

# The War Today

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LONDON, Oct. 1.—Herr Hitler's boastful promise to his people yesterday that he will retaliate against Germany's attack on Britain for the bombing of Germany finds John Bull quite unmoved and stoically reconciled to renewal of the Nazi war from the air.

However, while there can be no question of der Fuehrer's intention to resume his aerial hymn of hate there is considerable doubt how far he will be able to carry out his plans. He no longer is the mighty man he was before he tangled with the unconquerable Bolsheviks.

He can't just say as of old, "Let Britain be bombed," and know that his genie has done the job.

Hitler's ability to conduct further wholesale bombings of Britain is contingent on several important things. One is whether the Allies open up that second front about which he has shown by deed and word that he is worried.

His declaration yesterday that he is ready to meet such an offensive is at least partly true, for his defensive preparations in Western Europe have been obvious. Should such an Allied operation eventuate, the all-ghastly might find himself far too busy meeting it to permit of bombing Britain.

At the moment, of course, he is fully preoccupied with his thus far unsuccessful effort to annihilate the Russian Army of the South.

For months now the German efforts against Britain have been confined largely to nuisance raids. At present, virtually all Hitler's air power, apart from essential home defense, is engaged in his now-or-never assault on Stalingrad and the Caucasus. One wouldn't expect him to withdraw any of this strength for some weeks yet until he achieves all he can before winter calls a halt.

However, once the Caucasus show slows down, the Nazi chief will be able to withdraw a large part of his air fleet.

With that, he strikes me that he will be faced with numerous difficult problems which are developing.

In the first place, his air fleet is no longer the great weapon with which he started the war. He is short of warplanes, pilots, oil and gasoline. His first-line planes have been and still are undergoing terrific wear and tear in the non-stop

## DRAFT DODGERS ARE SENTENCED

### U. S. Judge Rules On Three, One German Native

ERIE, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Federal Judge R. M. Gibson imposed prison sentences on three men charged with violating provisions of the Selective Service Act.

Martin Bruno Missler of Butler, a native of Germany, was given two years for failing to register for the draft. Richard W. Gostmatine of Johnstown and John Noah Tokes, Duquesne, each was sentenced to three-year terms for other Selective Service violations.

Judge Gibson imposed a suspended sentence of one year and a day on Mrs. Madelyn Mack Miller of Clarion and placed her on probation for three years. Mrs. Miller, assistant to the receiver of the closed First National Bank of Clarion, pleaded nolle contendere to a charge she had embezzled \$2,400 of bank funds.

The federal grand jury returned nine indictments and recessed until further call. Those named in the indictments included: Mike W. Jarvis, Johnstown, theft of government property.

curage at Stalingrad. Before he can undertake any wholesale bombing of Britain, or any other extended engagement, he must go in for a thorough overhauling, and that will take time.

A corollary to this problem is the Anglo-American air strength already in the British Isles and steadily growing. The Allies have superiority in the air over Western Europe and are reaching for absolute supremacy.

Then, too, since Hitler slacked off on his bombing of Britain when he started his offensive against Russia this summer, defense of these isles—both air and ground—have been vastly strengthened.

As this is being written I can hear the steady drone of Royal Air Force patrol planes as they swing over London—sweet music—to the population—and we presume that similar scouts are covering every strategic area. There have been great improvements in anti-aircraft defenses.

All this will take some beating. Maybe Hitler will have other projects on hand at that time. For instance, he might decide to throw

## Little Election Campaign For Pennsylvania Congressmen In War-Time Emergencies

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Most Pennsylvania members of the House are squeezing a little reelection campaign into their wartime congressional schedules, but there's a tendency to stay on the job and let their records speak for them.

All emphasize the importance of Congress' duties.

Representative Hugh D. Scott, Jr., the lone Republican, among the seven Philadelphians in the House, for example, thinks that campaign oratory "ought to be rationed."

