japanese airdrome at Nanchang, shot down one enemy plane in combat, probably destroyed another and returned to their base without loss, a communique from Lieut. Gen. Joseph H. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

Five hits were scored on the field, one directly on a hangar and another between two hangars in which Japanese planes were known to be housed, the bulletin said.

### Bids Called for Flight Strips

The first two flight strips to be built in the west will be constructed in Malheur and Lake counties, the state highway commission announced today in calling for bids on nine projects, costing \$650,000, to be opened in Portland August 27.

The strips, which will be used for landing fields, will be 6,000 feet long and 500 feet wide. The paved runways will be 150 feet wide, and the rest of the 350 feet of width will be gravel. They will cost \$200,000 each. One will be located on the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada highway 50 miles north of McDermitt, Nev., while the other will be on U. S. highway 395 at Alkali Lake, 60 miles north of Lakeview.

The highways will run down the middle of each strip. The commission said it is considering at least two other flight strips, but it declined to say where they would be built.

### Pelley Draws 15-Years Prison

Indianapolis, Aug. 12 (AP)—William Dudley Pelley, founder and leader of the Silver Shirts of America, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison in the first major sedition case since America's entry into the war.

Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell imposed the sentence after denying a defense motion for a new trial.

The dapper, 52-year-old Pelley, whom government attorneys called "a Benedict Arnold" and "an Aaron Burr" in their prosecution, was convicted a week ago on 11 counts of criminal sedition in connection with publications of the Fellowship Press, Inc., which he headed. In passing sentence Judge Baltzell said he believed Pelley should be imprisoned "for the duration."

### Says Steel Industry Refused to Expand

Washington, Aug. 12 (AP)—Chairman Truman (D., Mo.), of the senate defense committee today attributed the steel shortage to a lack of "real expansion" in the steel industry.

Senator Truman, after more than six months of inquiry, told reporters he had concluded that there was no real expansion in the industry, but merely an "integration" of the plants of the big companies, while they "choked" the smaller rolling mills out of existence.

He said Donald Nelson, director of the war production board, "should exercise his authority and reorganize the iron and steel division of WPB" to get action.

The blunt-mannered Missourian said that so far as his committee had learned not a single new iron or blast furnace had been built in any new place, although Lower California, the state of Washington and British Columbia contained an abundance of untapped raw materials.

### Japs Lose 21 Ships in Thrust Into Aleutians

#### U. S. Task Force Raid By Warships at Kiska Demolishes Bases

Washington, Aug. 12 (AP)—The price Japan has had to pay for occupation of three western Aleutian islands stood today at 21 ships sunk or damaged, an undetermined number of airplanes lost and important shore installations blasted into uselessness.

This record of destruction has been run up by American army and navy bombers, surface warships and submarines, whose latest exploits were detailed by the navy in a communique bringing the Aleutians campaign up to date from July 22.

The official account brought naval surface craft fully into the story of Aleutians fighting for the first time with the disclosure that last Saturday a task force raid by cruisers and destroyers on Japanese-held Kiska harbor had so surprised the Japanese that they replied to the first shells with anti-aircraft fire.

Batteries Silenced  
In the course of the raid, the navy said, shore batteries were silenced, fires were started in the enemy camp area, a cargo ship apparently was sunk and "the only resistance encountered was from aircraft."

Following up the raid the next day naval patrol planes damaged two cargo ships and observed the sunken hulk of another lying in the harbor waters. This vessel, said the navy, "is believed to have been sunk" during the bombardment.

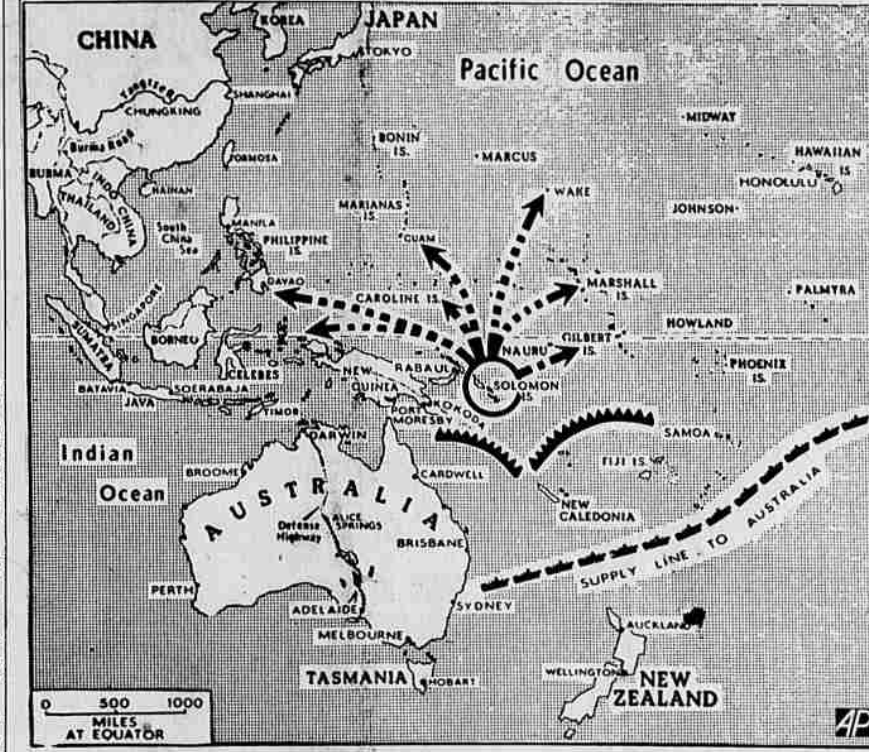
These ship losses raised the Japs' total for the Aleutians to nine sunk, one believed sunk and 11 damaged. Kiska Main Base  
All the actions reported by the navy were in the Kiska area except for a Japanese aircraft attack August 3 on the U. S. destroyer Kane off Atka island about 305 miles east of Kiska.

