

Continued cold with slightly lower temperatures tonight.



Russians Closing New Pincers Around Nazis On West of Stalingrad

Heavy Fighting Reported On Five Fronts As Red Army Continues To Push Forward; Plight Of Germans Becomes More Precarious As One Town After Another Falls

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor With the entire Nazi campaign in the Caucasus threatened with collapse, Adolf Hitler was reported today to have ordered the German armies on that front to hold at all costs, even if the Russians cut off their northern "escape corridor" through Rostov.

Advises reaching London—thus far without confirmation—said the German plan now was to supply the Axis Caucasus army by sea if land communications failed. The Nazis were reported massing a fleet of all available ships in the Black Sea to carry supplies to Novorossiisk.

While the war in Russia verged more sharply toward a major disaster for the Germans, dispatches from Allied headquarters in North Africa reported that U. S. Army planes struck effective new blows in support of French and American ground troops in southern Tunisia, bombing railroad yards and other targets.

New Directors To Be Elected

Ballots for the election of five directors to the Greenville Chamber of Commerce are being mailed to the membership today, stated J. B. Kittrell, president of the organization. The official ticket contains the names of ten nominees, selected by a nominating committee appointed by the board of directors in accordance with provisions of the by-laws governing elections, and are returnable to the office of the secretary by 6 p. m. January 16.

The five elected will serve for a three year term, beginning February 1. By-laws of the Chamber provide for the election of five directors each year on the 15 man board and officers are elected by the board of directors.

Welfare Executives Hold Session Here

Welfare executives and workers from a dozen or more Eastern Carolina counties were in conference today at the City Hall, outlining plans for old age assistance under the Social Security setup and other matters arising as a result of the war. K. T. Futrelle, Pitt county superintendent of public welfare presided.

Urge FDR To Drop Plan Change Social Security

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A group of influential legislators was reported today to have decided on a last-minute plea to President Roosevelt to omit social security revision from his legislative program. Their decision, made known by high-ranking Democrats, came amid pleas for harmony and final arrangements for organization of the 76th congress which convenes tomorrow at noon.

DARING RESCUE IS MADE BY SUB

29 White People Taken From Jap-Held Island

By J. NORMAN LODGE With South Pacific Fleet, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A daring submarine operation under the cover of darkness has resulted in the rescue of 29 men, women and children from a Japanese held island in the Solomon group, Admiral William F. Halsey disclosed today.

The commander of the South Pacific force said that 17 of those rescued were white women known to have been in imminent danger of ill treatment and death. Three were children.

The operation involved the detaching of a fleet submarine from the task of sinking Japanese shipping and sending her to shallow waters to effect the evacuation. The daring coup was accomplished under the very noses of the Japs.

Information was received late in December that a party of missionaries, who had not been evacuated prior to enemy occupation of the Solomons last spring, was in danger of capture by a raiding force of several hundred Japanese. The missionaries had heard of the presence of white women on the island.

The task of rescuing the group became a race against time. Just before New Year's Day information was received that the Japanese planned to send a strong detachment to capture the missionaries after two enemy onsets had sent the whites scurrying into the brush for safety.

Only two methods of effecting the rescue were feasible—either by air or submarine. The underwater craft was chosen.

Messages were dispatched to the craft, which was unable to reply lest it give away its position. Thus progress of the daring plan to evacuate those endangered would not be determined.

It is known now, however, that the submarine commander received and carried out the orders. The submarine reached the rendezvous (Continued on Page Three)

Urgent Need For Knitters

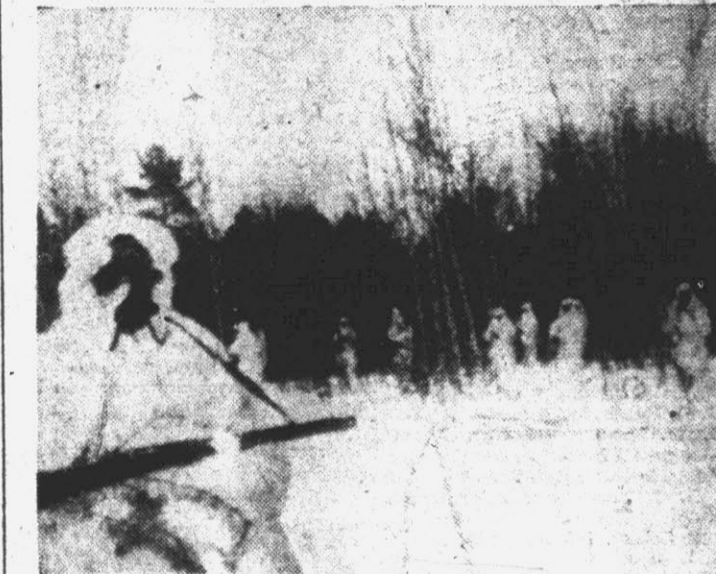
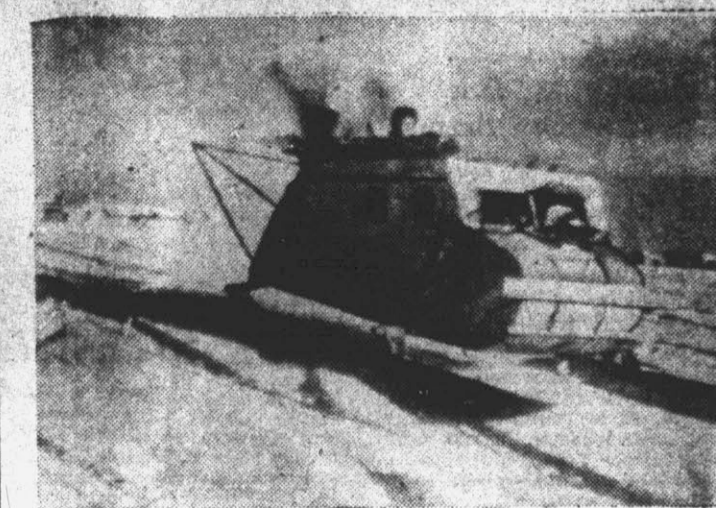
On Wednesday, December 29, Mesdames Jesse Moyer and E. R. Conway, co-chairmen of knitting for Pitt county chapter of the Red Cross, received a letter from Red Cross headquarters asking that this chapter knit immediately 100 sweaters for the Army, 100 scarves for the Navy, and 100 circular scarves for the Navy. An article was placed in the Wednesday afternoon paper stating the above facts and asking every woman in Pitt county who could knit to please go to the Red Cross rooms at once for wool and instructions, as this was an emergency measure and our own boys were in need of warm clothes.

So far 15 women have applied for wool to help fill this order. If the response to this call continues in this ratio, the sweaters will not be ready before August.

Women of Pitt county, this is an appeal to you. The Pitt county chapter of the Red Cross needs your help and needs it now to provide necessities for our own armed forces. In addition to this, immediate call for our armed forces we have on hand wool for hundreds of refugee sweaters and socks. Surely in Pitt county we have 500 women and girls who can and will knit. The call for these knitters is now.

For the circular scarves, sock or 16-inch No. 3 needles are required. If any woman has such needles and finds it impossible to use them now it is requested that she lend or give them to the Red Cross for others to use. Any woman willing to learn to knit can get instructions free by contacting Mesdames Moyer or Conway.

