

U. S. Bombers Carry Offensive To New Peak

Big Bombers Taking Heavy German Toll

More Than 300 Nazi Planes Lost In Three-Day Campaign

LONDON—(AP)—Boosting Nazi plane losses to more than 300 in three days, American Flying Fortresses and escorting Thunderbolts shot down 102 enemy planes yesterday as the big bombers tore through stubborn defenses to blast the important German transportation centers of Munster and Coesfeld.

Thirty bombers and two fighters, a communiqué said, were lost by the American formations, which also hit an enemy airfield near Emschede, Holland, in the blazing climax to a week-end of violent Allied aerial activity that riddled the Germans' fighter strength.

While the story of the attacking American formations was not definitely disclosed, there was reason to believe that they were concentrated in the record concentration of 400 bombers which hanned

Soviet Front Drive Gains Momentum

Nazis Driven Back In Kiev Area

LONDON—(AP)—German troops have been pushed back out of the range of Soviet heavy artillery mounted on the western banks of the Dnieper River above and below Kiev while other Red Army units, gathering momentum on the northern front, have pushed to within 70 miles of the Latvian frontier, Russians announced last night.

With three Soviet bridgeheads on the Central Dnieper River now apparently secure, there were indications that the Russian command was building up to a major effort to retaking Nazi-occupied territory and to dash across the last remaining distance to the central sector and the Leningrad area, the only spot along the long, winding 1,700-mile front where the Red Army has made no appreciable gain since the opening of the Summer offensive.

Two Russian columns advancing on the White Russian city of Vitebsk from the north-east and southeast announced gains of from four to seven miles and the capture of 140 prisoners.

The Red Army units southeast of Vitebsk are at Ladoze, 25 miles away. The capture of the town of Krasnoye, important rail center on the Vitebsk-Gomel line, also was announced and the Russian troops were in position here for a thrust into the town of Gostin, 20 miles away.

Nazi Battleship Tirpitz Damaged By British Subs

Daring Attack Made By Midget Craft in Norwegian Fjord

LONDON—(AP)—The Nazi battleship Tirpitz has been damaged by British midget submarines, a communiqué announced today.

The daring attack was carried out on the main units of the German battleship in their protected anchorages in Alten Fjord in Northern Norway "involving hazards of the first order," the announcement said.

"Underwater damage" was inflicted on the Tirpitz, it added.

The attack was made on Sept. 22 and the following day a German official communiqué announced an attack by submarines had been repulsed and prisoners taken.

Insufficient evidence was available at that time to assess the result of the attack as operations were still proceeding," said the British statement.

SINKS JAPS—Capt. Frank Robinson Walker (above) commanded the little group of U. S. Navy destroyers which slugged it out with a Japanese task force several times its size off Vella Lavella Island in the Solomon—(AP Wirephoto).

Heavy Italian Mire Slowing Up Progress

Pontelandolfo, 12 Miles North-west of Benevento, Captured

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—Pushing forward on foot through Italian mud which motor transport almost useless and against stiffening German resistance, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army captured Pontelandolfo, 12 miles northwest of Benevento, in a further flanking move against the Volturno. Allied Headquarters announced today.

Similarly heavy going was encountered by the Army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery on the northern front where gains of two to three miles were chalked against the enemy who was being put under pressure.

Along the swollen Volturno, where the Fifth Army has established a 40-mile front, Gen. Clark's troops made no fresh gains, officials reported, but progress was indicated.

Patrols already have been taken northward from the town, but Clark's forces were unable to place down a bridge over the difficultly bringing up guns and ammunition through the mud.

DIFFICULT JOB

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Slav Guerrillas Take Three Towns

Attacks on German Communications Continued

LONDON—(AP)—Guerrilla fighting in Yugoslavia mounted an intensity today with the Partisan forces of Drug Tito announcing the capture of three more towns in Slavonia, Sava and eastern Bosnia as they continued their attacks against German communications on widely scattered fronts.

A communiqué broadcast by the Partisan forces declared that they had captured the town of Zastava, 25 miles west of Belgrade and had captured the town of Zastava, 25 miles west of Belgrade and had captured the town of Zastava, 25 miles west of Belgrade.

Will Rule On Americans Win Draft Case, On Kolombangara

Supreme Court To Decide About Objector Complete Control of Southern and Central Solomons Achieved

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Supreme Court agreed today to determine whether a draft registrant who refused to serve in the Army after the induction oath was returned to him after he had refused to take the oath.

This was one of approximately 300 review petitions acted upon today by the tribunal. It involved Arthur Godfrey, a former teacher at the University of Texas who described himself as a conscientious objector to military service.

