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JAP GRIP ON TULAGI HELD BROKEN

Nazis Mass for Stalingrad Assault

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE battle of the Solomons enters its seventh day with little news as yet available. What there is appears to be favorable.

THE navy tells us today: "Marines, firmly entrenched after six days of violent hand-to-hand fighting, are now CONSOLIDATING their positions."

That means they have won the first round, for in making a landing on a well-defended hostile shore getting the first toe-hold is the hardest job.

They are now digging themselves in and fighting off Jap counter-attacks.

THE navy continues to add: "Our supporting naval forces are engaged in bitter fighting."

That is to say, the Japs are fighting hard to prevent the landing of more reinforcements for the U. S. Marines already established on the islands. Other dispatches mention that the original Marine landing parties have already been "strongly" reinforced.

Whether the Japs are using warships or land-based planes isn't specified. A good guess is that they are using BOTH. Meanwhile U. S. bombers pound the Jap base at Rabaul, some 500 miles away, seeking to prevent the sending of reinforcements to the Japanese defenders of the Solomons.

It is a sketchy picture. About the only conclusion we can draw with any confidence is that it is a REAL battle, with both sides putting into it everything they have within reach.

MEANWHILE another naval battle of considerable importance is being waged in the western Mediterranean, where axis naval forces, including submarines and planes, are attacking a big allied convoy.

This battle has been going on for three days, and the British have admitted the loss of a 24,000-ton carrier, the Eagle. The German high command asserts today that the AMERICAN aircraft carrier Wasp has been set afire by six direct bomb hits and is trying to reach Malta.

That brings us into this Mediterranean battle picture (although we must be careful about paying too much attention to German claims.)

THE British, presumably, are trying to force a passage of the Mediterranean short cut to Egypt and Russia. Practical loss of the Mediterranean route has been a terrible handicap to our side in supplying the Egyptian and Middle East fronts, as we now have to go clear around the southern tip of Africa.

NOTE the disappearance of Rommel from the news recently, indicating that he hasn't been able to get sufficient reinforcements to resume his drive on Alexandria.

Also that our side hasn't been able to spare sufficient strength to turn in and mop him up while Hitler is too busy in Russia to send him adequate help.

THE news from Russia gets no better fast.

The Germans, having taken the relatively small Malkop oil field, are now driving on toward the somewhat larger one at Grozny—both north of the Caucasus mountain range. They seem to be in a fair way to put the Russian Black sea fleet out of commission by taking its Caucasus bases from the land side.

A big battle for Stalingrad and the Volga, perhaps bigger than

AXIS CLAIMS DEEPER THRUST INTO CAUCASUS

Unprecedented Numbers of Troops Put Into Battle

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's invasion armies were reported massing huge numbers of troops for an assault on the Volga steel city of Stalingrad today and at the same time the German high command said other Nazi columns had captured Elita in a thrust more than half way across the Caucasus toward the Caspian sea.

Elita, the capital of the Soviet Kalmuck republic, lies 230 miles southeast of Rostov and only 175 miles from the vitally important city of Astrakhan at the Volga delta.

The loss of Astrakhan would be a serious blow to Russia's river-borne line of war supplies.

Ship Crews Interned
As the axis struck to throttle the United Nations' vital supply routes, the German-controlled Paris radio broadcast a report under an Istanbul, Turkey, date-line asserting that two Russian warships, fully manned, had entered a Turkish Black sea port and the crew had been interned.

The report closely followed Nazi propaganda assertions that the Russian Black sea fleet, with many of its major bases knocked out or imminently threatened, would either attempt a dash through the Dardanelles or seek refuge in Turkey.

Dispatches from Moscow said a mighty new German offensive against Stalingrad appeared to be taking shape as the invaders concentrated vast

House Okes Prompt Pay to Dependents Of Service Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (P) Legislation permitting the war and navy departments to make immediate payments to dependents of servicemen under the recently-enacted allowance and allotment acts was passed by the house and sent to the senate today.

The original legislation provided that first payments be made November 1, but benefits started to accrue June 1.

