

BATTLE FOR SOLOMONS CONTINUES WITH FURY

All New Farm Machinery Rationed In Canada Japs Suffer

New Nazi Drive On Stalingrad

Farmers Must Prove Need For Equipment

War Situation Last Night

Says C.W.A.C. Is Doing Grand Job

Heavy Losses Of Warplanes

(By Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press Staff Writer)
MOSCOW, Oct. 6—(Tuesday)—The Germans have begun another huge drive in the north-western suburbs of Stalingrad, hurling three infantry divisions, 100 tanks, and many dive-bombers against Soviet troops who "repulsed numerous enemy attacks," the Red high command reported today at the beginning of the seventh week of siege.

The swaying battle in the north-western suburbs of the Volga river city was said to have cost the Germans another 1,500 men. The Russians continued to emphasize Nazi strength in the penetrated area.

Order Becomes Effective Today; Designed to Provide Fair Distribution

OTTAWA, Oct. 5—(CP)—Rationing of all new farm machinery and equipment was announced tonight by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, effective tomorrow.

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)
Pending some decisive turn in the battle of Stalingrad, the middle of the Stalin letter to Henry Cassidy, Associated Press Correspondent in Moscow, seems likely to go unswayed.

Neither the motive behind its preparation and publication at this time, nor the specific nature of the second-front demand it makes upon the Allies is quite clear. There are several cryptic, even conflicting, implications. Not the least baffling is the Stalin observation that "one thing" required to make Allied help to Russia effective is that the Allies should fulfill their obligations fully and "on time."

What are those obligations or what does "on time" mean? There can be no question from the context or from previous Stalin utterances that to his mind, at least, Anglo-American "obligations" to Russia include the opening of a second front in Europe, not in Africa or across the Pacific. More than a year ago, before the Japanese attack spread the war to the Pacific, Stalin told a Moscow audience that lack of a second front "in Europe" was the prime reason for Soviet reverse up to that time.

He was sure even then that a second front "must unquestionably appear in the near future." Nor is it reasonable to suppose he had any advance intimation of Japanese intentions to attack in the Pacific, bringing the United States into the war.

No second front in Europe except by Anglo-American air attacks had yet developed. It is equally true, however, that no second-front has been opened by Russian initiative in the Pacific, a fact which has produced no critical reaction in London or Washington, Russia and Japan nominally maintain normal relations.

If it be agreed by the Allies that Russia stand clear of the Pacific war theatre and concentrate on her defensive against Germany, however, it must also be agreed that the Allies should make such disposition both in the Pacific and in the Near and Middle East as they deem necessary, even if it delays their second-front-in-Europe preparations.

Cost Of Living Down Slightly

Drop of three-tenths of a point is reported by Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

OTTAWA, Oct. 5—(CP)—The official cost-of-living index for September, 1942, was reported today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The figure at the start of last month was 117.4 or 16.5 per cent above the index of 100 at the beginning of the war. Since the July index was issued, the decline has amounted to one-half of one per cent.

No change will be made in compulsory cost-of-living bonuses to Canadian workers as a result of the Sept. 1 index drop. Bonuses are adjusted each quarter, with the next change due Nov. 15.

The decline in September of the index at Sept. 1 was due mainly to lower prices for potatoes, beef, lamb and onions," the bureau said. "These decreases were sufficiently great to offset increases for eggs, butter and oranges, with the result that the food index dropped from 129.6 for Aug. 1 to 128.5 for Sept. 1."

The bureau said other group indexes were unchanged at Sept. 1, with rentals at 111.3, fuel and light at 122.5, clothing at 120.1, home furnishings and services at 117.3 and miscellaneous items at 107.1.

The index does not take account of increases in the price of cigars and tobacco because of new taxes imposed in the 1942-43 budget.

Cost of living bonuses are calculated on changes in the index after it has been adjusted to a percentage basis which makes August, 1939 equal 100. Instead of figuring from the unadjusted figure of 117.4 for September, if a bonus change were to be made it would be figured from the 16.5 per cent increase since the start of the war.

Long Range Guns Go Into Action

FOLKESTONE, ENGLAND, Oct. 5—(CP)—British coastal long range guns opened fire on the Channel just after dusk tonight.

Shortly after the first salvo, German batteries on the occupied French coast replied.

Flashes of the guns from both sides lit up miles of sky with a reddish glow.

The coastal shelling outbursts frequently mean that convoys are attempting to pass through the narrow channel waters.

RESIGNS POST

OTTAWA, Oct. 5—(CP)—F. M. Covert of Halifax was resigned as assistant general counsel in the department of Munitions and supplies to join the Royal Canadian Air Force, it was announced today.

He was attested in Toronto last week, and is being posted to a training centre for air gunners.

Mr. Covert joined the legal branch in September, 1940.



