

Allies Sink 123 Ships at Rabaul Base

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Bottoms 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 tipped the enemy's airframes and a fleet of heavy Liberators that strewn 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 \$143,431,000,000 last August. The per capita debt, he reported, increased in the same period from \$293 to \$935.

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 Ramirez 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. 8.

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.

Mrs. Bernard reported that Bobby's father, the divorced husband of her daughter, came to the house and overpowered a roomer, Henry H. 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'

UNITED PRESS
The Philippines today were given their "independence" by the Japanese government in a political order which "dissolved" 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 Severin 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 homes warm, a survey of the fuel situation indicated today.

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 demand.

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 their cause for undue fear."

Coal

The industry has been torn 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 SFA.

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.

BADOGLO SAYS TROOPS READY

That Is Why We Declared War, General Tells Correspondents.

MARSHAL BADOGLO'S HEADQUARTERS, Italy, Oct. 14 (U. P.).—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio said today that he soon would have an Italian army fighting along side the Americans and British in the campaign to drive the Germans from Italy.

The Italian navy and air force also will fight for the allies in Italy, he told newspaper correspondents only a few minutes after he broadcast Italy's declaration of war to the allies side, a tremendous outcry arose from certain circles here and abroad.

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DEANNA IS SEEKING DIVORCE FROM PAUL

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stirred up one of Hollywood's biggest controversies, wouldn't discuss her action.

Through her studio, she issued the formal statement: "It is impossible to continue our marriage. As a result I am taking steps to have it terminated."

Deanna, now 21, was married to Paul four years after she met him. He was 21, and assistant director on her first picture "Three Smart Girls."

She never had another beau. They became officially engaged Dec. 5, 1940.

Their marriage on April 16, 1941, was one of filmland's biggest events. Nine hundred formally-clad guests crowded the church to witness the culmination of filmland's "story book romance." Thousands of admirers milled outside the church for a glimpse of the newly married couple as they dashed through a barrage of rice.

After a brief honeymoon they moved into a new home. Paul climbed the ladder from assistant to film producer.

On April 19, one day after their first anniversary, Paul entered the navy as an ensign.

Until yesterday, their marriage was believed one of Hollywood's happiest.

C. O. DICKERSON, ILL TWO YEARS, IS DEAD

Chester O. Dickerson, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died today at his home, 1615 W. 60th st., after an illness of two years. He was employed at the Link-Belt Co. for 46 years.

Mr. Dickerson, who was 55, was a member of Masonic lodge, 668, and the Church of God.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mabel W. Dickerson; two sons, Chester Dickerson, with the army air corps, stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Earl Dickerson of Indianapolis; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dickerson; a sister, Mrs. Thelma H. Buchanan; a brother, Raymond Dickerson; and three grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p. m. Saturday at the Plummer & Buchanan mortuary, with burial at Crown Hill cemetery.

KAISER REDUCING PRODUCTION HOURS

PORTLAND, Ore. (U. P.).—As each new tanker hull goes down the ways of the Kaiser Co. Swan Island shipyard here, the man-hours going into its production are reduced.

On Hull No. 1 it took a total of 2,758,779 man-hours, or 1277 man-years of labor to launch the ship. An average working lifetime is 40 years, or 80,000 hours. Thus it took 31.93 lifetimes to complete hull No. 1 at Swan Island.

Services Set

Mrs. Nora Boylan

Mrs. Boylan's Rites Will Be Conducted at Holy Cross Saturday.

Rites for Mrs. Nora Boylan, 227 N. Hamilton ave., will be conducted in the Speake & Finn funeral home at 8:30 a. m. Saturday and in Holy Cross Catholic church at 9 a. m. Burial will be at Holy Cross.

Mrs. Boylan died yesterday in St. Vincent's hospital following a brief illness. She was 46.

Survivors are four daughters, the Misses Amelia, Catherine and Rose Boylan and Mrs. Betty Webber; two sons, John Boylan and Robert Boylan; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Sweeney of New York, Mrs. Edith Morrow of Pasadena, Cal., Mrs. Mary Boyle of Dearborn, Mich., and Mrs. Elizabeth Orr of Louisville, Ky., and three brothers, William Anderson, Robert Anderson and David Anderson, all of Dearborn, Mich.

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 ADMINISTRATION.

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 \$2.90 per hundred pounds to \$3.35.

AGREES WITH STALIN

LONDON, 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.

The Rev. Mr. Marx and the Rev. Miss Ely are missionaries of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ church and were taken prisoners in occupied China.

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Italy's Declaration of War Sign of Unity

By WILLIAM PHILIP HENNS Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—How important Italy's declaration of war yesterday against Germany may be—and it is certainly a milestone on the road to victory—the fact that Russia, Britain and the United States are in agreement on the Italian formula is more important still.

It will be recalled that when Adm. Darian, minister of national defense, broke with Vichy and placed North Africa in the war on the allies side, a tremendous outcry arose from certain circles here and abroad.

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Hunters Increase

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced that the number of hunters in the United States had increased by 100,000 in the last year.

The service said that the increase was due to a combination of factors, including a rise in the number of hunters who were over 65 years of age.

The service also said that the number of hunters who were under 18 years of age had increased by 50,000 in the last year.

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