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JAP LOSSES MOUNT IN PACIFIC

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

STALINGRAD still holds—an impressive symbol of Russia's stubborn will and POWER to resist the invader.

THE German assault on Stalingrad still goes on, regardless of cost.

We outsiders wonder why.

The city itself must by this time be reduced to heaps of rubble. Weeks ago the Germans reached the Volga on both sides of it, thus gaining their strategic objective of cutting Russia's great river traffic artery.

Why all the reckless blood-letting since?

AS to that, we can only conjecture.

Perhaps Hitler has a deal with the Japs, scheduled to take effect when Stalingrad falls.

Maybe he just got bull-headed when the Russians failed to crumple up as he had hoped and said he'd show the so-and-sos. People do things like that.

Also it may be that Stalingrad has a military value to Hitler that we outsiders can't see.

So many things are possible.

BUT it does look as if Hitler has fallen short of his hopes.

He hasn't yet got the Caucasus oil.

He had to weaken Rommel's drive on the Nile, which was the other prong of the pincer aimed at Caucasus and Middle East oil.

He has had to leave Germany open to heavy bombing because he was using the bulk of his air force in Russia.

And he has undoubtedly lost a lot of soldiers that can't be replaced.

ALL in all, it looks to an outsider as if Stalingrad, even if it is finally taken, will be a costly victory.

ANOTHER question puzzles us outsiders—who are without access to the facts and can only guess:

What is Japan up to?

Considering the total strength she has available, she is obviously fighting with only one hand in New Guinea and the Solomons. It is unthinkable that she is ready to quit the offensive.

There must be something up the Jap sleeve. The natural guess is that it is something big.

FDR, back from his under-cover trip around the country, says he found the finest kind of morale among the people—willingness to sacrifice and accept any necessary war measures. He says the war spirit of the country as a whole is very much alive—except in the nation's capital.

He spreads the blame for what is going on in Washington among portions of congress, the press and radio and minor administration officials (who, he says, talk too much without knowing enough).

THE President's observations, this writer thinks, are pretty accurate.

The people as a whole are certainly FAR AHEAD of their Washington leadership. If the nation had FIRM AND CONFIDENT leadership in Washington, its war front would be wholly united.

THE newspapers as a whole are not above criticism. They are run by individuals, and not all individuals are perfect.

The same goes for congress, which is made up of individuals.

HERE is this writer's suggestion for improvement:

If you think your newspaper isn't truly patriotic, STOP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

If you think your congressman isn't what he should be, VOTE FOR SOMEBODY ELSE.

Don't destroy or shackle the press. Don't DO AWAY with (Continued on Page Two)

WEIGHT OF RED BATTLE SHIFTS NORTH

Stalingrad Still Withstands on 39th Siege Day

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor

German military quarters admitted late today that the main weight of battle in the 39-day-old siege of Stalingrad had shifted gradually toward the northern German flank where the red armies have been attacking in a strong relief offensive.

"In the northern part, the artillery struggles and aerial combats have increased to a violence never expected so far," said DNB, the official German news agency.

Step by Step

Communication between single fighting groups is hardly possible any longer through the smoke of exploding projectiles and the dust of crashing houses.

"German infantry troops and sappers are fighting their way forward step by step."

Russian shock troops, attacking with gun butts and bayonets, were reported driving the Germans from house after house amid the nightmare wreckage of Stalingrad today, and once again it appeared that the astonishing soviets had warded off disaster.

It was the 39th day of siege. By sectors, these were the major developments as related by red army headquarters in a mid-day communique:

Inner city—Soviet troops beat (Continued on Page Two)

Printed Letter Tells Safety Of Ted Larson

A printed letter, written in a decidedly impersonal vein, but ending with a familiar note was received Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson, 146 Octavia street, from their son, Ernest "Ted" Larson, 21, a prisoner of the Japs since December 8.

The missive, printed except for the signature, was written May 30, and the first received by the Larsons from their son, field music, first class, United States marine corps. "Ted" was stationed with the marines in Shanghai at the time war was declared.

He told his parents they were "not to worry" because he had enough to eat, had been inoculated for the "various diseases prevalent in this part of the country," and that he was working six to seven hours a day. Also included in the letter was the sentence, "I pray the war will soon be over so that we can come home."

