

### Rail Center Fortresses in Attack Near Rome

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Units at Onomia and freight yards at La Meza. A-36 invaders also scored a direct hit on a temporary bridge over the Angitola road, and destroyed it.

A complete lack of defensive action around the Strait of Messina and Sicily Island surprised tactical officers who said they gave the Calabrian and Sicilian units a controlled dispatch. One RAF night bomber declared the area appeared dead and deserted.

Air force officials, however, were reluctant to attach any immediate significance to the lack of attack or other signs of enemy activity.

Previously, both anti-aircraft guns and artillery had been very active in that area.

### BEAST AT TARANTO

One of the heaviest of the week-end attacks was delivered in Taranto Saturday by American Liberators from the Middle East against shipping and rail installations at Taranto, important naval base on the Italian heel.

Attacking in five waves, the Liberators made a direct hit on a large cruiser in the harbor and a near miss on a modernized vessel believed to be a transport. The main station was hit and a freight train in the yards was seen to explode.

On the previous night, British Liberators and Hurricanes from the Middle East started fires in a chemical works at Crotona on the sole of the Italian foot and returned without loss.

### Yanks Land On Arundel

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Under Island the communique said simply:

"Our ground forces made an unopposed landing and are now consolidating."

The landing took place last Friday. The island, on which Japanese troops were stationed until recently, is only three miles south of Kolombangara Island and provides positions from which field artillery could shell the Vich air-drome.

### VICTORY GARDENS AT FRONT

Word came from an island "somewhere in the South Pacific" that Victory Gardens are being cultivated by U. S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

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### WHY SUFFER FROM ARTHRITIS?

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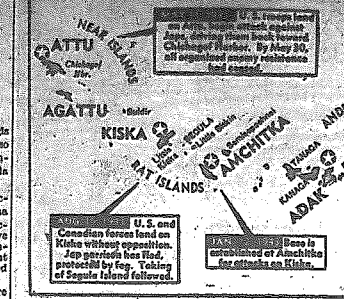
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### Danish Crisis Mounts After Ships Scuttled

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before Gen. Hermann von Haeften, issued his proclamation at 4:30 A. M. announcing Nazi martial law.

The King threatened to abdicate if the Cabinet accepted a drastic ultimatum submitted by German commander in chief, Gen. Dietrich von Sotensleben. The Cabinet signified the end of Danish collaboration and the establishment of the German colony model for other occupied countries.

The Danish people received little information of the event movement, as no newspapers had been published for two days.

The action of the Danish naval forces ending the sharp fighting which broke out between the Germans clamped down on the nation's maritime relationship with the Marine and Royal Guard forces.

### Bulgar Regime May Collapse

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or to the borders to keep the situation in hand.

In any event the situation appears to be a most close watching by Adolf Hitler.

The first evidence of increased German influence in Bulgaria quickly followed the death of Boris when Minister of the Interior Petar Gabrovski resigned and the Geopetro Chief in Bulgaria upon means of keeping order within the country.

CONSERVATION

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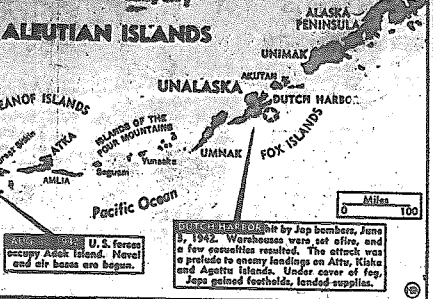
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### Predicts Big Allied Drive

SYDNEY, Australia.—(AP)—Prediction of a big Allied offensive in the Pacific zone will be undertaken in the Pacific zone.

Asked if recent statements by the United States government such as the "Four Big Powers" were answered: "You may depend upon it."

He arrived here with Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen in the course of his tour of the Pacific battle-



### The Weather Reds Take Taganrog

NORTH CAROLINA—Slightly warmer this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday forenoon with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Continued warm this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday forenoon with scattered showers this afternoon or evening.

### WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE

Charlotte, Aug. 29, 1943.	
City Office Temperature	
8 A. M. ....	68
9 A. M. ....	70
10 A. M. ....	72
11 A. M. ....	74
12:00 P. ....	77
1:00 P. ....	78
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3:00 P. ....	80
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10:00 P. ....	88
11:00 P. ....	89
12:00 A. ....	90

### Li. Donnan Is Speaker

Tells Optimists of Africa Fighting

LL. R. C. Donnan, Charlotte pilot returned from North Africa, England, Ireland, and Gibraltar, was guest speaker for the Optimist Club as its weekly luncheon-meeting today at Thacker's, telling of his experiences in fighting, and that "I must have taken a lot of praying back home through the months without a bullet hole in my plane."

Introduced by Program Chairman H. H. Brown, who was presenting him, he said, "I get a thrill out of flying—but the thrilling part comes when I'm back on the ground." Li. Donnan cited "radio" as the saving device of the war.

"I think the radio will prove the largest winning factor for us for through this device, we can intercept and for navigating purposes, because it is such a wonderful device, we can lighten up our planes and save weight by getting to get on the move, when the radar tells us there's trouble ahead and we can turn it off."

GIVES EXAMPLES

He then pointed out examples when German bombing had been detected, and how they had been broken up by American fighters. He also gave the instance of a raid which was broken up by the enemy, and wearing them out.