The destroyer was unharmed. Kiska is the Japs' main base, although the navy has reported their occupation of Attu and Agattu, at the tip of the island chain.

### Sam Brown in Critical Condition

Portland, Aug. 12 (AP)—Condition of Sam Brown, Gervais farmer and well known Oregon political figure, was reported as "critical" today.

Hospital attendants said Brown spent a "poor night." He has been seriously ill, suffering from an illness of two years complicated by pneumonia, since last Sunday.



Why Solomons Are Worth Fighting For—Defensively, the Solomon islands would give the United States a base for defending industrially valuable east Australia and the supply line to Australia from the United States (arcs). Offensively, the Solomons could provide a spring board for attacks (arrows) on the myriad Jap-held Pacific islands which provide the Nipponese with hundreds of "unsinkable aircraft carriers." — Associated Press Photo.

### Hurl Grenades At Nazi Fliers

Vichy, Aug. 12 (AP)—French patriots killed or wounded 20 German war pilots with hand grenades as they trotted around the cinder track of a stadium on the outskirts of Paris, it was reported today.

There were 60 fliers in the exercising group when the patriots, hidden behind a hedge, tossed two grenades among them as they trotted past.

One German was killed instantly. Another died en route to a hospital. Eight were wounded gravely and 10 others suffering less injuries. In the confusion, the patriots escaped.

The attack occurred last Wednesday and climaxed a week of outbreaks and sabotage that included dynamiting the gates of a barge canal and the bombing of a pro-German newspaper plant.

The attack on the fliers in Jean Bouin stadium was one of the most audacious ever made by the French underground movement and observers feared it would touch off a new wave of German reprisals.

The Frenchmen reportedly trailed the Germans when they went to the stadium to exercise. They had been following this practice for some time and the patriots knew they probably would jog around the cinder track past the hedge. Police and the German gestapo and storm troops immediately surrounded the area.

### Liberty Ship Harry Lane Launched

Portland, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Harry Lane, 60th Liberty ship constructed by Oregon Shipbuilding corporation since beginning of the war program, was launched late yesterday at the company's yard here in the spirit of a Russian friendship.

Alexandra Danilova, premier ballerina of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, christened the ship.

### Joe Reiling of Silverton Dies

Silverton, Aug. 12—Joe Reiling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Reiling of this city, met death by accident while employed at the Nebergall Meat Packing company at Albany this forenoon, according to information received here. A knife which Reiling was manipulating is said to have slipped and entered his abdomen, resulting in his death from the loss of blood. He is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

### Japs Keep Yanks In Damp Dungeon

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 12 (AP)—Filipinos who refuse to submit to Japanese domination in the Philippines are being executed on sabotage charges, and Americans outspokenly anti-Japanese before Pearl Harbor still are held in the damp dungeons of ancient Fort Santiago. American repatriates from Manila with whom I renewed acquaintance aboard the Gripsholm en route home from the Orient, said Filipinos had been executed for "failure to cooperate with Japan's new order." A smuggled copy of the Manila Tribune reported 13 natives sentenced to death for cutting a military communications line.

Whatever the Japanese plan for the Philippines, my friends from Manila said their arrogance had made the average Filipino more staunchly attached to the United States. The army of occupation hasn't made friends with the natives; thousands of Filipinos are jobless, their currency is inflated and prospects of obtaining funds for rice and other necessities are poor.

Japanese officers have taken over the best homes, and have been particularly harsh in dealing with such Americans as Roy C. Bennett, the former Lexington, Ky., newspaperman who was editor of the Manila Bulletin, and Ford Wilkins of Minneapolis, who was his news editor. Both are among those held in the fort dungeons.

Carl Mydans, staff photographer for Life magazine, and Mrs. Mydans are in the civilian camp at Santo Tomas university. American business men who joined the navy and subsequently were captured, are interned on Cebu island. Among them are Sam J. Wilson of Philadelphia, William Pearce of Chicago, branch manager for the Palmolive Peet Co., and Hubert McGowan of Seattle, who was with the American President lines.

Former Manilaans said the day after Corregidor fell the systematic looting of American shops and homes started. Seven Japanese steamers were docked at Manila and into their holds went electric refrigerators, washing machines, radios, household furnishings, and thousands of tons of rice.

