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# ITALY JOINS WAR ON GERMANY

## News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 13—Hyperbolic tears are being shed by senate administration leaders because the world-girdling senators want this country to keep, for national defense, the island bases we are using. Privately some are denouncing such a recommended course as American imperialism. They soon may be saying that in public.

The rest of the world, however, is moving on the basis of reality. A new French governor moved back into the New Caledonian islands a few weeks back, now that General MacArthur's forces have pushed the Japs back beyond bombing range. A British high commissioner at the same time went back to the sent in power in the Fiji Islands, a little farther to the east. Both are setting up shop as if nothing had happened, to do business at the old stand-on an imperialistic basis, of course.

THE British, Dutch and French have lived a policy of "imperialism" for many generations. They are not bashful about it. They want control of their island empire, bases, not particularly for their national defense perhaps, but for a reason which the traveling senators did not stress, namely, trade and commerce, to sustain the strength and power of their homelands.

These points no doubt will be brought out publicly, and prove in detail when the technical adviser of the traveling senators, George Malone, nationally esteemed mining engineer of Nevada, writes his report dealing with the islands.

Washington, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration today announced federal milk subsidy rates ranging from 30 to 50 cents a hundred pounds on fluid milk and four to six cents a pound on butterfat.

The announcement of specific rates in each county disclosed that the minimum subsidy has been increased from 25 cents, announced on Sept. 23, to 30 cents on fluid milk and from three to four cents a pound on butterfat.

The subsidy was announced for October, November and December milk production. No official estimate has been made of the probable cost of the program, but WFA officials said that a "guess" of about \$85,000, 000 for the three months was reasonably accurate.

**WOMEN WORKERS GOOD IS MAJORITY REPORT**  
New York, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—Women war workers are as good or better producers than men in the majority of war plants, the National Industrial Conference board announced today.

Four of the 146 plants studied by the board reported flatly that women were better producers. Approximately 60 per cent said they were as good as men. Others said that women were as good as men in some jobs, especially in those of mechanical skill, but worse in jobs requiring technical skill.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
By  
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Two exuberant sailors setting up an impromptu recruiting station for WAVES in competition to SPAR Recruiter Cherokee Seiler.

## Co-Belligerent Status Is Granted By Allies; Armistice Terms Hold

Washington, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The Allies, accepting Italy as a co-belligerent against Germany, specified today that the amount of help which Italy now gives to our side will be a determining factor in final settlement of terms with her.

The Italian declaration of war against her recent ally, Germany, was welcomed in a carefully worded joint statement by President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin.

It emphasized, however, that Italy's co-belligerency can not of itself change the terms of the armistice signed on Sept. 3 between representatives of Italian Premier Pietro Badoglio and of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief in the Mediterranean.

"The relationship of co-belligerency between the governments of Italy and the United Nations," it said, "cannot of itself affect the (armistice) terms recently signed, which retain their full force and can only be adjusted by agreement between the Allied governments in the light of the assistance which the Italian government may be able to afford to the United Nations' cause."

Equally, the joint statement emphasized that the Badoglio regime had pledged itself to bow to the will of the Italian people concerning establishment of a new Italian government after the Nazis have been driven out. "It is understood that nothing can detract from the absolute and untrammelled right of the people of Italy by constitutional means to decide on the democratic form of government they will eventually have," the statement said.

This was regarded as an answer to critics who have challenged Allied dealings with Badoglio on grounds that the Allies should not countenance continued exercise of authority by members of a formerly enemy regime. The same critics were made against Allied dealings with established authorities in French Africa.

The American, British, and Soviet governments, the statement said, "will continue to work with the Italian government" on the basis of co-belligerency. Military events since announcement of the Italian armistice on Sept. 8 "and the brutal maltreatment by the Germans of the Italian population... have in fact made Italy a co-belligerent," it said.

**ALLIES EXPAND  
DENT IN ITALY**  
Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—Anglo-American forces have hammered a 100-mile dent in the German defense line across Italy in gains ranging up to 10 miles, which brought most of the Naples-Termini high way under allied gunfire and extended the flanking move around the Volturno line.