Hard-Hitting Red Army Advances On Frozen Fronts



Ammunition for the Red army is brought up to one of the frozen fronts in Russia by an aero-sled (upper left) which makes its way through deep snow. Now that winter has slowed mechanical equipment on the Rzhev-Viazma front, Russian cavalry (upper right) presses the attack. Meanwhile, Russian ground troops (lower left), shrouded in white to blend with the snow, comb a forest in search of Germans. Far to the north on the Leningrad front, infantrymen resort to skis (lower right) to carry on the fighting in deep snow. These pictures were radioed from Moscow January 2.



TOPROBE GOVT BUYING LAND

Economy Group Continues Study Government Spending

By JACK BELL Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An investigation of the government's wartime purchase of millions of acres of land will be made by the joint committee of non-essential federal expenditures. Chairman Byrd (D-Va.) announced today.

Byrd told reporters the committee would call before it soon Norman M. Littell, assistant attorney general in the lands division of the Justice Department for questioning about his asserted statement that the government contemplated the eventual purchase of 30,000,000 acres—an area equal in size to all of New England.

While preparations were being made for this inquiry, the committee called for testimony today from Phillip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator, and representatives of the National Youth Administration on proposals to cut appropriations for those activities.

Byrd said he was interested in learning from Littell why it was necessary to purchase so much land, why some of it could not be rented and what was going to be done with it after the war.

The committee chairman displayed a copy of a speech he said was made by Littell in St. Louis last November 18 to the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers in which he reported that 57,000 condemnation proceedings already had been instituted to obtain for the government 12,000,000 acres of land valued at \$284,000,000.

Negro Being Held On Charge Murder

Joe Richard Price, Negro, is being held in jail here on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Andrew Brown, colored, at Tayloe Hospital, Washington, Sunday. Price and Brown had an argument Christmas Day in front of a store in Pactolus about a woman. During an affray Price fatally stabbed Brown.

American Troops Extend Holdings on Guadalcanal

Japan Reported Missing Big Armada For Drive In South Pacific; British Push Ahead In Burma

By The Associated Press Reports that Japan is massing the biggest armada yet sent in to the southwest Pacific battle theater were published in Australia today suggesting new large-scale enemy operations were imminent in the zone northeast of Australia, and other reports indicated quickening activities throughout the vast South Seas area.

In Washington, the navy announced that American troops on Guadalcanal island, in the Solomons, had won strategic high ground overlooking their airfield from the southwest and beaten off six Japanese counterattacks.

The navy said 170 Japanese were killed. The navy also reported that American "Catalinas" and "Flying Fortresses" carried out a series of attacks yesterday on the Japanese-occupied Munda area, in the New Georgia island group, north of Guadalcanal.

The same evening, American dive bombers escorted by fighters bombed Japanese anti-aircraft positions in the same area. All U. S. planes returned.

Seizure of the new positions overlooking Henderson air field, in the vicinity of 1,514 foot Mount Austen was achieved in what appeared to be the most important advance made by American troops there in weeks.

In Australia, newspapers prominently displayed a statement by a government official, who did not permit his identity to be disclosed, asserting that a huge concentration of Japanese ships had been reported sighted off Rabaul, big Japanese base on New Britain island, and other nearby harbors.

The WAR TODAY

By De-WITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst attack, is gone the United Nations will have recovered Papua, which accounts for about two-fifths the total area. The Japanese remain almost in complete control of northeastern New Guinea, where they have been established nearly a year and have built formidable bases at Salamaua and Lae, some 150 miles up the coast from the Buna-Gona battlefields. The enemy in recent months also has occupied all the important towns in the northern coastal range of the Dutch territory. The southern half of the Dutch section remains in Allied hands. The two parts are divided by the highest range on the island, including Mount Castrens, 16,404 feet. The Japanese recently have been showing interest in this southern half and last week bombed Merakau, on the south coast 250 miles west of Port Moresby. Tokyo asserted that the Allies were building (Continued on Page Four)

OPINIONS BY ATT'Y GENERAL

Beer License Revocations And Other Matters Included

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Before a beer or wine license is revoked, the licensee should be given such notice as may fairly and properly be expected or required under the particular circumstances, Attorney General Harry McMullan held today in a digest of opinions.

However, he said, when the Board of Aldermen is sitting to determine whether a beer or wine license should be revoked, the board has no authority to punish for contempt.

Officers' clubs on military reservations are liable for the stamp tax on linen and laundry delivered to them by laundries operated by civilians.

There is no general statute in North Carolina requiring the county commissioners to publish in a newspaper its minutes of meetings. The commissioner of motor vehicles has authority pending an appeal to retain custody of automobile license plates of a person who has been convicted of using the plates illegally and has appealed.

The positions of United States commissioner and judge of a recorder's court are both offices within the meaning of the North Carolina constitution, therefore, one person cannot hold both.

A sheriff cannot make an arrest without a warrant for the commission of a misdemeanor unless the misdemeanor is committed in his presence.

Tobacco Allotments For 1943 Unchanged

According to information received by the County Committee of the Pitt County Agricultural Conservation Association, there will be no substantial change in the tobacco allotments in 1943 from what they were in 1942. There seems to be a rumor in the county that tobacco allotments will be increased 10 per cent in 1943 over what they were in 1942. There is nothing to this rumor and it is definitely understood that tobacco allotments for the county as a whole will be the same in 1943 as they were in 1942.

Believe Hitler To Make All-Out Effort To Hold North African Positions

RAF BOMBERS RAID GERMANY

Targets In Ruhr Valley Blasted Second Night In A Row

London, Jan. 5.—(AP)—RAF bombers battered at German industrial targets in the Ruhr valley for the second night in succession last night, an Air Ministry communique said today. Two British planes were reported lost.

The Berlin radio reported casualties were caused among the civilian populations as well as "damage to buildings in residential quarters."

The German radio claimed four of the raiding planes were shot down. The attack apparently was on a small scale, measured by previous RAF assaults on the busy plants in the Ruhr. The British reports of two planes lost indicated a total force of perhaps 40 planes.

The 1943 pounding of targets in Germany and German-occupied territory began Sunday when British bombers and fighters were over the continent most of the day and a force of American heavy bombers smashed at the submarine base at St. Nazaire, France. Seven of the big bombers were lost in the raid.

The Daily Express said today that the Germans inaugurated a new "virtual suicide" technique against American fliers Sunday and lost 38 fighters. The newspaper identified the American bombers on the St. Nazaire raid as Flying Fortresses and said that at least two of them were brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

The Express report said that the general commanding the fortressers flew in a leading bomber. U. S. air force headquarters declined to comment on the newspaper's report which said the German fighters "blew out their new method, flew in pairs and attacked the big bombers head-on."

The Express did not name the general reported to have led the raid, but quoted a pilot as saying: "I was flying just behind the general's machine. An anti-aircraft (Continued on Page Three)

Woolard Urges Buy More Victory Bonds

By CHESTER WALSH "Pitt County people responded patriotically and bought more than the county's quota of Victory Bonds during November," W. H. Woolard, president of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Company and chairman of the Pitt County Victory War Bond Committee, stated today.

These are the "E" bonds, for which a buyer pays \$18.75 and receives \$25 in 10 years; or, according to the purchaser's means, the buyer pays \$750 and in 10 years receives \$1,000, or, if he pays \$3,750 for a Victory Bond he receives in 10 years \$5,000. Chairman Woolard stated to a staff representative of the Reflector.

Sale of these "E" Victory Bonds is limited to \$5,000 to each person, but a husband and wife and children may each buy \$5,000 of these bonds. Mr. Woolard expects within the next few days a report of Victory Bond sales in Pitt County during December.

