

RUSS ATTITUDE LARGE PUZZLE TO WASHINGTON

Washington-(P)-Soviet Russia's attitude toward the post-war plans of the United Nations concerned diplomatic Washington today following the return of William H. Standley, America's ambas-sador to the U. S. S. R.

Admiral Standley was scheduled to meet Secretary of State Cordell Hull to talk over Russia's role in the postwar world. The U.S. senate, which must ratify any peace treaty or foreign alliance, already has taken the "hands off" viewpoint until the views of Russia and England are known.

Many Americans, particularly anti-administrationists, are said to be distrustful of Premier Joseph Stalin and his Soviet regime. This group has been urging the negotiation of a treaty with the Soviets before the United States binds itself to any post-war peace pro-gram. England's views on postwar plans also are needed, in the view Finschhafen Airfield of some senators.

Standley May Not Return There were indications that Standley would not return to Moscow. Lend-Lease Expert W. Averill Harriman has been prominently

mentioned as the new ambassador. The interest in Russia's attitude was apparent in the senate foreign relations committee, where the tenuntil Soviet and British postwar New Britain.

views were made known. Both houses of congress were in recess today. The house is scheduled to meet Monday and the senate the following day.

Congressional fiscal experts began discussing means of raising an additional \$12,000,000,000 on top of the \$38,000,000,000 now collected add 60 more miles of shorelineannually. Principal point in the dis- that between Finschhafen and Lae cussions, report said, was a propos- - to the New Guinea coastal region boost corporation levies by under allied control.



ADVANCING ALLIED FRONT IN MEDITERRANEAN - Shaded line symbolizes advancing allied front in the Mediterranean theater. On left flank Americans. French and Italians have participated in drives to oust Germans from Sardinia and Corsica. Major drive on Italian mainland is being made by American, British and Canadian troops. In eastern Mediterranean allies have occupied islands of Samos, Lero and Coo for use as airbases.

Gives MacArthur New Air Base in New Guinea

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific—(A)—The Finschhafen airfield has been wrested from the Japanese, givdency seemed to be one of delaying ing Gen. Douglas MacArthur a New Guinea base for his planes mountains extending from Vesuvius action on American foreign policy 75 miles from the enemy's strategically important bastion of and Pompei in their drive on Naples.

> Australians who landed from the sea in the face of mortar and machinegun fire six miles north of Finschhafen Wednesday captured the

field and now are within three quarters of a mile of the town, headquarters reported today. Adds Shore Strip

Capture of Finschhafen would **DE GAULLE TIFF** New York-(P) - Broadcasting

STRONG GERMAN **RESISTANCE IS** BEING STEMMED

Allied Headquarters in North Af-W. rica—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's American Fifth army has fought its way onto hills looking down on the plain of Naples in a furious day and night offensive supported by heavy artillery barrages and resisted by German tanks as well as strong gun emplacements, allied headquarters stated today. Meanwhile, allied fighters shot down 19 Junkers-52 transports in another sweep against the hardpressed enemy's air-evacuation

movement from Corsica where

French patriots and regulars and

American rangers were pressing

him into a tight corner.

10 More Planes Damaged At least 10 more of the evacua-

tion planes were damaged in the great air battle off historic Elba in which RAF Beaufighters laid siege to the German-held tip of the island and trapped the Nazi air fleets just Lieut. Whitrock, graduate of Linas they did off Tunisia and Sicily. The planes were crowded with technicians and key men. Allied reports said two of the seven other transports shot down the day before medicine in 1942. He took interne

had 100 men crammed into them. cabo clinic (Billings Memorial hosso difficult that pack mules were pital). Commissioned a U. S. naval reserve officer August 4, Lieut. used extensively to carry up guns Whitrock was sworn in at Chicago and ammunition, Gen. Clark's men gained a foothold on the top of

Reports from the front said the whole rugged mountain area north and northeast of Salerno was brilliantly lighted throughout the night by the flashes of a terrific artillery duel between hundreds of allied and German guns.

