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.

U. S. Army headquarters in Britain reported that 115 American bombers, in their first large-scale daylight sweep over occupied France, shot down 48 Nazi planes, probably destroyed 38 more and seriously damaged at least 19. Never before had so many German planes been shot down in a single operation over western Europe as were brought down by the massed fire of the American Flying Fortresses and Consolidated B-24's. Only four American ships were lost and the crew of one was saved. The bombers made a destructive attack on the Lille industrial area.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia announced October 12 that Lockhead medium bombers scored two direct hits on a large Japanese seaplane tender in the Solomon area between the Bismarck and Solomon Islands. The Navy reported October 10 a Japanese destroyer was sunk and a heavy cruiser and destroyer were damaged by American airmen during continued enemy attempts to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal. The enemy under cover of darkness made several small landings in the Solomons, but U. S. forces shot down 21 Japanese planes, torpedoed a cruiser, and bombed and strafed enemy troops and equipment on Guadalcanal. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters also announced that the biggest force of Flying Fortresses ever sent against a target in the Australian zone made an unusually destructive raid on the largest Japanese base in this area, Rabaul. Australian troops continued to drive the enemy back into the Owen Stanley mountains and removed the threat to the Alied base of Port Moresby.

From new bases in the Andren of group of the Aleutians, Army bombers, escorted by Airacobra and Lightning fighters, kept Japanese-held Kiska—less than an hour's flying time away—under "continued fire" during the week. The Navy reported aerial reconnaissance showed the Japanese apparently had given up their hold on both Attu and Agattu in the western Aleutians and concentrated on Kiska.

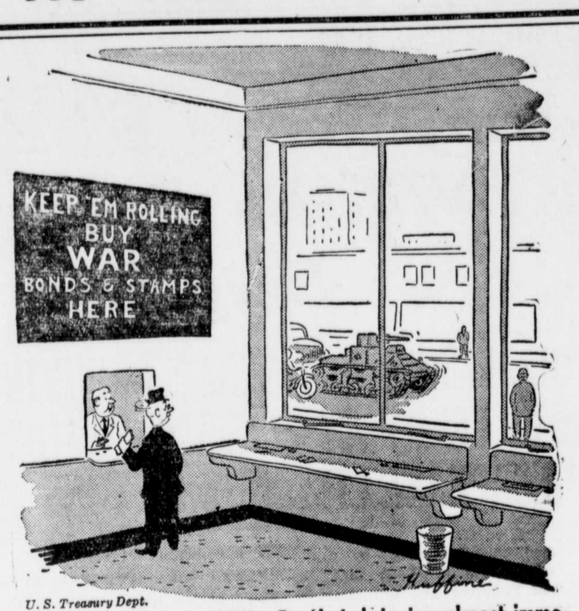
WAR TAXES

The Senate passed and sent to conference with the House the 1942 War Revenue Bill which the Treasury estimated will yield $9 billion in new revenue annually. Of this total, approximately $1,706 million would be refundable because the bill provides an extra 5 percent "Victory tax" on all individual incomes above $12 a week—part of which would be refunded as a credit on other taxes a year later or as a post-war refund. The new bill will make 42 to 44 million persons subject to Federal taxes, compared with 28 million at present, and will bring total Federal revenue up to $26 billion a year.

RATIONING

Price Administrator Henderson announced a five-step Government plan to keep every passenger car "rolling for essential mileage" throughout the war: (1) Rationing of used tires and recaps, and new tires now in stock, to provide as far as possible the minimum essential mileage to each of the nation's passenger cars. (2) Actual control of each car's mileage through the rationing of gasoline to prevent unnecessary driving and to hold the national average down to 5,000 miles per car per year. (3) Compulsory periodic inspection of all tires to guard against abuse and to prevent wear beyond the point where they can be recapped. (4) Denial of gasoline and of tire replacement to cars whose drivers persistently violate the national 35-mile-an-hour speed limit. (5) Capacity use, through car sharing, of every car on every trip so far as possible.

Fuel oil consumers in the 30 States affected by oil rationing will be able to obtain their ration application forms from their dealers soon after October 13 and should fill them out as soon as possible and mail or deliver them to local War Price and Rationing Boards, OPA said. Fuel oil ration coupons for private dwellings will be worth 10 gallons each for the first heating period—October and November—the OPA announced. Coupon sheets for the entire five periods of the heating season will be issued shortly, OPA said, but only those for the first period will be assigned a definite gallonage value in order to "assure fexibility" in fuel oil allotments.



