

ALLIES DOWN MILLION TONS IN NAZI SHIPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP)—The United Nations have sunk or seized no less than 218 Nazi merchant vessels—more than 1,000,000 tons—since war burst over Europe three years ago, a review of official announcements showed today.

These losses apparently have sent the German march of war into a heavy limp, and the Nazis have begun a drive to salvage ships sunk along the coast of Europe, it was reported recently. In addition they have started a program to build standardized merchantmen, probably along the lines of the American "liberty ship" plan.

Perhaps the Nazis' greatest single shipping losses were the 21,131-ton Hansa and the 9,400-ton Steiermark, former passenger liners which had earned the reputation of notorious raiders. The Hansa was sunk in the Indian ocean by the British cruiser Cornwall, the Steiermark off Australia by the British cruiser Sydney. A Nazi claim that the Steiermark, renamed the Kormoran, still operates in the Atlantic has not been confirmed.

Major blows at the German merchant marine were the torpedoing by a British submarine of the Bahia Laura and the Donau, merchantmen which were carrying Nazi troops. Nearly 3,000 German soldiers lost their lives when depth bombs from their own torpedo boats, trying to get the English submarine, exploded as they swam from their sinking craft.

BRANCH ODT OFFICE FOR KF PROPOSED

Congressman Walter W. Pierce has asked the motor division of the office of defense transportation for an investigation of the possibility of establishing a branch ODT office in Klamath Falls.

Congressman Pierce opened conversations with the ODT after the Herald and News wired him concerning the situation resulting from location of a district office in Medford that serves territory as far east as Burns. The district office will handle business with all truck owners in 11 counties.

In a letter to the ODT, Congressman Pierce said "it would be very expensive and wasteful of time and money for our truckers from Burns, in Harney county, and from Lakeview, in Lake county, to go clear to Medford to get their certificates."

The Klamath chamber of commerce this week went on record urging a branch ODT office for Klamath Falls to serve Klamath, Lake, Harney, Modoc and Siskiyou counties.

997 Oregonians Lose Drivers' Licenses Thus Far

Nearly a thousand Oregon drivers lost their driver's licenses through suspension or revocation as a result of convictions in Oregon or out-of-state courts during the first eight months of the year, Earl Snell, secretary of state, disclosed today. The actual number was 977.

Of the total, 861 were revocations and 735 of these were for convictions for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Revocation of the driver's license is mandatory in such cases.

During the month of August, 119 licenses were revoked and 166 were suspended. One license was cancelled due to misrepresentation of age in the application and another was cancelled due to misrepresentation of facts in the application.

'Group-Ride' Clubs Can Get Recap Tires

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—The office of price administration has made eligible for recapped or grade two new tires the cars of all members of a group-ride "club" in any war-essential establishment employing more than 100 persons.

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Comment

By ANITA GWYN

It happened. Yes, and worse than ever could be expected. Although it was hard to tell it, those gruesome gals were none other than the new members of the respected organization of Pep Peppers. Adorned in night shirts and clodhoppers, and their hair like they had just washed it and couldn't do a thing with it, the fugitives from Goonland made quite a picture in modern art. By eating red peppers and performing various juvenile acts, the girls became authorized members of the Pep Peppers. Quite a show. Any other place, one would have had to pay for it.



"Waste on the home front hurts on the fighting front," said Fire Chief Keith Ambrose in an address pertaining to fire prevention week to the students of KUHS in two separate assemblies Wednesday afternoon. Chief Ambrose read President Roosevelt's proclamation stating that the week of October 4-11 be fire prevention week this year. John Meek, a Portland fire insurance agent, spoke and compared the war to fires and why everyone should be so careful, especially now.

Pellicana tonight at 7:15. There will be a forum discussing the pros and cons of "Should Girls Wear Slacks to School?" George Brown is the editor this week. Now we'll find out whether the boys are going to have competition or not.

Rummage through your house, through the attic and cellar, in every closet and catch—all for every scrap of metal and rubber that is no longer of any use to you. Our great country needs it to continue a strong battle. It is your duty, so do it.

**Tokyo Radio Warns
Japanese 'War Is
Just Beginning'**

LONDON, Oct. 8 (AP)—British listeners at New Delhi, India, heard a Tokyo broadcast in Japanese Wednesday in which a Japanese naval spokesman warned his people that the United States is building long-range Flying Fortresses which make such island bases as Midway and the Aleutians potentially dangerous to Japan.

The spokesman was quoted as saying that the new Fortresses have a 10,000-mile flight range and that with the United States piling up an "astronomical quantity" of weapons, "the war is just beginning."



DESERT HONEYMOON—After driving 250 miles following her day's work at a Hollywood studio, Diana Barrymore walks with her husband of six weeks, Bramwell Fletcher, on desert where he acts in war picture.