Answering questions from the floor, Li. Donnan spoke openly when he could, and didn't hesitate to say "I wish I could" to intercept a raid. "I looked up, he smiled, and there were planes all over the sky. I saw one 600-pound bomb coming down right over my head."

"So I just let it bang what I do. I said, 'Lucky it landed in a mud-puddle, wasn't it?'"

Donnan C. G. Meachin presided over the meeting, during which William S. Knudsen sang "God Bless Our Land" and "Homing In on the Wings and a Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. F. C. Rowland.

### Several Hundred Nazi Soldiers Reported Slain

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corp. said today that several hundred German soldiers are said to have been killed in clashes with Danish troops.

### Fire Week Designated

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today designated the week starting Oct. 3 as fire prevention week and urged destruction of fire in this country.

Mr. Hoover had been commending the damage done by incendiary bombs in England in the first two years of the war.

"I earnestly request the people of the country," he said in a radio broadcast, "to take voluntarily the measures during the year, to conserve the nation's resources from destruction by fire."

Asserting that "my program is aimed at preventing the increase in preventable fire losses," the Chief Executive said the losses were as great as if wrought by enemy bombers or saboteurs.

"Fire is preventable fires," he said, "are being measured in hundreds of workers killed and destroyed, vast destruction of critical material, loss of food and other vital supplies for our armed forces and civilian population; the ruin of war plants, factories, homes, and machinery—in many cases.

"Fires are bringing costly delays in the production and transportation of airplanes, ships, tanks, and guns—delays that retard the postponement of victory and the ending of our men on the fighting fronts."

### Clyde Grass Saved By Technicality

RALEIGH.—(AP)—A legal technicality today stayed the scheduled execution Friday of Clyde Grass, convicted in Graham County in connection with the fatal shooting of his father-in-law and sister-in-law.

Grass, who already has received one reprieve, gave notice of appeal in open court from a denial of a motion for new trial. The appeal will be heard by the Supreme Court.

### Launch New Air Carrier

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member declared, "The Hornet was doubly more than we would need. For, besides the new one, we are christening her today, we are to have a new aircraft carrier, the Hornet."

"Of neither of these ships can I say more than was accomplished by the first carrier Hornet. We are certain, however, that there will be new deeds of valor to keep ever-bright the memory of a great name. And we say with confidence and pride: 'The Hornet is dead—long live the Hornet!'"

### Swedish Frigate Is Ill

Eugen, 78, youngest brother of King Gustaf of Sweden and well-known as a painter, is also seriously ill, it was disclosed today.

Dartmouth production last year was estimated at more than 423 million bushels.

## Phalanx Lodge Of Masonic Order Has Plan For Busy Fall Season

A busy Fall season for Phalanx Lodge of the Masonic order at Charlotte was forecast today by Frank L. Bunker, acting master, when he announced details of the program.

Culminating with election and installation of new officers in December, this program includes several degree meetings, a past master's night and a full civic and dramatic exemplification of the Master Mason degree.

The lodge will confer the first degree on Sept. 1, said Mr. Bunker. The lodge's past masters will occupy the chairs and confer the

## Chester Struck By Hail Storm

GIBBSVILLE, S. C.—One of the worst electric and rain storms of the season struck Chester Saturday night and then moved into the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church section where wind and hail were added to it.

The hail "is said to have been about the size of the end of the small finger of a man. The rain and wind reached the XII Army Corps maneuver area several miles south of Pleasant Grove. In Chester lightning struck the Chappell switch, but was quickly extinguished by the Chester fire department.

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RED COME-BACK

The Nazi 1942 Summer drive again brought both Taganrog and Baku within German-occupied territory. Both Taganrog and Baku were captured by the German army in late November, 1941, and recaptured Rostov on Feb. 14.

The Soviet communiqué today indicated that fast-moving German columns from the west and east of Baku are threatening the Danube Basin, along with possible encirclement.

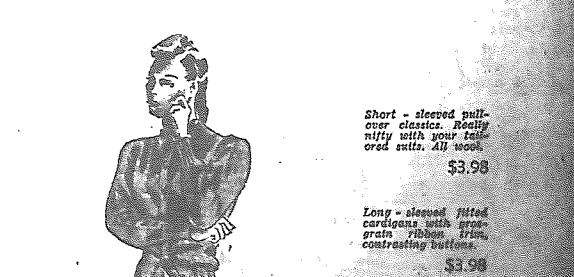
Hard-driving Russian troops advanced three to seven and one-half miles to recapture 50 villages, including the railroad junction Lyubovka, 25 miles west of Baku, and the Kurak-dzhar line, the war bulletin announced.

The push seemed to be aimed at capturing the big Nazi base at Poltava, 85 miles to the south and west of Baku, on the north-south railway line, another Soviet line in the direction of Krasnodar, in a drive apparently aimed at pinching off the Caucasus from the Nazi base at Orsk was cut by Russian troops.

Action on the Baku-Karavk and Voroshilov fronts thus seemed to be rapidly blending into one general offensive, with the Russians hoped to reach the sweeping eastern bend of the Dnieper River some time in the vicinity of Dnepropetrovsk, this impelling the whole Nazi position in the Donets Basin. Russian attacks ranging far and wide over German-held territory to bomb and strafe troop concentrations, supply depots, destroying their own military installations in active preparation for further withdrawals toward the east.

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