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## MARINES ENTRENCHED IN SOLOMONS War Fever Spreads In Brazil After Five Ships Sunk REDS IN STRONG COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

### Stalingrad's Defenders In Heavy Attack

Important Line Before Volga City Re-Occupied by Russians

By EDDY GILMORE  
Associated Press War Correspondent  
MOSCOW (AP)—Red Army troops counter-attacked southwest of Stalingrad. They reported today to have thrown the Germans into retreat and reoccupied an important line even while the invaders wedged into Don Bend defenses above that area and forced two more crossings of the Kuban River in the Krasnodar sector.

Military dispatches said the Russian forces generally improved their positions in the area above Kotelnikovo, where a German task force has been striking up the Stalingrad-Kotelnikovo rail line toward the Volga.

The counter-attack appeared the strongest Marshal Semenov Timoshenko's men had undertaken since the invaders regained the lower reaches of the Don.

Several invasion firing points were destroyed.

While shock troops occupied a defense section which had been hurriedly erected by the Germans and their Rumanian allies, other Red Army forces strengthened their positions guarding the lower Volga and Stalingrad.

Invests said Russian infantry, artillery and tanks "filled their order to halt the enemy by all means possible."

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### Flags Torn From Offices Of Pro-Axis Newspapers

Move To Attack German Hospital

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Street demonstrations spread war fever in Rio De Janeiro today as resentment rose over Axis submarine sinking of five Brazilian ships in the past three days.

The Brazilian steamers Bage and Curuba, due to take Axis diplomats to Europe were held destroyed.

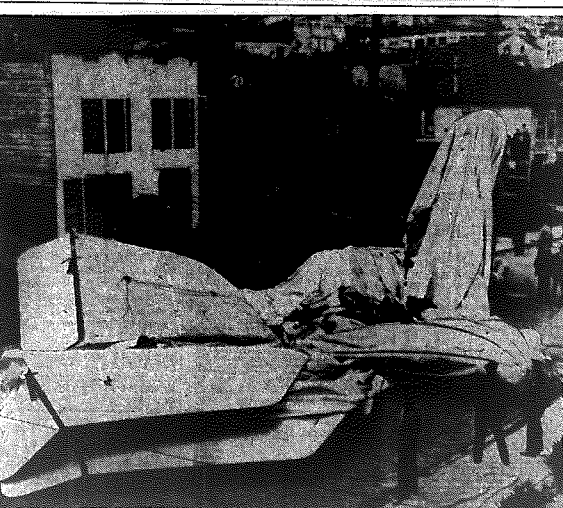
Just before noon a crowd tore Brazilian flags from the offices of two pro-Axis newspapers and marched to the Foreign Ministry, where a spokesman for the demonstrators declared:

"This demonstration is to show the Brazilian Government that people will follow the Government anywhere."

A functionary of the Foreign Ministry accepted the flags, and then the demonstrators, estimated at number 2,000, observed one minute's silence "in memory of all who have died throughout the world in the struggle against aggressors."

Special police prevented demonstrators from moving to attack a German hospital.

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PATROL BLIMP LANDS IN CITY STREET — This Navy patrol blimp is shown sprawled in the street of a San Francisco suburb after it drifted across housetops and crashed without its crew. The craft had been on routine submarine patrol and carried two officers as crewmen. Two lifebells were missing and the Navy launched an intensive search of the waters off San Francisco. It drifted in with motors off and showed tears in its sides before being further damaged in landing.

### Victory Won In First Round By Americans

Navy Gives Official Story of Solomon Islands Struggle

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia—(AP)—United States Marines have won solid footholds in the Solomon Islands, the first step to victory in the first Allied offensive in the Pacific, while Allied airmen comb the southern seas to blast the Japanese in their ships and harbors wherever they may be trying to go to the rescue.

That was the broad picture today over thousands of square miles of the South Pacific where the fighting forces of the United Nations have begun to roll back the enemy in a campaign of growing magnitude.

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2. Japanese naval forces close to the action with the Allied fleet on only one night, Aug. 8-9, and backed off "before reaching the vessels engaged in the landing operations."

3. Enemy air attempts on the first two days of the landings inflicted only "minor damage" on the American troops.

The communique mentioned damage to both sides in the naval encounter but it kept the guessing, of course, both what the United States lost and what the Japanese knows of Japanese cost in trying to defend the Solomon shores.

36 PLANES DESTROYED

His only figure was at least 36 Japanese planes destroyed, fifteen of them seaplanes demolished before they could get into action and fully as many more land planes knocked out in the vain attempt to stem the Marines' rush ashore from the transports.

"The Navy previously had announced that one United States transport sunk and two destroyers, two destroyers and one transport were damaged. The new information that the close-range sea battle lasted but one night and ended in the enemy fleet's failure to reach its quarry, however, evidently exposed as false the Tokyo claims of some 40 United States planes on page 2.

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### Early Winter May Come In Europe

Premature Freezing Would Be of Substantial Aid to Russians

BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—Signs of an unusually early winter have been reported from central and northern Europe, giving rise to widespread concern over the continent's inadequate fuel supplies.

An early winter, it was pointed out, also would have a direct bearing on military campaigns. Along northern sectors of the east front early freezing would be a substantial aid to the Russians, accustomed to wintry conditions.

Military observers stressed the fact that certain Russian Arctic ports remain free of ice, while harbors in the German-controlled Baltic freeze.

Newspapers, reaching here brought reports of early frosts in villages of northern Sweden in the region of that country's potato plants were shipped by boat and the growth of grain was retarded. In the Baltic, the port of Jantland, a Swedish port, had frozen, extensive damage was done to crops by snow.

