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Allied Drive Into Burma Might Be Indicated

Zero Hour May Be Close at Hand

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Great Britain has sent a powerful battle squadron into the Indian Ocean, it was disclosed today, amid increasing signs that the zero hour may be near for an Allied offensive against Japanese-occupied Burma.

Reporter Tells Of Nine Days At Red Front

Stowe's Story
The following is the first of 22 exclusive dispatches based on nine days which Leland Stowe has just spent with the Red Army on the Russian front, traveling back and forth along the front and living with Russian advanced units in various sectors.

WITH THE RED ARMY ON THE RZHEV FRONT.—At last I have seen and lived with the Red Army. I have seen the front in several sectors and have the feel of these Russian soldiers and officers who have amazed the world. I really know in personal terms how the Russian people at the front, along the front and in recaptured villages inside the combat areas, are fighting this war.

In the past nine days, Russia's troops and Russia's battle have become a vivid reality. We rode long and hard and bounced high and interminably to get to this Rzev front. Those who rode and bounced with me were Ilya Ehrenburg, who is the Soviet Union's most famous war correspondent, and Captain Emma, who was returning from leave in Moscow to rejoin her outfit. There will be more later about Captain Emma.

Mrs. Roosevelt Flies To England

LONDON.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late President King and Queen, arrived in Britain today accompanied by Mrs. Oresta Coghlin Hobby, director of the WAACS.

'Non-Interventionist' Nye Takes New Role--He Speaks For England

WASHINGTON.—Senator Charles McNary, Republican, took Wendell Willkie and Henry Ford to task in the Senate today for "harshly criticizing, severely prodding, humiliate and humiliate" the British.

Initiative Taken by Volga City Defenders

Nazis Preparing For Winter

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW.—(AP)—Soviet Russia announced today the capture of an important tactical position northwest of Stalingrad and the Germans, although using 22 divisions, totaling about 250,000 men in the siege, were reported thrown on the defensive in a number of blocks within the city by Red Army counter attacks.

With the strike of Stalingrad in its 60th day, Red Star estimated the conquest of a major position to have been achieved. However it is in that area that the Russians have been conducting a series of large-scale trench raids.

F. R. Says He's For Bennett

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today informed John J. F. Kennedy, secretary of the National Democratic Party, that he meant what he said when he endorsed Bennett for Governor of New York.

Weather

Today's Temp.: H. 74; L. 60
Sunrise Today 7:27
Sunset Tomorrow 7:27
Additional H. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 6

Jap War Fleet Put Off Schedule

Steady Allied Air Attacks Hammer Enemy in Solomons

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Persistent Allied air bombardment of a large Japanese war fleet in the southwestern Pacific appeared today to have thrown a long expected Japanese invasion thrust off schedule while giving Americans valuable time to bolster their forces in the Solomons.

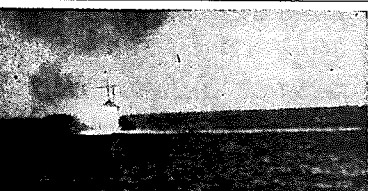
Renovating in the northern Solomons islands about ten days ago, the enemy warships and transports have been the target for an almost constant rain of Allied aerial bombs as they sought the zero hour to surge toward the prized American-held airbase on Guadalcanal Island.

Alter Tank, Plane Plans

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Guide to Good Reading

SUNDAY ON THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER
Great shells, screaming across the channel from Normandy, France, punctuating the Sabbath calm of Dover, led to halt church services.



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NEW FIGURES SECRET

What the new total production figures will be were regarded by Mr. Roosevelt as a military secret. He said that constant changes in the war production program were being dictated by actual experience in combat areas.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF ON THE SPLENDID WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN THIS GREAT EMERGENCY FOR SCRAP METAL. PLEASE EXTEND OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL THE READERS OF THE CHARLOTTE NEWS FOR THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE THEY HAVE RENDERED. THE BOSS AWAY FROM HOME WILL BE PROUD OF THIS RECORD.

Genoa and Turin Feel Weight of Air Blows

British Fly Far From Homeland

By WES GALLAGHER
LONDON.—(AP)—The mighty bomber arm of the RAF reached across the Alps last night to strike the Italian homeland its heaviest air blow of the war, hitting Genoa, with such a weight of explosives that even Rome conceded "great damage."

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Queen of the Flat-Tops

One of the most dramatic stories to come out of the Pacific Front, Dec. 7 is the story of the Aircraft Carrier Lexington. A newspaperman Stanley Johnson gives an eyewitness picture in a new book, reviewed today in "The Morning News."

There's Change in the Solomons

It is news in the Solomons, all of them, are in grave danger of being captured and sent to the hands of the Japanese. Today the Japanese page's Paul Hanson tells us that the Japanese fleet has been driven to the sea. It's a momentary victory, but it's a victory unless a miracle happens unless a miracle happens.