

INFLATION

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Evidently President Roosevelt will have his own way over the anti-inflation bill. His partisans in the Senate have defeated the Farm Bloc. A late message from Washington reports that the Farm Senators virtually admitted they were licked. They offered a compromise amendment whereby farmers would be guaranteed for cost of production plus a reasonable profit. The Administration Senators rejected that compromise and stood pat. They will, however, accept the amendment the Roosevelt Senators themselves offered. That is, an amendment which directs the President in fixing the ceiling on farm prices to take Labor costs into consideration, but it does not require him to change the existing parity formula.

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RUSSIA

In the battle of Stalingrad the Germans brought up large numbers of reinforcements by plane. It would have gone hard with the Russians, if they *too* had not done *the same.* ~~it too~~ Squadrons of flying troop

transports were brought to the scene of fighting by both sides. *This is* ~~that much was~~ admitted by the Nazis. ~~xxxx~~ *Whereupon,* ~~the fighting, in consequence,~~ *became themselves.* ~~even more savage than before.~~

There was one piece of news from Stalingrad *today* that we have not been hearing for some time. Furious battles ~~were~~ raging in the air over the beleaguered city. For several weeks past the dispatches have been reporting that German planes were cruising at ~~their~~ leisure over the Russian lines, bombing at will. ~~is~~

So it's ~~it is a bit~~ encouraging to hear that Russian fighter squadrons were attacking the Nazi bomber formations constantly. However, Moscow admits that the Germans continue to have the preponderance of air power.

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The reinforcements to the Red army ~~plunged~~

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into action immediately. The bitterest kind of hand-to-hand ~~fighting~~ ^{battling} has been going on in the huge manufacturing plants and shipyards which extend ^{far miles} along the banks of the Volga. ~~for miles~~. The Russians ^{say they} ~~claim to~~ have recaptured two Stalingrad streets. ~~In the hand-to-hand battles.~~

According to Soviet communiques of the last few weeks, no fewer than eighty-four thousand Germans were killed at Stalingrad in the first twenty-six days of September; ^{losing} the Axis also ~~lost~~ ^{lost} one thousand, two hundred and fifty tanks.

~~Still and all,~~ There is ~~grave~~ pessimism in London about ~~the Battle of~~ Stalingrad. British military observers, analyzing the news, point out that the Germans have driven a wedge into the heart of the city and are tightening their grip. *And* the

gallant and resolute counter-attack of Marshal
Timoshenko has not weakened the Nazi situation to any
important extent.

Later,

The Berlin radio broadcast a claim that Nazi columns are now in the northern part of Stalingrad. They boast further that this part of the city has been absolutely cleared of Russian troops. ~~Rumanian and~~ ^{*divisions*} ~~Croatian soldiers~~ are fighting along with the ~~Russians at Stalingrad.~~

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A later dispatch from Moscow admits that, although the Rusians recaptured two streets, they lost ground in other parts of the city. ^{*Which*} ~~That~~ seems to ~~ex~~ confirm the German claim of having penetrated into the northern section.

Stalingrad is a peculiar city, ^{*in that it*} ~~is~~ extends for forty miles along the west bank of the Volga.

The principal effort of the German general staff is to cut it in two and disorganize the defenders.

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Monitors and armoured boats on the Volga are braving a constant rain of bombs to maintain a supply line and remove the wounded.

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Good Evening, Everybody:

News from the Aleutians tonight, and fairly good news. A strong force of army bombers and pursuit

planes appeared suddenly over ^{that annoying} ~~the~~ Japanese base ~~at~~
Kiska Island, ^{these planes were} ~~September twenty fifth. They were~~

accompanied by planes of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

They attacked the Japanese installations, destroyed

seven ^{seaplane} ~~seaplane~~ fighters, and set a Jap transport on

fire. She was damaged so badly that she later had to

[#] be beached. Furthermore, more than one hundred and

fifty Japanese were killed or wounded in the attack,

and the ^{U.S.A. - Dominion Squadron} ~~planes~~ raised havoc with a couple of submarines