LEAVES FALL

Stocks of their southern migration from Germany have already reached Marseille in large numbers, other dispatches stated.

See EARLY WINTER on page 2.

### Americans Raid Tobruk

Medium U.S. Bombers Attack Middle

CAIRO—(AP)—Middle East Headquarters of the United States Army Air Forces announced today another series of successful operations by heavy bombers against Tobruk and in the Mediterranean.

Aug. 14 and 15 and declared that the first American medium bomber had gone into action with a raid on Tobruk.

The heavy bombers set fire to harbor installations and a wreck which was being used to moor torpedo-boats there.

All our airplanes returned safely, from all missions, the American announcement said.

The raid disclosed that shore the first attack by German.

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### Life Inside A Japanese Prison Camp

The News publishes today the second in a series of articles by Benjamin Proulx, a former prisoner as a prisoner of the Japanese in Hong Kong and his subsequent escape. A native of Ottawa, Canada, Proulx had lived in the British for 21 years and was a prominent Hong Kong business man when the war started.

By BENJAMIN PROULX  
(As Told To Carl B. Wall)

Because they are little men and average only about five feet, five or five feet six inches in height, the Japanese use a smaller gun and a smaller bayonet than the Americans or the Australians or the Canadians.

But this does not make any difference. The Japanese are strong little men and they like to use the bayonet and a little bayonet can hurt you just as much as a big one.

LIKE TO USE BAYONET

You learn this particularly after you have been captured by the Japanese. The Japanese like to jab you with a bayonet. They use it with little forthrightness as an enthusiastic conversationalist when he is jabbing you in the chest with his forefinger.

### See Multi-Front Allied Campaign

Action Expected in Wake of Moscow Conferences

LONDON—(AP)—Britons expressed belief today that the Churchill-Stalin talks last week indicated a new phase of the war which would swing the United Nations into a multi-front offensive that could end only in Germany's utter defeat.

Prime Minister Churchill, flew to and from Moscow with British and United States officers in three four-motored American bombers, himself messaged Premier Stalin "I am certain that our contact will play a useful part in furthering our cause."

A Pravda dispatch broadcast by the Moscow radio said the result of the conversations, which W. Averell Harrison attended as the representative of President Roosevelt, was a "great political defeat for Hitlerite Germany."

Official announcements said the decisions covered the "war against Hitlerite Germany and her associates in Europe—a phrase specifically omitting Japan.

Secrecy veiled the details, but the tabloid Daily Sketch said "the

### U. S. Air Offensive On All-American Raid Made on French City

BY WES GALLAGHER  
AP Foreign Correspondent

AN AMERICAN BOMBER STATION IN BRITAIN—(AP)—A growing American bombing offensive to smash at Nazi strongholds in Germany and occupied Europe in coordination with the RAF until the war is won was under way today after a highly successful, all-American bombing attack on the German-held railway yards at Rouen, France.

Twelve Flying Fortresses, with Big-Gen. Ira C. Eaker in one of the leading planes, flew yesterday through all the anti-aircraft fire the Germans offered, mastered the best of Germany's fighter planes and left their target under a great pall of smoke and sand.

Six other Flying Fortresses executed disorderly attacks on Dunkerque and Cherbourg.

All eighteen of the giant bombers returned safely to their bases.

They were escorted to their targets by RAF Canadian and United States fighters and two of

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### Sea Battles Brewing

Naval Developments Attract Attention

MELBOURNE—(AP)—Big sea battles still brewing in bitterly contested waters of the Solomon Islands, the American navy is warning, the turning point in the fight for the barrier bases north of Australia, a special correspondent of the Melbourne Herald reported today from the South Pacific port.

He said that although Allied Headquarters in the South Pacific was having no statistics about the progress of the Solomon operations, it was clear that naval developments in the islands are attracting the greatest attention.

Latest reports of fighting there, he continued, emphasize the cardinal truth underlying the whole future operation: that since the Americans now apparently have established satisfactory footholds in the islands, victory must go even if the Japanese manage to capture the sea lanes.

ALLIED PROBLEM

The Allies, he said, cannot win the islands as long as Japan can fire in both directions, they maintain their hold there unless they can keep the maritime supply lanes open.

His conclusion was that the Marines were likely to develop rather than simply in magnitude once the Solomons were in Allied hands.

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### Good to Good Reading

CLAPPER & HERLOCK LAY DOWN BARREAGE

On the editorial page Premier-Columnist Raymond Clapper and Premier-Columnist Herlock lay down a bar to fire both barrels at the Washington officials who are firing the real lives of the Solomons were in Allied hands.

Other big changes in my way of living are in the making as the pattern-making in Wackerly's comes to a close. I am ready to fire both barrels at the Washington officials who are firing the real lives of the Solomons were in Allied hands.

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Artist's conception of life in a Jap prison camp.

### WEATHER

Little change in temperature, with showers and thunderstorms this afternoon.

Today's Temp.: H., 80; L., 71  
Sunset Today ..... 8:08  
Sunrise Tomorrow ..... 6:16

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 8.

Note to Readers

Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy countries are published by The News with the caution that they frequently contain false statements intended for propaganda purposes. This should be taken into consideration when reading the stories credited to Axis sources.

### Bulletin

Alexander Middle East Commander

LONDON—(AP)—General Harold Alexander, former commander in Burma, was named British commander in chief in the Middle East tonight.

He succeeds General Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck.

The British War Office announced when the Allied commander was relieved of Alexandria under the gates of Libya almost to the rescue of Alexandria.

### DOROTHY KNOX MEETS THE ALLIAY FAMILIES

Columnist Knox, one of our veteran war reporters, has just published a new book about the Allies in Burma in which she is a special correspondent. The book is a masterpiece of reporting and is a must for all who are interested in the war.

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