Diabetic Deaths Increase  
Washington, Aug. 12 (AP)—The census bureau today reported a steadily increasing death rate caused by diabetes. Total deaths in 1940 were 35,015, the greatest number ever recorded, the bureau said. The death rate per 100,000 of 26.8 was the highest in 40 years of census records.

### Germans Claim 'Annihilation' Of Red Army

#### Assert 35,000 Prisoners Taken—Other Reports Say Defense Stiffens

Adolf Hitler's field headquarters claimed sweeping new successes in the battles of the Don river and the Caucasus today while the Russians acknowledged a new German advance toward Stalingrad and declared whole cities were aflame on the trail of the Nazi invaders.

Soviet dispatches said huge masses of German tanks supported by planes ripped into the Russian lines northeast of Kotelnikovski, 95 miles below Stalingrad, and broke through the red army defenses.

The assault was finally stopped, Red Star said. Despite the Nazi boasts of spectacular successes, British military sources declared that Soviet resistance was stiffening on all fronts.

Claim Annihilation  
These quarters said red army counterattacks in the Voronezh and Rzhev sectors, south and northwest of Moscow, respectively, were beginning to worry the Germans. Nazi claims were discounted as greatly exaggerated.

German headquarters flashed a series of bulletins asserting that the bulk of the Russian 62nd army and the 1st tank army had been "annihilated" in the Kalach sector, 50 miles northwest of Stalingrad, with 35,000 red army soldiers taken prisoners. Since July 23, the Germans said, the Russians have lost 57,000 prisoners and more than 1,000 tanks in the flaming Don river bend fighting.

The German high command declared 1,044,741 Russians had been captured since January 1 along the whole battlefield.

Reds Counterattack  
A Nazi communique conceded that Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's armies had launched new counter-blows northwest of Voronezh, 300-odd miles above the Stalingrad battle area, but declared German armored columns were sweeping inexorably deeper into the Caucasus.

Axis-allied Rumanian troops were credited with capturing Slaviansk, 25 miles northwest of Krasnodar, while Nazi warplanes attacked Russian troops attempting to flee at Black sea ports between Tuapsa and Anapa.

The German command said Nazi bombers sank two more transports and damaged six others along the Black sea coast. Black Picture  
The Russians themselves painted a black picture of the vast struggle except in the Kletskaya sector, 75 miles northwest of Stalingrad, where the German onslaught against the big Volga steel city was said to have been definitely stopped.

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The admiralty said at least one enemy submarine operating in the same area as the 24-year-old carrier already had been sunk, indicating that the Eagle went down fighting. German broadcasts last night said four torpedo hits sent her to the bottom in the western Mediterranean.

### Enemy Rushes Reinforcements To Oust Yanks

#### Allied Planes Assist Leathernecks in Fighting Way Inland

London, Aug. 12—The London Star said today that "reports suggest" United States marine landing parties in the Solomon Islands "have been strengthened and are making some progress."

The paper said the marines, "who are believed to have tanks and landing barges and special types of artillery, still hold bridgeheads they established Friday and Saturday."

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 12 (AP)—United States marines are fighting their way into the interior of three key Solomon Islands against a desperate Japanese defense and under a furious attack by enemy bomber and fighter planes, reports indicated today.

Details of the fighting were awaited eagerly at headquarters especially because of a belief that the marines, in effecting their first landings, used parachutists.

On the sixth day of the first great American offensive in the Pacific, it was indicated that the Japanese were fighting a desperate delaying action while from bases all over the south-west Pacific they rushed every warship, troop-ship and plane they could in a determined attempt to break the foothold that the marines, in a combined American naval, land and aerial attack, had won at the southern end of the Solomons.

Allied naval and land based planes were reported fighting a wild battle with increasing numbers of Japanese planes, including Zero fighters. Fight Way Inland  
The American forces had no land-based fighter planes and their only land-based bombers were those of the United Nations forces in the Australian zone, based 1,000 miles or more from the nearest allied flying field to the battle area.

The marines, landed from their commando invasion boats, were believed to have secured their footholds on Tulagi, Florida and Guadalcanal island and were fighting their way inland (Concluded on Page 8, Column 4)

### British Carrier Eagle Sunk

London, Aug. 12 (AP)—The British aircraft carrier Eagle has been sunk as a result of U-boat action in the Mediterranean but a large part of the 22,600-ton warship's crew has been saved, the admiralty announced today.

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### Germans Apply Torch To Caucasian Cities

Moscow, Aug. 12 (AP)—Every occupied city, town and hamlet in the north Caucasus was reported in flames or in ruins today, as the outnumbered Russians fought desperately and thus far vainly to stop relentless German drives toward their Black Sea bases on the west and the valuable oil wells of Grozny on the east.

Indications that the Russians had fired their own oil wells came from radio Vichy, which broadcast that "fire fighting armies" were marching behind German troops in the Caucasus, "fighting fires that the Russians had ignited in their oil wells."

The Germans claimed today that they had taken Slaviansky, 20 miles northwest of Krasnodar and 30 miles from the Black Sea mouth of the Kuban