U. S. Treasury Dept.

"Our latest batch of War Bonds is bringing almost immediate action."

MAXIMUM PRICES AND RENTS

The OPA reported October 11 that it is extending the Government rent control program to embrace practically the entire urban population of the country, and orders reducing and stabilizing rents on November 1 for all living quarters of 97 more defense-rental areas are being issued immediately. The orders bring under Federal control the residential rents in every large city in th ecountry with the exception of New York City. Rents are being cut back to the levels prevailing last March 1 in all of the areas except one—Orlando, Fla.—where the maximum rents date is being moved back to October 1, 1941.

Price Administrator Henderson announced a new alternative pricing formula, effective October 15, for the following groups of food products; breakfast cereals, canned fish, coffee, sugar, cooking and salad oils, canned vegetables, dried fruit, lard, rice, hydrogenated shortenings and other shortenings. The action, which will result in "slightly higher prices" for consumers, was taken to relieve pressure on wholesalers and retailers caught between March quotations under the General Regulation and the amounts they must pay producers. Mr. Henderson said the groups of food affected represent about 15 percent of all food purchased in the nation's 575,000 food stores. Mr. Henderson said American housewives should check the prices of food brought under price control last week by making a list of the prices paid from September 28 to October 2 for the various items of the same quantity and quality.

CIVILIAN SUPPLY

The War Production Board cut the production of flashlight batteries 50 percent and other types of dry cell batteries 10 percent from last year levels. The Board announced that construction using non-metallic materials and equipment to insulate buildings so that fuel can be saved may be undertaken without specific authorization. The order will not apply to construction begun prior to January 1, 1943. No heavy forged hand tools, such as bars, hammers, picks, tongs, etc., which do not conform to the size, type, grade, finish, weight and quality established by WPB, may be produced except on approval of the Board. The WPB ruled that plastic tubes are not acceptable as turn-ins for new tubes of toothpaste and shaving cream, and cut the percentage of tin which may be used in toothpaste tubes and shaving cream tubes.

WAR COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of War Communications ordered long distance telephone calls relating to the war effort and public safety be given priority over all other calls, effective November 1. Calls concerning moving armed forces during combat operations, urgent orders for the armed forces, immediate dangers due to presence of the enemy disasters materially affecting the war effort or public security will get first priority. Operators will give precedence to priority calls at all times.

WAR CRIMES

President Roosevelt stated "the barbaric crimes being committed by the enemy against civilian populations in occupied countries" are continuing, and "I now decare it to be the intention of the Government that the successful close of the war shall include provision for the surrender to the United Nations of war criminals. . . . The perpetrators of these crimes shall answer for them before courts of law."

Fast, Powerful Locomotive

On the electric railway between Manchester and Sheffield, England, is a new engine, powerful and "hush-hush." In tests it attained a speed of 64 miles an hour in almost as many seconds by the pulling down of a little brass handle. It weighs 88 tons, has eight wheels and its four big electric motors develop 1,860 horsepower. When running downhill its motors automatically become generators and feed electric current into overhead wires, the first British electric locomotive to do this. The energy normally lost when braking a heavy train is pumped into the cables for trains to use. One man can control a train.

MANY VISITORS IN AND AROUND KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers, of Baltimore, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nickerson attended her brother's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at Atlantic City on Saturday.

Miss Anna Oliffe of Philadelphia, spent Friday at her home.

Mrs. Bertha Herzog, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Johnston.

Mrs. James Weer and family and Mr. George Johnston visited her brothers, near Chesapeake City on Sunday.

Billy Anthony spent the week-end with Billy Fogwell.

Mrs. Louis Miller entertained the Home Makers Club on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. George Glenn is on the sick list.

Miss Betty Jean Groves and Miss Marie Miller spent the week end at their homes.

The Women's Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Groves on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and Mrs. Bertha Herzog were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile.

Mr. Philip Pinder visited home folks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dempsey and Robert visited her brother, Mr. Samuel Caldwell and wife, near Chesapeake City on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Whonseidler, of Lynch, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pinder.