MAJ.-GENERAL KNOX

"The Canadian Women's Army Corps is an excellent corps and is doing a grand job," Major General Jean Knox of England's famed Auxiliary Territorial Corps, better known as the ATS, said last night in an interview at The Charlottetown. She added that the corps has a "great future" and "Canada can well be proud of her daughters." She is attached to the War Office in London, Eng.

Maj. General Knox, accompanied by Col. E. M. Gowers of the ATS and Major Margaret Eaton of the CWAC, arrived in Charlottetown by plane last evening from St. John's, N. B. She leaves tomorrow by plane for Halifax. Today she will pay an official visit to No. 62 Canadian Army Base Training Centre at Beach Grove and at 4:30 p. m. will be the guest of His Honour, Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage and Mrs. LePage for tea at Government House.

She came to Canada early last month and since then has been to the Pacific Coast and back. During the course of her tour of the Dominion, she has visited most of the Canadian Women's Army Corps. The purpose of her visit is to view the organization and progress of the CWAC and exchange ideas.

Maj. Gen. Knox, who possesses a charming personality, is very enthusiastic about the work which has been done by the ATS in England. She spoke of their wonderful contribution during the four years since they were organized. When war broke out 17,000 women in their ranks were ready to step in and release men for some of the tougher jobs. She said the women in England "form an impressive force."

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British Re-action To Stalin Letter

LONDON, Oct. 5—(CP)—Prime Minister Churchill will be called upon for an early explanation of the meaning of Premier Stalin's request yesterday that the Allies fulfill their obligations to Russia "on time," the London Star said tonight.

The newspaper said some members of Parliament were planning to put the question to Mr. Churchill because "they would like to know whether the timetable for opening a second front was agreed upon by the Prime Minister's Moscow talks."

Virginia Gayda, writing in the Giornale d'Italia, observed that "no one in Italy should blind himself to the fact that the advantageous position of the Axis in the east has been cancelled partially by the fact that behind the Russians is an untouched country, while behind the Axis troops are thousands of kilometres of land destroyed by the enemy."

BELIEVES IN INDUSTRY

CAPE TOWN, (CP)—Dr. H. J. Vanderbijl, South Africa's Director General of War Supplies, says the Union's salvation lies in industrial development, and that Vereeniging, 40 miles from Johannesburg, will be one of the world's great industrial centres.

MAY CAN ONE MILLION CASES MAINE HERRING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—Successful experiments in the canning of large Maine herring, heretofore not produced in quantity because of unsuitable methods of preservation, give rise to hopes for a 1943 crop of 1,000,000 cases, fisheries co-ordinator Harold L. Ickes reported today.

Smaller members of the species are canned as Maine sardines, but normal canning procedures in the past failed to turn out a pack of the large sea herring suitable for export.

Far northward in Aleutians tide runs In favor of United Nations.

(By William F. Frye, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—The battle for the Solomons continues with savage ground clashes and mounting destruction of enemy planes, the United States navy reported today, while army bombers, operating from new bases in the Aleutians and favored by good weather, have stepped up their hammering attacks on the Japs at Kiska.

The marines are maintaining their positions on Guadalcanal in the Solomons, said a communique, and frequent short engagements between the opposing ground forces have made no important changes in the lines. However, despite hard-hitting American air attacks, the Japanese have succeeded in landing small reinforcements for their troops on the island.

In three communique, the navy reported today that—

1. The United States fliers in the Aleutians during four days of widespread action last week damaged an enemy destroyer, shot down 10 enemy aircraft and damaged two others, with no American losses reported. This brought the total of Japanese planes destroyed in the Solomons to date to 229. The enemy also has suffered 29 ships sunk or damaged there.

2. The drive aimed at dislodging the Japanese from their western Aleutian footholds, marked last Saturday by announcement that American forces had occupied the Andreanof group between Kiska and Dutch Harbor, has had the rare luck of good weather. Raids against the enemy have occurred almost daily, with five enemy seaplanes shot down last Friday and one destroyed on Thursday. Raids scored Thursday and Friday on the Kiska camp and seaplane hangar.

3. The navy's submarine Gravelon is long overdue in the Pacific, and must be presumed to be lost. One of the United States' newest undersea craft, the 1,526-ton Gravelon was launched last Dec. 22 at Groton, Conn. She was commanded by Lt.-Cmdr. Mannart L. Abele, of Quincy, Mass., and is scheduled to be launched today. The size of her crew, the normal complement for vessels of her size is approximately 65 men.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Oct. 5—(CP)—Justice Minister Louis St. Laurent said today "Canadians must be prepared for even greater restraint over all phases of their business and public life in the immediate future if this country is to play its full part in the efforts of the United Nations." Mr. St. Laurent addressed the opening session of the annual convention of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the Province of Quebec.