Clark, who appeared to have been Sen. Thomas swinging somewhat eastward from his previous hard course due north of Salerno in a drive to outflank Blasts OPA of Salerno in a drive to outstand Naples, now seemed to be thrusting forward with Vesuvius as a beacon, forward with Vesuvius as a beacon,

encountering

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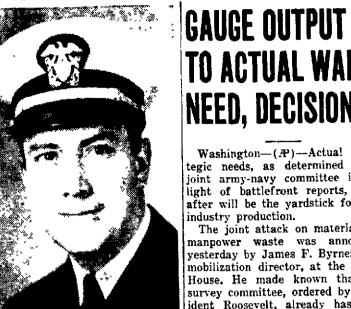
Wolf River Drowns

modity credit corporation (CCC)

will make payments to dairymen,

ranging from 25 to 50 cents per

100 pounds of milk sold during the



TO ACTUAL WAR NEED, DECISION Washington-(AP)-Actual stra-

tegic needs, as determined by a light of battlefront reports, here- the announcement said. after will be the yardstick for war

The joint attack on material and manpower waste was announced yesterday by James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, at the White Hence than two years was an-nounced in a special order of the day by Premier Marshal House. He made known that the Joseph Stalin. survey committee, ordered by President Roosevelt, already has been ment said the great fortress ident Roosevelt, already has been ment said the great fortress put to work by the joint chiefs of had been taken in stiff battles, Is Under Way staff. Two men each from the army in direct contrast to an earlier and navy make up the committee.

Must Avoid Waste NAVAL MEDICAL OFFICER-

"With critical shortages in man-Lieut. (jg) Robert M. Whitrock, power and material, we must see Deemed "Most Important" son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. that we produce only what we need Whitrock of this city will leave and that the waste, unavoidably Sunday with Mrs. Whitrock present in war, is kept to a minifor Great Lakes, Ill., where Lieut. mum," said a statement from the Whitrock reports for duty Monday. president, made public by Byrnes. The war mobilization director versity of Pennsylvania school of ticular reference to the ever-growing demand for airplanes.

Byrnes also recalled the overtraining at the University of Chifilled military warehouses with which this nation ended the last war and said the constant adjustweeks ago. ment of production to military de-

velopments would be designed to August 24. Mrs. Whitrock, who before their marriage February 10 avoid a repetition, in so far as poswas Miss Deborah Johnson, is the sible. daughter of the Ray F. Johnsons. Will Cut War Costs

The Whitrocks have obtained an anartment near Lake Forest, where Mrs. Whitrock can live near her husband's post of duty.

items.

Years, Won Today London-(A)-Smolensk, among Europe's most heavily fortified cities and backbone of German central Russian defenses, fell to Soviet forces today in one of the greatest victories of

Nazi Hands For 2

the Russian war, Moscow announced tonight. Roslavl, 65 miles southeast of Smolensk on the Desna river joint army-navy committee in the defense line, also has fallen to the smashing Russian attacks.

The victory of Smolensk's recapture after German forces

Russian Pact Marshal Stalin's announce-Berlin announcement that Nazi

forces had evacuated the city after demolishing its war installations. State Hull, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Commissar

Vyacheslav Molotov probably will Stalin's announcement termed meet soon in Moscow in search of Smolensk "the most important straan American-British-Soviet agreetegic center of German defenses in ment on war objectives and postthe western direction."

It termed Roslavl, where it said Nazi defenses broke after two days coln high school, received his B.S. laid special emphasis on the shift- of fierce engagements, "an impordegree from the University of Wis- ing of manpower to production of tant junction of communications consin and graduated from the Uni- naterial urgently needed, with par- and a powerful strongpoint of German defenses."

