

# STALINGRAD UNDER HEAVIEST BARRAGE

## Solomons Crisis Feared; Nippon Fleet Driven Off

Fortresses Hit Two Jap Battleships Ready for Renewed Attacks

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—The battle of the Solomons today was believed approaching the crucial stage.

Reinforced American occupational forces are prepared for an expected attack by the most formidable Japanese elements yet thrown into the struggle.

A powerful enemy naval task force, which fled from the vicinity of the Solomons after being attacked just a week ago by army Flying Fortresses, probably is readying for another attempt to invade the American-dominated waters—if it is already steaming toward them.

### Two Battleships Hit

The big American bombers dropped possible hits on two battleships but did not stay long enough to confirm this because of the tremendous anti-aircraft barrage thrown up by the enemy.

Intercepted northeast of Tulagi, one of the southeastern Solomon islands in American hands, the enemy fleet—which included battleships as well as cruisers—fled to the north.

It was presumed the Japanese ships returned to the big enemy naval base at Truk island. Nevertheless, a return visit was anticipated because the Japanese have given clear indication they intend to retake the seized islands at any cost.

It was believed here that the army bombers caught the Japanese naval force when it was waiting for other ships, presumably a fleet of transports, before undertaking the enemy's third major drive to retake the strategically important islands.

Marines Reinforced  
Meanwhile, the army's airmen were giving important support to the marine occupation force by almost daily bombardment of enemy air bases in the islands to the northwest.

The navy's last war bulletin, issued Saturday night, reported a lull in the fighting on Guadalcanal, where the Japanese had made an abortive attempt to re-take the airfield.

More significant was the navy's announcement that supplies and reinforcements have reached the marines. That indicates that the Japanese had failed to impair American communications to the island.

## Vichy Planning Forced Labor

Unrest Spreading As "Slave" Decree Given

London, Sept. 21 (UP)—Unrest was spreading in occupied France today in answer to new German repressive measures and preparations by the Vichy government to impose a forced labor decree by which Frenchmen would be compelled to slave for Germany.

Vichy reported that the Germans had arrested many persons during a week end in which the Germans confined the 5,500,000 residents of the Paris area to their homes for 36 hours out of the 48 between midnight Friday and 6:00 a. m. today.

The Vichy government published Sunday a decree calling for a census of all Frenchmen between the ages of 18 and 50 years who are not working at least 30 hours a week.

Under this decree approved by the Vichy cabinet Saturday, Marshall Henri Philippe Petain and Pierre Laval, chief of state and chief of government, intend to create a pool of unemployed or partly employed men who may be sent for forced labor "wherever the government judges them to be useful in the superior interests of the nation."

## Waters Subside In Wisconsin

Spring Valley Plots Migration To New Site

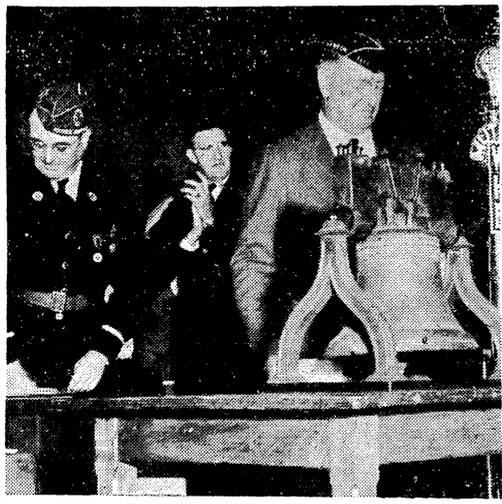
Spring Valley, Wis., Sept. 21 (UP)—High water continued subsiding today among northwestern Wisconsin tributaries of the Mississippi river, while 973 residents of the wrecked Pierce county village of Spring Valley consulted state officials on reconstruction and safe-guarding their community against further damage.

Proposals under consideration included mass migration of the village to higher ground two miles west of the present location or installation of flood control devices. The village has been subjected to six visits of high water during the past year, two of them highly destructive.

Chief obstacle to the proposed migration was lack of ready cash to accomplish it.

## Clay AAA Convention Pledges Co-Operation In Scrap Drive

Knox Addressing Legionnaires--



Frank Knox, secretary of the navy, addressing national convention of American Legion at Kansas City, Mo. At left is Lynn Stambaugh, Fargo, national commander of the Legion.