"I'm not using gasoline to conduct a campaign," he says. "I have not asked for any. I make no campaign other than to take in a few meetings. . . . In wartime it is both bad taste and judgment to ask the people to give time up from their jobs for political rallies. . . ."

his strength into his now stationary offensive against Egypt. He might try to reach the Middle East by using his air force against Syria, bypassing Turkey.

And there are other possibilities which one can foresee.

Finally we come down to the question of that second front. In connection with this it is interesting to discover that the British public is experiencing a lively hunch that the Allied High Command is cooking up something in the way of a new offensive.

As a matter of fact, I've encountered this feeling among military observers on both sides of the Atlantic recently. There's nothing you can put your finger on to show where the idea had its birth, though its very persistence encourages belief that it isn't without substance.

Now along comes der Fuehrer to say he's seen the ghost.

Of course the easiest way to explain it would be to put it down to wishful thinking. There's plenty of that here as well as in our own America, for John Bull and family are eager to come to deathgrips with Adolf Hitler.

The old flower lady in Piccadilly Circus — for these colorful characters in London life still stick to their posts despite the bombing. God love 'em—summer or winter — when I stopped to buy a hat and have a little chat for old time's sake.

"Sure, we're going to win," she said, "but we want to get ahead with it."

It's clear that if and when the Allied Command decides to open a new front it will have the eager support of the people of Britain and the United States. That support is calculated to provide inspiration for action when it is wholly feasible. Maybe that's what Wendell Wilkie had in mind when he said some of our military leaders may "need some public prodding."

And Representative James P. McGranery, Philadelphia Democrat, says:

"There's not much you can do to campaign this year. The die is pretty well cast. I've voted for everything that would go to building up defense. I think the majority of the people will not take this too lightly."

Representatives Louis E. Graham of Beaver and Richard M. Simpson of Huntingdon, Republicans, campaigning, but only on weekends. Graham is scheduled for a speech before Republican women in Wilkes-Barre in mid-October.

Representative Samuel A. Weiss, Glassport Democrat, says he can't find time to campaign the way he'd like to, because of his week-end, extra-curricular job as a professional football official.

Representative Herman P. Eberhart, Pittsburgh Democrat, says he will "make speeches if there is not too pressing business here."

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Program and Services." Election of executive committee replacements and representatives to the State Delegate Assembly will occur at 11:30.

The luncheon meeting at 12:30 will have the Hon. C. Gilbert Wolfenden as the presiding officer. The Rev. Dr. Harry Burton Boyd, pastor of the host church, will give the invocation and the speaker will be Margaret Steel Moss, president, Pennsylvania Welfare Conference and executive director, Dauphin County Board of Assistance. Her subject will be "Community Responsibility for Social Services in Wartime."

Helen C. Hubbell, supervisor, Rural Child Welfare Unit, State Department of Welfare, will preside at the afternoon session, which will feature "Children in a Democracy."

How does our region meet the standards of the White House conference. The speakers will be Mrs. Clinton M. Fite, member, Citizens' Advisory Committee, Child Welfare Services, Indiana County, and Mrs. E. S. H. McCauley, member of a similar group in Beaver County.

The project was financed by the city.

State leaders and representatives of the War Production Board went to Philadelphia today for another in a series of scrap institutes held to speed collections. Seven counties were represented at a similar session in Allentown last night. Principal speakers were J. H. Zerby, Jr., publisher of the Pottsville Republican; and Roland L. Adams, publisher of the Easton Free Press and vice president and general manager of the Bethlehem Globe-Times.

Baker said 52,105 tons of scrap metal have been collected in the last two weeks toward a goal of 500,000 tons by October 17. News papers, now holding 17 newspapers united metal scrap drive, are cooperating with the state drive. A campaign by school children starting Monday, will be merged with the present collections.

Roberts announced formation of a committee to judge the eligibility of county salvage groups for the victory pennants, which will be given to counties collecting 100 pounds of scrap metal and rubber per person within the next three weeks.

