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BRAZIL AND U. S. OFFENSIVE

Though the landings on North Africa were a carefully guarded military secret between high British and American officials, one other country let in on the secret was Brazil.

In fact, Brazil, through Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha did some important spade work for the United States in regard to vital Atlantic islands, the Azores and Madeiras. These lie along the route of the American supply line to North Africa, the Madeiras close to the African coast.

Therefore, it was considered possible that the Germans might attempt to use these islands as submarine or even air bases, or that the United States in turn might need the islands for emergency bases.

Both island groups are Portuguese. So, long ago, Brazil, which looks to Portugal as its mother country, made informal diplomatic soundings to make sure that these islands would line up with the United Nations in case of emergency.

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SOLOMONS vs. AFRICA

One thing that got under the skin of high U. S. army officials during the weeks just before the North African landings was the navy's policy regarding the battle of the Solomon Islands.

Though all the details had not been worked out, it had been definitely agreed with Churchill and the Russians to start some kind of second front operation this summer. However, the navy also claimed that it could start the Solomon Islands campaign simultaneously without taking any ships out of the Atlantic or disturbing the Second Front preparations. The admirals promised the war department that the number of ships used in the Solomons would be very small indeed.

But before the Solomons operations had lasted many weeks, the navy had used several times as many ships as it expected—some of them sent to the bottom of the Pacific. Ships were taken off the supply lines to Russia, despite definite promises made to Russia. Ships were also taken off the supply lines to England to such an extent that supplies to England dwindled to a driblet.

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LESSON FROM ALEUTIANS

Inside the navy it is pointed out that one of the best jobs Admiral Nimitz ever did was to let the Japs get into the tip end of the Aleutian islands. This proved to be a beautiful decoy, like flies to molasses. The Aleutians were too exposed for the Japs to defend safely, too near our bases.

As a result, the Japs lost 10 destroyers—a big chunk out of any navy—and we are continuing to whittle them down with no loss to ourselves. U. S. bases are now so close to Kiska that U. S. planes bomb the Japs every day without fail—and bomb them so badly that recently no Jap fighter planes have been put in the air. Apparently they are all smashed.

But in the other end of the Pacific, army strategists fear that we may have got ourselves in the same position as the Japs have in the Aleutians—with our necks so far stuck out that, despite current successes, we have lost more ships than the Solomons were worth.

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CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

The railroads have been negotiating with the schools and colleges to extend their Christmas holiday period so that it will begin before the usual Christmas home-going dates and extend beyond the usual returning dates. The purpose was to get rid of the school and college traffic before taking on the burden of the furlough movement of soldiers, going home for Christmas.

This longer vacation would be okay with a lot of girls and boys, but most of the schools and colleges have turned thumbs down. They said they could not change their schedules.

Result is that the American railroads will carry the greatest burden in history during the period from December 15 to January 5. The peak will come between December 20 and 24, when the railroads will have to carry:

(1) Home-going students; (2) the usual heavy civilian Christmas travel; (3) soldiers on furlough; (4) soldiers on week-end passes; (5) the normal troop movement, which will not be suspended for Christmas.

So between December 15 and January 5, civilians are asked to **stay off the railroads!**

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AFRICANA

¶ Frenchmen listening to Roosevelt's broadcast to the French people in the French language wondered who wrote his speech. They said it contained grammatical errors and sounded like schoolboy composition. Roosevelt's accent, however, was good.

¶ General Giraud, new French commander in North Africa, is the first Frenchman to use motorized units in cleaning up North Africa. He waged a successful campaign against the Riffs.