Mrs. Larson said the entire letter was stilted in its phrasing but that she knew it came from her son as he always had ended his letters, "I will close now with love to each and every one of you," and beneath the name was a familiar sign that the boy had printed beneath his name.

Support for Manpower Control Gains Ground

By ALEX H. SINGLETON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Mounting support among several ranking war officials for manpower control legislation was reported today amid growing indications that the issue soon may dominate congressional discussions.

Some house appropriations committee members disclosed that most of the war manpower commission, in executive session, were agreed that legislation would become necessary to mobilize fully and allocate available manpower to industry, agriculture and the armed forces.

Present at the closed hearing yesterday were Manpower Commission Chairman Paul McNutt, War Production Chief Donald Nelson, Secretary of Agriculture

Big Spud Crop Coming From Fields



This typical potato harvest scene shows a few of Klamath's 4,400,000 sacks of potatoes coming from the field. The picture was taken Thursday on a farm near Tulelake operated by Harry Wilson of Malin. The potatoes were dug and sacked by one of the new spud "combines."

COMPROMISE PRICE VERSION OKED

Final Action on Measure Expected Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—A joint senate-house committee agreed today on a compromise version of the administration's anti-inflation legislation, clearing the way for expected final action on the measure by congress today.

Senator Brown (D-Mich.) said the conference group had approved without a change a provision voted by the senate directing President Roosevelt to lift farm price ceilings where they did not reflect to growers increased labor and other costs since January 1, 1941.

House members agreed to substitute this for an amendment previously passed by their chamber revising farm parity standards upward to include labor costs.

Under terms of the measure as approved by the conference group, President Roosevelt would be authorized and directed to act before November 1 to stabilize prices, wages and salaries at September 15 levels, so far as practical.

The house and senate representatives agreed to compromise (Continued on Page Two)

Coffee Shortage In Ohio Blamed On Hoarders

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 2 (AP)—Hundreds of persons lined up before a downtown chain store for coffee today as the supply of that favorite breakfast beverage grew acute in Ohio.

The line-up was typical of a situation prevailing in other larger Ohio cities, where a "run" of coffee in recent weeks has drained supplies from the counters of many stores, a survey of merchants disclosed.

Merchants and coffee roasters, their supplies reduced by 35 per cent under a year ago, blamed the scarcity on hoarding by housewives.

Claude Wickard, Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey, Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson and Under Secretary of Navy James Forrestal.

The committee members, declining use of their names, said that none of the group had offered any indication of when the legislation would be sought, nor of what form it would take.

However, one democratic member expressed belief it would reach Capitol Hill in November.

"We gained the impression that the situation was urgent," one member said. McNutt, in testifying recently before the house agriculture committee and the defense migration committee, declared that a national service act was "inevitable" and would be presented "in the near future."

Klamath Spud Crop Exceeds 4 Million Sacks, Promises All-Time Record in Value

By MALCOLM EPLEY

Klamath basin farmers are deep in the harvest of a potato crop that totals about 4,400,000 sacks, it was estimated Friday.

The figure is based on 17,600 acres at an average yield of 250 sacks to the acre.

County Agent C. A. Henderson said that this year's per acre yield approximates the all-time high set in 1940, when the average was 252 sacks. Average, however, is somewhat down this year as compared with 1940, when the total yield in the basin was 4,616,000 sacks.

If this year's crop is 4,400,000 sacks, it is a safe estimate that 4,000,000 sacks will be marketed. It is customary to allow about

10 per cent for culls, shrinkage, etc.

Agent Henderson said a conservative estimate is that 70 per cent of the potatoes are of U. S. No. 1 grade, or a total of 2,800,000 sacks. About 20 per cent are No. 2, 5 per cent are seed, and another 5 per cent represents the remainder of the 1942 crop.

Figuring the value of the crop is more precarious than estimating the volume at this stage of the game, because price ceiling legislation, the usual vagaries of the market, and other factors, make price predictions difficult.

But there is a good chance that this year's crop will set an all-time high in value and it may even hit \$8,000,000.

Prices so far have been from \$2.25 per sack and up for U. S. No. 1 potatoes. On the basis of an average of \$2.25 for this grade, the return for No. 1 potatoes will total \$6,500,000.

If prices in general are on that level, No. 2 potatoes will be worth another \$1,000,000. That makes \$7,500,000, and to that should be added at least \$200,000 for seed and other income.

