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SOVIETS IN RETREAT AGAIN BEFORE STALINGRAD

Vichy Gov't Introduces Compulsory Labor Legislation

Fresh Russian Reserves Are Battling Nazis

Encouraging reports are heard From some sections of front.

Strike Heavy Blow At Enemy At New Guinea

Japs caught flatfooted by Allied planes at Buna base.

By DEAN SCHEDLER Associated Press Staff Writer

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Sept. 13—(AP)—Striking a mighty blow at the Japanese threat to the New Guinea coast, Allied planes unloaded 20 tons of incendiary bombs Saturday upon the enemy base at Buna, on New Guinea's west coast, and then churned through the air with 28,000 rounds of machine-gun fire.



Lieut.-Col. Joan B. Kennedy, Officer Administering the Canadian Women's Army Corps, who will attend a meeting of the American Business and Professional Women's Organization in the Hotel Astor, New York on October 17th.

Macedonia In Revolt?

LONDON, Sept. 13—(CP)—The British government is in revolt and a state of siege has been proclaimed in Skopje and its environs according to dispatches reaching German cities.

The Bulgarian government is one of the Balkan partners of the Axis, Russians were said to be providing the forces of the Bulgarians with ammunition and food, dropped by parachute.

Berlin Claims Convoy Battle

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS), Sept. 13—(AP)—A special German communique asserted today a "convoy battle of major proportions" is in progress in the Atlantic and that U-boats have sunk 18 Allied ships totalling 121,500 tons in operations from the St. Lawrence River to the African coast.

At Ottawa, naval authorities commented: The Canadian Navy will follow its usual practice of making public losses as soon as the situation and safety warrants. In the meantime, the Germans are fishing for information.

Canadian Labor To Help Maine Farmers

PREQUELLE ISLE, Me., Sept. 13—(AP)—G. C. Stone, Executive Secretary of the Maine Potato Growers and Shippers Committee, said Saturday he had been advised by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Quebec that Canadian labor is available for use in the Maine potato harvest, now under way.

TO RECEIVE BONUS

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Sept. 13—(CP)—Members of local No. 1-388, united brotherhood of carpenters and joiners of America, will receive a cost-of-living bonus of four cents per hour retroactive from July 1 last, under a decision made by the Regional War Labor Board and unanimously accepted Saturday by the local. The bonus previously had been refused by the Saint John branch of the Canadian construction association.

One of Most Radical Laws In French History

No Limitations Where People Affected May Be Sent.

By MEL MOST Associated Press Staff Writer

VICHY, Sept. 14—(AP)—The Vichy government today established the principle of forced labor and total dictatorship over employment in one of the most radical laws in French history.

Every Frenchman between the ages of 18 and 50 and every unmarried French woman between 21 and 35 are subject to be called up "to effect all labors which the government will judge useful in the higher interests of the nation."

The law provided no limitation on where they could be sent—although all ways and means of its application are not yet published. It may be applied also to foreigners who reside in France.

Every Frenchman—and probably every male foreigner—subject to the compulsory labor law must prove to the government that he is engaged in work "useful to the country's needs" or be liable to assignment to other work.

Every employer is forbidden to hire any workers unless they are provided him by the government labor service and with government authorization which also is needed for discharging or signing.

The law contains a clause to the effect that "every head of an enterprise will be obliged to conform to the instructions which he may receive from competent secretaries of state, notably for constituting crews of workmen."

Infractions of the law will be punished.

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War Situation Last Night

(By E. D. Ball, Associated Press Staff Writer)

Snubbed in his campaign to coax Frenchmen into Hitler's service, the collaborationist Laval has clamped the yoke of forced labor upon the people of France, in effect placing them at his beck and call for toil under their German conquerors.

This great forward step in Axis collaboration, in the name of the Chief of State Marshal Petain, came Sunday after the provisional French capital bristled with guns manned by troops and police called up suddenly during the week-end for mysterious "manoeuvres."

Vichy officials had dismissed this martial prelude as mere practice, but it took on new significance after disclosure of the government's startling action. Laval was playing with dynamite and knew it.

By decree, the Petain-Laval government made all Frenchmen between 18 and 50 and all unmarried Frenchwomen between 21 and 35 answerable to compulsory labor service. Every Frenchman must show that he is engaged in work for "the best interests of the state."

As Hitler's chief labor scout in France, Laval proudly announced last June 23 that he and Hitler had cooked up a plan whereby one French prisoner would be released for each three skilled workers who agreed to go to work in Nazi industry.

To date there have been few takers. Only one trainload of prisoners has come home, a mere corporal's guard out of the more than 2,000,000 held by the Germans.