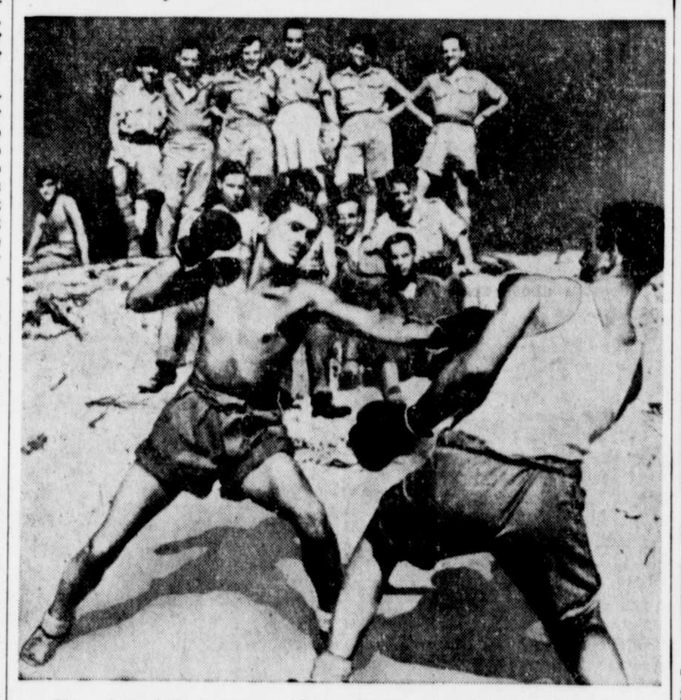
As U. S. Rangers Arrived at Oran

This photograph, radioed from London to New York, and soundphotoed to Chicago, shows United States Rangers and equipment arriving at a beach near Oran, Algeria, in boats as they prepared to occupy the French possessions on the north Mediterranean shore. In between the two key ports, Algiers and Oran, American landings encountered only slight resistance and made deep penetrations. This is one of the first pictures of land operations to arrive in America.

Conference in Wilds of New Caledonia

Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold (center), commander of U. S. army air forces, is shown in conference with Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch Jr. (left), commander of United Nations forces at New Caledonia, and Rear Adm. John S. McCain, U. S. navy, (right). New Caledonia is a vital link in protecting our shipping to Australia.—Soundphoto.

Jimmy Wilde Jr. Boxes in Desert



The spirit of that famous old-time boxer, Jimmy Wilde, was hovering over the western desert of Egypt recently, when Jimmy Wilde Jr., son of the former world champion, boxed with another aircraftsman for the entertainment of their buddies. Jimmy Jr., who knows how to put up his dukes, by the way, is shown at the left.

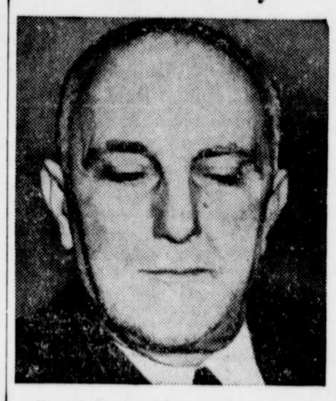
Josef Stalin Addresses Moscow Soviet

While events of breath-taking importance were taking place in North Africa, Josef V. Stalin, head of the Soviet Union, addressed the Moscow Soviet and other public organizations in observance of the 25th anniversary of the revolution and founding of Soviet Union. For the first time Stalin wears a decoration, that of "hero of socialist labor."—Soundphoto.

A Batch of Rubber

Using an ordinary bakery mixer, Tom (left) and Jimmy Richards of Los Angeles, who call themselves "monkey wrench researchers," are shown turning out a batch of the synthetic rubber they have developed. They say it can be produced from waste vegetable matter, waste milk, etc., and can be made for 35 cents a pound, compared with 40 to 70 cents for other synthetics. They say Rubber Czar Jeffers is "interested."

For 'Free Italy'



Count Carlo Sforza, former foreign minister to Italy, now an exile in the U. S., leads in move for a free Italian national council. The purpose is to form a fighting legion of Free Italians to join hands with the Allied forces in North Africa.

New Guinea Romance

Lieut. Lloyd Thompson of Troy, Texas, who has been in New Guinea for some time, gave nurse Maude Patterson of Weatherley, Pa., a friendly welcome on her arrival. They have known each other for some time, and shyly admit they might be engaged.

Toy Dog Show

Two of the entries in the Chihuahua class of the toy dog show, held in New York for army emergency relief. The pup at left, "Thein's Pinto," wears the army uniform, and the other, "Thein's Little Man II," wears the uniform of the navy.

Chile Sitting on the Fence

By Waldo Frank

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There are nearly 80,000 pro-Nazi Germans in Chile; 30,000 are German nationals; 50,000 are Chilean citizens of German descent who have been hypnotized, despite their democratic antecedents, by the victories of the fuehrer.