Surging forward in the key sectors of a 50-mile front from central Italy to the Adriatic, the allies captured the four big towns of San Croce Di Sannio, Riccia, Bonefro and St. Elia.

In the center, the American and British troops thrust another 10 miles beyond the Salerno river to seize San Croce Di Sannio and Riccia, from where they were in position to threaten directly the Naples-Termini line keying the traffic through the Peninsula.

Against spasmodic German resistance, the British Eighth army gained up to 10 miles in the Adriatic sector, moving along the coast four miles beyond Termini.

Washington, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The language of economics is a wonderful thing. Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D., La., was citing figures yesterday showing that the public debt rose from \$44,214,000,000 in June, 1940, to \$143,431,000,000 last August. The per capita debt, he reported increased in the same period from \$293 to \$935.

Sen. Abe Murdock, D., Utah, interrupted to remark that the national debt is owed to the people themselves, and therefore is an "asset" and not a "liability."

"I don't follow the senator," Ellender rejoined.

"Look at it this way," Murdock replied. "You owe me \$50. That is your liability but it is my asset—it's owed to me."

"So let's not divide the debt on a per capita basis and say we owe that vast amount of money without dividing the debt on a per capita basis as a per capita asset."

Ellender blinked—then continued his speech.

## MEDFORD PILOT SHARES RECORD BAG OF NAZIS

2nd Lt. Helman Co-Pilot Of  
Fortress Which Downed  
12 Planes In Raid.

By Collie Small  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
A U. S. Bomber Base, England, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The Flying Fortress "Ohio Air Force" after an hour and a half battle with Nazi fighters returned from the raid on Munster, Germany, with all crew members uninjured and with a record bag of 12 German planes shot down.

Another Fortress previously claimed 12 Nazi planes downed, but only seven of its victims were confirmed, as compared to the 12 confirmations for the new record holder.

Attacked by Swarm  
The plane, piloted by Lt. John Richey, Steubenville, O., was attacked by swarms of Nazi planes, including four-engine Dornier 2-17 bombers which fired cannon shells and rockets.

Once during the violent evasive action, the heavy Fortress rolled over on its back, losing much loose material.

One plane each was credited to 2nd Lt. Frank H. McKibben, 3218 West Adams, Los Angeles, the navigator; and Sgt. Charles E. Scheffer, Ashford, Wash., ball turret gunner.

Co-pilot of the plane was 2nd Lt. Thomas A. Helman of Medford, Ore.

Lt. Helman is the son of Mrs. Alice N. Helman, 420 Pearl St., and before entering the air force was employed for more than two years by the Medford Groceries, working in the vegetable department.

The winter of 1940 young Helman managed the Groceries' "Gold Star" team in Medford's amateur basketball league. Lt. Helman attended high school in Seattle, Wash., before coming to Medford.

The lieutenant was in Medford about two months ago and was sent overseas soon after.

**MANVILLE SUE BY  
SEVEN-HOUR BRIDE**  
Reno, Nev., Oct. 13—(U.P.)—Mae Marie (Sunny) Ainsworth Moran Manville today filed suit for a Nevada divorce from Thomas F. Manville, Jr., New York asbestos fortune heir.

Mrs. Manville, who on August 25 this year became Manville's seventh wife, charged extreme cruelty, mental in nature.

The complaint set forth there are no children as a result of the couple's seven hour and 45 minute marriage and no community property. An agreement "providing for the support and maintenance of plaintiff past, present and for the remainder of the natural life of plaintiff," has been signed by the pair, the complaint showed.

It was not specified the amount of the settlement involved but rumors in Reno's divorce colony set the sums variously between \$18,000 and \$75,000.

**Postpone Action On  
Dependency Increase**  
Washington, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The house today postponed until tomorrow consideration of a bill to increase servicemen's dependency allowances, because of the death of Rep. Edward W. Creal, D., Ky. As is customary upon death of a member, the house met and adjourned without considering legislation.

Republican leaders threw strong support behind a proposed amendment to bring the scale of dependency payments in the house bill into line with a higher scale approved last week by the senate.