Pitt County's quota of Victory Bonds to be bought during January is \$199,600. "We had a prosperous season on our farms the past fall; our people engaged in business report substantial sales, and many of our people are engaged in war work, from which we believe this has been a prosperous time for nearly everybody. Our people always do their part, and I am hoping that we will buy more than our quota of Victory Bonds and set a good example to others," Chairman Woolard stated.

State newspaper reports some weeks ago which stated that the sale of certain War Bonds would close on December 23 did not refer to the Victory Bonds. They are on sale and will continue to be sold for the duration.

Investigators Seek More Light On Gas Situation

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Senatorial investigators said today they would seek further light on the divided federal control over gasoline and fuel oil rationing in an effort to assure the minimum supply needed by civilians. Chairman Maloney (D-Conn.) of a special Senate committee announced renewed public hearings will be resumed next Monday after those in charge of the rationing told the committee yesterday that no hope could be held out for an increase in rationing for some months to come. Senator Burton (R-Ohio) told reporters that while yesterday's testimony indicated that some progress had been made toward simplifying the regulations, he thought a more unified control was needed. As it now stands, the head man with regard to oil supplies is Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes. Most of the civilian rationing is under the Office of Price Administration. Motor fuel for farm trucks and commercial vehicles, however, is allotted by the Office of Defense Transportation. "There are the Lend-Lease requirements of the other United Nations, which Price Administrator Leon Henderson indicated were negotiated by the State Department. The army and navy determine their own requirements. (Continued on Page Four)

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stark and children have returned from a visit in Smithfield, Va.

Prof. Joe Gaston of Camp Lee, Va., spent Sunday at his home in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brewer and children have returned to their home in Wilmington after spending the holidays with Mr. Brewer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews of Wilmington, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brewer.

Miss Betty Lou Turnage has returned to Salem Academy in Winston-Salem.

Misses Dorothy Davenport and Janet Gowen have returned to Greensboro College to resume their studies.

Mrs. Elmo Savage and daughter, Dorothy, have returned from a visit in Richmond with Mr. Savage, and in Petersburg with Mrs. Savage's sister, Mrs. Guy Weeks.

Mrs. A. S. Copeland of Kingston, spent the day with her sister, Mrs. O. G. Guiley.

Batchelor-Sugg.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Sugg announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth, to William Lowell Batchelor, Lieutenant United States Marine Corps.

Mrs. Sugg is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sugg of Greenville. She is a graduate of Greenville High School and attended St. Mary's College in Raleigh, and East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville.

Light Batchelor is the son of Attorney and Mrs. George S. Batchelor of Buchanan, Michigan. He is a graduate of Michigan State and a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

The wedding will take place in early February.

Y. W. A. To Meet.
The Y. W. A. girls of Immanuel Baptist Church, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Hartwell Campbell, 408 Liberty street.

Promoted.
The promotion of Clayton B. Roberson of Greenville, Route 4, to the rank of corporal was announced by the General of the 98th Infantry Division at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., recently.

Corporal Roberson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberson of Greenville, Route 4, is considered an outstanding non-commissioned officer. At present he is a member of the Anti-tank Company, 390th Infantry.

Joint Club Meeting.
The Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club will hold a joint meeting at the club house on Friday afternoon, January 5, at 3:30. Mr. James S. Ficklen and Mrs. Walter Taylor will be guest speakers. All members are urged to be on time.

Mrs. Brown Honored.
Mrs. Billy Brown was honored with a surprise birthday dinner on Sunday by her children at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mack Brown, near Ballard's Crossroads.

The dining room was decorated with beautiful flowers. The table was centered with a cake bearing sixty candles. Mrs. Brown was led to the dining room and thanks was returned by her son-in-law, Mr. Johnnie Edwards of Greenville.

There was a large crowd of children, grandchildren and friends. All had a grand time and Mrs. Brown was greatly surprised.

Board of Stewards To Meet.
The Board of Stewards of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will meet tonight at 7:30.

Osceola Vals in Town.
Osceola Vals, formerly manager of Brody's department store here, now living in Fayetteville, was a visitor in Greenville today checking up on "what the Draft Board wants me to do about the war."

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Crowe of Lowell, Mass., announce the birth of a son, John Allen, on December 29, 1942, at St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Crowe was formerly Miss Doris Allen of Greenville, while Mr. Crowe (Bennie) is remembered here as a popular baseball player.

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—St. Mary's Auxiliary of Episcopal Church meets.
7:30 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star meets.
8:00 p. m.—Business Girls' Circle of the Immanuel Baptist Church meets with Miss Thelma Jones.

WEDNESDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon.—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of Immanuel Baptist Church in charge. Knitters needed.
3:30 p. m.—Mrs. A. D. Frank will be hostess to the End of the Century Club.

THURSDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon.—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of Memorial Baptist Church in charge. Knitters needed.

FRIDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon.—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of the Christian Church in charge. Knitters needed.
3:30 p. m.—The Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club will meet at the club house. Mrs. Walter Taylor and Mr. James Ficklen will be guest speakers.
6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club.
7:30 p. m.—Red Men meet.



Walter Ford, II, and his bride, the former Josephine Clay Ford, only granddaughter of Henry Ford, leave Christ church in Detroit after their marriage January 2. She is the daughter of Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company. The families of the newlyweds are not related.

Forty Years Ago Today

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Senator A. L. Blow has for some time been gathering data for a history of Pitt county. In his recent researches he found what is no doubt the oldest tomb in the county. It is on a grave about two miles below Greenville on the north side of the river near the mouth of Parker's creek, and only a short distance from the river bank. Sunk in the middle of the slab is a square of dark slate stone which contains the following inscriptions:

"Death at a distance we but slightly fear,
"He brings his terrors as he draws near."
"From stately palaces we must be gone,
"To lie benighted in the tomb alone."
"Woe then's the man who labors to secure
"His passage safe, and his reception sure."
In
S. V. E.
Here lies the body of
Capt. John Speir
Born in Virginia 25th Sept., 1698
Departed this life 20th April, 1764
Aet 71

NEWS OF GREENVILLE HIGH

Green Lights
Plans are underway for the next issue of Green Lights, the high school tri-weekly paper. It was decided by the class to put the "short" issue, issue to come out in two, rather than three weeks, toward the end of the school term instead of coming out a week from Friday. The next issue will be handed out at third period two weeks from this Friday.

Student Council
The Student Council will meet tonight at 7:30.

School Improvements
During Christmas holidays many improvements were made around the school building. The outstanding of which were painting the steps and other places, fixing the auditorium floor and changing the seats in the music room.

Red Cross
Three Camp Davis trucks came up Saturday after school closed for Christmas holidays and were loaded with things such as day room furniture, magazines, games and utility bags collected by the high school and Junior Red Cross. The day room has been furnished at a cost of about \$98 because the merchants of Greenville gave a slight reduction in price for this worthy cause. The room has been done in green and tan with maple furnishings. A picture of it has been taken and entered into a national contest.

To Broadcast Farm Programs For War

Tuesday, January 12, will be National Farm Mobilization day, which is being sponsored by the USDA War Board. In connection with the Farm Mobilization day, the Pitt County USDA War Board is sponsoring a series of radio programs to be broadcast over Station WGTC in Greenville. These programs will be of interest to farmers, with reference to meeting the 1943 war goals. They will be broadcast daily except Sunday from 1:15 to 1:30 beginning Wednesday, January 6 and continuing through Monday January 11.