There is a drama here. To see it and Chile's importance within the Pan-American picture, we must have a sense of the Chilean people.

The Chilean is half mariner, half mountaineer. He lives in a land whose geography a famous Chilean writer has called "insane." Chile is 2,000 miles long and about 100 miles wide, shaped like an earthworm. One side of it is sea, the other ice and rock. In square miles, it is larger than France, but a bare ten per cent of its soil is cultivable, the rest being desert, mountain and poor sheep pasture. That's not the worst of it. Chile is the land of earthquakes. Every Chilean remembers "his earthquake." He may be fifty, and the frightful experience may have shaken his body when he was six, but his soul cannot forget.

Havoc of an Earthquake.

I visited Concepcion, the country's third city, where, only three years ago, a quake in 90 seconds destroyed thousands of lives and shattered hundreds of houses. The ruins are there still—the cathedral, the dwellings, the commercial structures; and on and about them Concepcion moves, disorganized and dazed, like a city bombed by an enemy which the people cannot have the satisfaction of hating.

All this has made the Chileans slow, reticent, stubborn, intellectually matter-of-fact; a people of depth and will, rather than surface sensibility and color; a long-suffering folk whose noble music is almost buried in their hearts, as different from their charming and brilliant neighbors across the Andes as their rocky land is different from the Pampa.

Chile Advanced Politically.

Politically, Chile is the most advanced nation of South America. Its industrial workers are all unionized, every Chilean belongs to a political party, and the elections are honest. The two largest parties are the Radicals (corresponding to the Liberals in this country) and the Conservatives (like our die-hard Republicans). Socialists and Communists are highly respected, important minorities with representatives in the ministry and congress. Yet this sturdy, conscious folk (with the exception of Uruguay, the most homogeneous in all South America) remains economically poor and exploited.

So hard has been the life of the Chilean worker, so hard the soil, so uncertain even the survival of his house when his earth quakes, that when he gets a bit of money, he doesn't — like the American — buy goods; he buys rest. Poor food, ragged clothes, a hovel of a house, he has got used to. What he wants is a week off, with plenty of wine to remove him from his troubles. The average labor-year of the fully employed, skilled Chilean industrial worker is 39 weeks.

The people are democratic from top to bottom. An example: The new minister of health, Dr. Miguel Etchebarne, still works as a subordinate of Dr. Orrego who, officially, is under him. At 8 a. m., the minister takes orders from Orrego in the State hospital; at 11 a. m., in his ministry, he gives orders to Orrego.

Another instance is the Church. Everywhere, there are good Catholic Democrats. In Chile alone, as far as I know, there is an organized Catholic Democratic party which works with Radicals, Socialists and Communists against the Fascist danger. Schnake, the minister of labor, is of this party.

Not far from Valdivia, heart of German Chile, in the village of San Jose de la Mariquina, lives the noblest of the country's anti-Nazis, a bishop and a full-blooded German! I went to see Guido Benedict Beck de Ramberga, Capuchin bishop. He told me of his fight against his fellow Germans and Chileans of German descent, who send him threatening letters.

The Nazis have one great virtue: They know their enemies and fight them. The Gestapo in Germany warned him of reprisals if he did not stop publishing his anti-Fascist literature. The magazines and pamphlets kept on flowing from the bishop's print shop.

This brings me back to the Nazi embassy in Chile. A few weeks ago, Minister of the Interior Morales made a speech forecasting an early break with the Axis. The Axis embassies got busy on the cables, and Morales cracked down, refusing to pass their messages.

'Sissy' Parachutes

Most people will be surprised to know that the first recorded case of a pilot "baling out" of a combat plane took place on October 19, 1918. The authority for this statement is the celebrated Lieut. Col. H. E. Hartney, commander of the First Pursuit Group of U. S. A. Air Service in the last World war.

He writes in his book, "Up and At 'Em," that on the above date one of his "boys" shot down a Fokker, but the German pilot made a safe descent behind the Allied lines with a parachute!

He also adds that during 1914-18 'chutes were scorned by airmen as "sissy-boy things." But reason has won, and thousands of living pilots owe their lives to that wonderful invention the parachute!

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