There was no opposition to passage of the bill from among the approximately 30 members present, although previous attempts to consider it had been blocked, and the war department had expressed opposition.

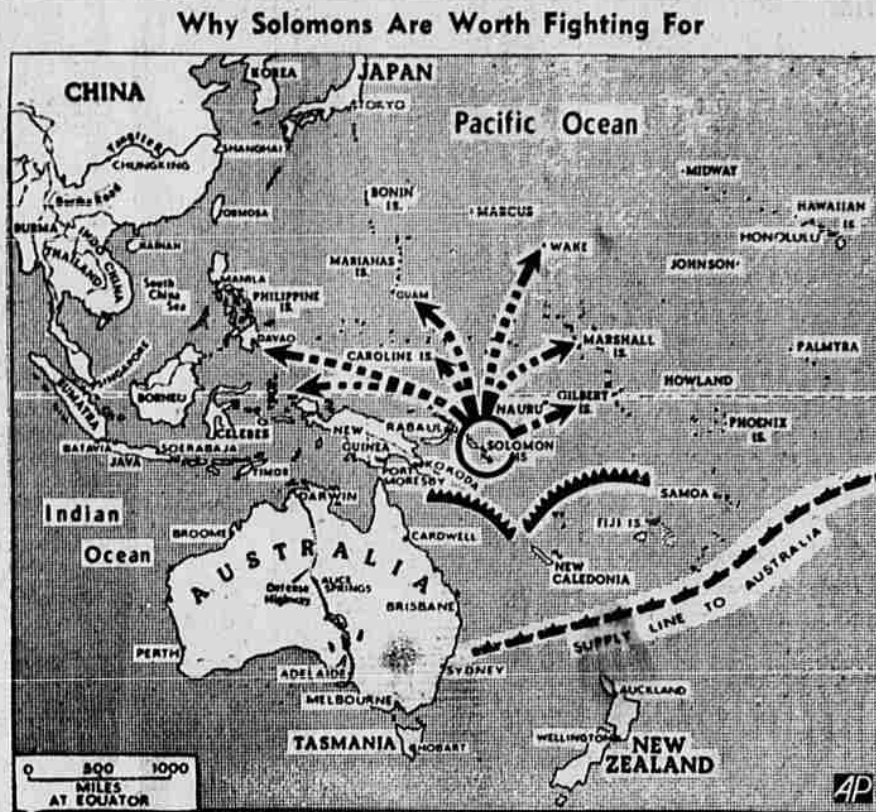
India Returns to Normal After 4 Days of Rioting

BOMBAY, Aug. 13 (P)—The Indian capital at New Delhi and Bombay, trouble centers earlier this week, apparently were returning to normal today as the outbreaks of violence over Mohandas K. Gandhi's do-or-die drive for immediate independence from British rule slackened off after four days of clashes between mobs and police.

Although some shops in New Delhi still were closed, people were moving freely through the streets which yesterday were the scenes of repeated disorders.

The situation in Bombay was quiet all morning with no incidents of any kind. Workers were returning to the mills.

A dispatch from Madras said four persons were killed and 10 injured at Tenali yesterday when police fired on a crowd



Why Solomons Are Worth Fighting For

Defensively, the Solomon Islands would give the United Nations 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 springboard for attacks (arrows) on the myriad Jap-held Pacific islands which provide the Nipponese with hundreds of "unsinkable aircraft carriers."

YANKS ENTER AIR WAR IN EUROPE

31 Sorties in Last 48 Hours Revealed in Report

LONDON, Aug. 13 (P)—United States army air fighting forces have entered the European fray on a large scale for the first time, having engaged in 31 operational sorties during the past 48 hours, United States European headquarters announced today.

U. S. Fighter Squadrons, flying in conjunction with RAF Fighter units, made three such flights over the coast of France. Twenty of the missions were over the sea, and eight were interception sorties off the coast of England, the communique said.

The following United States army air force operations occurred during the 48-hour period (Continued on Page Two)

WAR ZONE DEEPENED

LONDON, Aug. 13 (P)—The Germans have deepened their operational zone along the Belgian North Sea coast and persons traveling from other parts of the country to the coastal region must carry special permits, the Belgian News Agency said today.

