

AZORES BASES GRANTED BRITAIN

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, Oct. 12.—The carrier-plane attack on Wake Island signified the opening of the promised Pacific offensive which will lead right up to the bombing of the Japanese mainland itself.

Probably 15 new aircraft carriers are now afloat along with a dozen or so baby flat-tops to lead the way to Tokyo. The power of this force can be reckoned when you consider we had only seven carriers before Pearl Harbor, and these could carry only 100 to 170 planes each while the future holds prospects of carriers bearing 1000 to 1500 planes, or more.

Seven of the new ships are big, over 25,000 tons. The last two, the Wasp and Hornet, were launched in August.

No secrecy attaches to this much of our preparation. Tokyo knows it so well that repeated broadcasts have been made recently, warning the people to expect air raids any day. What the Japs cannot learn is where the blow will fall, as the new carrier force has the range of the entire Pacific.

STRAIGHT from the front comes evidence now which will prick more bubbles of American wishful visting on the war and post-war world. This time, it is in a new book, "Report on North Africa," by Kenneth G. Crawford, a sincere, superior reporter.

The troops in the field are encountering minor experiences with the British, French, Arabs, Italians and others, which will make them even more isolationist this time than before, Crawford thinks.

They will look upon "only Americans as good people, and only America as a good country."

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NAZIS WARN POPE TO LEAVE VATICAN

London, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Germany has warned Pope Pius XII that the safety of the Vatican cannot be guaranteed if Rome becomes a battle field and has advised him to take refuge in Liechtenstein, roundabout Swedish reports said today.

The Stockholm Social Democrats, in a dispatch dated Algiers, said the warning was delivered by the German envoy in Rome.

Pope Pius rejected the Nazi suggestion and reiterated his intention of remaining in the Vatican, the dispatch said.

SAVAGE RAPIDS DAM DRAINING SCHEDULED

Grants Pass, Oct. 12.—(Sp.)—Water will be released from Savage Rapids dam of the Grants Pass irrigation district this evening, according to E. Reed Carter, secretary-manager of the district. People along the river with boats or installations were warned to prepare for a river-raise of about three feet for the first 24 hours.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Jack Boyl going through mental gymnastics trying to figure the coming Medford-Klamath game.

Jack Bierma going to work on a recalcitrant adding machine with an expert touch.

Roy Lee explaining the irresistible pull exerted by San Francisco.

Janie Smith thinking it fine that weather forecasts will soon be published again, taking off her mind the responsibility of deciding whether or not to wear galoshes.

PORTUGAL ACTS TO HELP ALLIES FIGHT U-BOATS

Arrangement is Announced by Churchill; Men Already Sent Ashore is Belief.

London, Oct. 11.—(U.P.)—Portugal has given Great Britain naval and air bases in the Azores, the strategic islands which guard the Atlantic approaches to Gibraltar and Africa, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced today.

Britain moved quickly to take advantage of the bases which naval men say will be invaluable in the allied war against German submarines. An authoritative source said it could be assumed that naval vessels already had reached the Azores and that men had been sent ashore.

Under Old Treaty

The arrangement between the two nations, made under a treaty signed in 1373, calls for Portugal to retain sovereignty of the islands and pledges Britain to provide equipment to the Portuguese armed forces and to "maintain Portugal's national economy."

The agreement does not affect the desire of Portugal to maintain her neutrality "on the European mainland," Churchill told commons.

Transfer of the bases takes place immediately, Churchill said, and Britain pledges that her armed forces will be withdrawn at the end of the war.

Washington, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—The state department announced today that the United States "approved" British acquisition of naval and air bases in the Portuguese Azores, and British representatives here said American ships will have full access to the new North Atlantic facilities.

Use of the Azores will be of great benefit to the allies in combatting the resurgent German U-boat campaign against united nations shipping.

Cover Blind Spot

From the islands, with their fine anchorage at Horta, allied warships and planes henceforth will be able to cover an 800-mile "blind spot" in the north Atlantic through which it has heretofore been impossible to supply adequate escort power for convoys because of the distance from allied bases.

It appeared possible that the Portuguese action would move Germany or perhaps even Japan, to take retaliatory measures to the extent that axis power permits.

Observers here assumed that the allies had taken such possibilities fully into account and had assured Portugal of all aid in the event of an axis move.

ONE LOST HUNTER FINDS WAY HOME

Men of the Prospect and Union Creek districts were still searching today for Leo Kelly, 18, Prospect mill employee, lost since Sunday afternoon in the region of Mt. Hershberger. Kelly and Chester Wilcox, also of Prospect, became separated from their hunting companions Sunday afternoon.

Wilcox made his way back to civilization by following the Rogue River and arrived at Woodruff Meadows about 5 o'clock yesterday evening. He had arrived at Prospect from California less than three weeks ago.