WGTC

- 1400 KILOCYCLES
GREENVILLE, N. C.
- TONIGHT**
7:00—Fulton Lewis, MBS.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—Action on the Home Front.
7:45—Congress of Parent Teachers.
8:00—Pass in Review, MBS.
8:30—Music As You Like It.
8:45—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Human Interest Drama.
9:30—Musical Interlude.
9:30—Murder Clinic, MBS.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet the Band, TN.
10:45—Dick Kahn's Orch., MBS.
11:00—News.
11:05—Sign Off.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6**
7:00—News.
7:05—Yawn Patrol.
7:40—Lost and Found.
7:45—Musical Clock.
8:00—News.
8:15—Melodic Moods.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Spotlight on Rhythm, MBS.
9:00—News.
9:05—Local News and Anncts.
9:15—Melody Time.
9:30—The LeAnn Sisters.
9:45—Rhythm and Recipes, TN.
10:00—Obituary Column of the Air.
10:05—Women in the News.
10:10—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Cheer Up Gang, MBS.
11:00—Headlines of Tomorrow.
11:15—Karl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS.
11:30—Ayden On The Air.
11:45—Marche Militaire.
12:00—Hillbilly Roundup.
12:15—News.
12:25—Tune Time.
12:40—Carolina Farm Features.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Parade of Bands.
1:15—Sweet and Hot, MBS.
1:30—10-2-4 Ranch.
1:45—Broadway Bandwagon.
2:00—Today's War Commentary.
2:05—Robersonville on the Air.
2:15—Baron Elliot's Orch., MBS.
2:30—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Stanley Dixon and the News, MBS.
3:15—Neighborhood Call.
3:30—Shady Valley Folks.
4:00—The Affairs of Tom, Dick and Harry, MBS.
5:00—Swing Session, TN.
5:15—Quaker City Serenade, MBS.
5:30—Superman, MBS.
5:45—Story Time Lady, TN.
6:00—Nation's Prayer Minute, MBS.
6:01—Sundown Serenade.
6:15—News.
6:20—Marching to Time.
6:30—Sportscast, TN.
6:45—Dinner Music.
7:00—Fulton Lewis, MBS.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—California Melodies, MBS.
7:45—The Library Comes to You.
8:00—Sizing Up the News, MBS.
8:15—They're the Barries, MBS.
8:30—Todd Grant Gets the News.
8:45—Musical Interlude.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Music in the Modern Manner.
9:30—N. C. Goes to War.
9:45—Musical Varieties.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet the Band, TN.
10:45—Dick Jergen's Orch., MBS.

Jan. 31 Deadline To Get More Gas

Raleigh, Jan. 5—North Carolina truck, bus and taxi operators who need more gasoline than their present certificates of war necessity allow and who intend to appeal for a larger fuel allotment have no time to waste in asking for adjustment, District ODT Manager, W. Earle Butler, declared today.

"We have been informed by the

Urge FDR . . .

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to touch off a fight that I believe is needless and may have unfortunate results."

Others expressed a conviction the new congress would deal only with essential war legislation and would refuse to handle domestic measures.

"I'm afraid social security is a major part of the President's message, but I hope it isn't," commented one member. "It is going to be a difficult enough task as it is to retain control in the house with the reduced democratic majority without wading into a fight that apparently will be lost."

Leaders of both parties in the house agreed that on matters directly related to the war, there would be no legislative difficulties.

Vice President Wallace, in an effort to bring about a smooth working relationship in the senate, was reported planning to ask the leaders from both sides of the aisle to meet with him soon for a discussion of the problems likely to arise.

Friends said such a gathering would be designed to strengthen the friendly relations which have existed in the past between Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky and Republican Leader McNary of Oregon and their aides.

One of the latter, Senator Austin of Vermont, the assistant minority leader, said it was his belief that the enlarged republican representation in both houses now had a new responsibility to forget politics and give strong support to every essential war measure. This did not mean blind acceptance of everything the administration proposed but intelligent backing for worthwhile proposals, he said.

Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, whose reelection as democratic leader was taken for granted, said he expected "every member, without regard to party, to support all war measures."

But apparently with the 1944 presidential nominating conventions in mind, he added:

"If there are too many members of the Republican party thinking of 1944 politics, that situation will interfere with the conduct of the war and prevent congress from making its maximum contribution to the quick and successful prosecution of the war."

On only one major subject were leaders virtually agreed there would be a knock-down-and-drag-out fight, on the President's expected request for extension of his lend-lease authority and his power to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements.

Both these powers expire next June, and republicans have announced they would fight any further broad extension of them.

Washington ODT office that January 31 is the absolute deadline for getting certificates of war necessity adjusted, Butler said. "After that date, no commercial motor vehicle will be allowed to operate unless it has a certificate of war necessity and appeals for larger gasoline allotments must have been made and decided upon before the final certificate may be issued."

Butler urged truck, bus, and taxi operators to make all justifiable appeals as soon as possible so that their certificates may be corrected before February 1.

If all operators will look ahead beyond their temporary rations and see that their certificates are in order, they will help the Government and themselves avoid a last-minute rush with hardship cases, Butler added.

The tea drinking habit was largely responsible for the development of fine English porcelain.

Real Estate Transfers

The following deeds of transfer were recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds last week:

Selma C. Moore to J. H. Waldrop, lot, \$10.
R. D. Whitehurst, Sr., to Paul E. Whitehurst, lot, \$10.
Ida Garrig and H. P. Sewell to E. F. Dennis and wife, Gracie, 31 acres, \$300.
W. L. Hart and wife, Naomi L., to J. R. Heath, lot, \$10.
G. W. Hardee and wife, Hattie, to James C. Evans, 25 acres, \$10.
First National Bank of Ayden to Dr. G. G. Dixon, Mrs. Edna Dixon, Wendell R. Dixon and Mary E. Dixon Collier, 1-6 acre, \$10.
Z. L. Edwards and wife to L. W. Edwards, 48.50 acres, \$10.
L. C. Stocks and wife, Rena V., to

Judge Frizzelle Be Speaker Lions' Club

At the weekly supper meeting of the Greenville Lions Club last night President Frank M. Brown outlined the "membership drive campaign" to offset the loss of a dozen or more members through the draft for service in the armed forces or in war work. A committee in charge of the membership campaign will begin work in a few days and report at the next meeting.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill, who will preside over a civil term of Superior Court here next week, will be the guest speaker. K. T. Futrelle, Pitt county superintendent of welfare, will also speak on the program.

Advancement For Several Scouts

At last night's meeting of the Boy Scout Board of Review, Tommy Deiner and Guy Evans were advanced to second class scouts, Billy Mack Batchelor advanced to first class scout and submitted tentative evidence of qualifications for merit badges in swimming and life saving. Frank Deiner was reviewed on ten of the twelve tests necessary for advancement to second class.

Examiners Wyatt Brown, John S. Armfield, A. M. Schultz, Sherman Parks, and Wallace Bourne were present. Heber Trapp, who is acting as assistant scoutmaster for troop 26, was also present.

The Board of Review meets the first Monday of each month in the parish house of the Episcopal church. Mr. Bourne is chairman and Mr. Parks is secretary of the board.

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A dairy company in flood-struck Marietta, Ohio, turned out a high-wheel tractor and trailer to plow through water-covered streets and deliver milk. The unusual delivery "wagon" is making its way up Putnam street, one of the main business thoroughfares. The Ohio river was the highest in the Marietta section since 1937.

Captain Jones And Dr. Adams Speakers

By WYATT BROWN

Captain Jasper L. Jones told about the State Guard and Dr. Carl Adams of East Carolina Teachers' College discussed the role of the college in the present extremities at last night's meeting of the Rotary Club.

