



# Capital Journal



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## Bombing Sorties Check Axis Desert Drive

### Thielsen Quits As Secretary Of Chamber

Cochran to be Manager —Mrs. Rose Brinkley Also Resigns as Assistant

Resignation of Fred D. Thielsen as executive secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce was announced today by Carl Hogg, president of the chamber, who said the resignation was received and accepted at a meeting of the board last night.

Mr. Thielsen has secured a position with the state public utilities commission which he will take over September 15. He came to the chamber as manager four years ago, succeeding Charles E. Wilson.

Much of Mr. Thielsen's work in recent months has been on new memberships in collaboration with the membership committee, and President Hogg said today that the chamber membership this year has increased about 25 per cent regardless of heavy membership loss due to men going into the armed forces.

Relative to future chamber policies Hogg said today that an effort will be made to gain another 25 per cent in membership by the end of this year. This work will be largely in the hands of the membership committee, headed by Frank Doerfler.

### Japan Admits Change in Policy

Japan finally admitted, implicitly if not directly, today that the resignation of Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo marked a major change in policy, regardless of the possibility that it might mean an early stab in the back at far eastern Russia.

Berlin quoted the official Japanese news agency that a new foreign minister would be named soon and that the man named would also head the new "ministry for greater east Asia."

Tokyo had previously made it known that the new ministry, announced just after Togo's resignation, would work closely with the army and would control the personnel of Japanese embassies, legations and consulates in the area affected.

The third resignation in the Japanese foreign ministry was announced last night when Shigeru Kawagoe, a veteran diplomat, gave up his post as special foreign office adviser.

### Axis Offers Only Death to Youth, Says President

In World-wide Broadcast President Says Cause of Allies Is Youth Itself

Washington, Sept. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt told young people of all the world today that German nazis, Italian fascists and Japanese militarists have nothing to offer but death while "the cause of the United Nations is the cause of youth itself."

His words were broadcast internationally and were directed to young men and women in the United Nations and in axis nations and axis-dominated lands as well. But Mr. Roosevelt remarked he fully expected the axis to jam the airwaves to drown out his message.

The president's immediate audience was the international student assembly, gathered in Washington. **Hope for New Life** The cause of the United Nations, Mr. Roosevelt declared, is "the hope of the new generation—and the generations that are to come—hope for a new life that can be lived in freedom, and justice and decency." He added: "This fact is becoming clearer every day to the young people of Europe, where the nazis are trying to create youth organizations built on the Nazi pattern. . . . It is a pattern devised by Hitler and imposed upon youth by a form of mental forcible feeding—a diet of false facts, distortions and prohibitions—all backed up by the guns of the gestapo."

**Death Before Slavery** Any who wonder what the decent youth of Europe think of this, he said, have but to consider the grave young men in occupied countries who prefer firing squads to life long "slavery and degradation under Hitler."

Throughout the world, men in America's fighting forces were listening to their commander-in-chief. Much of the address was directed specifically to them and he gave assurance that "we here at home are supremely conscious of our obligations to you," now and in the future, and "we will not let you down."

The United Nations, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, have the technical means, physical resources, courage, vision and will required to build and sustain the kind of world order which alone, he said, can justify youth's sacrifices now.

**Must Never Relax** "But we must keep at it—we must never relax, never falter, never fear—and we must keep at it together," he said. "We must maintain the offensive against evil in all its forms." (Concluded on page 12, column 1)



Commander — Commanding the American B-25 bombers fighting Nazi General Erwin Rommel's renewed attack in Egypt is Col. C. C. Goodrich of Augusta, Ga., (above), it was announced in Washington. — Associated Press Photo.

### Chinese Drive Nears Canton

Chungking, Sept. 3 (AP)—Chinese troops advancing down the main railroad line running into Canton from the north have advanced to within 15 miles of that important southern commercial city, front line dispatches reported today.

Canton lies on the left bank of the Pearl river, about 80 miles from the China sea and Hong Kong. Another Chinese column reportedly re-captured several points in the vicinity of Samshui, about 30 miles east of Canton, including the town of Lupao. In Chekiang province to the north, Chinese troops still were besieging the air-base city of Kihwa, although the Japanese reportedly had reduced it to ashes. The Jap garrison, apparently resigned to the eventual loss of this base, were said to have killed 500 Chinese youths of the town.

### Ship Founders Off Manitou Island

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 3 (AP)—The 1695 ton ore carrier Steel-vendor foundered early today off Manitou Island in Lake Superior. Announcement of the sinking came from the officers of the American Steel and Wire Co., which owns and operates the ship. A company spokesman said that all hands were saved except one sailor, as yet unidentified.

The carrier was loaded with 3000 tons of iron ore picked up at Duluth, Minn., and was under command of Capt. G. L. Kane of Buffalo, N. Y.