Would you give \$100 to bring victory nearer? Your purchase of a \$100 war bond may turn the trick.

## Russia Launches New Offensive

### INTERNATIONAL SETUP FAVORED TO KEEP PEACE

Senate Foreign Relations  
Subcommittee Proposes  
Power To Nip Aggression.

Washington, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee considering post-war foreign policy today proposed establishment of "international authority with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world."

Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., said the resolution was approved by all seven subcommittee members present. But Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, R., Wis., absent because of illness, was recorded as voting against this or any other resolution at this time.

The proposed resolution: "Resolved by the senate of the United States: That the war against all our enemies be waged until complete victory is achieved; Peace First

"That the United States cooperate with its comrades-in-arms in securing a just and honorable peace; That the United States, acting through its constitutional processes, join with free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and to preserve the peace of the world."

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO RETREAT AT  
CAMP THURSDAY**  
Camp White, Oct. 13—(Spl)—Brig. Gen. Amos Thomas, post commander, has extended an invitation to the citizens of Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and vicinity to attend the formal retreat parade to be held Thursday at 5:15 p. m. on the parade ground west of post headquarters for all sections of SCU 1913.

Highlight of the ceremony will be the presentation by Gen. Thomas of the Silver Star Award to Mrs. Jennie Phillips of Ashland, Oregon, next of kin to Private Lester L. Stone, First U. S. Infantry division, deceased. By direction of the president, the Silver Star decoration is being awarded posthumously to Pvt. Stone for gallantry in action. He was a cousin of Mrs. Phillips.

The citation received by Mrs. Phillips is as follows: "Lester L. Stone... For gallantry in action. Pvt. Stone continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and delivered much-needed ammunition to his platoon. During this action he was mortally wounded by enemy shell fire. His courage and devotion to duty exemplified the highest traditions of the service."

San Benito county, California, was named after Saint Benedict.

**"Bloodiest Fighting Lies Ahead"—Churchill**

By J. Edward Murray  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
London, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill warned today that the bloodiest fighting of the war lies ahead of the British people, barring an unexpected German collapse "which we would be absolute fools to count upon."

Opening the second day of debate in commons on the government's coal policy, Churchill bluntly rejected suggestions that the drafting of miners be halted and that coal men be released from the armed forces to work in the pits.

Won't Weaken Force  
"In the advent of the bloodiest fighting of the war, so far as this people are concerned, I am not prepared to weaken the field forces or the reserves of trained man-power lying behind them, beyond a limited combat of older men approved by the cabinet," he said.

Churchill declared that he would not accept the miners' proposals for nationalization of the coal mines without a general election which would upset the national unity at a critical moment.

Churchill lashed out at "political" efforts to effect far-reaching social changes under the pretext of wartime necessity, and inferentially rejected proposals



With acquisition of former Jap bases in the central Solomon Islands as indicated by new stars at Gizo, Vila and Raketa Bay, the United States military lineup against the enemy is as indicated on this map.

## Australians Break Through Jap Resistance In Guinea

By United Press  
A break-through by Australian troops in interior New Guinea, and the smashing of Japanese counter-attacks near Finschhafen, put Allied forces in position today for a final drive against the enemy's coastal base at Madang.

Four hundred Japanese died in a day-long battle Saturday near Finschhafen, where veteran Australians broke three strong counter-thrusts, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique reported.

**Break Near Madang**  
It was the first organized resistance around the base since it fell on Oct. 2. Meanwhile, to the northwest other Australians broke through stubborn enemy defenses 35 miles from Madang, on the New Guinea coast, 165 miles above Finschhafen.

The Australian forces in the interior were completing a tough overland march that took them through the Ramu river valley into the Uria valley, where they were cutting down Japanese resistance, step by step.

MacArthur's communique reported a spectacular victory by four Thunderbolt fighter planes, in which from eight to 10 Japanese aircraft out of a force of 32 fighters and eight bombers were shot down near Wewak, up the New Guinea coast.

Other Allied planes in the Solomons attacked Bougainville and Choiseul, two of the few remaining enemy-held areas in that sector.