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Cable Workers Vote To Continue Strike

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The shouts greeted announcement that William H. Davis, chairman of the war labor board, had indicated in Washington that troops might be sent to the strike-closed plant, which produces cable for the nation's armed forces. The strike was called without union authorization.

VISIT GERMANY
BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS), Aug. 13 (P)—The first of a group of 12 high Portuguese army officers left Lisbon by airplane Wednesday on an invitation of the German high command to visit Germany.

Ten Aliens Taken North For Hearings

The U. S. marshal's office removed 10 aliens, arrested in FBI raids here, to Portland Thursday for hearings before the state alien board.

At the same time, names of the arrested men were announced. They are held for violation of curfew or contraband regulations. Here they are:

Guisepppe G. Ortis, Bly; Guilo DeMoise, 703 South Sixth street; Nels Carl Jensen, 128 South Seventh street; Eric Jirgen Lassen, 2050 Oregon avenue; Tony Galletti, route 1, box 777, Klamath Falls; Angelo A. Doveri, 707 Washington street; Otto Hefner, Bonanza; Vittorio Fabbrini, Pelican City; DeNardo Geno DeMatto, Bly; Amabile Landini, Pelican City.

Domenic B. Scala, route 1, box 922, Klamath Falls, was released on the day of his arrest.

Officers indicated that they had discovered no malicious plots or anything of the kind in the raids here, but made the arrests on the basis of technical violations of regulations set up after the United States went to war with Japan, Germany and Italy. They pointed out that (Continued on Page Two)

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BERLIN CLAIMS U. S. CARRIER 'WASP' STRUCK

Running Attack Made On Big Convoy in Mediterranean

LONDON, Aug. 12 (P)—The British admiralty tonight branded as "inaccurate" axis claims today which included the sinking of two cruisers, one destroyer and six merchantmen from a Mediterranean convoy.

At the same time the United States naval headquarters here declined to comment on the axis boast that the U. S. aircraft carrier Wasp was damaged.

The official British report on the convoy battle is expected tomorrow.

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS), Aug. 13 (P)—The German high command announced today that the United States aircraft carrier Wasp had been set afire by six direct hits and now "is trying to reach Malta" as a result of a running attack on a big allied Mediterranean convoy by German and Italian air and naval units.

(There is no confirmation of this German claim. She delivered planes to Malta in June. The 14,700-ton carrier, completed April 25, 1940, carries a normal complement of 72 planes, maximum 84, and 1,800 men, including flying personnel.)

(The British aircraft carrier Eagle, 22,600 tons, which the (Continued on Page Two)

Nazi Low Countries Airdromes Also Raided

LONDON, Aug. 13 (P)—Powerful British air squadrons rained high explosives and incendiaries on Mainz again during the night as Nazi raiders ended London's long freedom from attack by bombing the outskirts of the capital.

The attack on Mainz—the second successive night assault on that German industrial center—was accompanied by raids on Nazi airdromes in the low countries, the air ministry said.

Five RAF planes were lost in the overnight operations.

Although the air ministry did not go into particulars, it was understood unofficially that the "strong force" raiding Mainz compared with that sent against the same city the night before when 250 to 400 bombers participated.

Helpless

The city's disorganized fire-fighting services and defenses, weary and scattered by the first night attack, were virtually

Cruisers Hunt Raider in Atlantic

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 13 (P)—Several vessels, which informed sources said may include one or more cruisers, were reported today to be engaged in a search for a surface axis raider in the south Atlantic, but no word has been received here of contact with the enemy ship.

The search was said to be under way following radioed reports last Monday that at least two and perhaps three allied merchantmen had been attacked by an enemy raider at a position about 1000 miles east of Rio de Janeiro.

SHASTA GENERATORS
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13 (P)—Five hydroelectric generators with a combined power potential of 275,000 kilowatts are scheduled for installation within the next two years at Shasta and Keswick dams on the Sacramento river, the office of war information said today.

Moose Leader



W. E. Heinke, Eugene, president of the Oregon State Moose association, leads the order in its annual convention opening here today at the Moose hall and the Elk hotel.