Captain Jones explained how the present State Guard, composed of men from 18 to 45 who do not qualify under the draft, was created by legislation after calling in to federal service of the National Guard. There are 2,000 guardsmen in North Carolina trained under army supervision and equipped by the government. They have been organized to preserve peace and order and vital installations; trained in use of arms, first aid, guard duty, and protection in case of riot.

In stating that vacancies existed in the local unit of the State Guard Captain Jones predicted that in the near future men between 38 and 45 would be drafted into the State

Guard to carry out an already planned expansion.

The program was presented by the Club Service Committee of which Knott Proctor is chairman. Fathers' and Daughters' night was announced for January 24. President Steve Wilkerson presided. The Greenville Rotary Club has an attendance record of 89.25 per cent for the past quarter ending December 31.

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DEEF SUPPLY INADEQUATE

Armed Forces' Needs Must Be Met First

By The Associated Press
Beef may soon be more plentiful in some sections of the country, but reports indicated today that there will be no general alleviation of the civilian undersupply.

A spokesman for the American meat institute in Chicago declared that the army is taking very large quantities of beef and that "army needs come first."

A cause of the civilian undersupply, some meat packers asserted, is that the government has placed a ceiling on prices without a balancing ceiling on livestock.

"There is a terrific loss in most beef and to remain in business we can't afford to kill any more animals than we have to," one Pittsboro packer said. "It means we keep army orders filled but don't always have the 70 per cent of last year's meat available that can go to civilian trade."

Slaughtering of local herds was advanced as a chief means of relieving the shortage in many communities.

In Los Angeles a packer spokesman said the situation was "greatly improved" today. He said that although delivery facilities were not adequate, "consumers will be able to get their share."

Throughout New England many persons were having trouble in getting steaks with their French fries. Stores in Boston said they had only sufficient fresh beef to supply early arriving customers.

In Mississippi, on the other hand, assistant State AAA Administrator Fred Hurst said there were more beef cattle in the state than ever before and that local packing houses were getting all they were allowed to handle under OPA regulations.

The Chicago area has an undersupply, particularly in some cuts of beef, the American meat institute spokesman said. He said the middle west has a better supply than other areas, but added, "you can't be choosy in buying these days."

The supply in the southeastern section of the country was estimated at 50 to 60 per cent below the demand. One reason for this undersupply is that an Atlanta packer was quoted as saying that "people are amking more now and people who used to buy sow belly are now able to buy steaks."

Daring Rescue . . .

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deavour, exactly on schedule. It took close to shore, and took the refugees aboard at night after replying to a pre-designated signal. Originally it had been planned to make a second attempt the following night if the initial try was unsuccessful.

As it turned out that would have been tragic, for the morning after the fleeing party was placed aboard the sub a large number of Japs landed.

Forty-eight hours after the submarine slipped away from the scene the commander's first laconic announcement of success was received. A day later the group was transferred to an American patrol vessel in friendly waters and was immediately taken to Australia. The names and addresses of those rescued are not known at this time.

DAF Bombers . . .

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shell burst near it and scattered over the fortress.

"We kept in tight formation and pinned through a curtain of fire right on to the target. The Germans followed us out to sea, but we gave them heavy punishment. "Some broke up in the air and others went down in flames."

Opinions By . . .

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A proper judgment of the clerk of court committing a patient to an asylum is a final judgment, and the clerk has no authority to release such a patient. Only the hospital authorities are authorized to release such a patient.

The father is the natural guardian of a minor child, and, upon his death, the mother automatically becomes the guardian. Therefore, where the parents are incapacitated, there is no need for appointing a guardian and the clerk of court has no authority to make such appointments where the minor has no property.

To Probe Gov't . . .

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condemned "in order to expel miners and cattlemen."

In a statement last night criticizing the War Department's purchase of the Stevens Hotel in Chicago for \$5,500,000 for its conversion into a training center, Byrd said such acquisitions were sure to "present a great problem of post-war liquidation."

Altogether, he declared, the department has bought six hotels, a school and a private hospital for use as permanent military hospitals, and has leased six other hotels, two schools and three private hospitals as temporary military hospitals.

Actress Marries Pilot

London, Jan. 5—(AP)—Carole Landis, blonde film star from the United States, and Capt. Thomas C. Wallace of Pasadena, Calif., a U. S. army air force pilot, were married today.

Miss Landis came to Britain to certain troops. Captain Wallace has been here two and a half years and was one of the original members of the Royal Air Force's American Eagle squadron.

Eight Killed By Explosion

Massena, N. Y., Jan. 5—(AP)—Eight persons, seven of them night shift war workers, perished in an explosion and fire which destroyed a small restaurant and filling station on the outskirts of this northern New York town today.

Five of the victims were passengers of a bus which had stopped briefly to permit passengers to eat. The bus driver and two occupants of an automobile which had stopped for gasoline also died.

Four persons were injured, one seriously. No estimate of damage was available.

State police questioned Walter Hutchins, the station owner, and other witnesses on details of the explosion, believed caused by a can of gasoline which ignited within the restaurant. The blast blew out the small building's front wall and enveloped the station in flames.

The war workers were en route to their jobs in the Blawie Aluminum plant three miles north of here.

Small Docket Today Pitt County Court

In Pitt County Court today Judge Dink James found Thomas Thigpen, colored, not guilty of three charges, including assault on a female, assault with a deadly weapon and simple assault. H. H. Manning, white, was also found not guilty of being drunk and disorderly.

Other cases disposed of were: Driving drunk, \$100 fine, Roy, \$50 and costs and forfeit license a year; appealed to Superior Court. Jarvis A. Causey and William H. Reddit, each \$50 and costs and forfeit license a year.

Carrying concealed weapon: Eddie Cobb, colored, \$50 and costs and six months on roads suspended on good behavior and pistol confiscated.

Curfew At Marseille

Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 5—(AP)—The Vichy radio reported today that the Germans had imposed a curfew on the Mediterranean port of Marseille after a bomb was thrown at a hotel used by the occupation forces and that German soldiers were authorized to shoot if they encountered any resistance in enforcing it.

Ask Increase In Gasoline Prices

New York, Jan. 5—(AP)—The Executive Board of the eastern states gasoline dealers conference has asked the Office of Price Administration to permit an increase in the sales price of gasoline to enable retail dealers to "survive." Sol A. Herzog, general counsel of the group said today.

In Boston, Frederick W. Moore, Executive Secretary of the retail gasoline dealers association of Massachusetts, said that he had received reports from Washington that A-coupons might be eliminated from the rationing program soon.

Moore said the dealers were asking for a 1.5 cents increase in gasoline prices now and a larger increase if the A-coupons were eliminated.

Wheeler Demands Post War Plan Now

Washington, Jan. 5—(AP)—Immediate creation of a United Nations council to "determine as quickly as possible" the post-war demands of this country's allies was endorsed today by Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) outspoken critic of administration pre-war foreign policy.

The American people, he told an interviewer, need to be informed of these demands "so they will have a clearer picture of what they are fighting for."

"Certainly they are not fighting for the continuation of British and Dutch imperialism in the Orient or any other place, and they are not fighting for American imperialism, either," he said.

In endorsing the council idea advanced recently by Wendell Willkie, Wheeler made it clear he spoke only for himself.

Wages In State Show Increase

Raleigh, Jan. 5—(AP)—November reports of 1,255 North Carolina industrial and non-manufacturing firms reflected slight gains in average hourly earnings, the state labor department reported today.