Col. Ernest Von Hammer. Nazi military correspondent, had said earlier in a broadcast that evacuation of Smolensk had begun three

Von Hammer said that the Germans had successfully removed all their war plants to the west, while the communique declared that they had destroyed all military installa-

Savings of cash as well as labor tions in the city. and materials are expected through The German war bulletin said cuts in manufacture of certain muthat Nazi columns were attacking

nitions as the shifting battle scene in the Lake Ladoga region in the cuts the need for them or swings Leningrad salient and had repulsed emphasis to other weapons..... Soviet tank-supported counter-at-No big increases in supplies for tacks on the Murmansk sector in civilians are expected from the the far north. close gearing of war production to Strong Russian attacks on Gerghting front requirements, though there may be more of some small

state department political adviser, and H. Freeman Matthews, chief of the European division. While Standley declined to discuss his plans, it is known that he is not going back to Moscow, having told Molotov of this decision before he left there.

to Moscow.

war collaboration.

Hull interrupted his conference with Standley, after 40 minutes of discussion, to consult with President Roosevelt, indicating that possibly an urgent decision was being made on his mission to Moscow. The secretary himself is expected to man bridgeheads on the eastern make the trip, since great importbank of the middle Dnieper river ance is attached to it at Moscow, were hurled back with heavy tank as well as in Washington and Lon-

Previously Hull has

Wasihngton - (P) - Represen-

"Chicago interests claim they

Washington-(AP)-Secretary of

Secretary Hull's delegation is

likely to include W. Averell Harri-

man, lend-lease expediter at Lon-

don, as new American ambassador

Admiral William H. Standley, re-

tiring ambassador, conferred today

with Hull, in the presence of Har-

riman, as well as James C. Dunn.

another 10 per cent to raise the annual "take" to \$50,000,000,000. The house ways and means committee will start work October 4 on a new revenue bill.

New Corporations Levy?

Members said that suggestions included a possible rise from 40 to 50 per cent in the combined normal and surtax rate on corporations, as well as an increase in wage and salary withholdings from 20 to 30 per cent. The latter would be accompanied by inauguration of a "refundable" levy increasing the indi-

vidual income tax take. While it was emphasized these suggestions were only tentative, there was immediate evidence that any proposals for large tax in- Hit Escaping Japs

creases-either on business or individuals-will find rough going ahead in congress.

Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), an administration supporter on the finance committee, told reporters he day, Mitchells swung inland along felt that it might be unwise at the Markham valley beyond posithis time to make any drastic tions seized by paratroopers Sepchanges in the tax structure. "There's a limit on how much

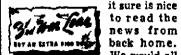
you can tax before you begin to destroy," Lucas declared. at Lae.

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

Wood county budget for 1944 will be held at the county board meeting Tuesday, September 28, according to a reminder issued today by County Clerk J. A. Schindler.

To the People of this Community:

DON'T LET THEM DOWN! "I just wanted to let you know that I'm a soldier from La Crosse and that I have been getting the La Crosse Tribune ever since I've been in the army and



We would all like to be there but we've got a job to do and, boy, we're going to do it.

"One of the things I've been following very closely is the La Crosse Bond drive . . .'

This is a typical quotation from a typical letter from a soldier. It just happens to be a boy from La Crosse but your son, husband, brother or friend feels the same. They are watching **VERY CLOSELY** what the home town is doing during the Third War Loan.

Are you going to let them down? The bigger total of War Bond purchases you pile up the bigger the smiles will be in every army camp, in every fighting line, in every fighting ship and aboard every fighting plane. THE EDITOR

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From Finschhafen's airfield, unserviceable recently to the Japanese because of allied air poundings, it is an 85 mile flight to the enemy

airdrome of Cape Gloucester and 165 miles to the Gasmata airdrome -New Britain bases guarding the way up that crescent-shaped island to Rabaul, a stronghold with three airdromes and a harbor capable of accommodating a good sized fleet.