There you have \$7,700,000, which is just a hop and skip short of \$8,000,000.

How does this stack up with the past?

Government figures show that the 1941 crop brought the highest returns in history of the potato industry here. The total last year was \$5,142,842, on the basis of 3,718,000 sacks.

Fabulous 1936, the year people still talk about, brought returns of only \$4,800,000, from sale of 3,200,000 sacks.

In 1940, when the total yield got up to 4,616,000 sacks, the (Continued on Page Two)

YANKS LASH AXIS SHIPPING LINE

Heavy Bombers Blast Greek Supply Port of Pylos

By FRANK L. MARTIN

CAIRO, Oct. 2 (AP)—American heavy bombers hit German shipping in another raid on Pylos, Greek port of supply for the axis armies of North Africa, it was announced today as Lieut. Gen. B. L. Montgomery declared his British eighth army was preparing for the "next round" in the battle of Egypt.

The Americans were credited with scoring two direct hits on one ship and numerous near misses on others in their latest raid yesterday upon Pylos, which lies on the southwest coast of the Greek Peloponnese.

Gen. Montgomery's declaration gave added significance to Wednesday's sudden thrust in which British forces, striking at dawn, gained a strategic elevation and wiped out a small salient held by the axis in the central sector of the El Alamein front.

In this operation, described as "strictly local," the British pinched off a wedge which had (Continued on Page Two)

Finance Group Votes to Double Transportation Tax

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Reversing a previous decision, the senate finance committee voted today to double the present 5 per cent tax on personal transportation, instead of hiking it to 15 per cent on ordinary accommodations and to 20 per cent on de luxe travel.

In voting to stand by the house-approved 10 per cent rate, the committee lopped a potential \$34,800,000 additional revenue off the big tax bill which it expects to complete today.

The tax applies to tickets on trains, buses, planes and all other forms of ordinary travel. Existing exemptions for commuters and short trips would be continued.

FDR Raps Capitol

WAR SPIRIT OF COUNTRY FOUND 'VERY ALIVE'

President Considers Further Tours of Inspection

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt's inspection of bustling war establishments around the edge of the nation worked out so well that he was giving earnest consideration today to another tour or two through the central and southern sections of the country.

He missed those areas while traveling 8754 miles through 24 states in the past fortnight, paying surprise visits to private war plants and teaming army, navy and marine bases. But he had hopes of visiting them next spring to find out at first hand what they are contributing to the war effort.

Saw Production. He voiced that hope late yesterday, at a press conference at which he released details of his swing around the periphery of America and gave his impressions of what he had seen.

It took him into plants turning out deadly war weapons and to army, navy and marine bases where men were being put into fighting trim. He saw production lines turning out endless streams of tanks, bombers, ships and ammunition.

Darned Good. The president got the idea, he said, that these arsenals were operating at 94 or 95 per cent of efficiency, that they (Continued on Page Two)

Herriot, Former French Premier, Reported Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 2 (AP)—A runabout report reaching London tonight, without confirmation, said that Edouard Herriot, former French premier, had been arrested. The report was taken by Reuters from Swedish radio which credited it in turn to Vichy and German advices.

Herriot, 70, one-time professor of Lyon university, had been mayor of Lyon, in unoccupied France, since 1905 when he was deposed June 21, 1941. Thereupon he published a memoir of his affection for the United States and Britain.

Only last month he quit the French Legion of Honor in protest against Vichy's conferring that decoration on two Frenchmen fighting for Germany against Russia and later joined Jules Jeanneney, former president of the French senate, in a warning to Marshal Petain that the French would not be drawn into war against their former allies.

Klamath's First 'Wave' Sworn in, Awaits Orders

Klamath's first WAVE, Lauretta O'Brien, 28, was sworn in Tuesday afternoon in Portland by Lieutenant C. Laird McKenna, USNR, and returned to Klamath Falls Wednesday morning to pack her kit and await orders to report at an indoctrination school for training.

Miss O'Brien came from Portland several years ago. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, live in the northern city. Miss O'Brien has been employed by the Klamath Theatres, Inc., the local branch of the First National Bank of Portland, and at the time she sent in her application to the WAVES employed as secretary in the office of the Kesterson Lumber company.

