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### Think Americans Extending Holds

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia — (AP) — General Douglas MacArthur's airmen maintained ceaseless vigil over the waters north of the

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill of Britain has concluded a four-day trip to Moscow in which he and Joseph Stalin reached secret decisions in conjunction with United States generals and statesmen on stopping and defeating the Germans, it was disclosed officially today.

American pilots flew the Prime Minister and his Anglo-American party of twenty back to Moscow in three big Consolidated Liberators.

The conferences were about, replied:

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### Russians Fall Back From Ruins of Maikop Oil Fields in Caucasus

MOSCOW — (AP) — The German offensive in the Don Bend flared to full three today in a powerful new drive toward Stalingrad while in the Caucasus the Russians fell back from the ruins of the Maikop oil fields toward their next petroleum producing area at Grozny.




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| <p>19-44 bombers. They arrived on the afternoon of Aug. 12 and departed yesterday morning.</p>  | <p>and in the streets should know the answer to that?"</p>   |
| <p>Communiques issued here and in London this afternoon, following Churchill's departure from Soviet soil, stated that the conferences had resulted in no new agreement on the conduct of the war and</p> | <p>The fact that the U. S., Britain and Russia were in agreement on the urgency of establishing a second front in Europe this year was announced this Spring following</p> |

that the existing understandings between Russia, Great Britain and the United States had been replaced in an atmosphere of "cordiality and complete sincerity."

**MEANING OF TALKS**

A source close to the British Prime Minister, when asked what John G. Diefenbaker's trip to both London and Washington meant, said:

Twenty persons - including six Americans - were in the Churchill party on this first journey by a British Prime Minister to the Soviet Union.

They included General Sir

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# Light Boats Clash

# In Dover Straits

## Nazi Patrol Craft Reported Sunk And 3 Others Badly Damaged

LONDON — (AP)—A light German patrol boat was sunk and three others were severely damaged in a spirited

## Ship Losses

# Up to 427

## American Merchant Vessel Sunk

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sinking of a United States merchant vessel off the coast of

... were considered  
"five or six enemy R-boats," the  
communiqué said.

The British set one afire and  
saw it sink. The German command-  
ing officer was killed and  
fifteen German sailors were picked  
up by the British.

Another enemy boat was ram-  
med and so seriously damaged it

The ship was struck by one torpedo late in July while several hundred miles from land and sank within three minutes. Eleven men

One of the crew members, born in Germany, said that when the submarine surfaced its men spoke with a Hamburg accent. Two of the injured merchant ship's crew were taken to the hospital.

## First Victory Over Japs


nable to assume" that the U. S. Marines have achieved their major initial objectives.

"This has apparently been done by sealing control of Tulagi Harbor and of the big air base on Guadalcanal Island by the Japanese when it was taken," he said.

When American and Australian fighting planes are able to operate from that field in substantial numbers the Japanese have lost all chance of driving the Allies from the island, he asserted.

"That stage may be very

Scattered thunderstorms this afternoon: cooler early tonight.



Today's Temp.: H. 82; L. 71  
Sunset Today: 8:09  
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:45  
Additional V. & Weather Bureau



**STALIN**

### Charges of Higgins Investigated

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Investigation into the charges of Higgins Industries Inc., New Orleans shipbuilder, of a "black market" in

was been diverted from the war program, and all of the deliveries identified by Higgins were made pursuant to high-rated defense orders."

**OTHER VIOLATIONS POSSIBLE**

The inquiry did indicate, however, that some steel warehouses

Besides the possible quota violations by warehouses, further in-

CAIRO—(AP)—The star-in-a-circle of the United States Army Air Force is almost ready to put its own fighter show in North Africa's skies.

The fruits of air battle, sweet and bitter, were shared by the Americans and their British and South African mates in camps hatched together for the final

**General Who Led Raid On Japan Is Abroad**

LONDON — (AP) — The presence here of Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the United States

This was his second special war-time mission to Britain. He came here in 1941, before the United States entered the war, as a member of a mission headed by Lieut. Gen. George Brett, now Gen. Douglas MacArthur's air chief in the Southwest Pacific.

removed and "oil establishments themselves made completely unusable" was taken here to mean that typically thorough job of destruction had been performed. (The Germans claimed the capture of fallop Aug 9.)

The Red Army's most critical front seemed to be that in the non bend northwest of Stalin-

Western approaches to Stalingrad, the invaders were likewise aggressive, but their attacks were repulsed with the routing of a Rumanian regiment.

**WORSE AT VORONEZH**

The Russian position at Voronezh, on the Don some 300 miles southeast of Moscow, took a turn

**WAR MAY PUT WOMEN BACK IN DRESSES**

"Women are built with a bee-like figure that is not adapted to the wearing of pants," says Columnist Dorothy Dix in commenting upon the perversity of her sex in trying to dress like the men.

Two firsts at the enemy's expense were logged for Major Arcmont E. Wheeler of San Jose, Calif., and Capt. Glade B. Bilby of Skidmore, Md.

Wheeler fired the first shot at an Axis plane and Bilby, who flew a fighter-bomber in

A Lieutenant Whittaker of Tennessee let go several bursts at a

**Shocks Registered in Direction of Caribbean**

NEW YORK—(AP)—Fordham University reported today that its seismograph had recorded a weak

earthquake shocks yesterday, about 2,100 miles from New York City in the direction of the Caribbean.

The shocks were timed at 4:14:08 P. M. (EWT) and 4:19:14 P. M.

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## WEATHER

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She expresses the hope that one reformation to come from the war may be to get women out of slacks and into dresses. Her column's on page 6.

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**THERE'S AN OVERFLOW  
OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**

There are, says Dorothy Thompson, 20,000 public relations men attached to the Government pay roll in one branch or another, with more being added all the time. "It can't go on like this," she wails. "It really can't." Her column is on the editorial page.

**BETTER WATCH THAT  
BICYCLE RIDING**

This being our day to call your attention to the writings of our Dorothy, your attention is invited to "I Believe Everything" (page 18) in which Dorothy Kline offers free, some new advice to non-racing women and gentlemen about bicycle-riding.