MOOSE DELEGATES ARRIVE FOR MEET

Dinner, Initiation and Dance Slated for Tonight

The first of an estimated 300 delegates to the annual convention of the Oregon State Moose association began to trickle in to the city today as leaders laid plans for the opening business session tomorrow in the banquet room of the Elk hotel.

Scheduled for tonight are a dinner at 6 o'clock followed by ritualistic contests and ceremonial initiation at 8. A dance will be held at 10 o'clock in the Moose hall.

Principal address of the three-day convocation will be delivered by James M. Ballard, Seattle attorney and supreme councilman of the Moose order.

Clyde Thompson is general chairman of the 1942 conference and W. E. Heinke of Eugene president of the state association. Friday's schedule follows:

10 a. m. Opening session, Elk hotel.
1:30 p. m. Business session, Elk hotel.
3 p. m. Ritualistic contest, Moose hall.
5:30 p. m. Barbecue Feed.
8 p. m. Class Initiation, Moose hall.

Two Small Cuban Vessels Sunk

HAVANA, Aug. 13 (P)—The Cuban navy general staff announced this afternoon that two small-sized Cuban merchantmen had been torpedoed and sunk somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico.

Several survivors of both vessels have been landed at a Cuban north port and others were reported still missing.

Lumber Industry Faces Drastic Labor Shortage

Authoritative sources in Klamath Falls today said that 1942 production in the Klamath area will be sharply if not seriously curtailed by shortages of labor both in mill and woods.

No figures were available but one authority said that all mills in the region were "fighting for logs" to hold production at a level sufficient to maintain full present and future shipping schedules. Another responsible source said that national estimates placed 1942 lumber production close to 30 per cent less than last year because of critical labor shortages.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13—The western lumber industry faces disaster—and failure in its war effort—within a few months, for lack of loggers in the woods, F. H. Brundage, western log and lumber administrator for

MARINES HANG ON TO THREE BEACH-HEADS

Naval Forces Engaged In Bitter Fighting, Navy Reports

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (P) The navy announced today that "operations are continuing in the Solomon Islands area."

This was the only information given out here as the battle between American air, sea and land forces and Japanese defenders of the Solomons raged through its seventh day.

Navy communique No. 105 said:

"1. Operations are continuing in the Solomon Islands area."

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

The term "other areas" presumably included the Mediterranean where axis sources claimed the American aircraft carrier Wasp had been attacked and set afire. There was no official confirmation or comment on this axis claim.

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
American "devil dog" marines appeared to have won the first round in the seven-day-old battle of the Solomon Islands today, beating off furious Japanese counterattacks at three invasion beachheads in the 900-mile-long island chain.

A correspondent of the Australian Broadcasting commission said it was believed that the marines, strongly reinforced, had broken the Japanese hold on the Tulagi area.

"The Japanese have been driven from many of their defensive positions after fierce hand-to-hand fighting," the correspondent said.

Tulagi harbor is one of the (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Bombers Damage Axis Ships Off Greece

CAIRO, Aug. 13 (P)—America's huge bombers, swooping out of a setting sun Tuesday, scored great damage on three axis warships at Pylos on the west coast of Greece making two direct hits on one cruiser, setting a second afire and causing an explosion aboard a third, it was announced today.

A terrific explosion also was caused aboard the cruiser on which the two direct hits were made, and black smoke was seen pouring from the second cruiser as a result of either a direct hit or a near miss.

There also was a terrific explosion aboard a third cruiser after a bomb burst into it.

Jimmy Doolittle Learns About Wa.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 13 (P) Brig. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, the gentleman who bombed Tokyo, learned about war when visiting here recently. Malin Ellis, drug store manager, told this episode:

A man walked into the store, asked for toothpaste but couldn't get it because he had no used tube. Then he wanted an item which the store was unable to get because of the war; finally, he protested against the tax on another purchase. "Well, don't take it out on us," said Ellis. "You've heard about this war haven't you?" Replied the man: "I just didn't know. You see, I've been away. Doolittle is my name."

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