Capture of the Salamaua airdrome September 11 and the Lae air hase September 16 has been followed quickly by increased fighter and attack plane activity over New Bri-

tain. Today's communique reported that fighters, identified by a spokesman as P-40s, dive-bombed installations on the tiny island of Gasmata. In other air activity reported to-

tember 5, dropping many tons of explosives and firing 41,000 rounds diers to the island, and was immeof ammunition at Japanese trying diately accused by De Gaulle of a back door escape from the debacle

Public hearing on the proposed Leo LaCroix, 48, Succumbs; Funeral Services Tuesday

> R. Leo LaCroix, 48, of 281 Lyons street, died at 12:15 a.m. today at Riverview hospital following a lingering illness of heart trouble. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 28, at 9 a. m. at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church with

officiating. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery. A native of Canada, Mr. LaCroix was born in Montreal on April 21, 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaCroix. He came to the United

States 23 years ago, and had lived in Wisconsin Rapids the past 17 years. He married Diana Villeneuve in Montreal on April 20, 1921. Besides his wife, he leaves his mother, Mrs. Joseph LaCroix of Montreal, two brothers, Raphael and Rene, and three sisters, Mrs. Clement Richards, Mrs. Joseph Mercier

and Mrs. Rene Chausee, all of Canada. Active in the founding of the Bull's-Eye Credit Union at Consolidated Water Power and Paper com-

pany, Mr. LaCroix served as the Society of SS. Peter and Paul rationing certificates to "A" and church.

"B" gasoline ration book holders. Prayers will be said at the Krohn and Berard funeral home Monday tire eligibility rules were necessary evening, the hour to be announced to bridge the gap between the dwintic rubber tires. time for gervices,

from Algiers, Don Hollenbeck, NBC correspondent, quoted "reliable area appeared possible at any time. sources" last night as revealing An indication that the Germans that Generals Henri Giraud and despaired of ever being able to es- Thomas (D-Okla.) warned the of Charles De Gaulle engaged in a tablish a strong defensive line across fice of price administration (OPA) heated controversy over the conduct the whole Italian peninsula, which today that there would be a "re of the Corsican campaign, with De would enable them to retain posses-Gaulle shouting: sion of Naples, was seen in the fact unless OPA officials abandoned

Fifth Army Advances

The advance of the Fifth army,

officially described as "several

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Furthering plans for the estab-

city council at St. John's parish

house, to discuss council support of

Also attending the meeting were

that the British army advanced 15 practices "contrary to the American "You stole my Corsica." miles up the Adriatic coast from way of life." The argument, it was said, ended Bari to the outskirts of the town of with De Gaulle attempting to have Molfetta without Giraud removed as French commanenemy resistance. der in chief."

REPORTS GIRAUD,

Hollenbeck said De Gaulle was angered by what he felt was an unfair attitude on Giraud's part toward Italian help in the drive to oust Nazi troops from the French

island. **Discuss** Service The radio commentator said his informants told him the indications Men's Center With sentment there is almost universal were that the Corsican campaign began entirely as a "home-grown Council Committee affair staged by Corsican patriots who had no particular interest in

either general . . . the moment the uprising became known in Algiers, Giraud rushed a battalion of sol-"trying to engineer a coup."

Nab 2 Criminals; End 4-Day Crime Wave

stolen automobile.

Tighten Up Tire

Rationing Orders

Menomonie, Wis.-(AP)-Two for- John the Evangelist, with whom mer inmates of the state prison who, the Canteen Corps signed a con-Sheriff Ray Kuhlman, of Eau Claire tract for the use of the parish house county, said, had engaged in a wild for the duration. rent free. The four-day career of crime that in-| Servicemen's Center, which will be

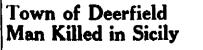
cluded kidnaping, robbery and hold- managed by the Canteen Corps, is up, were caught by a sheriff's posse to be opened in that building, at 3-Month Dairy Subsidy near here last night. The pursuit of the men, identified nue, about October 1.

The public property committee, of by Kuhlman as Raymond Field, 24, and Robert Seidler, 24, ended after which Alderman Rudolph Hahn is they were trapped in a woods into chairman, will make its recommenthe Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Reding which they had fled when the posse dations at the next meeting of the city council, on October 5. The closed in on them.

the project.