The court declined to pass on the case, but it did order the government to pay the costs of the case.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—Moving in on the heels of the fleeing Japanese, American forces have taken possession of Vella Lavella and all Kolombangara Island, thus achieving complete control of the central and southern Solomons.

Not a shot was fired in this occupation, which Gen. Douglas MacArthur today reported began on Oct. 6 and was concluded Oct. 9. Not a Japanese soldier was seen alive.

23 Killed In Blast

Explosion Destroyed Building in Naples

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—Twenty-three American soldiers and men were killed and 58 injured in an explosion due to a delayed action mine since the arrival of the Allied Army here.

The blast was the fourth of its kind in the city since the arrival of the Allied Army here.

Engineers estimated that the explosion destroyed a building in Naples, which was used as a headquarters for the American forces.

Vote Victory Tax Refund

Would Take Credit In Next Returns

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Treasury Department today announced that it would take credit for the 1943 victory tax refund in the next returns.

The action was required by some tax authorities as a favor in return for an effort to increase the amount of the Victory Tax. Treasury has proposed that this law would be interpreted with higher income tax rates.

Under the measure passed today, the Government would assume that all Victory taxpayers had made the necessary bond purchases, payments of interest and debts necessary to qualify them for the credit.

Therefore, in the next tax returns, the credit would be taken as a post-war tax credit. The credit amount to 25 percent for single persons, 40 percent for married persons, and 10 percent for each dependent on the rate in no case to exceed \$1,000.

Tribute Paid To Chinese

Vice President Wallace Gives Salute

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Vice President Wallace yesterday saluted China as a comrade in arms, and named Chinese development of the nation as the chief inspirer of "one of the most powerful nations of the world."

"We need the help of China as much as the need ours," he asserted.

The war, he said, "is a mutual struggle between the forces of freedom and the forces of tyranny who believe in the sovereignty of the people in the affairs of life."

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Japanese Deny Damage By Raid

New York Better Plans

NEW YORK—(AP)—American Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday denied reports that Japanese bombers had bombed the Halpung area of French Indo-China yesterday, the Tokyo radio said today in an English language broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Japanese said that anti-aircraft fire kept damage to a minimum but did not claim any attacking force were shot down.

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Terrific Battering Handed Wake Island By United States Navy

PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—(AP)—Japanese-occupied Wake Island languished today in the wreckage of a battering probably more severe and certainly more destructive than any ever visited upon the gallant American Marine who for the first two weeks of the war held that strategic pinpoint against overwhelming enemy forces.

The United States Navy delivered the retaliatory blow in a two-day ship-bombardment starting last Tuesday. Three hundred and twenty-five tons of bombs, believed to be the greatest weight of explosives ever unloaded in a single operation against an enemy target in the Pacific, were dropped on the three tiny islets that make up Wake Island.

By the time the attack ended, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported in a communiqué, more than 61 Japanese planes had been destroyed and a gasoline tanker had been left a gasping machine shop, barracks and supply dumps throughout the three small islands were red with flame. Anti-aircraft and coastal defense guns were reduced to heaps of shattered metal.

And, one naval flier reported, "we saw a considerable number of dead Japs scattered around the landscape."

For this destruction, Admiral Nimitz said, the Navy paid a cost of

thirteen planes, all lost in combat.

Fighter-coordinated Avenger torpedo bombers and Dauntless dive bombers from a carrier task force under the command of Rear Adm. Alfred Z. Montgomery inflicted the attack at dawn Tuesday.

A strong force of Japanese planes challenged the Navy raiders, but American fighters were over the enemy and shot down at least 30, while the carrier-bomber concentration on Japanese aircraft still remained.

NEAR HONOLULU

Simultaneously the escort vessels in the carrier force drew close to shore and let go with their big guns.

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70 Die as Nazi Troop Train Takes Cross

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Reports from Norway said today that a German train carrying 1,000 soldiers crashed through a bridge over a ravine between Oslo and Drammen, and the Pearl Harbor raid ten years later.

An account of our foreign policy during this period was published in a book by the State Department, which is being distributed to members of the House of Representatives.

The book is a collection of 700 pages of official correspondence and reports from 1931-41.

The White Book says Secretary Hull "early became convinced that the aggressive policies of Adolf Hitler were directed toward an ultimate attack on the United States," but contends that foreign policy during this period was restricted by a public opinion which only gradually gave up isolationism.

Although half of the 774 documents covering the period are usually stored in fifteen years before publishing all such papers.

The record indicates that up to the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939 this country concentrated on preserving peace in a world beset by spreading aggression. That we sought to keep the war from spreading even to the extent of inviting Japan "as a civilized nation" to join in a plan to save China's integrity and to keep Japan away from European Axis partnership, Japan torpedoed that effort.