**SLAYER OF FIVE GIVEN  
REPRIEVE FOR APPEAL**  
Salt Lake City, Oct. 13—(U.P.) Austin Cox, 38-year-old Ogden, Utah, laborer, was saved from death before a Utah firing squad at dawn Friday when a Utah supreme court justice today signed a certificate of probable cause for appeal.

Justice James H. Wolfe signed the certificate at the request of R. R. Hackett, appointed by the court to defend Cox after Cox went on a bloody rampage in search of a divorced wife and shot and killed five persons, including Judge Lewis V. True-man.

California aircraft plants have received 22 per cent of all war contracts for airplanes and parts.

**HIROHITO EXCITED;  
DAUGHTER MARRIES**  
By United Press  
Tokyo radio said today that Princess Teru Shigeo, 17-year-old eldest daughter of Emperor Hirohito, was married in the Imperial palace yesterday to Prince Morihiro Higashi-Kuni, son of an army general.

"The satisfaction of his imperial majesty, as well as her imperial majesty the empress and dowager, are beyond our humble imagination," the OWI quoted the Tokyo announcer.

Churchill said that at the end of the war there would either be general agreement among the national political parties or, more probably, a general election along party lines.

## REDS SQUARE OFF FOR ATTEMPT TO RECOVER CRIMEA

Nazis Report Soviet Landing  
Attempt In Yalta Area—  
Coast Town Kerch Shelled

London, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—Russian assault forces have driven into Melitopol, big German base keying the defenses between the big bend of the Dnieper river and the Sea of Azov.

London, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—The Berlin radio reported today that Russia had launched a great new offensive on a 200-mile central front and signs increased that the Red army was squaring off for an attempt to wrest the Crimea from Nazi hands.

Nazi broadcasts reported an attempted Soviet landing in the Yalta area of the south Crimea, and Moscow dispatches told of Red army artillery shelling Kerch, coastal town tipping the Peninsula of the same name comprising the eastern Crimea.

**By Associated Press**  
Refugees from the burning city of Kiev reported the Germans had almost finished the evacuation of that once-great bastion on the west bank of the Dnieper. Red army troops were pounding at the final defenses of the city from three sides.

Hand-to-hand battles raged around Kiev while one report said that to the north, on the White Russian front, the Germans were evacuating Gomel, southeastern hinge of their defense lines in that area.

**YOUTHFUL BLONDE  
NAMES FLYNN AS  
FATHER OF CHILD**  
Hollywood, Oct. 13—(U.P.)—Shirley Evans Hassau, 21-year-old blonde, today named Screen Star Errol Flynn as the father of her three-year-old daughter, and filed an \$18,750 superior court paternity suit against the romantic actor.

Mrs. Hassau, tall and shapely, said the child, Marylyn Evans Flynn, was born Nov. 13, 1940, after a romantic episode with Flynn in an automobile. Her affair with the actor began when she was 17, she said.

Through her attorney, Charles B. Taylor, Mrs. Hassau said she came to Hollywood from San Francisco for a brief vacation and met Flynn through a mutual friend at the Beachcombers' cafe, swank filmland night spot.

**Flynn On Location**  
Flynn, now on location, could not be reached immediately for a statement. His attorney, Robert Ford, said there was "absolutely no merit" to the suit.

"Anybody with \$10.50 can file a suit," he said. "But it's another thing to prove it."

Mrs. Hassau, who last April married Henry Hassau, who now has a medical discharge from the Seabees, said she has been ill since the baby was born in Los Angeles Nov. 13, 1940. She asked \$5000 hospital and medical fees, \$1750 monthly support for herself and the child, \$2000 court costs, and \$10,000 attorney's fees.

Her suit, filed in superior court, sought to fix paternity of the child, now in custody of Mrs. Hassau's aunt in Seattle, Wash.

Court records show that an Nov. 29, 1940, Flynn paid Mrs. Hassau's mother, Mrs. Marion Taylor Evans, \$2000 in settlement of a personal injury claim.

Flynn was involved on two charges involving young women last November when two teenage girls hailed him into court on statutory rape charges. Betty Hansen, 17, charged Flynn attacked her in a guest room in a Hollywood home.