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# Allies Stop German Drives Americans Battle Japanese At Buna 

MacArthur'sBombers Sink Two Jap Ships And Damage Another By C. Yates McDaniel
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LIA-(AP)-American and Australian jungle fighters pinned the Japanese into a narrow corridor along the Papuan Coast
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destroyer and downing three planes.
Friday's noon communique said Allied ground forces were fighting in the outskirts of Buna, main enemy base in the bat-
tle area, and Gona, the settlement about 30 miles northwest along the coast where the Japanese made their initial landing in this region last July 22


## WAR BULLETINS

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# Montgomery Ward＇s reply to the NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD 

November 13， 1942
National War Labor Board
Department of Labor Building
Washington，D．C．

## Gentlemen：

We have the National War Labor Board＇s order of November 5＊．

In this order the Board demands that Montgomery Ward \＆Company enter into a contract establishing a form of closed shop called＂maintenance of member－ ship，＂together with a check－off of union dues from wages．Under this form of closed shop，the employees who are members of the union would not be free to resign from the union without being discharged，and Wards would not be free to retain a competent worker who had resigned from the union．This making of union membership a condition of employment is the essence of the closed shop，whatever form it may take．＂Main－ tenance of membership＂is the starting phase which inevitably leads to the full closed shop．

The President of the United States is quoted as hav－ ing said，on November 14，1941：＂The government of the United States will not order，nor will Congress pass legislation ordering，the so－called closed shop＂．Wards is in agreement with this statement and believes that the Board＇s order is not in accordance with the President＇s principles．

Wards believes that the Board＇s demands not only violate the fundamental principles of liberty but are eco－ nomically unsound and are illegal under the terms of the National Labor Relations Act．

If，the Board＇s order against Wards is enforced，the pattern will be established by which all unions in all industries can secure a form of closed shop and check－ off merely by appealing to the War Labor Board．

The Board further ordered a form of compulsory arbitration for Wards．Wards is not opposed to volun－ tary arbitration．However，Wards＇management should not，as demanded by the Board，abandon responsibilities which have been vested in it by the owners of the cor－ poration，and so surrender to outside arbitrators the final decision on all matters which the union may wish to treat as grievances．

The Board further ordered that Wards guarantee its wages and other working conditions for a one－year period．Wards believes that a fixed duration of one year is unsound in these uncertain times．

Wards operates in a highly competitive field com－
posed of one million seven hundred fifty thousand retail establishments．It is unfair to impose burdens upon Wards and not upon those with whom it is in compe－ tition．

Wards＇efforts to preserve the essential freedoms be． tween itself and its employees have not been prompted by any feeling of anti－unionism．The report of the Mediation Panel expressly recognizes this fact．Wards＇ policy has been to obey the law．Wards has twenty－nine union contracts with both A．F．of L．and C．I．O．unions．

Wards has already given its employees the increases in wages previously recommended by the Board．Wards did this even though its wages were already as high as or higher than those prevailing in the industry and had been increased an average of over $21 \%$ since January， 1941．Wards is willing to include these increases in a contract with the union．There is no issue over wages．

The War Labor Board was created by the President to replace the old Defense Mediation Board．The Media－ tion Board was destroyed by the resignation of the union members following the Board＇s vote of nine to two against a closed shop in the captive coal mine case．The War Labor Board，in name only，is composed of represent－ atives of the unions，of industry，and of the public．The union representatives are men chosen for leadership by the unions，and have actually protected the interests of the unions．On the other hand，neither industry nor the public have had any voice in the selection of those who presumably represent them．By their decisions，the sup－ posed representatives of industry and of the public have because of inexperience，prejudice or lack of under－ standing，abandoned the interests of those whom they were appointed to represent．

Under the Constitution，Congress is the sole law making authority．If closed shops and compulsory arbi－ tration are to become requirements upon employers，it is Congress and not the War Labor Board which should make them so．Congress has not empowered the Board to order any employer to do any of the things it de－ mands of Wards．

Accordingly，Wards rejects the order of the Board． If Congress imposes closed shops，compulsory arbitra．${ }^{\text {．}}$ tion or contracts for a year＇s duration on employers，or if the President of the United States，as Commander－in． Chief in time of war，directs that Wards accept the Board＇s rulings，which we earnestly believe are illegal and uneconomic，we will respectfully obey．

Yours very truby，
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