Rally Day exercises were held in the Church on Sunday evening and was enjoyed by a large congregation.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis of Weather and Crop Conditions in Maryland and Delaware for the week ending Tuesday, October 20, 1942.

This was a mild and very wet week. The mean temperature was about 5 degrees above normal. There were four days with moderate to heavy rain. The rain was very heavy one day in western Maryland, causing a flood in the Potomac River. The rainfall of the week was 3.29 inches at Chewsville, 4.44 inches at Keedysville, 5.33 inches at Joppa, 7.28 inches at Western Port. There was a fall of 5.10 inches in one 24-hour period at Western Port. In the Baltimore area the weekly rainfall was 5.20 inches at the Airport Station at Dundalk, 5.41 inches at the City Office of the Weather Bureau, and 5.99 inches at Homeland in the residential section of the city.

Growing crops and pastures made good growth and improved.

The weather of the week prevented cutting and husking corn, sowing grains, digging sweet potatoes, harvesting late truck crops, and picking autumn apples and Kieffer pears; also, digging late potatoes in western Maryland and combining soy beans at Rock Hall.

Grains that were already up did well and improved. The recently sown grains came up to a good start. Winter oats are 2 to 3 inches high at Rock Hall; some early sown wheat is 2 inches high at Joppa; and winter oats and early sown barley are very green and 2 inches high at Queen Anne. Crimson clover, sown for a cover crop, made excellent growth at Northeast.

Late potatoes are making additional growth and are maturing in the central and eastern divisions, and will be ready for digging during the last week of this month; they are mostly good. Some late potatoes are being dug at Rock Hall.

Stripping tobacco began at La Plata.

The apple crop is large at Easton and Sharpsburg. The apple harvest is finished at Delmar. Many apples were forced off the trees by high wind and heavy rain in western Maryland.

The rains caused some clover seed to sprout at Marriottsville. Spinach is very good at Joppa. Some green tomatoes are yet to be picked at Highland.

John R. Weeks

Vinous Geneology

Grape varieties now grown in the Cresta Blanca wine-producing area around Livermore, Calif., are of the type known as "European" variety, having been grown in Europe since the early days of the Romans, but the species harkens back to the wild vine of southwestern Asia.

Versatile Radio Waves

Aside from commercial broadcasting and communications, radio waves are used for such unusual purposes as guiding ships to port, danger signals for navigators, airplane control and—in medicine—for exterminating parasites.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING AT MASSEY

Mr. Milton Phillips, of Camden, N. J., is spending this week with his aunt, Mrs. William Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Albert Pedrick, of New Castle, Del., were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Woodall.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott and daughter, Janice Marie spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brittingham, of near Felton, Del.

Mrs. Mattie Starkey has returned home after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hare and daughters and sister, Mrs. Jack Gillen, of Philadelphia.

Miss Carolyn Lee Clark, of Baltimore, enjoyed the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Clark.

Little Ray Freeman, of Elsmere, Del., spent several days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Freeman.

Mr. Joseph O'Grady A. M. 1-c U. S. N. returned home on Friday from the Solomon's Islands to spend a thirty day leave with his wife and son.

We miss from our community, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Kirk and daughter who have recently moved to Fredericktown.

The P. T. A. will hold their Annual Fall Supper at the school on Tuesday, October 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Husfelt and son, Lowell, of near Elkton, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Burris.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul King and family, of Dover, Del., spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Docker, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. A. W. Jones has donated to the local salvage a 75 M. M. shell measuring 25¼ inches long and 3 9-16 inches in diameter. This was a souvenir of the Hurlock family for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Freeman, of Elsmere, Del., were week-end guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ford entertained on Saturday evening in honor of her brother, Mr. Joseph O'Grady A. M. 1-c U. S. N. who returned home on Friday from the Solomons Islands. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Grady and son, Mr. and Mrs. Micheal O'Grady, Miss Maria O'Grady, Mr. Michael O'Grady, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John O'Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Grady and daughter and Mr .and Mrs. Laudis Johnston all of Sassafras; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haywood and daughter of Chester, Pa.; Miss Josephine Dunn, Miss Minnie Coleman, Mr. Thomas Coleman, Mr. David Moore, of Massey, Miss Elizabeth Ervin, of North East; Theodore Ford, of Galena; Miss Edna Frances and Mr. David Exline, of Baltimore.

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