

Marines Extend Solomon Is. Conquest

Army Parade Inaugurates Victory Days

"Victory House" Set Up—Fun, Sport, Music Feature War Bond Sales

Salem's two Victory Days got under way this afternoon at 1 o'clock with a parade of soldiers, army band, military equipment and public officials through the downtown district marking the opening event for the two big afternoons and evenings. In these two days it is expected to couple a constant stream of fun, sport and amusement with the more serious business of selling war bonds and stamps and some records for both fun and bond sales are expected to be hung up by the time the last bond is disposed of and the last event is staged. Auctions of bonds and stamps will be put on intermittently during the programs.

Victory House

"Victory House," a big mobile war bond promotion truck and trailer, was set up here today for the duration of the celebration. Duration programs are being staged on Liberty street between Court and State streets starting promptly at 1 o'clock running until 5 o'clock. Evening programs will be staged on the west side of the courthouse lawn. The afternoon events are preceded by the parade, and evening events by a concert by the military band, all of the military features being loaned from the contingent at the state fair grounds.

Included in the military equipment are army jeeps located at the courthouse and anyone may have a ride in one of these, the only requisite being purchase of \$5 in defense stamps.

Children's Events

This afternoon includes a number of children's events, among these being a munit show, with display of dogs of all kinds and descriptions and there will also be a costume competition at 4:30 this afternoon on Liberty street, as well as a series of sports contests and a dictator prize judging contest which are set for Saturday afternoon at the same hour.

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 Mrs. Charles A. Sprague will cut the Victory cake, a 100-pound beauty contributed by a local baker. Pieces of this cake will go to purchasers of war stamps.

The local talent program opened at Victory house at 2 (Concluded on Page 9, Column 4)

Independence Suffers Fire

Independence, Ore., Aug. 14—Fire of undetermined origin completely gutted two business houses early this morning resulting in several thousands of dollars loss to two business firms in property owned by Robert Craven.

The beer parlor, owned by Frank Dworak, sustained a loss of around \$3,000, partially covered by insurance while Earl Graham, owner of Graham's cash market next door, has not yet made an estimate of his loss which probably includes the refrigeration plant in the meat department. He intends to reopen if a location and fixtures can be obtained. Both firms were heavily stocked for the coming hop harvest.

The fire was discovered by Ray Howard, night patrol officer, as he was going off duty at 4 o'clock. From the smoke it is believed that the fire originated at the market. Despite the early hour a majority of Independence persons turned out. Through prompt action of the Independence fire department and the assistance of the Monmouth department the fire was confined to the one building.

To Maintain Gas Reserves In Stations

Washington, Aug. 14 (AP)—Acting at the request of Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes, the war production board today ordered service stations in Oregon and Washington to maintain reserve gasoline supplies.

The minimum reserve at each station has been set at either 500 gallons or 25 per cent of the station's total gasoline storage capacity, whichever is the lesser quantity.

Ickes said that the order was issued because of transportation and other war conditions.

Anniversary Of Charter

Washington, Aug. 14 (AP)—On the first anniversary of the signing of the Atlantic charter, President Roosevelt reaffirmed today his faith in its eight Cardinal principles as the basis for a better and happier world "when victory comes."

The chief executive and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of England penned their names on the historic declaration at a secret meeting at sea exactly a year ago, when the United States still watched the war from the sidelines. Since then, all the United Nations have accepted its enunciation of post-war aims as a foundation upon which a permanent peace must rest.

"When victory comes," Mr. Roosevelt asserted in a message to Churchill today, "we shall stand shoulder to shoulder in seeking to nourish the great ideals for which we fight. It is a worthwhile battle. It will be so recognized through all the ages, even amid the unfortunate peoples who follow false gods today."

"We reaffirm our principles. They will bring us to a happier world."

Injunction for Steel Dealers

Cleveland, O., Aug. 14 (AP)—The office of price administration obtained a temporary restraining order in federal court today against a Houston, Tex., steel dealer involved in alleged "black market" steel purchases by the Higgins Industries, Inc., of New Orleans.

Judge Robert N. Wilkin issued the injunction against Willard P. Markie, who told OPA investigators that he carried his office in his hat. The OPA petition and affidavits were filed by James C. Gruener, regional attorney, and John Ladd Dean, regional litigation attorney.

Navy Seizes Strike Bound War Plant

Bayonne, N. J., Aug. 14 (AP)—The strike-bound General Cable corporation plant was taken over by the navy today and workers promptly voted to return to their jobs at 4 p. m. Strikers were informed at a meeting that the plant had been put under government control. Their vote to end the three-day walkout was almost unanimous and was taken two hours after Rear Admiral Harold G. Bowen announced he was in charge.

The prompt action of President Roosevelt forestalled a strike at the Perth Amboy, N. J., plant of General Cable corporation, which employs 2,700 workers.