Besides the three-for-one factor which weighed heavily in Hitler's favor, there was another catch in this magnanimous proposal foisted upon the French people by Laval.

For each of these skilled workers who would go to Germany, the three released Frenchmen all would be farmers—not an industrial worker or artisan.

In other words, Hitler would be getting rid of a lot of mouths to feed and France at the same time would be reduced to the status of a country of farmers.

Russian Soldiers Halt Nazi Tanks With Hand Grenades

MOSCOW, Sept. 13—(AP)—A story of the heroism of Russian soldiers who held their pockets with hand grenades and threw themselves under German tanks rolling toward Stalingrad started the capital today.

Sixteen men, of whom 15 are dead and one is dying, by acts of sacrifice held up an onslaught of 12 German tanks and drove two platoons of Italian infantry and a unit of German automatic riflemen to cover newspapers reported.

The 16 men, it was reported, held a vital sector northwest of Stalingrad and repulsed a determined enemy attack from that direction.

First they beat off Italian infantry which stormed the top of a hill.

The Italians were replaced by German automatic riflemen who were subjected to a concentrated fire. The riflemen came almost to the Russian positions and were stopped at last by a bayonet charge.

Darkness brought a lull in operations, but at dawn 12 German tanks rolled into the field to change the strategic situation. The little Russian force had no anti-tank weapons but the men decided to do their utmost with hand grenades and vomit not to be taken alive.

Hand grenades tossed in the orthodox manner blew up four of the tanks. But the rest came on. The last three Russians, remaining unharmed, then tucked hand grenades under their belts, stuffed others into their pockets and, holding as many as possible in their hands, they threw themselves under the caterpillars of two more tanks.

Men and machines were blown to bits. The remaining tanks withdrew and before they could resume the attack Russian reinforcements arrived.

The story was told by the commander of the little band of Russian defenders, Lieut. Kochetkov. Russian reports said he is wounded, but not mortally.

Japs Pay High Price In Planes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—Paying a high price in planes and pilots, the Japanese still are trying unsuccessfully to dislodge United States forces in the Solomon Islands, the navy reported Saturday night, and losing better than one of every five bombers they send over.

The Japs sent two waves of 26 bombers and one of 27 against the Guadalcanal installations on Wednesday Thursday and Friday. Of these 79 bombers, 15 were destroyed, along with five of the zero fighters supposed to protect them, bringing to 143 the number of aircraft the Japanese have lost in the Solomons fighting.

War—25 Years Ago Today

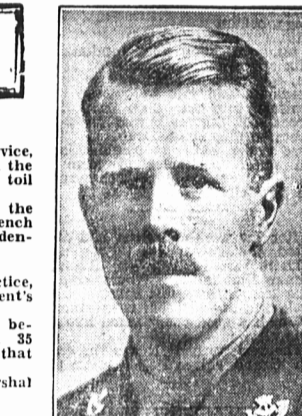
SEPT. 14, 1917—Italians captured western peak and crest of Monte San Gabriel in fighting against Canadian War-time Elections Act passed enfranchising 500,000 women. Lord Reading arrived in United States on financial mission.

The R. C. A. F. announced that one of the dead was Sgt. S. V. Patterson, an electrician, whose wife lived at Eastview, an Ottawa suburb. The flier who survived the crash was PO. C. E. Cusson of Chelsea, Que.

The planes crashed onto a farm. Both were badly wrecked. They were flying at an elevation of between 5,000 and 6,000 feet when the collision occurred.

One machine was an Oxford and the other a Harvard trainer.

SWELL SALVAGE PILE NEW YORK, Sept. 13—(AP)—Steel scaffolding and wrought iron railings from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine were part of five tons of salvage metal donated by the cathedral to the scrap steel drive Saturday.



Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Hayward, Fraser of Ottawa and Victoria, B.C., formerly major with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment has been appointed Officer Commanding the Royal Regiment of Canada, Toronto, which took part in the Dieppe Raid.

Local Firm Gets Contract For Buildings

Work on the construction of eight buildings, destined to provide temporary accommodation for the Royal Canadian Air Force, in western Prince County will begin tomorrow.

The contract for erection of the buildings has been let to Messrs. Walter Matheson and H.J. Phillips of Charlottetown.

The cost of the new R.C.A.F. camp would be in the vicinity of \$75,000. The eight huts would vary in size and shape and would be used for various purposes. Included is one large "H" shaped building which will house about 78 men. Also included are 40 enemy tanks and destroyed 24 motor vehicles carrying troops.

