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U. S. ARMY TROOPS ENTER SOLOMONS FIGHT; MOST JAP FLEET THREE TENS

Red Lines Stable in Battle of Stalingrad

Small Thrusts of Nazis Repelled

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW (AP)—The battle of Stalingrad deadlocked today in comparatively small scale actions with every probing thrust by German tanks and infantry reported repulsed.

Red Army lines remained stable in the earlier Stalingrad offensive. The Germans buried additional men on the approaches to a workers' settlement in Stalingrad's northeastern suburbs. The fall of assaults which failed to reach the factories forming the backbone of the defense.

Although the invaders are employing smaller forces than they employed in the earlier Stalingrad offensive, the Army newspaper Red Star said they had concentrated a considerable group of infantry units in an effort to occupy the northern quarter.

THE ENTS RIPPED The main communist said attacks by Nazi armored and infantry forces were turned back and German armor was wiped out in parts of two German battalions.

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A Stockholm dispatch to the Express said Col. Friedrich Heider, chief of the German General Staff, was reported to have said that the German offensive had been stopped and that the German army was in a position to launch a counter-offensive.

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WILLKIE COMES HOME FROM TOUR OF BATTLE FRONTS—Back in the United States after a six-week globe-circling tour of battle fronts, Wendell Willkie (left) waves to the crowd upon his arrival at Minneapolis, Minn., in an Army plane. He flew home from China via Alaska and Edmonton, Alberta, and stopped at Minneapolis over-night en route to Washington. Flashing a smile, he said "I feel wonderful. I've had a great trip. At the right are two pictures of the Willkie party brought along, showing him during his visit in China. Top: He calls on China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and Madam Chiang Kai-Shek in Chungking. Bottom: Willkie chats with Chinese soldiers on a visit to one of the battlefront areas.



Reds Would 'Get' Hess

Want to Punish Men For Axis Crimes

MOSCOW.—The Russian Government, outlining Premier Stalin's view on punishment of Axis war leaders, proposed today that a special tribunal undertake a trial to punish "any one of the leaders of fascist Germany who, in the course of the war, has fallen into the hands of States fighting against Hitlerite Germany."

While Rudolph Hess was not mentioned specifically in this passage of the Russian announcement, it is deemed to be the most important if not the only captive Axis official falling in the category of prisoners against whom immediate action was sought by Russia.

Hess, former deputy Fuehrer, has been a British prisoner since May 10, 1941, when he parachuted to Britain. In Scotland, hearing both Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill later said was an overture to British peace with Germany and join the Reich in war on Russia. The German attack on Russia started June 22, 1941.

Hess has long been known as a bitter opponent of Communism. A Russian proposal stated that a British Foreign Office commentator said that "Hess, of course, is regarded as one of the most important of Axis war leaders."

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Draft Needs Big Number This Year

Hershey Says 1,100,000 Will Have To Be Called by Jan. 1

WASHINGTON.—One million one hundred thousand more men will have to be drafted this year, according to a report today by Gen. J. Edgar Hershey, director of Selective Service, in support of legislation to draft eighteen- and nineteen-year-olds.

The rapid pace of hearings by both the House and Senate Military Committees, indicated they might be finished tonight. Congressional quotas already have been made and are being filled by local boards.

Even if the draft age is lowered quickly, Hershey explained, this hardly would affect the draft of married men before December, since November quotas already have been made and are being filled by local boards.

Beginning with the December quotas, he said, "the great majority" of inductees in the following three or four months would be those in the first year thereafter. Selective Service again would face the necessity of...

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Nazis Think British Will Make Attack In Normandy

Report Series of Commando Raids

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts).—(AP)—DNB reported today a series of Commando raids along the coast of France last month that it said can be deduced from a British Commando report to give way to the Soviet demand for a second front and to make Normandy the scene of such an attack.

In early September, Commando units in a large scale were carried out by the British, it said, adding that they were in preparation for "a British landing on the coast of Normandy."

ISLE POST ATTACKED One night during the month, a news agency said, the German post on a small rocky island in the Casquets group west of Alderney was attacked.

(This position is in the channel northeast of the Channel Islands and west of the peninsula on which the French port of Cherbourg is situated.)

On Sept. 7, it said, the British attempted to approach the coast of the Cotentin Peninsula off Anzioville. Coastal defenses were stated to have inflicted on the boats.

Further such attempts were observed on other points off the coast of Normandy during the same period, it said.

The last commando raid on German positions in France itself was announced was the Aug. 19 attack on Dieppe.

However, after the Germans had declared a small-scale raid on the channel island of Sark, the British announced that a party of 500 officers and men, led by Gen. Lord Gort, had been on the island since Oct. 2. The raid was one of many such operations which frequently were carried out but not ordinarily announced.

The Germans charged the British with the Sark raid with being German prisoners, precipitating the current shackling controversy in which the Germans have released more than 1,576 British prisoners and the British and Canadians released 1,000.

