The Nation At War ★

A complete coverage of the week's news on the all-out effort of the United Nation's fight for freedom.

Gen. MacArthur's Australian headquarters reported in a special communique August 31 that Japanese invasion troops have suffered a disastrous defeat in the Milne Bay area of New Guinea. A force of Australian shock troops had been secretly concentrated along the Bay in anticipation of the Japanese landing August 26, the report said, and as a result the Japanese landed in a trap. The Japanese lost all of an "enormous quantity" of heavy material they landed, including tanks, and except for a few troops evacuated by an enemy cruiser and eight destroyers, the enemy land force was annihilated.

The Navy announced that Marines holding six islands in the south-eastern Solomons had killed or captured all Japanese troops attempting to retake the islands. The Navy reported August 30 that seven enemy planes were shot down when they attempted to raid the airfield facilities which the Marines had captured on Guadalcanal, bringing the total of enemy planes shot down in the Solomons fighting to 78. The Navy also announced the Marines, with Navy support, raided the Japanese base on Makin Island in the Gilberts, killing all but 2 of an estimated 330 enemy garrison. U. S. losses were less than 1 to 10 of Japanese.

In the European theater, U. S. Flying Fortresses bombed the airdrome of Wevelghemen, near Coutrai in Belgium, in the eighth straight operation without loss. In other precision bombing raids, the Fortresses attacked the Rotterdam shipyards and an airplane factory at Meaulte in northern France. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced August 31 in Chungking, China, that U. S. Army planes based in China have made heavy and successful attacks on Myitkyina and Lashio, the two large Japanese bases in northern Burma. The Navy announced the sinking of five more United Nations merchant ships by enemy submarines in the Atlantic.

Joseph C. Grew, former Ambassador to Japan newly returned from Tokyo, said in a radio address the Japanese will fight "with all the force and power at their command . . . until they are utterly crushed." Mr. Grew stated "We are up against a powerful fighting machine, a people whose morale cannot and will not be broken even by successive defeats, who will certainly not be broken by economic hardships, a people who individually and collectively will gladly sacrifice their lives for their emperor and their nation, and who can be brought to earth only by complete defeat in battle."

CONTROLLING THE COST OF LIVING

President Roosevelt said he would announce his new anti-inflation program in a nation-wide address the evening of Labor Day, and would send a message to Congress earlier the same day. He told his press conference that forthcoming steps to control the cost of living will include stabilization of farm prices as well as wages, because neither could be stabilized without the other. He said wage stabilization would be flexible and would not amount to flat freezing of wages and salaries. The President also said the Government is considering one meatless day a week as a plan to be used largely as a means of saving oceanic shipping space for the total war effort. He said under the plan American meat could be shipped to nations in need, and this would make 30 to 40 Allied ships available for hauling war necessities to world-wide theaters of United Nations war activities.

STABILIZATION OF FARM PRICES

The Office of Price Administration announced it is planning a price ceiling for live hogs and similar action is contemplated soon for cattle prices. The ceiling would be worked out in conjunction with representatives of livestock producers. The Office said "vigorous steps" are being taken to enforce quality grading provisions of its beef regulations to prevent upgrading as an evasion of price levels. The Agriculture Department reported a 9-point advance in farm prices from July 15 to August 15, raising the general level to 163 percent of the pre-World War I figure, 32 points higher than a year ago.

RATIONING

The OPA ordered reexamination by local boards of all supplemental gasoline ration books, particularly C books for motorists in 14 designated occupations and S books for operators of commercial vehicles. New books will be issued for the amount the operator is fairly entitled to, if present coupons are found in excess, and deliberate violations of regulations will be prosecuted, the Office said. The OPA announced 35,530 new passenger cars will be made available for rationing in September, compared with 13,250 in August, but all unused quotas were recalled and no carry-overs will be permitted in the future. The quota of 90,000 bicycles for September is the same as for August.

All rented standard model typewriters manufactured since January 1, 1935, were ordered returned to rental agencies by September 15 to make them available for purchase and use by the armed forces and Government Departments. Persons eligible to purchase machines under existing OPA regulations are not affected.

