

REINFORCED GERMAN NEW JAR TO GET SOLOMONS SEEN

Charlotte And The Negro Question

No Southern newspaper raises the old disturbing question of race relations except it feels that it has to. Nor do respectable white Southerners. Over the last few months, however, the race question has become raised to a new level of importance...

By Tim Pridgen Charlotte News Staff-Writer THE assignment to go among the Negroes and ask them questions and bear them talk seemed simple enough for I had been asking and answering questions with Negroes all my life. But pretty soon the fact began to emerge that the old established boundary marks of mutual understanding weren't there any more and we were attempting to speak on a new basis which I think neither of us understood...

In order to do this it is necessary to clear out some underbrush. White prejudice and Negro prejudice is going to help, and both races, if they wish to live amicably—must make up their minds to give up something more than these unpleasant incidents which they bear here and there. Back of all the incidents is a changing basis of race relationship. The Negroes want certain privileges. Some of them they will get, some they will not, and the issue can be approached reasonably only when the whole picture is seen.

MANY UNFOUNDED REPORTS There was the report, told by Mrs. Soandso to Mrs. Soandso, based on what a Negro cook had said, that the town was full of Eleanor Clubs. These clubs, as you have heard, led to believe, were a sort of servants' union, bearing Mrs. Roosevelt's acquiescence if not endorsement, for the purpose of making domestic demands upon employers of servants. I found Negro leaders in Charlotte as much confused by these reports as white people were. I sat at one's desk while he called a list of servants of his acquaintance, seeking any information which might lead to an Eleanor Club. He couldn't find a bit.

The nearest approach to an Eleanor Club came from a remark made by a house servant, who told her mistress that she had heard that "all the white women are going to be in their own kitchens by Christ-mas." That, run down, seems to have come from a group of agitated cooks on a bus, who spoke their minds about work and pay. But there was no organization. There is a continuing agitation among them to form a union and call a strike, but that is not new. White men have repudiated the idea of an Eleanor Club, declaring it unfair to Mrs. Roosevelt and to the Negro race.

Talk of these clubs appeared in Negro newspapers, but not one was definitely established. The discussion flared high when Mrs. Roosevelt came to Salisbury for her now famous speech to the Negroes. Other reports flared up, one being that Mrs. Roosevelt became quite miffed when she was informed as to the hospitality a group of Negro women in the First Lady's entourage. The Negroes investigated and found the whole report completely false. THE NEGROES AND HITLER There was the classic report that Negroes gleefully promise themselves and sometimes loan to white people...

First Lady Reports FBI Inquiry Fails To Disclose Any 'Eleanor Club' Organization

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt reported today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had failed to find any "Eleanor Clubs" reportedly being organized among Negro servants and being named for the First Lady. Mrs. Roosevelt told her press conference that reports were that such organizations were being organized in Mississippi, North Carolina, Alabama and Florida, but that the FBI said its inquiry had been negative in producing any such evidence. The President's wife said she had received many letters—even telephone calls—telling her of such so-called clubs, but that so far, when asked to give the official name of a club member of the meeting place of such a club, had been able to do so.

Knox Looks For Major Campaign To Oust Marines

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox declared today it was a safe and sound assumption that the Japanese would make major new attempts to reconquer the Solomon Islands. Knox was asked at a press conference about repeated reports that the Japanese would throw heavy naval and air forces into new efforts to drive the Marines out of the islands.

Saying that predictions of such action constituted a safe and sound assumption, Knox declared that "we operate on that basis." He added: "To do otherwise would be foolish over-confidence." The Secretary had just returned from the American Legion convention in Kansas City. He declared he was "tremendously inspired and gratified over the action they took there."

27 Japanese Bombers In New Guinea Raid

GENERAL ALEXANDER HEADQUARTERS, Australia, (AP)—In their first attack of any strength on Allied positions in New Guinea in two weeks, 27 Japanese bombers, escorted by ten fighter planes, dropped bombs in scrub brush areas at Bulua, on Port Moresby yesterday, but caused neither damage nor casualties, a communique said today. The jungle battleground where Allied troops have stalled the Japanese drive on Port Moresby is about 22 miles northeast of that Allied base, on the southern side of Owen Stanley Range, but a spokesman said the attack had no direct bearing on the fighting there at this situation was unchanged.