## Manpower, Industry Draft Bill Received In Senate

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—The senate today receives a bill that would give President Roosevelt broad powers for total mobilization of manpower and industry for the war effort.

The bill, drafted by Senator Lister Hill, democrat, Ala., will be introduced in the senate after a week of statements by high manpower and selective service officials citing the seriousness of the manpower situation and urging the power to "draft" labor.

Hill said his plan would involve no new delegation of power, but would simply authorize the president to designate and select services

on which men and industries shall be engaged.

Meanwhile, Chairman John H. Tolan, democrat, Calif., of the house defense migration committee which held hearings last week on manpower problems, announced that "the time has come when some clear decision between army and industrial needs must be made."

"With a projected army of 10,000,000 to 13,000,000 men, it is apparent that many additional millions must replace the men taken from war industry," Tolan said. "Clearly our present occupational deferment policy cannot meet this problem."

## Proceeds From Scrap Sales Go To Defense Fund

Moorhead's civilian defense fund has been enriched by \$103.96 as the result of the sale of scrap metal, M. E. Beck, local salvage chairman, reported today.

The salvage depot on the corner of Center avenue and Fifth street has been cleared up, yielding scrap amounting to 41,585 pounds which was sold to local junk dealers.

Much of the scrap was collected by air raid wardens in house-to-house canvasses while other residents brought their donations directly to the salvage depot.

## Nazi Propagandist's Conviction Upheld

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—The District of Columbia court of appeals today upheld the conviction of George Sylvester Viereck on charges of violating the foreign agents registration act by failing to disclose the full scope of his activities when he registered as an agent of the German government.

Viereck, now serving a two-to-six year sentence imposed on that conviction, also is under indictment on charges of conspiring to undermine the morale of the armed forces.

The court of appeals affirmed the jury's decision that Viereck's pro-Nazi propaganda work went far beyond that set forth in his registration with the state department, including "his work in helping a late senator prepare his expression of views on political topics."

The senator was not identified by the appellate court, but during Viereck's trial there was considerable testimony that he had been in contact with the late Senator Ernest Lundeen, farmer-laborer.

## Parachutist Reported In Connecticut; Probe Report

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 21 (UP)—State police said today they were investigating a report that a parachutist landed in the vicinity of Wethersfield today.

Lieutenant Henry Mayo, in charge of the Hartford barracks, said a large force of officers had been dispatched to the area "which is being combed."

He said there was nothing else to report on the case at the present time.

## State GOP Unit Okays Ball Stand

Stassen Actions Party Basis of New Platform

St. Paul, Sept. 21 (UP)—The state republican party was pledged today to winning the war quickly and decisively, "and winning the peace and securing America's way of life in a free world."

In a preamble to the platform adopted at the GOP state convention here Saturday, the party declared its intention of tackling the war effort "boldly and courageously" and promised to use every measure necessary to aid in the victory.

The platform adopted the position of Senator Joseph E. Ball, that the United States cannot stand aloof in the world, declaring:

"Security for the United States and our way of life cannot be based any more on separation from the world, but only on carefully worked out cooperations with the rest of a new-ordered world to prevent violence and lawlessness."

Apparently accepting the vote in the September 8 primary as evidence of the popularity of Governor Harold E. Stassen's administration policies, the convention adopted planks approving his action on post-war construction reserve funds, setting up a "far reaching and effective civilian and military defense program," and praising Stassen's administration for "an \$8,000,000 reduction in yearly state expenditures."

The platform also recommended that a portion of the cash reserves now accumulated in state funds be set aside to help veterans returning from world war II get a start, and urged that machinery be set up now to plan their rehabilitation. It asked, too, that action be taken to reduce further the state tax on property "with a program that will call for its entire elimination in a few years."

Dr. R. C. Radabaugh, Hastings, was unanimously re-elected state chairman by the state central committee following closing sessions of the convention.

## Nebraskan Honored

General MacArthur's headquarters, Sept. 21 (UP)—General Douglas A. MacArthur has awarded Captain Robert L. Morrissey, Nebraska, the distinguished service cross for successfully leading nine pursuit planes in action against Japanese attackers over Horn island, Australia.

## Berg, Cornell, Olson Renamed By Delegates

Metal Salvage Chief Will Be Named In Each Township of County

Delegates to the annual AAA convention for Clay county held in Moorhead Saturday evening pledged their whole-hearted co-operation in the drive for scrap metal to be conducted next month.