Workers who already had voted to strike and twice advanced the deadline, voted 115 to 50 last night "to abide by the war labor board's decision."

Pleas had failed in the case of the local strikers, the WLB had asked them to "remember our boys fighting in the Solomon islands. President William Green of the AFL and Edward Brown, president of the Electrical Workers union, had besought them in vain to call off their strike.

Allies Crush Nazi Onslaught On Stalingrad

Axis Forces Thrust 50 Miles Further into the Caucasus Region

(By the Associated Press) Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's red armies were reported to have crushed the first great nazi onslaught toward Stalingrad today, counter-attacking to drive back the Germans after they had broken through and reached the Don below Kleitskaya, 75 miles northwest of the big Volga steel city.

Soviet dispatches said the Germans opened a short-lived breach by sending huge numbers of tanks into a narrow sector.

The German controlled Paris radio asserted that part of Stalingrad was in flames under intensive nazi aerial attack.

In the Caucasus

In the Caucasus, the Russians acknowledged that German flying columns driving down the Rostov-Baku railway toward the Caspian sea had advanced within 140 miles of the Grozny oil fields after a 50-mile thrust in 24 hours.

The invaders were now leaving the flat plains on the northern side of the towering Caucasus range, a terrain ideally suited for tanks, and had come within sight of snow-capped Mt. Elborus rising 18,465 feet above the steppes.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters, emphasizing the new phase of the fighting, declared:

German Statement

"The enemy, exploiting mountainous terrain which is particularly favorable for defense, is still putting up resistance in order to cover his retreat on the sea route from the north Caucasus ports."

German headquarters also acknowledged that the Russians were attacking heavily at Voronezh, in two key sectors on the central (Moscow) front and two sectors on the northern (Leningrad) front.

Besides Voronezh, the red army's counter blows struck at Vyazma, about midway on the old Napoleonic highway from Moscow to Smolensk, and at the German stronghold of Rzhev, 130 miles northwest of Moscow.

Russians Attacking

In addition, the Germans cited fierce soviet attacks below Leningrad in the Colkhov and Lake Ilmen sectors, where the Russians declared they had killed 3,000 nazis in two days of fighting and captured a point held by the invaders for more (Concluded on Page 9, Column 6)



Japs Say This Shows U. S. Surrender—This picture, received in New York by way of Lisbon and London, was described by Japanese sources as showing "the bearded, weary heroes of the epic defense of Corregidor, rock fortress of Manila Bay in the Philippines, being marched away to captivity after the capitulation." (Association Press Photo.)

French Told to Prepare Revolt

London, Aug. 14 (AP)—The French people were advised via the Moscow radio today to "prepare for armed struggle" because "the real fight is at hand," while reports from German-occupied Europe told of new acts of sabotage and new nazi executions and reprisals. Moscow dispatches quoted Roger Garreau, fighting

French representative in the Russian capital, as making the plea for preparation for "open insurrection."

Fighting French headquarters in London declined to comment. Recent French broadcasts from London have carefully avoided keying the people to expectation that the time is near for allied invasion and an accompanying outbreak on their part.

Official Czech circles reported the execution of 10 of their countrymen on various charges at Prague and Bruenn in two days this week.

Nazi broadcasts repeated today threats of death as reprisal against Dutch hostages unless railway saboteurs in the occupied Netherlands surrendered by midnight tonight and fear was expressed by Netherlands government sources here that a "terrible slaughter" was impending.

Even as the deadline drew near there were new reports of continued sabotage. The Germans announced that four persons were arrested in an attempt to blow up a nazi controlled radio station.

A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm said Gen. Friedrich Christiansen, nazi commander in The Netherlands, declared that explosives found on those arrested were of "foreign origin." He was quoted as threatening reprisals against Dutch hostages throughout the district.

None of the nazi broadcasts heard here specified the number of hostages whose lives would be forfeited if the saboteurs who wrecked a Netherlands train a week ago failed to surrender.

An undisclosed number of German troops were killed in the wreck.

A Netherlands spokesman expressed as a result of the latest attempt against the radio station, but added: "We at least see that the people are not broken in spirit."

Albany College Wants New Name

Portland, Aug. 14 (AP)—Albany college wants a new name. The institution which moved to Portland from Albany several years ago, will have a new campus this fall, remodeling an elaborate estate in Dunthorpe at the southern edge of the city, and believes a new name is in order.

Henry M. Gunn is chairman of a committee named to make the selection.

Troops Fire on Indian Rioters

Bombay, Aug. 14 (AP)—Police and troops fired on burning, looting, wrecking mobs today in five trouble areas of Nagpur, in the central provinces 420 miles east of Bombay.

At two points the police, backed by troops, fired several times on crowds.

Official reports said the rioters were mainly laborers who surged through riot areas looting, starting fires and wrecking property.

Grain, cloth and sugar shops were looted, dispatches said. Trouble centers at Nagpur had been isolated by troops and police for two days in hope that mob violence would subside.