"It's fast work when you once send in your application," Miss O'Brien observed Friday. Within two weeks' time the comely secretary was accepted into the WAVES. It is possible that she will be called to report October 9 at Seattle, but until that time she is continuing at her desk in the Kesterson office. The volunteer is a graduate of Jefferson high school, Portland.

Donald M. Nelson told the House Agriculture Committee today that "there will be enough food to eat" during the war, and denied that he had ever said the farm problem was not a major one.

The war production chief, called by the committee in its investigation of the farm labor situation which members said threatened to result in an acute food shortage, told the committee the WPB was fully aware of the problems of agriculture and was doing everything possible to relieve them.

"When I say definitely there will be enough food to eat, that's a considered statement," Nelson said. "I believe it can be done. I think we are going to be smart enough and intelligent enough as a nation to meet the problem."

Nelson commended the nation's farmers to do their work, asserting "I honestly believe the farmers have done more in the last year in the way of actually trying to do a good job than any other group I know of."

He said he was standing by a statement he made September 21 at the American Legion convention in Kansas City that there would be enough food during the war. It was this statement, made while Secretary of Agriculture Wickard was warning the committee of a threatened food shortage, which caused the committee to call Nelson today.



Field Marshal Sigmund List (above) now has been given the task of trying to take the Russian city of Stalingrad. He succeeds General Fedor von Bock who in 37 days of siege had been unable to wrest the industrial city from the Reds.

AUSTRALIANS KEEP UP JAP PURSUIT

Allies Proceed Cautiously to Avoid Ambush

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Oct. 2 (AP)—The Japanese, balked in their drive toward Port Moresby, withdrew deeper into the fastnesses of New Guinea's Owen Stanley mountains today, cautiously pursued by Australian troops and harried by Allied planes.

A communique from General MacArthur's headquarters indicated the Australians were approaching Menari, a mountain hamlet 46 airline miles but (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETIN

LONDON, Oct. 2 (AP)—American bomber formations escorted by fighters attacked targets in northern France this afternoon. It was authoritatively stated.

Shortly after the announcement was made, the Deutschland-Sender and other German long-wave stations went off the air, possibly indicating new air raids.

Observers believed the American bombers were four-motored Flying Fortress resembling their attacks on German bases in occupied territory after a nearly four-week layoff.

The targets for today's raid were not disclosed immediately.

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NAVY REVEALS ALEUT, WEST PACIFIC JAB

Five Nipponese Ships Destroyed; Three Damaged

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP)—Destruction of five Japanese ships, probable sinking of four others and damaging of three was announced by the navy today in communique reporting on recent submarine actions in the western Pacific and army aerial attacks against enemy forces in the Aleutians.

One of the vessels blasted and described as probably sunk was a Japanese submarine discovered by a strong air force which raided Japanese-held Kiska island, in the Aleutians, on September 28. On that and the preceding day army four-engine Liberators made five separate attacks on the Japanese.

The only United States loss in the actions was one fighter plane.

Navy department communique, No. 137, said:

"1. On September 27 army Liberator bombers dropped bombs on enemy ships and shore installations at Kiska. One Zero fighter was shot down. Damage to bomb objectives could not be determined. All our planes returned."

"2. On the same date near the island of Attu, three army bombers attacked a transport, escorted by a destroyer. Near misses (Continued on Page Two)

School Children To Catalogue Available Scrap

The "Klamath County Scrap Harvest," conducted among the farms and ranches of the county by school children, will begin Monday with a detailed survey of available scrap metal. It was announced today by Fred Peterson, county school superintendent.

Peterson said that all students in schools now in session will inaugurate the metal "harvest" Monday by calling on each farm-house in each district, armed with cards on which the farmer will estimate the amount of scrap available on his land. He will also indicate on the card whether or not he needs transportation for the old metal and whether he wishes the proceeds to accrue to the school or to civilian defense.

Peterson said that when a deposit of scrap has been found a colored card will be posted at the ranch to designate to the driver of a truck that scrap is available there. Trucks will be made available by the County Salvage committee.

When the drive is completed in each district, arrangements for collection of the scrap from central district accumulation places will be made.

Peterson said that all schools now in recess because of the potato harvest will begin their drives when school reconvenes.

It was pointed out by the salvage committee that farmers who are not approached by school children may place a red card on their gates to notify truck drivers that scrap is available.

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