The three active members of the county committee were re-elected. They are A. W. Berg, Barnesville; chairman; C. W. Cornell, Rustad; vice-chairman; and Edwin L. Olson, Hawley, third member. First alternate is Andrew E. Nelson, Morken, and second alternate Emil Karstrom, Kurtz.

To Name Chairmen.  
In discussing the scrap metal drive, Berg said that a chairman would be named in each township to take charge of the campaign to be made on the farms. Then one man will be named for each five farms in the county to make personal calls and urge co-operation in the drive.

Also discussed Saturday was the farm machinery rationing program which is to be placed into operation as soon as definite instructions are received. The rationing program will be supervised by two members and two alternates to be appointed by the county war board.

Women Are Elected.  
For the first time this year women were allowed to cast their ballots in the annual AAA election and were chosen to offices. In Moorhead township Miss Mabel Edlund was named as county delegate and Miss Mildred Edlund as alternate delegate. Miss Mabel Edlund was also chosen second alternate of the township committee. In Kurtz township, Mrs. Walter Anderson was selected as second alternate committee member.

Here on the list of community committeemen, delegates and alternates (first person listed was the delegate to the county convention, the second person was alternate and the others in order are community committee chairman, vice-chairman, regular member and first and second alternates):

Alliance—Ray Koester, Fred Evert, Roy Koester, Virgil Tonsfeldt, (Number One on Page 8)

## Chicken Hunters Report Success

Many Get Limits On Week-End Expeditions

Reports were varied on the success of prairie chicken hunting expeditions into northern Minnesota where the season opened on Saturday but in many instances, sportsmen reported getting good bags.

Game warden Robert E. Streich, who talked to a number of hunters, said that those who hunted on high ground had good luck and that the chickens were found in abundance in field fields which have been kept back this summer.

Not so successful were groups who hunted in low territory. They were hampered by an excess of water and even when they did shoot birds, in many instances they were unable to retrieve them because of the water.

At any rate, the expeditions served as a warm-up for the opening of the duck season Saturday. And despite a shortage of shells at the stores now, the ban on tires, etc., there'll be hundreds of sportsmen in quest of "duck dinner."

## Light Rain Or Snow Forecast

Frost Is Predicted In Moorhead Area

Light rain or snow showers were predicted in the Moorhead vicinity tonight with a forecast of light to locally heavy frost.

Colder temperatures dropping to near-freezing are predicted with strong winds this afternoon diminishing tonight.

This morning a cold rain amounting to .08 of an inch, according to Fargo airport weather bureau instruments, fell, bringing further delay in threshing, onion, potato and bean operations.

Highest temperature Sunday was 73 with the low last night 48. There was a trace of precipitation in the period to 7:30 a. m. today.

## Report Tirpitz May Have Been Hit By Torpedo

Say Battleship Caught By British; Germans Claim Convoy Victory

London, Sept. 21 (UP)—Unconfirmed reports said today that Germany's giant battleship Tirpitz had failed in an attempt to break out to sea from Norway to attack an allied convoy and may have been torpedoed.

The reports were circulating in naval quarters after Germany had claimed that 28 ships had been sunk and nine damaged in attacks on an allied convoy bound through the Arctic for Russia.

It was said that the Tirpitz, officially rated at 35,500 tons but believed to be more than 40,000 had tried to slip with an escort from its shelter at Trondheim, Norway.

Hardly had the Tirpitz got into the high seas, it was said, before British forces were there, prepared to block it.

Escort vessels warned the Tirpitz of its danger, according to the reports, and it made a full steam back into Trondheim fjord, where it is protected by heavy coastal guns and mountain walls which make bombing difficult.

According to the reports, a British submarine was believed to have closed to "effective attack range" before the German battleship escaped.

It was believed here that jubilant German claims to the sinking of ships in the Arctic voyage were intended to cover Nazi frustration by Russia's magnificent defense of Stalingrad.

German newspapers hailed the alleged sinkings as "equaling the biggest German victories on the western and eastern fronts" and as a "grave defeat for Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin."

It was said that out of an escorted convoy of 45 merchantmen, the largest sent to Arctic Russia by the allies, German planes and submarines sank 25 merchantmen totaling 177,000 tons, damaged eight others totaling 64,800 tons so severely that "they must be considered as lost," sank a destroyer and two escort vessels and set a second destroyer afire.

