

The Japanese war octopus is running against ever-heavier allied air blows on five of its far-flung tentacles but Tokyo radio said today "an offensive which will cut China in two and foil American strategy" is ready.

Aerial Successes

Allied aerial successes were reported in new assaults in New Guinea operations in the southwest Pacific, against the Kurile islands in the north Pacific and on Truk in the central Pacific.

In the vital China theater where Chinese troops are trying to stop the Japanese advance on Changsha in Hunan province American airmen harassed the invaders.

Gain 200 Yards

In the India-Burma theater an allied operational summary said "overwhelming air superiority" was a major factor in placing those campaigns in favorable positions before the monsoons curtailed progress. Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten announcing gains of 200 yards in bitter fighting for Japan's Myitkyina base in north Burma and Japanese withdrawal from Mamsun at the western end of the north Burma front.

While the Tokyo radio talked of Japan's readiness "to launch the most formidable offensive ever against the allies," Nipponese troops from the north struck within 25 miles of Changsha. This marked a 17 mile advance from Singshih.

Truk Hit Again

American bombers from the southwest and central Pacific hit Truk another one-two blow and other American planes carries their Kuriles offensive into the fifth straight day, hitting Shumushu, Paramushiro and Matsuwa. Japan veptured 70-planes in combat over New Guinea and Truk and lost 30.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur mounted a new offensive in an attempt to wrest the important airfields from the stubborn Japanese defenders of Biak island in the Schoutens.

SMALL FIRE ON RAILROAD STREET

The fire department was called to extinguish a small rubbish fire on Railroad street Saturday, and officials reported that there had been no damage.

that Ward was not bound by the no-strike, no-lock-out agreement. It would not submit differences with employes to the machinery for peaceful settlement to which the rest of industry was submitting, and on which depended an uninterrupted flow of production and successful prosecution of the war.

Haven't Ratified Results

"As far back as December 8, 1942, Ward's expressed this view, to which it apparently still adheres, in a statement in the newspapers, referring to the no-strike agreement: 'Ward's was not a party to this agreement. Ward's had no voice in the selection of those, who, as representatives of industry, attended the conference in December, 1941, which formulated this agreement. Ward's has never ratified the results of that conference.'"

(The conference referred to was called by the president and brought See—BIDDLE—Page 8

Carl Leder Is Killed By Hit And Run Driver

Carl Leder, aviation metalsmith third class, was struck down and killed early Sunday morning by a hit and run driver, on the highway a short distance from the naval air transport base in Miami, Fla.

His mother, Mrs. Otto L. Leder, is now on her way to Miami and the body will be returned to the Krohn and Berard funeral home at Wisconsin Rapids.

Carl entered the navy in April 1942, immediately following his 21st birthday. His father, Otto L. Leder, died in June 1943. Surviving are his sister, Mrs. Theo Walrath, a brother William, now on his way overseas with an army unit, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Charles Peters, and a nephew, Richard Walrath, all residing in Wisconsin Rapids.

Complete funeral arrangements will be announced later.

GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED

Quito, Ecuador—(AP)—Brazil recognized the new Ecuadorean government today.

Raids Are Suggested

The German radio soon warned that single efforts were over the lower East gesting that Italy has were on the prowl.—It asserted that Germany its from enemy planes.

Big Production Still Ahead—N

Detroit—(AP)—Am advised by Donald M. to think less of war production and more of a "duction job" that "ahead."

Declaring that industry on cutbacks and contritions was "entirely otion to the facts," the tion chief said that must exceed its current der to attain next scheduled peak.

While admitting that developments provide a of uncertainty," Nelson Economic club in a dress that the "probate a "considerable tensive war production us."

Food Rationing Spell" to

Chicago—(AP)—Wal director of the OPA division, said today the enjoy its current "br in food rationing for period and that "no just" how long it will

In a prepared speech annual convention of Association of Retailers Straub said the nation the midst of the most peaceful period" in since rationing began.

Straub made the following assertions:

1. The decision to rationing May 5 big hog runs, corn and an imminent feed shortage of warm weather will