### Joan Leslie, Menjou, Pidgeon Here Tonight

Members of Theatrical Local 613 were busy this morning putting the finishing touches to the personal appearance tonight of Joan Leslie, Walter Pidgeon and Adolph Menjou as part of their nationwide tour, "Stars Over America."

Long streamers of multi-colored flags hang from the Legion flaps, and the platform is walled with mulberry-colored velvet. Special deflecting lights hang directly over the platform so everyone will get an excellent view of the stars. North High street between State and Court will be roped off by the police department and ample room is guaranteed for everyone.

### Allied Planes Hit Jap Bases In Solomons

Buka Island and Lae Bomed and Japs Fail To Intercept.

By Don Caswell Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Sept. 3 (AP)—Allied planes have made a heavy attack on the Japanese air base in Buka Island, at the northern end of the Solomons roughly midway between the United States marine positions in the southern Solomons and Milne bay, where the Australians smashed a new enemy invasion attempt on New Guinea, it was announced today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said allied bombers in a night attack put five tons of bombs into their target area in a raid on Buka island, at the extreme northern end of the Solomons, 480 miles northwest of the marine base on Guadalcanal island and 450 miles northeast of Milne bay at the southeast tip of New Guinea.

The planes rained bombs in the airfield runway and installations and in addition attacked an enemy destroyer in the harbor with unknown results. It was believed that the attack marked the opening of an offensive against enemy bases at the northern end of the Solomons because of indications that, thrown out of the southern part of the islands by the marines, the Japanese were strengthening their air bases on Buka and on big Bougainville island, immediately to the south.

Allied medium bombers, in addition to the Buka raid, made a punishing attack on the enemy airfield and installations at Lae, on the north shore of New Guinea 550 miles west of Buka, and again put all their bombs in the target area. They met no interception from Japanese fighters which have been strangely inactive for days after taking heavy punishment for weeks both in MacArthur's zone and in the marine area.

### Asks Drafting Of 18-19 Youth

Washington, Sept. 3 (AP)—Senator Gurney (R., S.D.) demanded in the senate today the immediate drafting of youths of 18 and 19 years of age.

The proposal brought a quick protest from Senator Bilbo (D., Miss.), who said the "idea of sending tender boys into combat" was "abhorrent" to him. Gurney offered an amendment to the selective service act which he said was designed to provide youths under 20 a maximum period of training before "they would have to go into combat."

### Major Jim Roosevelt Visits His Wife

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 3 (AP)—Maj. James Roosevelt, the president's eldest son, who was one of the leaders of a U.S. marine corps raid on Japanese-held Makin Island, Aug. 17, visited his wife at nearby Coronado Sunday and Monday, but is back on active duty.



Yanks Parade in London—U. S. troops march along Fleet street in London in their first parade in that English city since the AEF landed in Britain. The Associated Press offices are in the white building at the left. Occasion of the parade was an official welcome to troops by the lord mayor of London. This picture was cabled from London to New York. — Associated Press Photo.

### RAF Hails Aid Of US Air Fleet

London, Sept. 3 (AP)—The advent of the U. S. army air forces in the European theatre was acclaimed by the RAF today as one of the outstanding events of the third year of the war—a year which the British army said had brought allied invasion of Europe within the range of practical possibility. It was three years ago today that Britain and France declared war on Germany, two days after her invasion of Poland.

Commenting on the fact that American planes and American pilots in growing numbers now are helping carry the battle to Germany, an air ministry statement summarizing developments of the last 12 months said: "Appearance of these forerunners of the American air fleets of the fourth year of the war will perhaps be regarded by future historians as the most significant event of the period under review."

Among contributions which the United States already has made to the air war the air ministry mentioned specifically precision bombing attacks on Germany by flying fortresses and the work done by American-made Bostons, Liberators and Catalinas with the coastal command.

The latter was credited with sharing in the "notable achievement" of conveying "every one of the American soldiers who reached this island without loss." The ministry also declared that Mustang fighters with the army cooperation command had "performed admirably" during the August 19 commando raid on Dieppe.

### Germany Asks Base at Dakar

At the French Frontier, Sept. 3 (AP)—Germany was reported today in advices from unoccupied France to be seeking permission to station dive bomber squadrons at Dakar.

The demand was said to have been placed before Premier Pierre Laval by Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's emissary in France, last Thursday at a conference held at Nevers, just north of Moulins, in the occupied zone.

This was said to have been the reason for Bolson's airplane trip to Vichy early this week to confer with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain. Laval's conference with Abetz was said to have lasted several hours. The Germans were represented as fearing that Dakar may be attacked at any moment by an Anglo-American expeditionary force.

### Nazi Assault Presses Farther On Stalingrad

Drives from North Halted, But Roll On in South In Dangerous Wedge

Moscow, Sept. 3 (AP)—The German assault against Stalingrad from the northwest stood checked at the very approaches to the Volga city today, but to the southwest the red army again recoiled before the massed tanks which drove a menacing wedge into the most stubbornly defended positions.