When last seen young Kelly was hunting on the northeast slopes of Hershberger. Searchers, numbering about 60, report the weather cloudy and cold but no snow has fallen.

URGENT SLAUGHTER

Sacramento, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Agricultural representatives of seven western states are on record as favoring government action to speed up slaughter of livestock, through suspension of point rationing if necessary. W. J. Cecil, California director of agriculture, disclosed today.

Yanks Give Candy to Italian Children



Among Yankee soldiers passing out candy and chewing gum to Italian children at Agropoli is Sgt. Robert Hopkins, at right atop jeep, son of Harry Hopkins, personal adviser to President Roosevelt. OWI photo.

Jap Air Power in Pacific Nearly Whipped, Is Belief

Guadalcanal, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Japanese air power in the South Pacific is "hanging on the ropes" according to Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, U. S. army air chief in the Solomons, of Charlotte, N. C.

Gen. Twining reported there was no enemy aerial opposition to Allied strikes in the Solomons of the last three days. There has been no interruption of Allied shipping routes to Vella Lavella or to Catalina Flying Fortress and PT boat operations between New Georgia and Bougainville, he said.

Previously any Allied lumbering flying boats or surface craft in the Solomons had been subject to momentary enemy attack.

"Although the Jap has got his tail down, we are not going to let him rest," Gen. Twining said. "For example, we again threw the book, as far as airpower is concerned, at the enemy's air bases on Bougainville."

LIVESAY'S FORCE SURPRISES BLUES

Fourth Corps Headquarters, Oregon Maneuver Area, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—With troops moving northward on either side of strategic China Hat road, the fifth maneuver problem was expected to reach a climax Tuesday as the Red force continued a withdrawal into mountainous timberland, yielding before the pressure of Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's Blues, which Sunday night threatened to engulf the Reds.

Residents of Fort Rock, a tiny Lake county hamlet, went to bed Sunday night with the two forces battling all around them and with the Blue bringing up additional strength for a finish fight. During the night, however, Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay led his Reds on a masterful blackout withdrawal of almost 20 miles to avoid being pinned down, to the great surprise of the Blues, who were all set to resume the fight at daybreak.

HEADS NAVAL DISTRICT

Bremerton, Wash., Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Rear Admiral S. A. Taffinder, commandant of the Puget Sound Navy Yard, today assumed command of the 13th Naval District, succeeding Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, the Navy Yard Public Relations office announced. Taffinder also will retain his command of the navy yard.

TO STUDY OIL

Washington, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, as president of the government's Petroleum Reserves Corp., revealed today that a mission will be sent to the middle and near east to study oil conditions.

DIVIDEND PAYMENTS LAGGING THIS YEAR

Washington, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—The commerce department reported today that payments of cash dividends were \$330,000,000 compared with \$318,000,000 in September of last year.

However, dividend payments for the first nine months of 1943 were less than for the corresponding period last year. Payments this year totaled \$2,384,000,000, whereas last year they were \$2,400,000,000.

DENIES IMPERSONATION

Washington, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Robert W. Sower, 25, of Nampa, Ida., today pleaded not guilty to charges of impersonating an officer. The FBI charged that Sower, after being dishonorably discharged from the army, registered as a first lieutenant in a Washington hotel, failed to pay his lodging bill and borrowed \$5 from the hotel on the strength of his uniform.

Nazis Put Torch to Kiev As Red Forces Close In

INFLATION CURB IN SALES TAX IS ADVOCATE'S VIEW

Would Cost Consumers Less Than Prices if Inflation Runs Wild, is Statement.

Washington, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Prof. Fred R. Fairchild of Yale university told the house ways and means committee today that a sales tax would curb inflation and therefore cost consumers less than the prices they would have to pay if inflation runs wild.

5TH ARMY BRINGS ARTILLERY UP TO JAR NAZIS LOOSE

By Associated Press

Slowed by rain, mud and stiffened German defenses, the Anglo-American Fifth army today hauled up artillery to the south bank of the Volturno river in Italy to jar loose the German line.

The stream, narrow and shallow normally, was roaring at flood stage and sloshing over its banks in places, delaying a mass crossing. The artillery preparation was calculated to shake loose the enemy's first defense line below Rome, about 100 miles away.

GRANGE LEADER WOULD BAN JAPS

Sacramento, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Permanent exclusion of Japanese from the Pacific coast and abolition of the Office of Price administration were advocated today by George Sehlmeyer, master of the California State Grange, as the organization's 71st annual convention opened here.

Sehlmeyer asked the convention to lodge a "vigorous protest" against releasing Japanese from internment camps and "allowing them to return to the Pacific coast." He added that "the best course to pursue is, when the war ends, to return all Japanese to their homeland."

100,000 RUM PERMITS JUNKED BY NEW RULE

Portland, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Validation of liquor permits by presentation of ration books will cut some 100,000 fake liquor permits from the \$25,000 Oregon licenses outstanding, it was predicted today by state liquor officials. About 175,000 permits have been validated since October 1.