[#] and landed bombs on shore installations. This is the

first report we have had from the Navy on fighting in

the Aleutians ^{for some time,}
~~the Aleutians for two weeks~~

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Here's another Navy communique about the fighting in the Solomons. In the last four days the fliers of our army, navy and Marine Corps have shot down forty-two Japanese planes. ~~ix~~ Not a single one of our own have been lost in that period. Aside from that they bombed four ships in the Solomons and hit two cruisers, one of which was left burning. An enemy seaplane tender was damaged and a large transport set afire. That was at Rekata Bay on Santa Isabelle Island. ~~our~~ ^{Corps planes} Marines on Guadalcanal and Florida are constantly patrolling ~~ix~~ and bombing the Japanese ground forces. Several small enemy units have been engaged and destroyed. ~~Oppositions have been expanded somewhat, says the Navy.~~

FORTRESSES

Our flying fortresses have ^{also paid another} ~~been making a hit~~

~~again. The big army bombers paid a~~ visit to the

Harbor of Rabaul on the island of New Britain,

~~You will recall that this was~~ the commodious modern

harbor built by the Germans, taken by the Australians,

^{and now bombed repeatedly by us.}
then captured by the Japanese, ~~The Japs made it one~~

~~of their important bases in those waters.~~

^{flying}
The fortresses came down on Rabaul at dawn

today and had the good fortune to ^{find there} ~~see~~ a large Japanese

~~merchantman~~ merchantman, a fifteen-thousand toner, ⁿ ~~it was~~

^{on which} they made ~~their~~ direct ~~xx~~ hits, ^{resulting} ~~The last thing~~

~~seen by the crews of the planes as they flew away~~

^{in an immediate} ~~was a~~ column of smoke rising ^{(hundreds of feet} from the ship, ~~three~~

~~hundred feet high.~~

Four days in succession now the fortresses have been bombing Rabaul Harbor. One day they sunk an eight-thousand toner and hit a medium-size ship.

~~They~~ ^Q ~~also~~ ^{they} ~~landed~~ ^{bombs on} ~~one-hundred-pound bombs~~ ^{on} ~~two more;~~
~~Aside from~~ ^{and,} a squadron of medium bombers ~~on~~

~~saturday~~ destroyed an enemy transport off the southeast tip of New Guinea:

The fortresses ~~xx~~ have also been striking at Buna on the north coast of New Guinea, and the nearby Jap base of Gona. Yesterday they made a fresh attack on the Japanese airfield in Bougainville Island, the largest enemy base in the Solomons.

NEW GUINEA

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The Japanese invasion columns in New Guinea have been building a road through the center of the island to speed up the sending of supplies to their vanguard. The Americans and Australians have tried to prevent this by a constant series of attacks. But they have not succeeded. The Japs are laying a corduroy road built of logs and earth over that difficult Owen Stanley range. Military observers admit that the enemy have shown the greatest skill and perseverance. But for the fact that the Allies have control of the air over New Guinea, the Australians would now be defending Port Moresby itself.

All of you have heard Bob Crawford's songs. The whole country is singing one of them at present. It ^{'s} is the official song of the Army Air Corps. Bob is playing it softly on the piano at my elbow, right at this moment. But, I'm going to ask him to forget about music for a moment and tell us about his job as Acting Director of Pan American Air Ferries.)

How are the ferry pilots trained, Bob?

BOB CRAWFORD: Oh, they come to us in various ways. Some of them are veteran pilots with many years of experience. Some are Dutch flyers who piloted planes for K. L. M., until the schedules of that great Dutch airline ^{were} ~~was~~ interrupted first by Hitler and then by Hirohito. But, most of them, the men whom we are now training down at Miami, come to us through the C.P.T, the civilian training system

which is open to young college men throughout the country. The civilian training that our boys are getting in our colleges is of the ~~very~~ best. Much better than you might think. The boys come to us after they have had several hundred hours of civilian flying.

L.T. Most of them go straight into the Army

Air Corps *don't they?*

BOB CRAWFORD: Yes. But, the Army sends some of them to us. Every boy is not temperamentally fitted to be a pursuit pilot. Some are just the right type to take big planes off from flying fields in this country, put them way up there in the stratosphere and then land them right on the dot on the other side of the ocean, in Africa, and all the other places where our planes are being sent. Some of the boys of course fly them on to Egypt, Persia, Russia, India

and China. And surely that's one of the most interesting jobs in the world.