Both the noon communique and field dispatches announced a further retreat in this vital sector, while 400 miles to the southwest a similar retreat was made by the Soviet forces defending the Black sea naval base of Novorossiisk.

A dramatic battle was reported northwest of Stalingrad where a Russian anti-aircraft battery leveled its guns against 50 German tanks charging into the approaches to the city and stopped them until reinforcements arrived. The newspaper Izvestia said that German planes dive-bombed the northwestern approach to Stalingrad after which tanks appeared suddenly and rushed toward a Russian anti-aircraft battery.

Swinging their guns to horizontal, the anti-aircraftmen halted the tanks, but two companies of German infantry trailing the machines closed in about the battery.

Until nightfall the Russian gunners fought, wrecking 17 of the tanks. The battery exhausted its supply of shells, but the crews captured a mortar and shells from the enemy and held on to their position through a night illuminated by rockets. They effectively blocked a German supply route and in the morning were relieved by tank and troop reinforcements.

Almost continuous air battles were reported raging over the approaches to Stalingrad. The army newspaper Red Star said Russian airmen downed 23 enemy planes yesterday and damaged eight. Red Star said 200 tanks, several infantry divisions and large aerial and artillery formations had been assembled below Stalingrad and Soviet troops were forced back in several sectors under a mass assault.

Hungarian and Rumanian divisions were said to be speeding eastward to swell the ranks of the Nazi shock troops. (Concluded on page 13, column 6)

### Major Battle For Nile Fails To Develop

British and U.S. Planes, Combined with Artillery, Halt Rommel's Drive

With the Allied Forces in Egypt's Western Desert, Sept. 3 (AP)—German tank columns withdrawn this morning from part of the stove-pipe shaped area into which they had been pushing since dawn Monday.

While the harassing the Germans have received from British armor and artillery may have caused this withdrawal, there's no doubt the real object of Marshal Erwin Rommel's present movements is to get into the best position for an attack.

As enemy tanks withheld British tanks and armored cars moved forward a little, tightening the allied vise which has been drawn about the Germans on three sides.

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 3 (AP)—Cautious probing by Marshal Erwin Rommel's African corps has encountered a fury of air attack, artillery fire and harassment by mobile forces, and four days after the British expected an axis offensive the rchdown battle for the Nile had failed to develop.

British ground troops in strongpoints and slit trenches along the 40-mile El Alamein line had not yet come into action with the enemy. Only screening mobile forces were reported thrusting and attacking the German armored columns which had filtered eight miles into the minefields of the Ruweisat-Himeimat sector on the south.

Whether Rommel was puzzled by the British tactics, was playing a game of his own, or was made hesitant by the storm of artillery fire and the thunderous aerial bombardment of his armored and supply columns which greeted his first move, observers could not say.

Today's communique said Rommel's axis army was subjected yesterday to a record-breaking bombing by RAF and American planes. Never before since the start of the North African campaign, a communique said, have so many sorties been carried out in the course of a day.

From dawn until after dark allied bombers shuffled over the battle area, unloading high explosives on Rommel's communications and troop concentrations in an effort to break up his preparations for an all-out assault on the El Alamein defense line.

At the same time enemy armored forces which had sifted through minefields in the Ruweisat-Himeimat sector on the extreme southern flank of the line were attacked from the east and southeast by mobile British forces.

Considerable activity also was reported on the part of the axis air force, resulting in numerous dogfights in which, the communique said, six German dive bombers and nine fighters were shot down.

In London, an unidentified British source said Rommel's failure to strike in full force after concentrating a great weight of armored equipment for a general offensive might mean he had been surprised by the violent artillery and air bombardments which met his first thrusts.

Assurance that the axis forces had not achieved any important gains since they made their first offensive gesture Sunday was given by Lieut. Gen. B. L. Montgomery, commander of the British eighth army, who declared last night at his field headquarters: "In no place and in no part of the eighth army area the enemy penetrated our organized defense area."

### Union Chiefs Demand Place at the Top

Washington, Sept. 3 (AP)—Organized labor carried directly to Donald M. Nelson today its demand for "a place at the top" in guiding production policy and for labor representation on the war production board itself. As an outgrowth of representations made by the leaders of 20 AFL and CIO unions at last week's labor-WPB conference on materials shortages, WPB chairman Nelson arranged to sit down with a six-man labor committee for what he called an afternoon of "the frankest kind of talk."

Meantime, sources refusing to be quoted by name, predicted Nelson would grant labor a voice in drafting production policy equivalent to that of other board members. They also expressed belief the council table chair vacated by Sidney Hillman would be filled by Wendell Lund of Detroit.

Hillman has not attended a board session since the labor division which he headed was abolished months ago and replaced by the labor production division under Lund. Hillman was associate director or general of the office of pro-