Kuhlman said the escapade start- committeemen, including Aldermen ed Wednesday when the men held up | Hahn, Charles V. Stark, Herman two Eau Claire, Wis., cab drivers, Koth, Fred Fischer and W. W. and stole their money and cabs. Rickman, inspected the building, Later they went to the home of heard Lieut. W. W. Franklin com-Field's father, Robert, tied him up manding officer at the A. A. F. when he refused to help them, and technical training school at Tri-City fled in the elder Field's car. They airport, endorse the center, and exnext kidnaped George H. Waters, a pressed themselves as highly favorstate probation officer, the sheriff able to the undertaking. said and then held up an Eau Claire

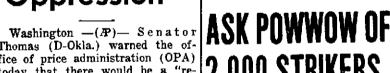
Present wholesale and retail Attending the meeting with the prices of milk will be unaffected. tavern, fleeing with \$80 in another council group was City Clerk Nels The program is expected to cost M. Justeson. about \$65,000,000 for the three-



Hancock. Wis. - (P) - Harold Washington— (\mathcal{P}) —The office of Fremont, Wis.-(AP)-Edwin E. first treasurer of that organization. price administration (OPA) today Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. He was a member of the Holy Name stopped issuance of grade one tire George Kitchen, town of Deerfield, was killed in action in Sicily, ac-The OPA announced that stricter the war department by his parents. the Wolf river.

This was the first report of a casualty among service men of the at a Milwaukee industrial plant had would meet Tuesday or Wednesday 1782, to Pfc. Alexander M. Hinek minimum temperature for 24-hour later. Friends may pay their re-spects at the funeral home until the expected production of synthe-er, Forest Kitchen, with the army Milwaukee men. His body was re-tion - rationing, production and received in action resulting in his period ending at 7 a. m., 43. Precipitecovered, in Africa,

volt" against the Democrats in 1944



2,000 STRIKERS

Los Angeles-(P)-Striking employes of the Pacific Electric rail-"I cannot believe that your adway will meet tonight to hear a ministration desires to make the report from Washington by one of office of price administrator so untheir leaders as the tie-up of popular, oppressive and ridiculous freight and passenger service on as to cause the people of the counthe interurban system moved into try to revolt almost solidly at the its second day.

election to be held in 1944," Thomas Don H. Sheets, vice chairman of wrote Chester Bowles, OPA general the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's local grievance committee "I have just spent two months stated that William P. Nutter, who n Oklahoma, and the wave of rehas been conferring with federal officials, would arrive by plane to against the practices which are day to address the meeting. considered entirely unnecessary and Call Strikers Together

contrary to the American way of Sheets said Nutter told him by elephone to summon the approxi-

"No doubt you know that in some mately 2,000 strikers to the meetlishment of a Servicemen's Center of the states the citizens have aling but did not divulge the nature in Wisconsin Rapids, representa- ready practically repealed the price of the message he would give them. tives of the Red Cross Canteen control law, for the reason that The strike, which began Friday Corps met Friday evening with the the citizens of such states act exmorning, has stopped passenger public property committee of the actly as if no such law existed," service for 400,000 daily commuters Thomas said in his letter. in more than 55 southern California Asserting he voted against passcommunities. Union leaders and age of the price control law for company officials agreed that the fear of such consequences, the senawalkout was almost 100 per cent the vestrymen of the Church of St. tor declared further that the voters effective in cutting off the sys-"are unwilling to discriminate" and tem's passenger transportation.

"I am being criticized for what is A spokesman for the railway happening exactly as though I were stated that freight hauling had been the actual administrator of the cut to less than 10 per cent of normal and that nuion members work-

ing for the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads were refusing to handle Pacific **Program Announced** Electric freight.