L.T. And surely your job, Bob, which you and your colleagues of Pan American Air Ferries are doing, is of enormous importance. ^{But} ~~And~~ to get away from aviation again, and ~~just~~ ~~just for a moment~~ back to music, not satisfied with writing the official song of the Army Air Corps, flyer Bob Crawford has just written another song for the mechanics, entitled "The Mechs Of The Air Corps", full of all the strange sounds and the strange language used by the lads who get the planes ready to fly. You'll be hearing it everywhere.

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The Germans today were broadcasting loud-sounding claims that they had sunk three American troop ships.

The Nazi High Command issued a statement that their

U-boats had bagged three large liners in a convoy, one

of nineteen-thousand tons, another seventeen thousand, and the third eleven thousand.

Washington

To this ~~our side~~ makes no reply. As a matter

of policy neither the British Admiralty nor the United

States Navy ~~makes~~ ^{offers} any comment. This rule was laid

down early in the progress of the war because it has

been an Axis policy to make extravagant claims for a

direct purpose. The purpose, ~~is~~ ^{US} to taunt ~~the~~ ^{the} Allies

into denying the Axis claims in such fashion as to

give information of military value. As a matter of

fact, our transport convoys to the other side have been

remarkably successful.

At the same time it was admitted in London today

that the Nazi U-boats have been more and more active in the Atlantic, particularly in the convoy lanes. They ^{have} ~~was~~ been sending whole squadrons of undersea raiders into the waters around the British Isles and Iceland. Earlier in the year those waters were comparatively free because the U-boats were concentrating on the waters off the American coasts.

This comes as an ~~antidote~~ antidote to ~~the~~ ~~excessive~~ optimism about enemy submarines ~~that was~~ ^{when we were} ~~created~~ last week. ~~We had been~~ told that the U-boats off our own shores were being controlled and that sinkings were much fewer. Now it seems that the Nazi High Command has merely shifted their undersea raiding packs to other waters.

ADD CONVOY

Later this afternoon the Nazi High Command claimed to have damaged two large transports as well as having sunk three.

Extra



Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska had ^s made up his mind. Yes, he will run. ~~And Uncle George~~

^{waited}

until the last moment to decide. But, he ~~did not take the~~ ~~took no action~~

^{initiative}

himself. Sixteen thousand people in Nebraska had signed petitions nominating ~~Uncle George~~ ^{the aged Sen. Norris} to succeed

himself. ~~in the Senate of the House.~~ ^{And} Early this

afternoon it was announced that he had accepted.

^{Which}

~~That~~ ^a settles ~~the~~ question that has been up in

the air for months. Uncle George is eighty-one years old and said several times in the course of the last year that he thought he had had enough. ~~But he is~~

~~held in great affection and respect by both Democrats~~

~~and Republicans.~~ ^{his friends} Many of them ^{arguing} begged him to stick

^{to} on the job, ~~telling him~~ that his experience, integrity and sagacity ~~were~~ ^{badly} needed in the Senate.

~~He will not have ~~xxxx~~ all his own way this~~

[#] ~~year.~~ This time the ^{cornhusker} ~~opposed by~~ will be at least two candidates. ~~to oppose~~

SCRAP DRIVE

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Organized labor is being urged to join in the drive to collect scrap metal. The ~~word~~ word came from Phillip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. He has written to all the C.I.O. affiliates, suggesting that Labor Unions roll up their sleeves and join with all other groups in a united effort to collect scrap.

Washington reports that the campaign of the last two Sundays was ^a phenomenal success. Something like five-~~thousand~~^{million} two-hundred-and forty-two thousand pounds of scrap were collected.



We may be short of T-bone steaks and prime rib roasts ~~next~~ next year, but one article of meat will be with us always. ~~That is~~ The ubiquitous hot

dog, once known ^{by} ~~under~~ the alien ^{manipulated} ~~enemy title~~ of wienie.

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^{solemn} The information comes from the Natural Casing

^{which} Institute ~~It~~ sent a wire to Secretary of Agriculture

Wickard today saying Americans need not be denied an adequate and wholesome supply of meat, ^{because} ~~slaughterhouse~~

~~the sending of meat abroad,~~
~~kills of beef, cattle and pigs have reached an all-time~~
~~and to our men in service here leave~~
~~high, but that leaves~~ an unusual amount of beef and
~~from which the well known~~
~~pork trimmings and it is of that that the~~ hot dog

is made.

Well that's something,
eh Hugh?

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