

Allies Sink 123 Ships at Rabaul Base

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Solomons sea and adjacent waters, and thereby threatens the enemy's whole perimeter of defense."

Air Power Blasted

"If I succeed," MacArthur had told war correspondents before his raiding fleet took off, "it will be the end of the Japanese base at Rabaul."

Interrogation of the more than 1000 fliers who took part in the attack indicated it had succeeded fully, knocking out 60 per cent of Japan's air forces at Rabaul at an incredibly low cost.

"It was a crushing and decisive defeat for the enemy at a most vital point," MacArthur said today. "Once more, surprise was predominant. Rabaul has been the focus and the very hub of the enemy's main advanced air effort. I think we have broken its back."

Lightning fighters opened the attack at noon, followed swiftly by medium and attack bombers that ripped the enemy's airfields and a fleet of heavy Liberators that strewed 1000 pound explosives on the crowded harbor.

Main Enemy Base

The attack, in line with MacArthur's announced intention of delivering "swift, massive strokes" against key enemy objectives, was interpreted by observers here as a bid by the Southwest Pacific commander for a more prominent part in the Pacific offensive scheme.

Rabaul is the main enemy bastion south of Truk, and has been the objective of the two-pronged allied offensive in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Wonderful What Language Can Do

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (U.P.)—The language of economics is a wonderful thing.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D. La.) was citing figures yesterday showing that the public debt rose from \$44,214,000,000 in June, 1940, to \$43,431,000,000 last August. The per capita debt, he reported, increased in the same period from \$23 to \$33.

Sen. Abe Murdock (D. Utah) interrupted to remark that the national debt is owed to the people themselves, and therefore is an "asset" and not a "liability."

"I don't follow the senator," Ellender rejoined.

"Look at it this way," Murdock replied. "You owe me \$50. That is your liability but it is my asset—it's owed to me."

"So let's not divide the debt on a per capita basis and say we owe that vast amount of money without also dividing the debt on a per capita basis as per capita asset."

Ellender blinked—then continued his speech.

3 ARGENTINE LEADERS QUIT

Resignations Won't Effect Foreign Policy, Says Spokesman.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 14 (U.P.)—President Pedro Ramírez was expected to accept the resignations of three Argentine cabinet members today although a government spokesman denied the shakeup would in any manner effect the country's foreign policy.

Reports from diplomatic sources in Mexico City and Montevideo said that a break in relations between Argentina and the axis powers was imminent: Argentina is the only Latin American republic maintaining such relations.

Resignation of the three, Dr. Jorge Santamarina, finance minister; Gen. Elbio Anaya, minister of justice and public instruction, and Vice Adm. Ismael Galindez, minister of public works, followed an undisclosed disagreement with the president.

Political observers pointed out, however, that the three generally had represented an element friendly to the United States and in favor of a shift in the Argentine foreign policy.

The resignations left four of eight cabinet posts vacant, as the post of minister of foreign affairs has not been occupied since the resignation of Vice Adm. Segundo Storni on Sept. 9.

FATHER IS ACCUSED OF SEIZING CHILD

For the second time in his life, 3-year-old Bobby Lee Dause was taken today by his father from the home of the child's grandmother, Mrs. Olga Bernard, at 537 Fletcher ave., police were told today.

Mr. Bernard reported that Bobby's father, the divorced husband of her daughter, came to the house and overpowered a roomer, Henry Ranje, 66, who was caring for the child while she was away.

The father is Arnold Dause of Katherine, Ky., now a soldier at Camp Grant, Ill. Mr. Ranje said he was accompanied by two civilians, and police believe he is on his way to Katherine.

Mrs. Bernard said she was granted custody of the child by the court. The mother is in Santa Rosa, Cal., with her second husband. Mrs. Bernard explained that the father had taken Bobby away once before.

PHILIPPINES GIVEN JAP 'INDEPENDENCE'

By UNITED PRESS
The Philippines today were given their "independence" by the Japanese government in a political order which "disabled" the occupying military administration.

Editor Blames Oil Crisis On Bungling, Federal Folly

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and Capt. A. A. Nicholson, assistant to the vice president of the Texas Co., New York. A banquet and entertainment was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on the Sevin roof.