The reporting firms employed 219,569 workers during one week of the month and total payrolls for that period were \$4,967,259. Both employment and payrolls showed small increases.

An over-all gain of 2.1 per cent was shown in average hourly earnings, raising the figure for all industries to 56.5 cents an hour. Average weekly wages also went up 1.5 per cent to \$22.62, while the length of the work week declined 1.9 per cent to 39.9 hours.

The mining and publishing industry paid the highest hourly wages, averaging 84.1 cents an hour during November. Pulp mills were second, paying an average wage of 81.8 cents an hour. Wholesale firms paid 72.8 cents; furniture plants 52.1 cents and lumber mills, 47.6 cents.

Air Marshal's Wife Killed

Cairo, Jan. 5—(AP)—Lady Tedder, wife of the vice-chief of staff of the Royal Air Force Air Marshal Sir Arthur William Tedder was killed in an airplane crash here yesterday.

Before her marriage Lady Tedder was Rosalinde MacLardy of Sydney Australia.

AXIS BLAMES U. S. FOR WAR

Berlin Says Washington White Book "Full Of Lies"

Washington, Jan. 5—(AP)—Sputtering angrily over disclosure in the State Department's white book, the Axis radio accused President Roosevelt of issuing the documents to avoid congressional criticism of "continual American defeats."

The Federal Communications Commission said today that its listening post had picked up broadcasts from Berlin, Rome and Tokyo seeking to blame the war on the President's diplomatic policies and claiming the white book was "full of lies."

The book, issued over the weekend by Secretary of State Hull and revealing that the Japanese planned months in advance for "a surprise mass attack on Pearl Harbor," was declared by the German radio to represent "a clever Roosevelt move for home consumption."

Berlin called the book "Roosevelt's white lie book" and asserted the FCC said it "has already been criticized by some representatives of congress."

Tokyo confined its broadcasts on the subject to German reaction and quoted the Berlin radio as declaring the white book "full of lies and thievery" and an effort by the President to head off criticism from the new congress for "American defeats," the agency added.

FCC said the Rome broadcasts interpreted the white book as evidence that the President had "thrown his country into war" when it was unprepared.

Price Opposes Policy Changes

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5—(AP)—None of the state's basic policies should be changed at the Biennial Legislative session opening tomorrow, Senator J. Hampton Price of Rockingham County said today.

Price, who is expected to be backed for President Pro Tem of the State at a Democratic caucus tonight, said that such matters as the sales tax and a proposal to repeal the State Income Tax should be left to later sessions. Present times, he said, are not normal and therefore no material changes should be made in the governmental structure of the state.

A proposal to create a statewide nine-month school term, favored by both major parties, may offer one of the principal headaches of the session, Price said, since portions of the agricultural east are opposed to it. The Piedmont, he said, is in favor of it.

Asked who would decide whether the term would be eight months or nine months if left on an optional basis, Price suggested that such a decision might be left to the unified school board authorized in the last general election.

Legislators, he said, probably will get down to business right away, but even then final adjournment might not come within 60 days.

Jap Planes Stage Raids On China

Chungking, Jan. 5—(AP)—Twenty-one Japanese planes unloaded more than 100 bombs on the southwestern fringe of Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, in a raid yesterday morning, the Central News Agency reported today, but damage was declared negligible.

Shiukwan, provisional capital of Kwangtung province, was bombed by six Japanese planes yesterday afternoon, and three other planes machine-gunned Chursien, a south Hunan province town on the Ganton-Hankow railway.

Eight other Japanese planes explored over Kwangtung and Hunan provinces in extensive reconnaissance flights, it was reported.

Strike At Ford Plant

Detroit, Jan. 5—(AP)—A Ford Motor Company spokesman reported early today that an undetermined number of maintenance men at the Rouge plant had left their jobs in the course of the night, resulting in idleness for more than 5,000 men.

The spokesman said that there had been a dispute over the placing of maintenance workers of all categories under control of the superintendents of the separate buildings.

Will Seek Repeal State Income Tax

Charlotte, Jan. 5—(AP)—Immediate repeal of the state income tax will be proposed in the North Carolina General Assembly, which will convene in Raleigh tomorrow.

Sponsor of the bill is Mecklenburg's representatives Ed Tompkins, who, with others of the Mecklenburg delegation, left today for the capital. He had the bill drawn when he left.

Tompkins said he believed this is the proper time to eliminate the state income tax because of increasingly heavy federal taxes. He said revenue lost by repeal of the state income tax levy could be offset by reduced appropriations.

If the repeal bill is rejected, Tompkins said he was prepared to offer a substitute bill which would permit deduction from net income all other state, federal, county and municipal taxes and insurance premiums before the state income tax is applied.

Nazi Blockade Runner Is Sunk

London, Jan. 5—(AP)—A large German vessel filled with raw materials for Germany has been sunk in the Atlantic, it was announced officially today.

The announcement was made in this joint communique from the Admiralty and Air Ministry:

"A large German vessel attempting to run the blockade heavily laden with raw materials for Germany has been intercepted by our patrols and sunk in the Atlantic.

The enemy vessel was sighted by aircraft of the coastal command which directed surface forces to the area in which the enemy was ultimately found and sunk by H. M. S. Scylla (Capt. J. A. P. McIntyre, C. B. E., R. U.).

The Scylla is a 5,450-ton British cruiser.

Secret Service Veteran Dead. San Diego, Calif., Jan. 5—(AP)—Richard L. (Dick) Jervis, 67, head of the White House secret service detail for 26 years, died here last night of pneumonia.

A secret service agent for 44 years, Jervis was an intimate friend of the nation's Presidents from Theodore Roosevelt to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Panamanian Vessel Sunk

Washington, Jan. 5—(AP)—The navy reported today that a medium sized Panamanian merchant vessel was torpedoed, shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Indian ocean early in November. Survivors have landed at Philadelphia and Boston.

Shipyards Exceed President's Goal

Washington, Jan. 5—(AP)—American shipyards slightly exceeded President Roosevelt's goal of producing 8,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping in 1942. Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, reported today.

Land said the yards delivered 746 ships of 8,000,800 tons, exclusive of merchant-type vessels built for the armed forces, and 800 small craft.

The year was climaxed by a record month in December, when 121 ships of 1,999,300 tons were placed in service.

The best previous month was September, with 93 ships of 1,061,112 tons.

In all of 1941, only 95 ships of 1,088,000 tons were completed, less than the production in December of 1942.

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U. S. LOCOMOTIVE FOR BRITAIN—Draped with the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, one of the new U. S. locomotives built for British and Continental gauge tracks, is slung from a freighter to pier at a British port.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

CHARACTER ALWAYS FIRST

An inquiry was sent some years ago to a group of successful engineers, and they were asked the question, "What factors do you count the most important in determining the probable success or failure in your profession?" The factor of technical training was voted relatively unimportant, and the committee, feeling that there must be some mistake decided to send the inquiry to a larger circle and 30,000 members of engineering societies were polled. Seven thousand replied, and 94 per cent of them put character at the top of the list, and by an equally decisive majority put technical skill at the bottom.

Ponder this for a moment. Here was a group of engineers, men whose concern it would seem is almost exclusively with material things. Given fine technical skill, good health, fair opportunities, and it would seem that a man's success in this field would be assured. But when 30,000 engineers were polled, 7,000 saw fit to reply, and their overwhelming answer was that good character is the first element of success in the engineering profession, with judgment, efficiency, understanding of men, knowledge of life, and technical skill falling in that order of importance.

