

# NAVAL WAR FLARES IN SOLOMONS

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOR appraisal and analysis of the results to be expected from the British and American campaign in north Africa, let us turn today to Josef Stalin, who has proved himself to be one of the war's great realists.

IN a letter to Henry Cassidy, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, he answers three specific questions that had been put to him by Cassidy.

The first question concerned the Russian view of the African campaign.

Stalin says it is an OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION of the growing might of the allies' armed forces and proves that British and American leaders have organizing ability of a high order.

In his second question, Cassidy asked how effective the African campaign has been in relieving pressure on Russia and what ELSE Russia wants.

Stalin replies that it has created the prerequisites for a second front in Europe and has shifted the political and military situation in FAVOR of the Anglo-soviet, American coalition. He indicates rather plainly that he is satisfied.

In his third question Cassidy asks what Russia can and will do to join the allies in the west to finish Hitler off and Stalin replies that the red army will fulfill its task with honor as it has been fulfilling it throughout the war.

READ the Stalin letter in this newspaper today. You will find it reassuring. Coming from a straight talker, such as Stalin has proved himself to be, it disposes rather effectively of the fear that Russia is dissatisfied with her allies and might make a separate peace.

YESTERDAY'S fascinating possibility that the Germans may be abandoning Africa isn't borne out by today's news. More axis planes coming AWAY FROM Africa were shot down today, but they seem to have been returning from Tunisia AFTER LANDING GERMAN TROOPS there.

There are reports that the Germans have flown 12-ton tanks into Tunisia and other reports that our side is bringing in troops by air.

The most consoling news is that FRENCH troops in Tunisia are FIGHTING THE GERMANS.

IN fact, today's dispatches assert that ALL French soldiers in northern Africa, spurred on by appeals from leaders such as Darlan, General Giraud and General Nogues, have apparently swung over to OUR SIDE.

The impression is confirmed that for months patriotic French leaders have been getting out of Vichy and going to Africa, in preparation for the showdown that now has arrived.

THE French fleet remains a mystery. Today's dispatches say it is still in Toulon, and add that German planes are flying over it constantly, ready to pounce upon it if it shows signs of leaving.

The London correspondent of the Associated Press says it is generally understood that the CREWS of the French warships are pro-ally and for that reason Hitler is afraid to try to seize it. Grand-Admiral Raeder of the German fleet is said to be in Toulon. At any rate, it appears to be true that the French fleet is a nut the Germans fear to crack.

You may be sure they want it, and WANT IT NOW.

ANOTHER interesting slant in today's news:

On November 10, two days after the allied campaign in Africa started, Hitler called the heads of ALL JAP MISSIONS in Europe into Berlin for a conference.

## French Fight Nazis

### AFRICAN DRIVE GETS BACKING OF RED CHIEF

Scales Tipped In Allies' Favor, Asserts Stalin

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
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By The Associated Press

MOSCOW, Nov. 14.—Joseph Stalin gave high praise today to the American and British campaign in North Africa and declared that it had created the prerequisites for a second front in Europe and shifted the political and military situation in Europe "in favor of the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition."

In his second letter to this correspondent in six weeks, the soviet leader said the operations in North Africa could have been executed only by "first rate organizers" and pledged that "the red army will fulfill its task with honor as it has been fulfilling it throughout the war."

The soviet leader said the North African campaign would result in "a certain relief in pressure" on the soviet union in the near future and provided the "prospect of the disintegration of the Italo-German coalition."

The authorized English translation of the text of Stalin's letter follows:  
"Dear Mr. Cassidy:  
"I am answering your question."  
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### Seven Perish In Vancouver Dormitory Fire

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 14 (AP)—Clark county Coroner R. E. DuFresne shortly before noon today fixed the death list of last night's Vancouver shipyard dormitory fire at seven and said the victims had been tentatively identified.

Tentatively identified as victims of the blaze were:  
Mrs. Agnes Johnson, New York regness, whose husband, Fred, said he left her in the building a few minutes before the fire.

Sadie Crawford, 21, Fort Jones, Calif., waitress at the dormitory dining hall, whose sister, Bertha, said they ran for a window at the end of the hall. Bertha jumped but Sadie is unaccounted for.

Raymond Conley, 18, Metropolis, Ill., one of six men who dashed simultaneously for a window. Only five made it.