Two of the captured vessels were damaged severely by fire, the Admiralty said. It reported that in a separate naval clash near the channel island of Jersey, a German B-boat was blown up and a torpedo boat was damaged.

GERMANS REPORT The German High Command said one of its own vessels was "lost" in the channel fight, but claimed that a British "artillery motor torpedo boat" was sunk and five motor torpedo boats were damaged.

An important enemy supply ship was intercepted and destroyed by light naval forces in the English Channel early on Wednesday morning, the Admiralty communique said.

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Forces Mass For Decisive Island Battle

Jap Battleship Damaged as U. S. Planes Blast at Reinforcements

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor

The United States and Japan were marshaling probably their greatest land, sea and air forces of the war for a decisive battle in the Solomons Islands today as a vast enemy fleet bore down on American-held Guadalcanal Island and newly-arrived U. S. Army troops and planes were disclosed to have joined in the struggle.

A Navy bulletin indicated that Japan was sending many of her heaviest units into a huge offensive against the island and that other warships were steaming up despite heavy losses already inflicted on the invaders.

The Navy said American warplanes blasting at the Japanese sea-borne reinforcements had already damaged one enemy battleship, scored three direct hits on an enemy transport and left two others in flames.

Four other ships were damaged and 33 enemy planes shot down in a four-day period covering the preliminary phases of the latest offensive, the Navy said, and still the Japanese kept coming.

"Other enemy forces including heavy units have been sighted in the vicinity of Guadalcanal," the Navy reported tersely.

There was no indication of the size of American naval or land forces waiting to meet the onslaught, but high U. S. Navy quarters expressed confidence Tuesday that the islands could be held.

In Washington, Secretary Stimson disclosed that regular American Army troops and planes have arrived on Guadalcanal, bolstering the U. S. Marine defenders, and are now "tenaciously holding against vigorous Japanese counterattacks."

These were the first U. S. Army soldiers reported in combat since the Battle of the Philippines.

JAP RAIDERS HIT FIELD Damage to American forces and installations was disclosed to include that done by an intercepted enemy bomber raid on the airfield at Guadalcanal and also the loss of two fighter planes.

The damage done to the Guadalcanal air field, which had previously been bombed by Japanese warships, was not disclosed nor was there any exact explanation as to why American fighters in that one instance had failed to take the air to repel the attack.

A communique, following up last night's announcement that the enemy troops on the strategic island had been heavily reinforced, said that United States reinforcements had been landed on Oct. 13. Guadalcanal time, and that although the ships which took them in were attacked by enemy bombers they suffered no damage and unloading operations were accomplished successfully.

The Japanese reinforcements were made on the early morning of Oct. 13, which was yesterday by Guadalcanal time, and the transport force, today's communique noted.

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WEATHER

Little change in temperature and occasional showers. Today's Temp.: H. 78; L. 58. Sunset Today 6:48. Sunrise tomorrow 7:30. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau info will be found on page 8.

Rickenbacker Reports Air Trend In Europe Entirely In Our Favor

WASHINGTON.—Captain E. H. Rickenbacker reported today on a survey trip to the Eastern theater air fighting front "the trend is entirely in our favor." The captain, who has been in the front line since the beginning of the war, expressed his opinion that the European theater remains an air theater until Germany has secured superiority over the production capacity of the United States. "There is no question that we will win this war," he said. "The only question is how soon."

U. S. Has Largest Tire Sale And Government Is Only Purchaser

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The War Stamps, totaling from \$1.50 to \$12.50, depending upon the denomination of the stamp. The purchasing plan is connected with nation-wide gasoline rationing regulations which limit each private car to five tires. Rationing coupons, the OPA has ruled, will be issued to private cars only after the owners submit serial numbers of their tires. The maximum penalty for false certification is a \$10,000 fine and a ten-year prison term. In the past's seventeen rationing regulations, certification will be required for continuous use of coupons. In the rest of the nation, where rationing will be effective Nov. 22, registration for coupon books begins Nov. 9. Motorist may possess...

House Passes Rent Measure

WASHINGTON.—The House today passed by an oral vote and sent to the Senate a new anti-inflation measure directing the Federal Reserve Board to stabilize rents throughout the nation by controlling property and commercial property and to regulate charges by hotels and rooming houses.

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Guide to Good Reading

IT'S NOT THE KEEPING BUT THE READING. There are few more patriotic patriots, says Paul Mallon, who buy war bonds and stamps, but they do not read. In the past few months, all old copies of the Guide to Good Reading have been redeemed. That's not enough to worry the Treasury, but there are some more things to prove all Americans aren't what they should be. The story is in today's editorial page.

IF YOU WANT A SOFT LIFE DOO... THE girl who marries to the can quit her job and... who buy war bonds and stamps... in her column today... further advice... turn to Dorothy Dix... KNOW THE NEWS... IF interested in... "Know the News" is what you may determine... You'll find it on page 8.

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