Proposed Raise Halted

The work stoppage was voted by Washington-(P)-The war food the employes after the company administration (WFA) announced had agreed to an increase of 13 today an emergency milk subsidy cents in maximum wages from program designed to avert, officials 87 cents to \$1 an hour, but the said. a sharp reduction in fluid milk boost was cut to three cents by Economic Stabilization Director Under the program, the com-

Fred L. Vinson. . The strike has not been sanctioned by the national organization

neriod of October through Decem-Parry Move to Cut **Gas Coupon Values**

Washington-(P)-An unofficial house committee moved today to parry in advance any effort to re-

duce the coupon gasoline allowance (R-Ohio) asserting "there is too

Schultz, 28, Milwaukee, drowned tion.' today when he fell from a skiff Brown, chairman of the group vested in him by congress has

Schultz, single and a machinist legislators, said a subcommittee ton at Newburgh, N. Y., August 7 death." prices,

losses, the communique asserted, don. away from air travel. and Soviet columns operating north of Cherkasi were smashed, it was claimed.

State to Oppose The fall of Smolensk was regard-Water Diversion, ed here as one of the most disastrous defeats suffered by German forces in the current Russian of-Says Wasielewski fensive. Destroy Roads, Bridges

Berlin said Smolcnsk's evacuation was completed early today and that tative Wasielewski (D-Wis.) **823** covering forces flew up bridges and Wisconsin interests will oppose a important crossroads after the last bill by Representative Sabath (D-German transport had left the city. Ill.), calling for diversion of addigered red army threw back the tional amounts of water from Lake In the nine months since a bad-Michigan. Germans from Stalingrad, the Russians have accomplished two thirds

A hearing will be held Tuesday before the house rivers and harbors of their task of hurling the invadcommittee. ers from Soviet soil. Wasielewski said a similar mea sure previously had been shelved by

Hitler's steadily-retreating forces have now given up all but about the committee and a request by the 230,000 of the 700,000 square miles of Soviet territory they held at the mayor of Chicago for diversion of additional water also had been reheight of their successes, and hold jected by Chairman Donald M. Nel-See-RUSSIA-Page 7 son of the war production board.

need the additional water for pro-Over 500 Attend War per sewage disposal in the Chicago **Bond Premiere Here** river canal but our contention is

that some of them want the larger War bond purchasers numbering flow to satisfy the wishes of some approximately 550 were guests at public utilities which have power plants on the river," Wasielewski the premiere local showing of the film, "Behind the Rising Sun," at said.

the Wisconsin theater Friday eve-**Tardy Truckers Will** ning. The premiere was arranged by the theater management in sup-Wait for Gas Ration port of the Third War Loan drive, and tickets were presented to those

Truck operators who delay until the last moment to turn in their Bonds sold in the theater lobby, certificates of war necessity will for which purchasers received tick- have to wait their turn for the ets to the premiere, had a maturity fourth quarter gas ration, cautioned value of \$10,525. No figures were, Fred Bushnell, OPA chief clerk, toavailable today on the value of day. The ration will be issued to bonds purchased at banks cooperat- operators in the order in which ing in the premiere. It is known, the certificates are received, and however, that not all persons en- anyone who waits until the October titled to attend the Friday night 1 deadline before bringing or sendshowing of "Behind the Rising Sun" ing his certificate to the board will were able to do so.

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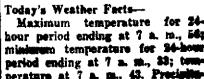
Purple Heart Awarded to Milladore Soldier

Milladore, Wis .-- Pfc. Alexander M. Hinek, Milladore, who died July 12 of wounds received in action in North Africa, has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Notification of the award has been for motorists outside the eastern received by Pfc. Hinek's parents, tered frosts exshortage area, with Rep. Brown Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hinek, from cept near lake in Secretary of War Henry L. Stimmuch bureaucratic bungling and son. The message said in part, "The America pursuant to authority Sunday forencon.

cording to a notice received from while duck hunting in a slough off which is composed chiefly of mid- awarded the Purple Heart, estab- Today's Weather Fartstion, #1.



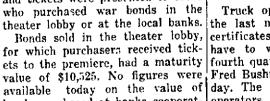


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probably be disappointed in the service he receives, Mr. Bushnell

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