If a man's character is even suspect, his chance for advancement among his fellows is reduced almost to zero. The one thing every employer wants to know is whether or not the man he is employing is trustworthy in every respect.

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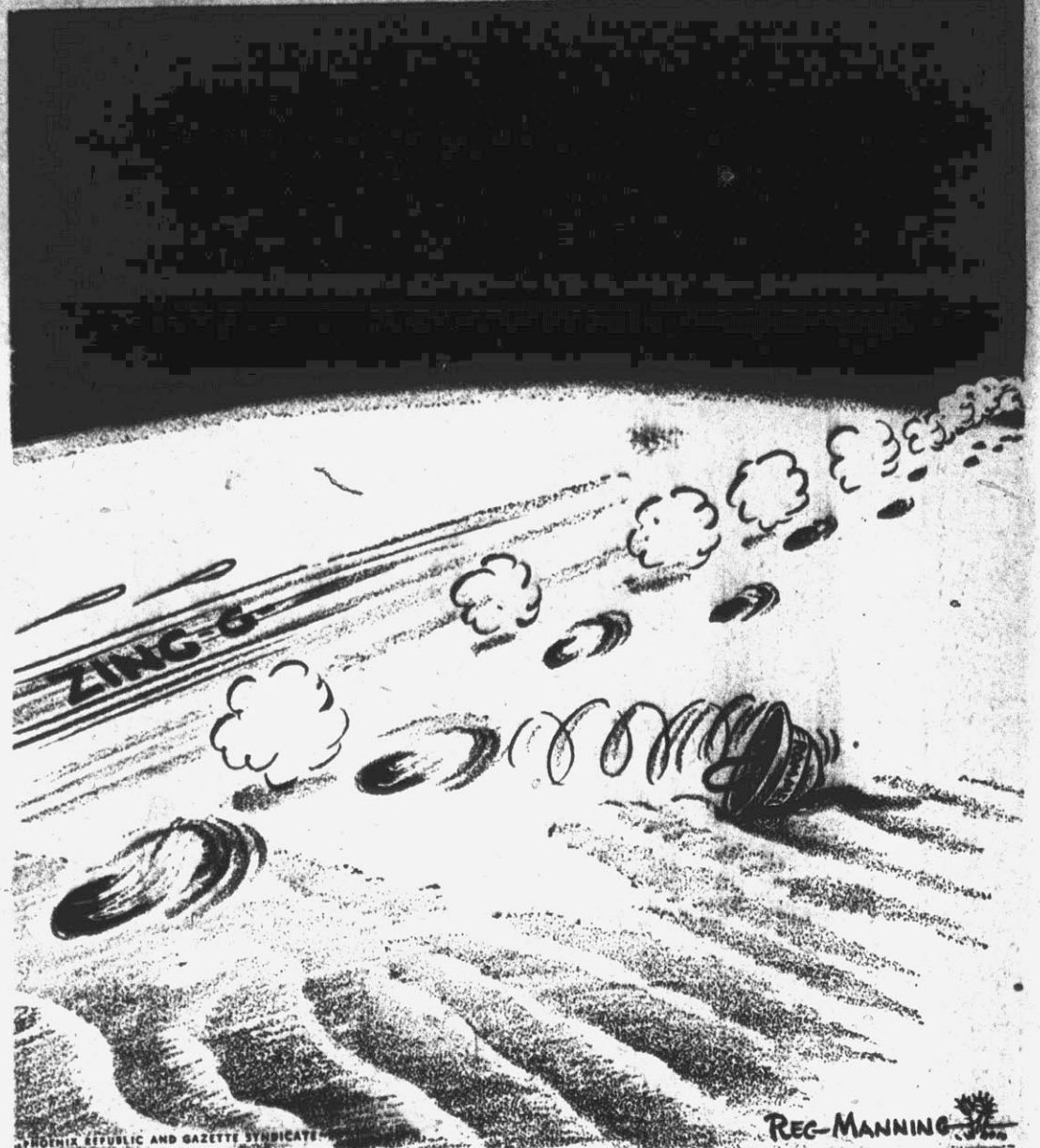
END "FEATHER BED" LOAFING

The majority of American citizens will say "Amen" to the following quotation from a New York Times editorial: "The quickest way to increase manpower is to increase man-hours. We must increase the national working week to an average of not less than 48 hours. What even counts more than man-hours as such is the total productivity of labor within those hours. We must end the feather-bed practices built up by the unions, the make-work, the unnecessary jobs. We must increase the efficiency of labor, management and organization. These are some of the things we must do before resorting to compulsory labor service, with the tremendous problems this presents."

Specifically, examples of "feather-bed" practices referred to by the Times, are practices that limit production, such as extremely short hauls between division points on railroads which, under present contracts, constitute a full day's work for the train crew, the limitation of soft coal miners to 35 hours per week, and the restrictions on most effective utilization of labor in the construction field in building trades contracts, which require the services of three or four men to do a job one could do more quickly alone.

There is no use in longer trying to dodge the fact that the length of the work week and rules and regulations that restrict maximum individual output, are today the

Footprints In The Sands--



heart of the manpower problem.

When most individuals in the land, and when every soldier in uniform has given up his normal living standards for the duration to help win the war, it is indecent, to say the least, for any group in this nation to use its powers to try to maintain pre-war privileges and "feather-bed non-production" at the expense of our armed forces and the tax-paying public.

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STENNETT

(Second of Two Articles On Present Lumber Problems)

Washington—Apparently the lumber shortage is both real and on paper. Real, in the actual shortage of specific woods, such as walnut for gun stocks, "On paper," because in overall boardfeet consumption, the demand is permitting its way into a huge stockpile sufficient for momentary needs but which may become depleted soon.

The government hasn't done much about it. According to 81-year-old Rep. Walter M. Pierce, Oregon Democrat, who, after five consecutive two-year terms in the House, was defeated for reelection, one of things that might have helped earlier, would even help now, is estab-

lishment of the Forest Products Service, which has been on the President's desk since early November and was recommended by the WPB and Department of Agriculture last June.

As a matter of fact, the drive to remedy the lumber shortage, both actual and prospective, is three-pronged: (1) The usual priorities, price controls, etc. (2) The FPS. (3) Government regulation of cutting practices.

The third has gained little headway. Pierce charges: "Entrenched private industry, more concerned with profits than with public welfare or victory, prefers scarcity and high prices, at least until the bulk of their holdings have been cut over and allowed to go tax delinquent."

The second, the FPS, is a brain child of the U. S. Forest Service. By executive order, it would establish a \$100,000,000 revolving fund to finance the country's 31,000 sawmills and put them on a fulltime operating basis. At present, because of lack of capital or manpower or inability to get timber, these mills are now idle all or much of the year.

"The FPS," says Pierce, "would equalize the handicaps under which they compete for present business. Where necessary loans would be made to the small fellow to keep him with stable markets, and help in obtaining necessary equipment and information."

"In my opinion there are," Pierce says, "two main reasons for this industry opposition: First, one condition of government aid to the little fellow would be the requirement that proper cutting practices only be employed, and it appears the big industrialists fear such a trial might convince our people of the desirability of controlling all private cutting."

The WAR TODAY

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an air base there and that the air attacks put it out of commission. Allied headquarters, noncommittal as to Merauke's importance, reported a raid there last week, but said little damage was done.

Lae and Salamaua are likely to be MacArthur's next objectives and their reduction promises to be a still tougher job than that already done in the Buna-Gona region. Lae was given a thorough going over by Allied attack planes and medium bombers only yesterday, part of a program which is subjecting the two New Guinea ports and Rabaul on the nearby island of New Britain to almost daily drubbings.

