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BRAZIL AND U. S. OFFENSIVE Though the landings on North Africa were a carefully guarded military secret between high British and American officials, one other coun-try let in on the secret was Brazil. In fact, Brazil, through Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha did some important spade work for the United States in regard to vital Atlantic islands, the Azores and Madeiras. These lie along the route of the American supply line to North Af-rica, the Madeiras close to the African coast.

Therefore, it was considered possible that the Germans might attempt to use these islands as submarine or even air bases, or that the United States in turn might need the islands for emergency bases.

Both island groups are Portu-guese. So, long ago, Brazil, which looks to Portugal as its mother country, made informal diplomatic soundings to make sure that these islands would line up with the United Nations in case of emergency. . . .

## SOLOMONS vs. AFRICA

One thing that got under the skin of high U. S. army officials during the weeks just before the North African landings was the navy's policy regarding the battle of the Solomon Islands.

Though all the details had not been worked out, it had been def-initely agreed with Churchill and the Russians to start some kind of second front operation this summer. However, the navy also claimed that it could start the Solomon Islands campaign simultaneously without taking any ships out of the Atlantic or disturbing the Second Front preparations. The admirals promised the war department that the number of ships used in the Solomons would be very small indeed.

But before the Solomons operations had lasted many weeks, the navy had used several times as many ships as it expected-some of them sent to the bottom of the Pacific. Ships were taken off the supply lines to Russia, despite definite promises made to Russia. Ships were also taken off the supply lines to England to such an extent that supplies to England dwindled to a driblet.

' Inside the navy it is pointed out that one of the best jobs Admiral Nimitz ever did was to let the Japs get into the tip end of the Aleutian islands. This proved to be a beautiful decoy, like flies to molasses. The Aleutians were too exposed for the Japs to defend safely, too near our bases.

As a result, the Japs lost 10 de-stroyers—a big chunk out of any navy—and we are continuing to whittle them down with no loss to ourselves. U. S. bases are now so close to Kiska that U. S. planes bomb the Japs every day without fail—and bomb them so badly that recently no Jap fighter planes have been put in the air. they are all smashed. Apparently

But in the other end of the Pacific, army strategists fear that we may have got ourselves in the same position as the Japs have in the Aleu-tians—with our necks so far stuck ant that despite current we have lost more ships than the Solomons were worth.

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## \* \* \* CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

The railroads have been negotiating with the schools and colleges to extend their Christmas holiday pe riod so that it will begin before the usual Christmas home-going dates and extend beyond the usual return-ing dates. The purpose was to get rid of the school and college traffic before taking on the burden of the furlough movement of soldiers, going home for Christmas.

This longer vacation would be okay with a lot of girls and boys, but most of the schools and col-leges have turned thumbs down. They said they could not change their schedules.

Result is that the American rail-roads will carry the greatest burden in history during the period from December 15 to January 5. The peak will come between Decem ber 20 and 24, when the railroads will have to carry:

(1) Home-going students; (2) the usual heavy civilian Christmas trav-el; (3) soldiers on furlough; (4) sol-diers on week-end passes; (5) the normal troop movement, which will not be suspended for Christmas. So between December 15 and January 5, civilians are asked to stay off the railroads!

## AFRICANA

I Frenchmen listening to Roose velt's broadcast to the French peo-ple in the French language wondered who wrote his speech. They said it contained grammatical er-rors and sounded like schoolboy composition. Roosevelt's accent,

Conposition of the second accent, however, was good. C General Giraud, new French com-mander in North Africa, is the first Frenchman to use motorized units in cleaning up North Africa. He successful waged campaign against the Riffs.

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