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Axis U-Boat In Day Attack

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Sept. 13—(CP) Cable—An Axis submarine, making a 40-minute attack in the daylight of Friday afternoon, fired five torpedoes with undiscernible results at shipping in nearby waters. No casualties were reported in the action.

The raider drew fire from shore batteries guarding the bay, which is just south of Bridgetown, but the submarine was not damaged, nor was it revealed if shipping suffered any damage from the torpedoes.

The undetected craft was reported to have broken off the engagement, indicating it had escaped from the batteries' fire.

This was the third reported submarine attack on shipping at British West Indian Islands. Ships at Trinidad and St. Lucia were attacked some months ago.

The U-boat loosed its first torpedo about 4:30 Friday afternoon and shore guns went into action soon after the missile exploded. Four more torpedoes were fired before the raider broke off the action at 5:10 p.m.

Budapest Radio Goes Off Air

LONDON, Sept. 13—(CP)—The Budapest radio went off the air suddenly at about 10 p.m. (6 p.m. A.D.T.) tonight, indicating that an air raid alarm may have been sounded in the Hungarian Capital.

ESCAPE IN NIGHT ATTIRE

ANDOVER, N. B., Sept. 13—(CP)—Occupants of Norman Hansen's farm residence escaped in night attire just before fire destroyed their home at nearby Bairdville early Saturday. Nothing could be saved from the residence. Lost property included farm implements and an automobile.

International At A Glance

(By Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Sept. 14—(Monday)—(AP)—The Russian high command said today that reinforced German troops had made a further advance southwest of beleaguered Stalingrad, the second German gain announced in this sector in 24 hours.

Using almost the same words as in last night's communique, the Sunday midnight bulletin said the Germans had occupied "a populated place" to the southwest of the Volga city. The new communique said, however, the Russians now are holding firm west of Stalingrad where during the day a German advance had been acknowledged.

(The German high command claimed that German troops had penetrated the southern part of Stalingrad.)

The Russians said the Germans had brought up fresh reserves and were attacking continuously in the southwestern sector. The Red army withdrew, the communique said only after it had annihilated a battalion of enemy infantry and disabled about 40 enemy tanks and destroyed 24 motor vehicles carrying troops.

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Ask Less Pork Be Used Next 7 Weeks

OTTAWA, Sept. 13—(CP)—J. L. Eggart, chairman of the Bacon Board and Foods Administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, appealed tonight to consumers throughout Canada to refrain from buying fresh pork, bacon or ham during the next seven weeks.

Purpose of the appeal—issued through the Wartime Prices and Trade Board—is to enable the Bacon Board to maintain satisfactory weekly shipments of bacon to Britain so as to assure continued defence of the British ration at the present level.

"The bacon ration in Britain is four ounces per person a week. With the co-operation of Canadian consumers during the next few weeks, until about Nov. 1, shipments of bacon to Britain can be maintained, Mr. Eggart said. It is expected that additional hogs will be marketed early in November."

In support of the present campaign, Mr. Eggart added, the bacon board is reducing the quantity of pork and bacon that may be sold in the domestic market to 50 per cent of the normal weekly sales in 1940. Consumers in Canada, he said, can control the volume of hogs slaughtered on farms or by butchers for sale on city markets or in small shops in villages, towns and cities. If the consumer refrains from buying pork for the next seven weeks, many more hogs will be marketed through the plants producing export bacon.

Three Dead When Sorel Home Burns

SOREL, Que., Sept. 13—(CP)—A man and his two children were asphyxiated here early this morning when fire swept through a wooden frame home in the central part of this town 45 miles north, west of Montreal on the St. Lawrence River.

The dead: Albert Laprade, 31; Roger Laprade, 7; Andre Laprade, 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Coulombe and their six children escaped injured from an adjoining house which also was burned.

Police said an inquest would be held tomorrow.

Reds In Big Raid

MOSCOW, Sept. 13—(AP)—A commando-style, sea-borne assault behind the enemy's far northern line was reported today from the Barents sea by the Russian navy newspaper Red Fleet, which credited Red marines with destroying 11 heavy guns, several mortars, two ammunition dumps and one food depot.

Suggesting that the Barents coastal operation was more than a minor hit-and-run attack, Red Fleet said the assault was continuing. Admiral Nikolai Kuznetsov, Russian navy commissar, sent congratulations to the units involved.

An exchange telegraph dispatch from Moscow to London said the attackers also were credited with capture of 200 prisoners as well as enemy trenches.

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MANY A RIBBON CLERK FOLLOWS THE TICKER TAPE

High tide this afternoon at 2:26 and tomorrow morning at 2:23. Sun sets this evening at 7:14 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:37. First quarter moon Sept. 17, 10:58 a.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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