Aleutians Not All Barren Rock; Soil Fertile, Can Support Many Sheep

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN

AN ALEUTIAN ARMY OUTPOST, Oct. 8 (Wide World)—

The question, "What are we fighting for in the Aleutian islands?" has been asked many times, and the easiest answers have been negative—there are no people, no trees, practically no animals, few homes, no farms.

But an assumption that the Aleutians are barren, worthless rocks is unjustified and arouses immediate opposition among persons who have lived or traveled extensively in the islands.

In the first place, the soil is extremely fertile, sandy loam, which as a matter of regularity grows wild pea vines and various grasses—almost all nutritious to cattle or sheep—waist high on a tall man. Wild rye has heads six inches long, various valuable herbs grow wild, including arnica, digitalis and others. Native have for centuries lived on the berries of the so-called ptarmigan bush and on the roots of various tubers when other food was un-

available. Caribou and reindeer grow fat on the grass and sport some of the finest horn growths to be found anywhere.

In the few places where soldiers or trappers have planted tiny victory gardens as experiments, radishes, lettuce and beets thrive. Some of the soil seems lacking in lime, but that is its only apparent deficiency.

Trees are lacking. There are several explanations why—but wherever trees have been planted, they thrive. On one windswept island, troops have planted a single sapling, surrounding it with a tight fence and dubbed it the Aleutian national forest. One small juniper-like tree grows naturally on some islands. It is a dwarf species only 18 to 24 inches tall—but a tree nonetheless.

Contrary to common opinion, the soil is not particularly rocky. True, volcanoes in places have thrown huge boulders for miles toward the beaches. True, too, that nearly every island is topped with some kind of fog-bound,

PATTERSON WARNS OF NAZI RUMORS

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 8 (AP)

United States Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson predicted Wednesday that Adolf Hitler will redouble his propaganda efforts to divide the allied nations and called upon the public to beware of rumor mongers.

"Careless criticism does not advance our cause," he said, in a speech prepared for the American Federation of Labor convention. "It served Hitler's. Even though false stories are eventually shown to be untrue, they may have the harmful effect of shaking the confidence of our soldiers in the effectiveness of their weapons."

Citing rumors assailing the quality and effectiveness of weapons made by American labor, Patterson asserted that criticism of the Garand rifle, U. S. tanks and 0-40 planes as inferior, "died away in the face of actual performance."

"In the days to come," he said, "Hitler will redouble his efforts to divide the nations now united against him and in this he will make use of the rumor mongers among us."

"His agents will spread stories in the United States and in Canada that will reflect on Britain. We will hear more of the old yarn that the British are trying to get others to do the fighting. The story is contradicted by the casualty lists but Nazi agents will concoct figures of their own."

forbidding peak. But around the peaks and between the mounds are wild meadows that would make a Missouri mule chortle with delight.

There are several examples of what this chain can do as a stock raising country. On at least two islands, large bands of sheep have been grazed successfully. One band of ten thousand has had no food other than the natural grass in years and is thriving. The thermometer never strikes a point low enough to bother a hardy breed, and there are no predators to decimate the lambs in spring. The sheepmen have just one chore—the annual shearing.

On another island, not actually in the Aleutians but close to them, a bull and half a dozen heifers were put ashore some 50 years ago. Today, their descendants form a sizeable herd, although they have been left entirely to themselves except for occasional killing parties.

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Army's Silver Star Given Verne Haugland, AP Man Lost in Jungle 43 Days

By DEAN SCHEDLER

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Oct. 3 (Delayed)—(AP)

The U. S. army's silver star was pinned upon the pajamas of Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland by General Douglas MacArthur today in an unprecedented recognition of civilian courage.

Pausing on a visit to the New Guinea war front, General MacArthur made the award at the hospital tent where Haugland is recovering from exhaustion and fever after 43 days of fighting his way out of the mountainous jungle into which he parachuted from a storm-spent bomber August 7.

"I am awarding you the Silver Star as an outward symbol of the devotion and fortitude with which you have done your duty," the allied commander in the southwest Pacific told the lean, 34-year-old newspaperman.

"I can't tell you how much we have been inspired by your getting back after such tribulations and hardships."

Haugland lived on berries and the juice of grass and weeds and, although drenched by incessant rains and fatigued by scrambling through rough tropical growth and streams, kept a day to day diary of his wanderings until near the end.

Maj. D. J. Lyons of Seminole, Okla., who has been in consultation on the case, told General MacArthur "it takes a good man to stand what he did."

THIS IS WAR
SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)—The manpower situation is becoming desperate.

A co-ed, Bette Mae Barton, will be the first girl cheerleader in University of Utah history.

The two attending physicians, Lieut. Hugh McHugh of New Rochelle, N. Y., a psychiatrist, and Lieut. Isador Pfeffer of Detroit, Mich., a medical officer, said Haugland was showing a fine improvement and that they were doing everything in their power for him.



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