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Envoys Will Ask Clarification Of Stalin Letter

(By Henry Cassidy, Associated Press Staff Writer)
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MOSCOW, Oct. 5—(AP)—Ambassadors of Britain and the United States evidently will ask the Russian Government to clarify certain phrases of the Stalin letter in which the Premier declared a second front is in the first rank of importance to the Soviet Union and which he called upon Russia's allies to "fulfill their obligations fully and on time."

The two envoys, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr of Great Britain and Admiral William H. Standley of the United States, discussed the letter informally today at luncheon in the U. S. Embassy.

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In diplomatic circles at Moscow the Stalin letter, which was delivered to this correspondent Sunday in response to three written questions, was considered an important development bringing into the open the apparent disagreement between allied capitals.

The most significant phrase was considered to be this: "In order to amplify and improve this aid (from the western allies), only one thing is required, that the allies fulfill their obligations fully and on time."

In preceding paragraphs, Stalin had stated that the part played by a second front in Soviet estimates of the current situation is in "a very important place, one might say a place of first rate importance," and further—"As compared with the aid which the Soviet Union is giving to the allies by drawing upon itself the main force of the German Fascist, the aid of the Allies to the Soviet Union has so far been little effective."

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE

MONTREAL, Oct. 5—(CP)—Six hundred construction workers went on strike today at the nearby Bonaventure plant for what a construction company official described without amplification as "the usual demands."

The strikers are employed by Angus Robertson Limited of Montreal. The company spokesman said a conciliation officer has gone to the scene of the dispute.

\$1,750,000 P. E. I. Quota In New Loan

'Blackout Nickel' Goes Into Circulation

OTTAWA, Oct. 5—(CP)—Canada's new "blackout nickel," a 12 sided coin of copper and zinc, is being put into circulation in most Canadian centres today, said in a letter today to steel controller F. B. Kilbourn that the members of the union "stand ready to meet the needs of the hour."

Steel Workers Ready To Meet War Needs

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Coming Events

- Talkies—Morell Tuesday, 10-5-21.
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- Talkies—Eldon Friday, 10-5-21.
- Wanted—Fat Sows and Hogs, McGilgan & Boyle, 10-1-41.
- Cardigan Chicken Supper and Dance, Wednesday, October 7th, 10-1-41.
- We require a quantity of well fleshed bologna cattle, Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 9-26-d1f.
- Come to the Concert and Box Social in Kingston Hall to-night, 10-5-11.
- Come to dance James Simmon's, Burlington, Tuesday, Oct. 6th, Music by Messrs. George Chapman, Tuplin and Durant, 10-5-11.
- Dance, New Haven School, Wednesday, October 7th. If raining first fine night following, 10-5-11.
- Reserve Wednesday evening, Oct. 7th for Chicken Dinner in Orange Hall, Borden, 10-5-11.
- Dance, Georgetown Hall, Thursday, October 8th, Webster's Orchestra, 10-5-11.
- Collecting hogs every Friday, Please list with Leslie McDowell, Fredericton, 5-19-20-twff.
- Chicken Supper and Dance, St. Teresa's, Tuesday, October 6th, Webster's Orchestra, 10-5-8.
- Dance in Graham's Road Hall Tuesday night, October 6. Music by the Andrew Sisters, 10-5-6.

Plane Crashes Into St. Lawrence

MATANE, Que., Oct. 5—(CP)—Residents of this Gaspe coast town reported today that a Royal Canadian Air Force bomber crashed into the St. Lawrence River near here last night and told of seeing four men struggling in the water before disappearing.

Citizens told of first being aware that the plane was in difficulty when it circled the district four or five times before striking the water and disappearing beneath the surface.

Dragging operations now are in progress but as the plane sank in 50 feet of water rescuers said they doubted whether either the plane or the bodies would be discovered.

News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Oct. 6—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Australian jungle troops, still without opposition, have cleared up the area around Kagi, last village south of the mile-high gap in the Owen Stanley Mountains of New Guinea, and are continuing toward the gap. A communique said today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—A new tax bill to raise the income of the United States government to around \$300,000,000 a year will be asked of congress as soon as it enacts the pending revenue measure. Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau said today.

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High tide this morning at 7:41 and tonight at 9:29.

Sun sets this evening at 6:32 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:05.

New moon Oct. 9, 12:06 a. m.

Supermoon tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:55 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—11:00 a.m., 3:05 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:10 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE
(May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive)
Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m.
Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m.

P.E.I.-N.S. FERRY SERVICE
Leave Wood Islands 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3 p.m.
Leave Caribou 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 6:35 a.m., 12:45 p.m.
Leave Summerside 7:10 a.m., 1:20 p.m.
Leave Moncton 11 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE
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Leave Moncton 4:15 p.m.

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