About three times the normal sales of rum have resulted since ration limitations were removed from that beverage this month.

CONVICT FREED

Boise, Ida., Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—The Idaho pardon board late yesterday granted a conditional release to Charles L. Horner, serving a prison term for conviction of grand larceny in Kootenai county.

WOULD CUT WASTE

Washington, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—The senate commerce committee recommended today that a field service of 5,000 inspectors be recruited to cut down shipyard waste.

TRIUMPHANT REDS STREAM IN FORCE ACROSS DNEIPER

Battle For City in Decisive Stage—German Tank and Plane Losses in Upsurge.

Moscow, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—The battle for Kiev is in its decisive stage, front dispatches said today, and German demolition squads are putting the torch to the city's historic buildings and touching off destructive land mines.

Triumphant Russian forces were streaming in force across the Dnieper on either side of Kiev and closing swiftly against the keystone city of the river line which the Nazis clearly despaired of holding much longer.

Climax Near

The whole massive struggle for the west bank of the Dnieper, the line which Adolf Hitler had ordered his armies to hold or die, approached a climax. Everywhere the Red army was swarming ahead and tightening its grip on a broad stretch beyond the river.

Field dispatches reported a sharp upsurge in German tank and plane losses—almost double those of previous days—indicating that the Nazis were reaching the peak of their resistance even as the Soviet striking power beyond the Dnieper increased by the hour.

In the Gomel sector—the hinge of the entire front from the Dnieper to the Volkhov area below Leningrad—the Russians cleared the left bank of the Sosh river, capturing Novobeltza across the river from Gomel and paralyzing the communications of that main base.

On the Vitebsk front Soviet forces continuing a slow but methodical advance, pushed their left flank beyond Dobromysl, 18 miles east of the Vitebsk-Orsha railroad.

Big Battle

To the south, one of the biggest battles of the Dnieper was being fought southeast of Kremenchuk, where the German command threw in major reserves of tanks, planes, artillery and infantry.

Tremendous aerial battles developed. The Red air force, strengthened by large fighter and fighter-bomber reinforcements, was reported shooting down scores of German planes each day.

The advancing Russians liberated 40,000 Soviet civilians who had been rounded up by the Germans for slave labor.

Planes of the Black sea fleet air arm attacked an enemy port and sank a 20,000-ton transport, 11 landing barges and a motorboat and damaged many other ships.



DEATH COMES TO ALBERT BURCH, 76 NOTED ENGINEER

Albert Burch, 76 years old, one of the best known citizens of the county and state, and a mining engineer of world-wide reputation, died yesterday at a local hospital after several months illness.

Mr. Burch came to the Rogue River valley over 20 years ago, purchasing the old Daggett fruit ranch a few miles west of the city from the late Waldo Willard and David Coolidge, and there he has made his home since.

The history of Mr. Burch's life comes close to being the romantic and picturesque history of that era of American mining which followed the pioneer 49'er period, for it dates back to the famous Homestead mine, one of the oldest and richest gold mines in mining history.

Mine Manager

Long before this property was acquired by the Hearst interests Mr. Burch was manager in charge, and had frequent opportunities to sell it. One syndicate group visited the mine to close the deal, but the members became so talkative and convivial, so the story runs, Mr. Burch could not dally with them, and always a conscientious employee, returned to his work. The result was the purchase was not made and the young manager lost a commission that might well have approximated a fortune.

At least, this is one of the numberless stories connected with Mr. Burch's mining career and whether strictly accurate or not.

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Leave U. S. Or Go To Jail—Choice Given Draft Dodger

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Stanley Mocarsky, 24, who said he would not fight for a country "that never did anything for me" was given his choice today of becoming a man without a country or of going to prison as a draft evader.

Mocarsky, embittered against his native land because he once begged for food in a Chicago breadline and because, he said, his father was disabled in the last war, refused to enter the armed forces when he was arraigned yesterday before Federal Judge Carroll C. Hincks.

Judge Hincks heard Mocarsky through as the defendant explained his reasons for not fighting, and then said:

"Citizenship is too valuable these days to be taken lightly."

"Imposition of judgment is suspended for 30 days," Judge Hincks said, "on condition the defendant accomplish his removal from the United States within that period and stay without its borders."

ITALIAN FLEET IN HANDS OF ALLIES

London, Oct. 12.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a written message to the house of commons, said today that the major part of the Italian fleet, totaling more than 100 warships of all categories, is in Allied hands.

Among the Italian naval units shifted over to the Allied side after Italy surrendered were five of six battleships in commission and eight of 11 cruisers, Churchill said.

More than 150,000 tons of merchant ships so far have been accounted for in ports under Allied control, the written reply to a question in commons said.