DuFresne said the ashes of the 300x205 foot federal housing structure had been thoroughly combed and he thought all bodies have been found. The (Continued on Page Three)

## Eddie Rickenbacker, America's Ace Of Aces, Rescued From Raft in Sea

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Dauntless Eddie Rickenbacker has been rescued, in good condition, the navy announced today, three weeks after his airplane radioed it was about out of gasoline and then vanished in the Pacific.

Rickenbacker, America's ace of aces in the first World war and the country's proof that you can't keep a good man down, was picked from a raft bobbing in the sea by a navy Catalina flying boat along with two of his crew. They were 600 miles north of Samoa.

Three other army fliers who were with him on a survey of Pacific war zone air force operations have been located on an island. The rescue of one was announced yesterday and the seventh man of Rickenbacker's

### Home-Based RAF Rips Into Port of Genoa

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Home-based British bombers returned to the attack upon Italy's supply port of Genoa last night and started many large fires, the air ministry announced today.

Every plane returned from the hazardous, 1800-mile round trip which involves two crossings of the Alps.

"The weather over the target was good and many large fires were started," the air ministry said.

It was the second blow in a week at Genoa, Ligurian sea coast city, 750 miles from England. The RAF smashed at Genoa in successive raids Friday and Saturday of last week to cripple the warehouses and transportation facilities serving the German-Italian desert troops of Marshal Erwin Rommel.

Official Yugoslav quarters in London meanwhile quoted travel (Continued on Page Three)

### TIRELESS BRITISH CHASE ROUTED AXIS

German Reinforcement Of Tunisia Held Progressing

CAIRO, Nov. 14 (AP)—Long-range allied fighter planes shot down seven axis aircraft out of a formation of about 60 speeding from North Africa toward Sicily yesterday as the British eighth army cleared eastern Libya of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's battered army to a point 40 miles west of Tobruk, the British announced officially today.

With the words of General B. L. Montgomery—"On with the task and good hunting to you all"—ringing in their ears, the tireless troops of the British eighth army pursued the axis forces beyond Gazala. Bombers and fighters roared overhead, raking the retreating axis column.

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It's Going to Be Tough On The Coffee Hoarders

PORTLAND, Nov. 14 (AP)—Coffee hoarders were warned today that they may be subject to a fine of \$10,000 and 10 years in prison.

Rationing officials said that was the penalty for violation of this clause in the coffee rationing regulation:

"No consumer shall acquire, store, possess, or use more than one pound of coffee for personal use and no person shall transfer roasted coffee to a consumer if he knows or has reason to believe that said consumer owns or possesses more than one pound of coffee for personal use."

needed and return them to a United States naval base.

They also were located by a Catalina flying boat although there was no indication as to whether it was the same plane that saved Capt. Rickenbacker and his raft companions.

Details of the rescue were not immediately available, but the Catalina is capable of landing on the sea and already has performed many daring rescues of stranded fliers and other persons from rafts. So it was considered probable that as soon as Rickenbacker, Adamson and Bartek were sighted by this plane, the plane landed, taxied alongside their tiny raft and took them in.

This may have been the most spectacular rescue of them all, (Continued on Page Three)

### AXIS RULERS CALL JAP IN CONFERENCE

Showdown Strikes As Allies Roll Toward Tunis

By The Associated Press  
LONDON, Nov. 14.—The hour of showdown in Tunisia had struck today with British and American forces sweeping toward a German-Italian vanguard that already was under stubborn attack by the French defenders of Tunis.

As the axis outlook darkened, its European chieftains were disclosed to have called the Japanese into urgent conferences of an import as yet undisclosed.

Oriental Aid

Berlin broadcasts said the heads of all Japanese missions to Europe had been assembled in Berlin since Nov. 10—two days after the American coup in northwest Africa—and had been in session ever since studying the development both as regards Europe and east Asia.

(Such a conference at this hour when the European end of the axis had little good to report suggested strongly that Hitler might be calling his oriental ally to his aid—perhaps to open a "second front" against Russia in Siberia, or begin a diversion attack upon British India or occupied Madagascar.)