TRANSPORTATION

The Office of Defense Transportation issued an order, effective immediately, governing the operations of at least 50,000 automobiles used as taxicabs. The order: (1) banned use of taxicabs for "social or recreational purpose of the driver or operators"; (2) established a national taxicab speed limit of 40 miles per hour "or any speed above that prescribed by competent public authority"; (3) prohibited use of taxis for making "commercial deliveries of property"; (4) limited to 10 miles the distance a taxi may be operated beyond the corporate limits of the municipality in which the trip originated; (5) banned seeking cab passengers by "cruising"; (6) limited to 25 miles the distance which may be traveled on any one trip; (7) prohibited vehicles not marked distinctly as taxicabs from being operated as such.

THE ARMED FORCES

The War Department raised from 45 to 50 the maximum age at which men "who have character, skills or aptitudes which make their enlistment desirable and who are otherwise qualified" and who have draft board permission may enlist in the Army. They will be assigned to overhead units or installations where they will release younger men for general military service, and if fit, they will be used for combat duty, War Secretary Stimson said.

Marine Corps enlisted men, as well as Navy enlistees, may now apply for flight training to become Naval aviation glider pilots, who act as copilots for large transport gliders. During the week, the 45,000-ton battleship Iowa—heaviest vessel ever launched in the U. S.—the aircraft carrier Independence, the cruiser Boston, and two destroyers, the Glennon and Jeffers, were launched. The Red Cross and the Navy jointly announced a new rescue project under which buoyant waterproof bags containing emergency food, water and medical supplies, cigarettes, etc., will be dropped by Navy patrol blimps to seamen awaiting rescue, before they are actually picked up by rescue vessels.

STRATEGIC MATERIALS

War Production Chairman Nelson said 2,000,000 cars from automobile graveyards have been converted into 400,000 tons of steel scrap a month during the last 4 months, but the steel industry is now consuming approximately 4,800,000 tons of scrap metal a month, about 4 times as much as it took in 1938. The Office of the Petroleum Coordinator reported New Englanders and other east coast consumers will obtain only 75 percent of their fuel oil requirements under normal weather conditions this winter.

MYSTERY OF THE MURDERED MAN'S GHOST

Absorbing true detective story of a "spider man" who killed his benefactor, cluded police by hiding at the scene of his crime, frightening everyone away by his spookly antics. Look for this unusual feature in the September 20th issue of

The American Weekly, The big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

URGES BONDS—NOW!

New Bond Poster.—Now being displayed throughout the country is this impelling poster pointing out the urgency of buying War Bonds now before it is too late. This is part of the general War Bond Campaign in which everyone is asked to invest at least 10 percent of his income in War Bonds. Illustration is by Laurence Beale Smith.

To Unbalance the Axis

Official Canadian Government Photos

FROM a puny business employing only a handful of men and producing less than 4 planes a month, Canada's aircraft industry has grown into a giant enterprise turning out more than 400 crafts per month. Money expended on plant expansion, equipment and orders total half a billion dollars.

The Dominion's aircraft production program has now been narrowed down to nine models: an elementary trainer, the Fairchild Cornell; a single-engined advanced trainer, the North American Harvard; a twin-engined reconnaissance bomber (and bombing and gunnery trainer), the Bristol Bolingbroke; a coastal reconnaissance amphibian, the Catalina (Consolidated PBY-5); a single-engined fighter, the Hawker Hurricane; a twin-engined fighter; a four-engined long-range bomber; and a navy dive bomber.

Except for the engines, and certain instruments which are imported, Canadian planes are Canadian built from Canadian materials. There are about eight main assembly plants, and some 100 component instrument and part manufacturers. Among these are a half dozen factories turning out hundreds of propellers of various types to supply the planes being produced in Canada.

The manufacture of constant speed propellers, which is a mechanical work of art, requires rigid balance tests in all stages. The top photo shows a completed metal airscrew as it undergoes inspection. Small cork and lead weights are used in this final test. If perfect balance has been achieved their weight is sufficient to start the propeller revolving. In the lower photo a technician is checking the balance of a blade in upright position.

Canada's output of aircraft has now been stepped up sufficiently to meet the greater part of the requirements of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

In some 30 plants strategically located from Vancouver to Halifax, war and training planes are being constantly overhauled and reconditioned for flying. This is one of the Dominion's major war industries, representing an outlay of several hundred million dollars and keeping thousands of men busy maintaining in perfect condition Canada's growing air armada.

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