The new committee is headed by Justice George W. Maxey of the State Supreme Court. Other members are William N. Hardy, Harrisburg, manager of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publisher Association and V. K. Simpson, Philadelphia insurance executive.

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Baker, state salvage chief, said "Pennsylvania's newspapers are doing a magnificent job in this campaign."

Donald M. Nelson, WPB chief, wired the PNPA that "the prompt and enthusiastic action of your newspapers x x x is the kind of answer I expected in my challenge to the American press."

Governor James said: "Today's Pennsylvania newspapers and the newspaper men are carrying on in a manner befitting the highest traditions of the profession."

Dr. A. C. Martz, director of the State Defense Council, lauded newspapers for "the generous way in which they have devoted their space to instructing the people of Pennsylvania concerning the rapid and varied developments in civilian defense."

"The newspapers of Pennsylvania are playing a vital part in the war," declared Col. B. F. Evans, active State Selective Service director. "I know that as far as selective service is concerned, the newspapers have done more than words can describe to help make this great effort successful."

R. F. Ashenfelter, state rationing director, praised the cooperation his investigators found throughout Pennsylvania.

"The people of my district know what my stand is on the important questions and would rather see me here," he said.

Representative Robert L. Rodgers, Erie Republican, decries the "disinterested" in the election of representatives "since we're fighting a war for the preservation of that principle of government" but he expects to join the state candidates this week in their tour of Erie County.

Representative Harve Tibbott, Cambria Republican, is getting in as much campaigning as possible, returning home twice a month.

"More patriotism and less politics is Tibbott's credo and that's the way joyful Representative Augustine B. Kelley, Greensburg Democrat, sizes it up.

Kelley joined the Democratic State Caravan through his district, but thinks it's a congressman's duty to cut down on traveling.

Representative Francis R. Smith, Philadelphia Democrat, uses an occasion week-end for speeches and thinks that "this time more than ever before the people are inclined to think of congressional issues."

Representative Thomas B. Miller, Luzerne Republican and a newcomer in the House, is doing as much political speech-making as his duties in Congress will permit, aides said.

Pennsylvania's other short-termers, Elmer J. Holland, Pittsburgh Democrat, can't run again for Congress because his district has been abolished, but he is a candidate for the State Senate.

Four Pennsylvanians don't need to worry about re-election—Republican Robert F. Rich of Woolrich was not a candidate and representatives Benjamin Jarrett, Farrell Republican, and Charles I. Faddis and Guy L. Moser, Democrats, were defeated in the primary.

"come over to the side of the Red army."

Other developments: Dakar—Official Vichy quarters said Governor Pierre Boisson of Dakar had decided to remove European women and children from the French West African port, after Axis propaganda assertions that the Allies were planning to attack the stronghold.

Egyptian front—Italian headquarters reported that tank-led British infantry launched an assault on the Southern flank of the 35-mile El Alamein line, 80 miles west of Alexandria, but declared they were thrown back with heavy losses.

A Fascist communique said 200 British were taken prisoner. British headquarters said land operations were confined to artillery exchanges.

Australian troops were reported in one report of retreating Japanese forces in New Guinea after a swift 10-mile advance up the slopes of the Owen Stanley Mountains, while in another sector of the Pacific War theater the Tokyo radio declared that winter had already gripped the Aleutian Islands.

The broadcast said unsheltered Japanese camps at the western end of the Aleutians were blanketed with snow and swept by icy winds.

Presumably this means an end to Japanese infiltration among the long chain of islands, where the enemy has been under heavy attack by American bombers and submarines.

On the New Guinea front, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that the Japanese, driven out of the mountain-ridge town of Mauro, were abandoning quantities of supplies and equipment as they fell back under strong allied aerial assault. Nauro lies 42 airline miles from the key United Nations outpost at Port Moresby.

Official dispatches said that there was no doubt the Japanese withdrawal was hurried and that so far there had been no contact with the main body of enemy forces.

On the Burma front, British headquarters reported that RAF warplanes again bombed and machine-gunned the Japanese air base at Akyab, West Burma, just below the Indian frontier.