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WAAC OFFICERS MEET RUSSIAN WOMAN-SOLDIER—Attending the Army All-Stars-Chicago Bears football game, two WAAC officers meet the Russian woman-soldier who carried off sniping honors by killing 309 German soldiers. Left to right: Lieut. Alice Gordon, Junior Lieut. Liudmila Pavlisenko, USSR, and Lieut. Elizabeth Paine. (Signal Corps photo).

U. S. Ships Lost In Mediterranean Torpedo Boat Gets One Merchant Vessel—Second Scuttled

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Fear Nazi Naval Force Might Break Out of the Baltic

LONDON—(AP)—The threat of a big German naval force breaking out of the Baltic to combine with powerful North Sea units already a menace to Allied convoys was given by British observers today as the likely reason for recent intensification of British mine-laying by Nazi home waters. Even when bad weather kept all other RAF forces at home last night, six mine-sweeping planes were at work over the German north coast. The Germans said the British were in the Schleswig-Holstein area—where they might have been mining the seaways off the Nazi submarine base of Flensburg or the great Kiel naval station itself.

Planes Reported Over Bulgaria

BERLIN (From German broadcast)—(AP)—The German press reported today that heavy bombers were flying into Bulgaria from the east bank of the Danube. Military leaders in Moscow expressed belief that heavy bombers were flying into Bulgaria from the east bank of the Danube. Iovleva stressed a report that German commanders had moved more troops to the Stalingrad area, but made no mention of the Russians' prized big guns. The report did not say that bombers were being used to overwhelm the garrison. Dispatches reportedly said the Red Army was mounting a deadly mortar fire upon the invaders on the city's approaches, but made no mention of the Russians' prized big guns.

Russians Reel But Lash Back & Gain Ground

Stalingrad Defenders Hold On Before Mighty Nazi Drive

By EDDY GILMORE Associated Press War Correspondent MOSCOW (AP)—Battling on bayonet-point in the narrow streets and rubble-strewn squares the defenders of Stalingrad held the Germans at bay today for the fifth consecutive day, reeling before steadily reinforced onslaughts but surging back again and again and sometimes gaining ground. Bombs and shells had leveled much of the factory city on the Volga to a battlefield with every yard contested. Red Star renorted street fighting of ever greater intensity and declared that in some cases Germans held one story of a building while the Russians fought back from another. It was a battle with bayonets and submats amid heaps of dead.

Nazis Admit Difficulties

Say Stalingrad's Fall Has Been "Delayed" BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—A German newspaper, the Frankfurter Zeitung, asserted today that "the fall of Stalingrad and therewith the final, and accordingly higher, German losses were expected." This admission, following a German announcement last week that the final to the battle was near, was coupled with the implication of exceedingly high German losses.

Good Reading

HITLER'S IN NO SHAPE FOR A SECOND FRONT Columnist says that the editorial page, digging into official figures, shows today that Hitler has severely used up the cream of his manpower and material in Russia and that he is unable to launch a second front. Malton says, as on the whole Eastern line, and the Nazi air forces are down to 1,500 planes. And when another big front is opened, it will be a deadly one. The German might is mostly of the past tense.

ARE SHIPWRECK PLAYOFFS FAIR?

Columnist John Lardner thinks that the shipwreck playoff as used by the minor baseball leagues is pure silliness and that rather emphatically on the sports page today. Just to prove his point he says that that it be used to decide boxing titles. It is a nice order of scrambled eggs, he says.

ITALY'S ANXIETY TIED OF THIS AXIS BUSINESS

It's been many a day since Mussolini and Hitler put up or since the last time Italy has been talking her way to the bank. But now she may be near Rome again, because Neighbor Steve Loyal is quite capable of doing it. He's a writer for the Italian edition on page 2.

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