No one was allowed to enter or leave the area without special permission, it was said, and it was impossible to communicate even by telephone with persons in the zone.

All schools including European ones were closed for the first time yesterday because of student strikes, it was added.

Disorders were reported in Nyderabad state at the top of the Indian peninsula, an Indian state ruled by the Nizam of Hyderabad but apparently they were not serious.

Bomber Attacks On Egyptian Front

Cairo, Aug. 14 (AP)—Daylong British fighter-bomber attacks on axis camps and vehicles were reported by the British headquarters-RAF communique today but the land front in North Africa lapsed into complete inactivity.

Fantastic Claims by Japan on Battle

(By the Associated Press) For comfort at home, Imperial Tokyo headquarters issued a fantastic claim of allied naval losses in the eight-day-old Battle of the Solomon Islands today but significantly omitted mention of land gains by fighting United States marines.

Recalling Tokyo's dream-book accounts of the Coral sea and Midway battles, both of which turned out to be spectacular United Nations victories, the Japanese command reported the sinking of 13 British and American cruisers, nine destroyers, three submarines and 10 transports in the Solomons.

In addition, the communique said, a cruiser, three destroyers and a transport were damaged in attacks by Japanese warships and suicide-diving Japanese air-men.

On the debit side, the Japanese acknowledged only that two of their cruisers were "slightly damaged" and 21 planes lost.

British Cruiser And Carrier Lost In Convoy Fight

Axis Claims Denied—Convoy Delivers Reinforcements to Malta

London, Aug. 14 (AP)—One of the greatest sea and air battles of the Mediterranean has cost Britain the cruiser Manchester and the aircraft carrier Eagle, but resulted in delivery of reinforcements and new planes for Malta and saw Italy's cruisers again turn tail and run, according to the British admiralty.

Known axis losses include two submarines sunk and two cruisers hit by torpedoes, said the admiralty's communique which today gave the first official allied account of the battle which had been in progress since Tuesday.

The Rome radio today declared, "the joint effort by British and American pooled resources was the greatest ever attempted in the Mediterranean." The admiralty made no mention of American participation.

Authoritative sources here said several aircraft carriers as well as British battleships accompanied the Malta convoy.

The admiralty intimated that the convoy might have suffered further losses or damage, saying, "it is not to be expected that extensive and dangerous operations of this type, carried out in close proximity to enemy bases, can be completed without loss."

It declared, however, that published axis claims were known to be exaggerated.

Claims of Axis

Combined German and Italian claims included: sunk, three cruisers, two destroyers, 21 merchant ships and the aircraft carrier Eagle; damaged, one battleship, two aircraft carriers, including the U. S. aircraft carrier Wasp, and "numerous other steamers and men-of-war."

Originally, however, the Germans had claimed only 21 merchant ships were in the entire convoy.

With the exception of the Eagle and the Manchester there has been no confirmation of these axis claims from any source.

The Manchester was a 9,400-ton cruiser, completed August 4, 1938. Her peacetime complement was 700 men. Besides 12 six-inch guns she carried three planes. The admiralty disclosed that many of her crew were rescued and others may have reached French Tunisia, near where she went down.

Draftees Lose Ration Books

Portland, Aug. 14 (AP)—War ration books must be turned in by persons inducted in the armed forces and those leaving the United States for 30 days or more, William H. E. L. Cox, state OPA food rationing official, said today.

Key Air, Sea Bases Captured By Americans

Allied Bombers Continue Smashing Jap Reinforcement Fleet

Confidence, restrained pending a definite communique by the navy department at Washington, rose steadily in Australia that the marines now held firm and meant to keep their hold in the islands.

Confidence was increased by new fantastic Japanese claims regarding allied naval losses, which admittedly were expected to be heavy, because it was believed the Japanese were cushioning their public opinion against news that the marines had consolidated their positions.

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Claim Victory For Americans

London, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Evening Star, in a dispatch from Sydney today, said that the "first stage" of the battle of the Solomons has ended in an American victory.

"The first stage of the battle is over—the Americans won it," the Star said.

The dispatch added that the Solomons battle is likely to continue for weeks, however, with a series of bitterly contested land engagements and a widespread naval battle which may include large fleet units on both sides.

"It seems clear," the dispatch continued, "that the Japanese have accepted the American challenge and that, rather than lose the Solomons, they will risk the biggest naval clash."

During the last two days, it was said, United States marines have made such progress in their attacks in the Tulagi area that they will not be dislodged now unless the Japanese succeed in moving in large reinforcements.

"The latest reports indicate that the strongest American reinforcements have been thrown in against stubborn but weakening Japanese resistance at Tulagi," the dispatch said. "It is believed that the allies already have or soon will have complete control of Tulagi island itself as well as Guadalcanal airfield and the most important parts of Florida island."