

RUSSIAN SINKING CENTER-ATTACKS Willkie Finds Russians Irked Over Second Front Delay SIX DEAD, 14 TRAPPED IN TRAIN CRASH

Charlotte And The Negro Question.

Men are never so likely to settle a question rightly as when they discuss it freely.—Macaulay. By Tim Pridden Charlotte News Staff Writer Public reaction to these articles on the Charlotte Negro situation demonstrated one thing thoroughly—that the subject is a shade warmish. Even before this third and final piece is prepared for type I am able to report that you can get an argument on it from any angle, if you like to argue. Attempted in the spirit behind any other news story, that is, merely to get it and tell it, the pieces already have had read into them everything from the Communist's party line to the by-laws of the Ku Klux Klan. Inasmuch as newspaper articles can't expect to do more than state the problem and put it up to the community, perhaps these will have served a good purpose. Let's hope so, at any rate. And the subject will be up again, indubitably. At any rate, Charlotte white people and Negroes now know that things weren't as bad as they suspected, that there is no outside subversive influence of consequence working in the town. These things, I think, may be accepted as true: (1) There are no Eleanor Clubs in Charlotte—no general conspiracy of servants to tie up things and "put the white women in the kitchens by Christ-mas." (2) There is no evidence of Axis "fifth column" work among the Charlotte Negroes, and such in-

Allies And Japs Clash In Guinea

Patrol Activity Renewed In Area 35 Miles From Port Moresby GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia. (AP)—Clashes between Allied and Japanese patrols in the jungles around Ioribwina, 32 miles north of Port Moresby, were renewed yesterday as Allied fighters and bombers pressed incessant attacks on enemy bases at Buna and Kokoda, it was disclosed today.

Tell French To Be Ready

Allies Preparing For Offensive LONDON.—(AP)—Declaring that the United Nations are preparing for an offensive against Germany which will include the Balkans, the British radio appealed anew to the French people last night to co-operate by evacuating French coastal areas. In the course of our military operations," the message said, "it was necessary, and today it is more necessary than ever, to envisage the possibility of landings by British and Allied troops on French soil, and of operations by our Navy in French territorial waters and air."

Loss Of Destroyer And Auxiliary Transport In Pacific Announced

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that the United States destroyer USS Jarvis and auxiliary transport USS Little had been sunk during recent operations in the Solomon Islands. Possible loss of life on the two ships was estimated at 250 men. On WAY TO REPAIR BASE The Jarvis was en route from the Solomon Islands to a repair base when she vanished several weeks ago. She had been damaged during enemy air attacks off Guadalcanal in the Solomon. Approximately half of the personnel of the Jarvis was saved when she went down. The loss included the commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander William Walter Graham Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., of the Jarvis, and

No Signs of Life Seen In Blazing Wreckage

3-Train Collision In Maryland DICKERSON, Md.—(AP)—Six persons were known dead and 14 others injured in a three-train collision in Maryland today. The wreckage of the trains, including a Pullman car smashed and twisted early today in a collision of two passenger trains and a freight on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad main line. The known dead were identified as a flagman, four passengers in the telescoped Pullman, and one man decapitated in a baggage car. Fourteen persons were believed still within the burning Pullman nearly six hours after the wreck, and C. L. Norris, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad manager at Dickerson, said there were "no signs of life" within the wreckage.

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German Submarine Yards Attacked LONDON.—(AP)—British bombers struck a German submarine yard in the north and northwest, including submarine yards at Emsland last night, the Air Ministry announced today. This thrust accompanied a raid by the North Command aircraft on an Axis convoy of the Dutch Coast in which three medium-sized ships were destroyed. "Ten of our bombers are missing from these operations," the Air Ministry said, "and that overnight aerial activity against Britain was confined to flights by three Junkers. One was reported destroyed before it crossed the coast. Some explosive-type incendiary bombs were dropped on a town in northeast England and one or two fires started, but authorities said these were dealt with quickly and the damage was slight. The last time the RAF was reported to have used this type of bombs, which Wilhelmshaven was blasted.

Notes To Readers

Reference from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other foreign 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. The next of kind of those lost have been notified. The Jarvis is according to Jane's standard reference work on fighting ships, had a normal complement of 122 officers and men. The 1,500-ton vessel was a modern ship, having been launched in May, 1937, and commissioned later that same year. She was built at the Puget Sound, Wash., Navy yard. The Little, a converted former World War destroyer of 1909 tonnage, had a complement of 150 and 200 men on board. Since half this total personnel was saved the ship's complement would have been between 75 and 100 men. The United States, on the basis of the Jarvis' published reports, now has had five ships sunk and five damaged in the Solomon Islands area. Approximately half of the personnel of the Jarvis was saved.

Reds Dissatisfied Because Allies Have Not Moved

Foreign Individuals Getting Cooler Treatment From Soviets MOSCOW.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie said today he would take back to Washington from Soviet Russia a story of growing disappointment and dissatisfaction over the failure of the United States, and Britain to establish a second front. "I feel it and you must," said Willkie. To date Willkie has talked to the highest officials of the Government and to workers in factories. They all expressed appreciation for aid from the United States and Britain, but Willkie said it was apparent that what they really want is a second front. "One's one is created, they are going to feel terribly let down, he asserted. It was assumed here that Willkie See FINDS RUSSIANS on page 11.