In addition, Berlin said, five merchantmen totaling 29,000 tons were "shot" by submarines and torpedo hits were made on two destroyers.

## Nelson Wins In WPB Struggle

Now In Full Control of U. S. Production

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—Donald M. Nelson, beginning his ninth month in his war job as production chief, today was the victor in a bitter, behind-the-scenes struggle for control of production.

It was established definitely that Nelson—whose associates think he is "a wiser man, but still a damn nice guy" after months of conflict with the army and navy procurement agencies—is the head man.

But equal in importance to his administrative steps are Nelson's results "to date in turning out the actual machines of war. Although the president has warned that present production is only 50 per cent of maximum possible production, the nation now is producing \$5,000,000,000 worth of war materials a month. And 85 per cent of those are frontline weapons.

The 1942 production goal, originally set at \$27,000,000,000, has been raised to \$45,000,000,000 and now is "quite a bit more than that."

## Australians Fight Japs To Stalemate In Timor

Melbourne, Sept. 21 (UP)—Australian imperial forces, living for seven months in the mountain fastnesses of Portuguese Timor, have fought the Japanese landing forces on that island to a stalemate in territory enemy troops no longer care to enter, military reports received here revealed today.

Highly trained, well equipped forces killed 300 Japanese before one Australian was wounded.

## Belgrade Child Burned To Death In Woodshed

Willmar, Sept. 21 (UP)—Three-year-old Harvey Rossel burned to death today while playing in a woodshed at his home near Belgrade.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the shed. The boy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brussel, and two sisters

## Farm Price Rise In Inflation Bill Predicted

Brown Asserts "No Question" Increase Needed

Three-Five Per Cent In Year Cited Likely To Cover Labor Costs

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—Senator Prentiss Brown, democrat, Michigan, an administration spokesman, predicted in the senate today that even under the pending anti-inflation bill it may become necessary to permit farm prices to rise three to five per cent in the next year.

Brown spoke during the opening of debate on the measure, of which he is co-author, to give President Roosevelt broad power to stabilize all wages, salaries and prices. He asked that Mr. Roosevelt be given discretionary authority to prescribe the size of the farm price increases.

"No Question" of Raise.  
"There is no question that farm prices may have to be permitted to go a bit higher," Brown said. "There is no doubt that the farm labor situation, and the labor situation in some other fields in the economic picture, will require some readjustment of prices."

Debate on the measure opened after a sharp fight between administration forces and the senate farm bloc, which sought to exercise official control over an amendment to the pending measures that would require farm labor costs to be included in the computation of parity prices. Such a proposal would mean higher price ceilings on farm products.

The amendment was offered by Senator Elmer Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, after it was approved by a senate agriculture sub-committee, of which he was chairman. When he sought to have it referred to the full agriculture committee, Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky objected and temporarily blocked the move.

Farm Groups Active.  
The amendment was proposed, Thomas said, by representatives of four major farm organizations—the American farm bureau federation, the national grange, the federal milk producers' association, and the council of farm cooperatives.

Thomas said the amendment as submitted to his group also carried provisions defining farm labor as including that contributed by a farmer's family, and requiring that wage rates used in the computation be the general average for hired farm labor. The subcommittee, however, decided against including the additional provisions, he said.

At present, parity is that price for a farm commodity which gives the farmer the same purchasing power that the sale of the commodity would have given him in the years 1909-1914. By including farm labor costs in the computation of parity, prices necessarily would be higher.

Deadline Near.  
The full agriculture committee will be asked to give its support to the amendment at a meeting tomorrow, Thomas said.

Administration officials were hopeful, meantime, that they would be able to beat the farm bloc on the price issue.

No one is discounting the possibility, however, that it will be a momentous struggle to get the bill through congress in the desired form by the president's deadline—a week from Thursday.

House debate begins on a similar measure tomorrow. A final vote is not expected in either the senate or house until late this week.

## Mop-Up At Milne Bay Completed

Much Patrol Activity In Guinea Mountains

General MacArthur's headquarters, Australia, Sept. 21 (UP)—Australian troops under Major General Cyril Clowes have cleaned out the entire Milne bay area at the southeastern tip of New Guinea and thus have consolidated the biggest Japanese defeat of the war in the Australian zone, a spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

It was indicated that the remnants of the Japanese invasion force trapped in that area had fought tenaciously to the last, first in small groups, then in pairs or alone, until all had been wiped out.