Fuel Oil Situation
Shows Improvement

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (U.P.)—The third winter of war will find most householders and apartment dwellers in about the same position as they were last winter on the score of keeping their house warm, a survey of the fuel situation indicated.

The fuel oil picture for next winter is somewhat more favorable than last, thanks largely to easing of transportation through speedy construction of new pipelines. The coal outlook is darker, however, because of work stoppages, manpower shortages and transportation difficulties.

A survey of general supply prospects for oil and coal showed:

Oil

The petroleum administration for war "hopes and, subject to unforeseeable circumstances, expects to be able to supply heating oil during the coming winter, at least on the same basis as last year—which means at least 75 per cent of the normal unrestricted demands."

The transportation problem is largely solved. But a new problem has arisen—an actual shortage of oil itself, due to greatly increased military demands for petroleum products.

Heating oil commercial inventories on the east coast are not up to last year's levels, it was said, but many householders filled their tanks during the summer. Inventories for the rest of the country were said to be "fairly comfortable."

"As of today," a spokesman said, "the general fuel oil situation looks better than last year. That can be stated definitely. There is no basis for complacency, but neither is there cause for undue fear."

Mr. Barnard reported that Bobby's father, the divorced husband of her daughter, came to the house and disrupted by work stoppages, manpower shortages, and distribution difficulties. The anthracite supply is described by the solid fuels administration as "very low and tight," while the bituminous supply is "growing increasingly short," chiefly because of insufficient production.

There will be at least 10 per cent less coal available this winter than last, according to the SPA.

The Office of Price Administration has ruled that dealers should deliver only enough anthracite to individual householders to put in their basements up to 50 per cent of the amount they used last year. The OPA has prepared plans for rationing coal if necessary.

Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes told a recent press conference that coal production has been less than capacity because of the lack of a contract between miners and operators.

**FARMERS WILL GET
SUBSIDIES FOR MILK**

Indiana dairy farmers will be the first to receive benefits from the federal government's subsidy program which is designed to increase production without raising prices to consumers, under a program announced today by AAA Administrator L. Marshall Vogler.

The program provides:

Dairy farmers in northern Indiana will receive 30 cents a 100 pounds for whole milk marketed while southern Indiana dairy farmers will receive 35 cents a 100 pounds.

All state dairy farmers will receive subsidy payments of four cents a pound for butterfat.

These subsidy payments are in addition, of course, to the regular prices the farmers receive for their products.

Mr. Vogler said it was hoped that the subsidies would encourage farmers to keep up production in the face of rising feed costs. The farmers in southern Indiana get larger subsidies than do the Northern Indiana farmers because feed costs there are higher.

The counties of Benton, White, Cass, Wabash, Miami, Wells, Huntington and Adams form the dividing line, with these counties and all north getting the 30 cents per 100 pound subsidy.

AAA officials said it was impossible to estimate how much the Indiana farmers would receive from the subsidy program.

Mr. Vogler said that it was absolutely necessary that the farmers keep records of their sales. While it is not definite yet, it is believed that the payments will be made through the county triple-A committees with checks drawn on the commodity credit corporation.

Mr. Vogler said that it was planned to pay the farmers just as soon after the end of October as possible. The subsidy program, as now set up, expires on Dec. 31.

The average price received by a farmer for butterfat now is 48 to 49 cents a pound. Whole milk prices vary throughout the state from \$2.00 per hundred pounds to \$3.35.

AGREES WITH STALIN

LONGON, Oct. 14 (U.P.)—The Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury, said in a speech today that he was confident, "like Stalin," that the war in Europe would be over before Christmas if a large-scale attack on the continent is made now.

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boxy pullover,
65% wool, 35%
Aralac. Cherry,
pink, lilac, green,
brown.

2. Classic pullover
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rayon. Baby pink,
blue, maize, white,
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BADOGLIO SAYS TROOPS READY

That Is Why We Declared War, General Tells Correspondents.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (U.P.)—Yesterday Ickes said the average number of days supply of bituminous coal on hand in consumers' stock piles on September 1 was 49, compared with an average of 52 days' supply on hand Aug. 1.

Although Ickes and the SPA have

consistently painted a rather dis-

couraging coal picture, a spokesman

for the national coal association,

representing the nation's coal pro-

ducers, declared that "the coal re-

quirements of the nation for the

coming winter will be met providing

there is no further interruption in

work."

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