Fears 'Collision' Of Congress & FR

High Court Might Have To Settle Issue, Brown Says in Inflation Talk WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, told the Senate today he feared Congress and the President were heading for a "collision" that, "God forbid," might have to be settled by the Supreme Court.

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Expects Postal Employees To Get 15 Per Cent Raise

BOSTON.—(AP)—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker said today that he believed postal employees would get a 15 per cent pay raise as proposed in a bill now before Congress, and that women will be used as mail carriers in some cities. Walker said approximately 40,000 mail carriers already had been called to the colors, and that women mail carriers would be used to take their place in some instances as was the case in the last war.

Mr. MacKenzie's Analysis: History May Say Hitler Threw Away His Chance At Stalingrad

By DEWITT MACKENZIE, "The World Military Analyst" That quarrel between Herr Hitler and the commander-in-chief of his non-offensive offensive against the Caucasus, Field Marshal Fedor Von Bock, may prove literally to be the decisive battle of the war. The basic strategy of the vital Caucasus campaign is said to be involved in the historical argument which is reported to have resulted in Von Bock being relieved of his duties at this point in issue described as this. Von Bock, who ranks as one of the outstanding generals of our time, wanted to concentrate on the Caucasus and not attack Stalingrad at the same time. He maintained that an assault against that great industrial city on the Volga would be too costly in casualties. It seems that the cold-blooded Von Bock ever gave a damn about the lives of his men or for their own safety, but because he hadly needed this fresh young manpower for his main show. VON BOCK STRUCK. It seems that the Nazi all high-est, who boasts that he works by intuition, insisted on the stage of



Mr. Willkie... Russians want a second front.

Warns U.S. 'Losing War'

Asst. War Secretary Doesn't Mince Words NEW YORK.—(AP)—Ralph A. Bard, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, said today the Nation should come to grips with the reality of its dangers by understanding that "we are losing the war" instead of "whistling in a graveyard to keep from facing reality." DIFFERENT TALK Bard told a meeting of shipbuilding workers that the warning that America could lose the war had often been made, but "we think of this as pure rhetoric, part of the old pep talk." "How about, for a change, just saying that we are losing a war," he added, "and realizing that we damn well mean it?" Bard emphasized the same point again at the conclusion of his prepared talk when, after reviewing what he considered to be the weaknesses of America's prosecution of the war, he declared that "at this point in the speech I should shift gears and wind up."

Reds 'Walk On Water' To Trick Italians

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Russian intelligence in the use of concealed bridges for retreat and counterattacks in the Battle of the Don Bend draws plaudits from Il Giornale D'Italia of Rome. "The Soviet trick was the newspaper in a dispatch broadcast today by the Berlin radio, "It seems that the Italian infantrymen escaped by striding across one of the spans.

Volga Boats' Fire Helps To Slaughter Foes

Group of Fortified Positions Taken From German Invaders By EDDY GILMORE, Associated Press War Correspondent MOSCOW. (AP)—Red Army men of Stalingrad have torn a group of fortified positions from the German grip, recaptured a settlement northwest of the city and slain more than 7,200 invaders in a dramatic resurgence of both defensive and offensive power, the Russians said today. Communications of the day implied that there was not a single new breach in Russian lines within the streets of the embattled Volga River city. The Germans were reported again "hurriedly bringing up reinforcements" by plane to fill their ranks. The Red Navy's Volga River gunboats helped Red Army artillerymen, machine-gunners and riflemen mow down the invaders by the thousands.

Nazis Report Convoy Blow

Say Warships Sunk in Northern Waters BERLIN. (From German Broadcast) (AP)—A special German communique reported today that Nazi submarines had sunk three destroyers, an auxiliary cruiser and five transports in an attack on an Allied convoy between Spitzbergen and Iceland. (Neither the reported attack on the convoy nor the German claim of losses inflicted were confirmed by any other source. Previous German claims of Allied ship sinkings on the Arctic supply route have been termed "grossly exaggerated" by the Allies. The announcement said the convoy, described as British, was bound from Soviet Russia to British and American ports and "consisted of a larger number of protecting vessels than the previous convoys." The Germans also reported their submarines had sunk thirteen Allied merchant ships totaling 120,000 tons and a corvette in attacks on Allied supply lines in the Atlantic, the African coast and in the Caribbean.

Guide to Good Reading

NEIGHBORS FROM OVER HERE MET OVER THERE They came from the same Swedish stock, they probably went to the same schools and traveled the same county roads. "Flying Tiger" Lind, Louis Cough of Meador reports to his family how he met James Stewart in Changchun on page 5. Stewart, born in Union County, is one of our maverick soldiers, now an AP war correspondent. THE EVIDENCE Mr. Spangh's column of comment and advice, usually 7 of this edition. YOUR HANDY GUIDE TO GENEALOGY Charlotte grocery and food stores are featuring in their advertisements shipping lists of fruits and vegetables, mostly California grown. In preparing your week-end shopping list, these advertisements will do well to consult these advertisements. They offer you the most for the least money and the best in quality.

MACPAILL DEBATES HIS BELIEVED BROTHER MacPail's column is dedicated to his resignation. He's going to be a coplain in the Army. All the while he's been in the Kalmar. What about his resignation has on the horizon. If the story is apocryphal, we can get ahead with our study, because the fact still see HYLTON on page 8

WEATHER

Considerably cooler tonight. Today's Temp.: H. 83; L. 55. Sunset today: 7:15. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:17. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 8.