Parachutists in Tunisia

(This was directly in line with reports heard in Turkey at the outset of the new north African campaign that the nazi fuchrer had urged Tokyo to ease his position by attacking Madagascar (Continued on Page Three)

### Medford Youth Dies in Crash on Crater Highway

MEDFORD, Nov. 14 (AP)—One youth was dead today and another in a hospital with serious injuries after an automobile crashed into a concrete culvert on the Crater Lake highway two miles north of here.

The dead youth was Chester Roy Knowles, 18. Ted von Stein, 18, suffered serious injuries. Eugene Dunagan, 18, driver of the car, sustained only minor hurts.

### Jap Forces Loot Burmese Villages

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Japanese forces in Burma are looting and burning Burmese villages northwest of Akyab, but there has been no contact between forward patrols of the allied army in India and Japanese troops for 10 days, a war office communique said today.

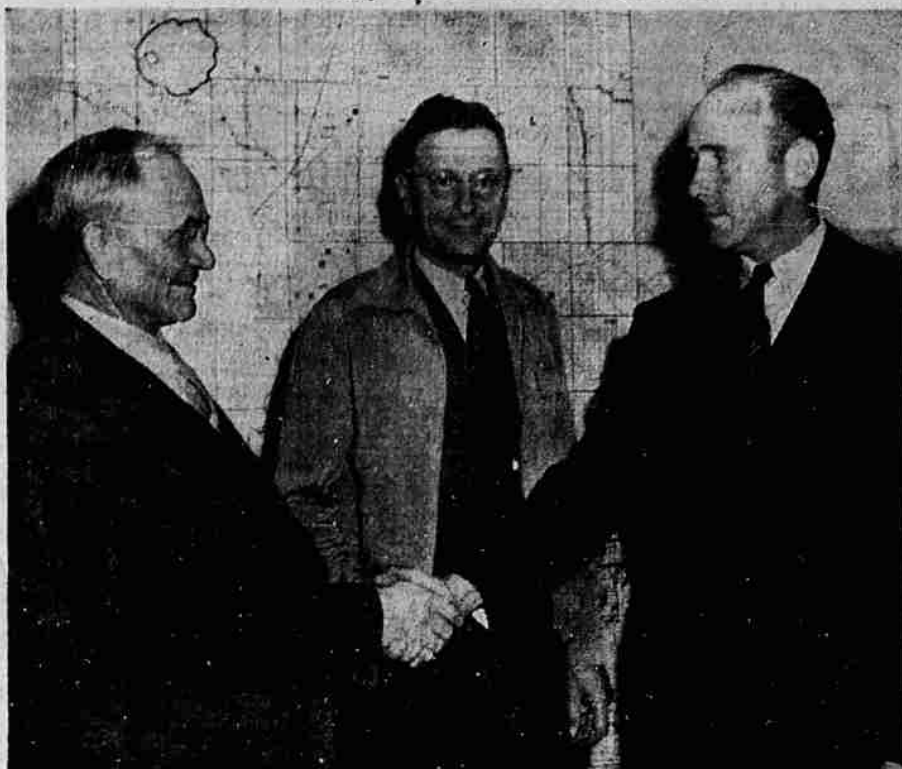
Other equipment destroyed included 24 trucks, eight guns, 19 mortars and 18 machine-guns, the communique said. The Russian counter-attacks in the Nalchik area of the Caucasus, where a German drive toward the Georgian military highway over the Caucasus mountains has been blunted, continued yesterday and several German positions were taken, the Russians declared.

### War Boutonnieres Sale To Be A Saturday Feature

War savings stamps boutonniere and corsages made their appearance in Klamath Falls stores Saturday and the sale met with excellent response, according to members of the Klamath Retail Trade bureau, sponsor group.

All stores in the city took part in the introduction of the corsages which will be sold each Saturday and continuing through the holidays.

### Klamath County Court Gets New Member



Fred L. Pope, Jr., wood river valley rancher, is shown with other members of the county court just after he was sworn in to fill out the term of Jack Benner, resigned. Left to right: Judge U. E. Reeder, Commissioner John Reber and Commissioner Pope. Pope was elected commissioner at the general election, but gets a running start on the job by virtue of Benner's resignation.