India still rumbled with sporadic outbreaks of violence in Mohandas K. Gandhi's campaign against British rule, with three more fatalities reported as a result of bombings and mob clashes with police.

Hitler's "Sane" Talk

LONDON, Oct. 1. AP — Competent observers closely following developments on Germany's eastern front today interpreted Adolf Hitler's speech of yesterday as meaning that the Germans would make one more all-out attempt to take Stalingrad and the Grozny oil fields and then stabilize the front for the winter.

These observers, whose anonymity is required, expressed a belief that Hitler had already started withdrawing troops from inactive zones of the east to reinforce Marshal Rommel in Africa and the forces holding Italy, France and Norway against the prospect of an Allied second front.

One observer said that Hitler's speech at the Berlin Sportsplatz, an annual fixture at the start of the German winter relief campaign, "was the closest thing to a sane military report he has ever made."

"In contrast to the usual rattle-braying talk, he gave a statement more like a sober report from conservative military men."

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Teaching of Health, 2, Miss Hamilton.

Appreciation of Art, 2, Mr. Smaey.

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Curriculum in Arithmetic, 2, Miss Mahaehck.

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## MUNITIONS ARE STILL "SPOTTY"

WPB Nelson Says "We Can't Brag About Production"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board reported today that munitions output in September still was "spotty," indicating that the month's output of planes, tanks, ships and ordnance would not be closer to the goal than the August production record, which he has described as not a record "we can brag about."

"It was spotty again last month," Nelson said in response to a press conference question whether September had brought improvement in the manufacture of war implements.

Beginning with the first quarter of 1943, Nelson added, materials for War production will be divided among war plants on an "allocation and schedule" basis, instead of the present production requirements plan system, which in essence is a refinement of the priority system.

Nelson said that the production requirements plan, or "PRP," would be retained only 25 to 35 per cent of the total armament industry. It has a "definite place" in those branches of production where material is handled on the basis of inventory—such as ball bearings, rivets, nails, and the lesser ingredients of the war machine whose production can not be scheduled on an item by item basis, he explained.

"But the bigger items—tanks and guns and planes—can be handled on the basis of materials schedules to meet production schedules," Nelson said.

The exact mechanism of the transition to allocations has not been settled, Nelson said, and the mechanisms will not be identical for each of the major items.

The production requirements plan got into full swing today, the opening of the year's fourth quarter.

WPB reported yesterday that allocations of materials for the civilian economy had been stripped down to absolute essentials in dividing up the nation's total supply among military and civilian claimants for the next three months.

Nelson told the press conference, however, that it probably would be "four or five months" before consumers would feel the effect of the reductions.

This is because of the considerable stocks of materials in the hands of manufacturers and the goods which already are in process of manufacture, he explained.

The cuts were made under the "PRP," a system under which producers submit applications for materials for their estimated production in the next three months.

Armed with these and with the estimates of total supplies available, WPB pares down the demands to balance the supplies, and allocates the materials by granting priority ratings.

WPB officials have acknowledged that this system still does not forestall scrambling by manufacturers to obtain critical materials, and provides a rather loose type of control over the materials flow.

Under an allocation system each manufacturer would be guaranteed sufficient materials to meet his assigned production schedule, and the military program could be kept in balance by holding back materials from firms which were running ahead of schedule and stepping up the flow to companies which were behind.

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and axes.

In forests for 200 miles about Moscow these recruits were assigned to cut two cubic meters of wood a day during the periods of mobilization, running up to four months. A cord of wood is 3.6 cubic meters.

Altogether perhaps 100,000 housewives, students and others not engaged in war work joined the labor front. A like number left jobs where they could be spared in factories, offices, schools and hospitals to work on the woodpiles, collecting fuel to be used in their own buildings when the cold comes.

As many as 20,000 others gave up their Sunday free days to work along the Moscow river unloading barges bringing wood in from the forests.

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