News of final, complete victory at Milne bay aroused hope that MacArthur would outsmart the Japanese advancing on Port Moresby from the southern ridges of the Owen Stanley mountains 32 air line miles away.

General MacArthur's communique today reported that the situation there was static but that here was extensive patrol activity.

## Draft of Family Men May Start In October, 1943

Washington, Sept. 21 (UP)—Statements and orders from national selective service officials today added up to the possibility of a 10,000,000 to 13,000,000-man army within the next two years, with the call for married men with children likely to start in October, 1943.

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, says it will be necessary to take many men from the labor force, and Congress authorized the call of 18 and 19-year-old youths, they might be drafted ahead of the married men.

## Soviet Railroad Guns Duel With Nazi Artillery

Enemy Casualties Mount, But Germans Continue To Press Reds Back

Moscow, Sept. 21 (UP)—Front reports today said the red army was fighting back with railroad artillery and armored trains against an unprecedented Nazi cannon and air bombardment of battered Stalingrad.

The Soviet dispatches said the railroad guns were making a thundering reply to the long-range cannon with which the Germans were blasting the city.

Despite repeated attacks by Luftwaffe squadrons, the reports said, Soviet armored trains were laying down a withering fire in support of the defenders of Stalingrad, concentrating particularly on points hastily fortified by the Germans.

Greatest Bombardment.  
The bombardment by the Germans and the counter-bombardment by the big Russian guns was described as the greatest of the Russo-German war.

Attacking by the thousands under cover of the pulverizing bombardment, the Nazis were reported to be pressing the Stalingrad defenders back yard by yard, often over the ruins and streets slippery with the blood of dying defenders and attackers.

Nazi casualties were said to be mounting, especially in the rubble-heaped northwestern sector of Stalingrad where a battle was in progress for every house and every heap of broken brick and mortar which could be transformed into a pillbox.

Front-line dispatches to the communist organ Pravda said the battle grew more tense every hour, and that the Germans were throwing in reinforcements and driving ahead "at some points." Presumably, these enemy gains were on the northwestern outskirts. The defenders were heavily outnumbered.

The Soviet non-Communist admitted no German advance, and reported the killing of two enemy regiments (perhaps 10,000 men).

The Soviet high command had reported last night that counter-attacks had driven the Germans from some sectors in northwestern Stalingrad and regained some streets.

Dispatches gave a vivid picture of the battleground, one of the bloodiest in history.

Huge clouds of smoke enveloped Stalingrad's outskirts and the fires of burning buildings were visible at night miles away. The earth trembled, as if by earthquake. No one sound really was audible. The roar of cannon, the crack of rifles, the firing of machine guns and the bursting of bombs were submerged in the noise of them all, a deafening, terrifying sound that never ceased.

Bombs Rain Steadily.  
Bombs fell in a steady rain and (Number Three on Page 8)

## Election Quirk Rules Out Olson

Democratic Nominees Denied Certificates

St. Paul, Sept. 21 (UP)—The state canvassing board denied certificates of non-action today to six Minnesota democratic congressional nominees who failed to poll the required number of votes in the September 8 primary. Henry L. Olson, Beltrami, ninth district nominee, was one of them.

The action, in effect, nullified the democratic primary in six of the state's nine congressional districts and made it possible for any number of candidates to get on the ballot as democrats by petition.

Under Minnesota election laws, the six candidates, who failed to poll 10 per cent of the average vote cast for state candidates of the party at the last general election, may get on the ballot in November by filing petitions signed by five per cent of the entire vote in the district at the last general election.

The canvassing board's decision is based on an opinion by Minnesota Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist which held the candidates could not be certified.

Besides Olson, democratic nominees found to be ineligible were Ed Cornealy, Edt ard A. Delaney, Thomas O'Brien, Theodor Glen, and E. J. Larsen.

## British Said Closing In On Madagascar Capital

London, Sept. 21 (UP)—Lieutenant General Sir William Platt, British commander in chief of East Africa, said today in a communique that his forces were closing on Tananarive, capital of Madagascar.

He said the British had occupied the "important railroad junction" of Brackville, east of the island capital.

Colonel Roane Waring.

Group Okays Acceptance of Veterans of Present War Into Membership