## Chinese Guerillas Save Yank Airmen Shot Down After Raid on Hongkong

By J. REILLY O'SULLIVAN  
WITH AMERICAN FORCES  
IN CHINA, Nov. 13 (AP) (Delayed).—Rescued by Chinese guerrillas, two crew members of the only U. S. bomber lost in the big daylight raid on Hongkong October 25 and a fighter pilot forced down in combat have returned to duty with the United States China air task force.

All expressed eagerness for another crack at the enemy.

The bomber officers are Lieut. Joseph Cunningham of Elkins, W. Va., bombardier, and Lieut. Nicholas Marich of Colma, Calif., the co-pilot.

Narrowly escaping capture when their disabled plane landed in a rice paddy 15 miles from the battered and blazing Kowloon area, they reached their home base Friday the 13th.

Listed as missing in action are four other crewmen of the bomber, which had shot down two Japanese fighters.

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## 2 MILLION YOUTHS SUBJECT TO DUTY

Aid Pledged In Resuming Education At War's End

By D. HAROLD OLIVER  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP)—More than 2,000,000 youths in the 18 and 19-year-old classes are subject today to military duty in the near future, but they have the promise of President Roosevelt that they will be helped in resuming their school and college careers after the war.

The chief executive, in signing the youth draft bill last night, disclosed that a committee of educators under war and navy auspices will study plans for young men to go back to their schooling after leaving the armed forces.

Training Talked

An equal opportunity, the president said in a formal statement, will be afforded other young men who desire training and other forms of education after their army or navy service.

He said he also would announce in the near future a plan (Continued on Page Three)

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## ALLIES INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES IN NEW GUINEA

Details Withheld As Sea Battle Continues

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP)—The navy reported today that a series of naval engagements was in progress in the Solomon islands area and that "both the American and Japanese forces have suffered losses."

The actions began on the night of November 12-13, (Solomon time).

A communique said that no details would be reported while the battle continues.

Series of Engagements

"To announce details of these actions while the battle is in progress would furnish the enemy with information of definite value to him," a communique said.

The communique pointedly used the term "a series of naval engagements."

Japs Admit Losses

From this it appeared that no single outstanding battle had so far developed in the fighting, but that rather a number of scattered encounters had occurred between American and Japanese forces which have been trying for three months now to win domination of the waters around the strategic southern Solomons.

(Without confirmation elsewhere, Imperial Japanese headquarters in Tokyo announced today that two Japanese destroyers had been sunk and a battleship damaged in a fierce, still-continuing battle off Guadalcanal island in which, it said, allied losses were six cruisers (Continued on Page Three)

## Grange Master Reports Secret Rubber Process

By ARTHUR E. BURGESS  
WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt told the nation's Grangers today, in a special message to their 76th national convention, that "in this war, the need for American food and other farm products is almost without limit."

"This year American farmers made a magnificent response to the demands made upon them. Those demands are increasing; so are the obstacles in meeting them."

The president's message shared convention interest with a scathing, yet promising, report on the synthetic rubber situation.

While denouncing what he charged were obstacles placed in the way of synthetic rubber development by selfish interests, E. T. Taylor, master of the Idaho state grange, reported that a new and secret miracle process had been devised.

Taylor said the process was "just about as simple as dropping (Continued on Page Three)

## Latest Football Results

EAST LANSING, Mich., Nov. 14 (AP)—Michigan State defeated Purdue 19-6 before 7500 fans here today with all the scoring coming in the second half. Dick Kleppe scored twice for state, once on a 38-yard run, and Elbert Ark passed to Bob McNeill for the third score. Bull Buffington scored Purdue's touchdown on a short plunge.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14 (AP)—Returning to Franklin field after an absence of three years, Penn-State upset Pennsylvania, 13 to 7, today before a crowd of 50,000.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 14 (AP)—Pittsburgh struck through the air for a first period touchdown then held 'em to beat Nebraska 6-0 today before 7000 fans. The

Cornhuskers twice moved to the Panthers' 5-yard stripe in the second half but couldn't produce a score.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 14 (AP)—Colgate's Red Raiders struck paydirt with second and fourth period touchdowns for a 14-0 triumph over Syracuse, in the 44th renewal of their rivalry before 25,000 fans in Archbold stadium today.

HIGH SCHOOL  
Medford 27, Ashland 7.

Second: St. Mary's Pre-flight 0, Washington 0.

Second: Utah State 27, Denver 7.

First: Oregon State 7, Stan-ford 7.

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