Rabaul, which the Japanese have converted into their main air and sea base for the whole New Guinea-Solomon islands area, logically would come after Lae and Salamaua, the big prize of the whole far-flung amphibious campaign in the southwest Pacific.

The press in Australia, where there is renewed insistence that United Nations leadership has overdone the beat-Hitler-first policy, is calling for an immediate and vigorous follow-up to the prospective recovery of Papua.

In relation to the objectives beyond the Buna operation is a small one. Its most important gains have been measured in hundreds of yards and its bloodiest battles fought by companies or platoons. But its place in the history of this war is likely to resemble that of Belleau Wood in the last one. On the Buna-Gona sector and on Guadalcanal the Americans and Australians began the recovery of vital territory and they are proving their ability to root out a fanatical enemy from his most difficult footholds.

Investigators . . .

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Malony, Ickes expressed a need for more power, but said he was reluctant to discuss it until he had consulted associates.

Asked who was umpire between the military and civilian allotments, Ickes said there was none, but the army and navy had been "very helpful in the past critical days." The army had supplied 200,000 steel drums for moving kerosene from the southwest to the Boston area, he explained, while the navy had "loaned" some of its fuel oil for distribution among civilians.

Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers revealed that he had asked Henderson and Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman to see that no farmer or stock raiser lacked the gasoline needed to maintain essential food production.

Relief Ship Founders

New ork, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The 3,151-ton Swedish motorship Eros carrying grain from Canada to Greece, founded in a gale while enroute from Piraeus to Solanika and the ship and its cargo may be a total loss the American Swedish news exchange announced today. The date of the foundering was not given.

Meet at Gibraltar
London, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Vichy radio broadcast a report from Madrid today that Sir Samuel Hoare, British ambassador to Madrid, Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in charge of Allied operations in North Africa, and Lord Gort, governor-general and commander-in-chief of Malta, had met at Gibraltar.

PACIFIC PATROL

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter 15
Bombs at 11:17
When, as the next five days snailed by, nothing more happened in Santa Phillips, the tension relaxed somewhat. Talk of the sabotaged railway trestle was hushed up as much as possible. Rumors reporting capture of the saboteurs, or their escape, or new plots uncovered were largely ignored. At least by Mary Garthwaite.

Nobody knew exactly how it happened. Nobody would know until this was over. Better not to let yourself be frightened into panic by a lot of hearsay evidence!

Carmencita de la Vega had been quite right. No one molested the lovely singer or her artistic villa clinging to its hillside. In the broad daylight of a week later, all Porters stewing seemed fussy and unnecessary.

Even Porter himself had forgotten about it in all the excitement of Carmencita's coming debut with the local Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Lloyd, one of the directors of the Forum, had arranged that Carmencita should be guest soloist. And Porter had managed the radio hookup that would broadcast her voice over the local station.

Carmencita's great ambition was to be a radio star and her gratitude to Porter and his mother was overwhelming.

The concert was really splendid. Mary, who genuinely loved good music, relaxed, let herself be carried away into a wonderful world of harmonious sound. Carmencita's selections were good and beautifully performed. The girl had real talent and her audience appreciated it. She sang three encores and then graciously refused to take more time from the long program.

It was after eleven when Porter put Mary into his car. She remembered his making some remark about the program's having been extra long this time. She remembered glancing at her watch at exactly seventeen minutes after eleven. That was when the first bomb was dropped.

Three of them came in quick succession. Thump! Thump! Thump! Then the cease was of the black-out sirens, the instant darkening of streets and buildings, came the flare of light from the sand dunes to the north! This time the gasoline storage tanks at the Pacific Oil Company had been hit! Tons of high-test gasoline! The flames leaped brilliantly into the night sky.

They left the car parked before the auditorium theater and ran, or stumbled, through an alley to the back door of Emergency Headquarters. Mary found plenty to do answering frantic phone calls, trying to stem the tide of panic that rose steadily around them.

Quarrel With Porter
The first war was ghastly as they all waited tensely for the sound of the next bomb's crash. But when it didn't come, Mary relaxed a little, went on with her work less mechanically.

When the "all-clear" sounded Mary helped make coffee and sandwiches for the gallant army of wardens and spotters, for the frightened Santa Phillips caught away from their homes, for the exhausted staff at the Headquarters. Only then did she realize that Porter had been gone for some time. Only then did she begin to wonder about him.

It was daylight when she finally started home. Her feet aching in frivolous high-heeled pumps, her mind dull with fatigue. Three blocks from the house, Porter overtook her in his car.

"Get in," he called sharply. "You should have waited at Headquarters for me. I've been worried sick looking for you."

Mary, catching sight of his distraught face, checked a sharp answer. "Where have you been?"

"Out at the plant, of course. It's ghastly."

Pain clouded Mary's eyes. "Many lives lost? Have they got the fire under control yet? Will it destroy all the tanks?" She spilled the questions out anxiously.

"Only three of the guards killed and a few injured when the first bomb hit," Porter said coldly. "The rest of the damned fools hit for shelter. If they'd been on the job with the fire extinguishers, they might have saved my plant office."

"The office!" Mary remembered fleetingly the smart glass-brick and white stucco building that Porter had built as soon as he took charge of Pacific Oil.

"Homes, they were," Mary insisted, powerless now to check the tide of her anger. "And you're worrying about your nice shiny new office!"

He laughed, carelessly. And that did it! Her fury skyrocketed. "Porter Lloyd, you're the most selfish—the most ruthless—the most cowardly—"

"That will do, Mary. Please don't make a scene. It's vulgar."

"Okay, if it's vulgar to worry more about people losing their lives than their profits—then I'm very vulgar. And I'm proud of it."

Porter's thin lips tightened. "Not as my wife you won't be."

"Then I don't want to be your wife." The words leaped to her lips as if of their own accord. She was almost as amazed as Porter.

"It's up to you," Porter was angry now, too. In his tightly controlled, courteous way.

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ter Lloyd, you're the most selfish—the most ruthless—the most cowardly—"

"That will do, Mary. Please don't make a scene. It's vulgar."

"Okay, if it's vulgar to worry more about people losing their lives than their profits—then I'm very vulgar. And I'm proud of it."

Porter's thin lips tightened. "Not as my wife you won't be."

"Then I don't want to be your wife." The words leaped to her lips as if of their own accord. She was almost as amazed as Porter.

"It's up to you," Porter was angry now, too. In his tightly controlled, courteous way.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT RECEIVES BUST—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Sen. George Norris of Nebraska look at a bust of him presented to the senator at a New York dinner. Jo Davidson sculptured it.



The black areas on this map show how Russian forces are rolling toward Riga (A) in the north and Rostov (B) in the south. The black portions represent territory re-captured by the Soviets since their current offensive broke through the German front lines (striped shading). Late Russian reports told of the capture of strategic Velikie Luki on the route to Riga, and the seizure of Elista by the Russian forces pushing toward Rostov. Meanwhile, Germans at Rabev were encircled by the Reds.

Jap Carrier Flees In Circle



While Army Flying Fortresses hunted Japanese aircraft carriers like hawks in the battle of Midway last June, one fortress made this unusual picture of a Jap carrier maneuvering in a complete circle, as its churning wake shows. After the battle, the army reported repeated bomb hits on the Jap carriers, Kaga and Akagi, while the navy, in listing results, said four Jap carriers were definitely sunk.

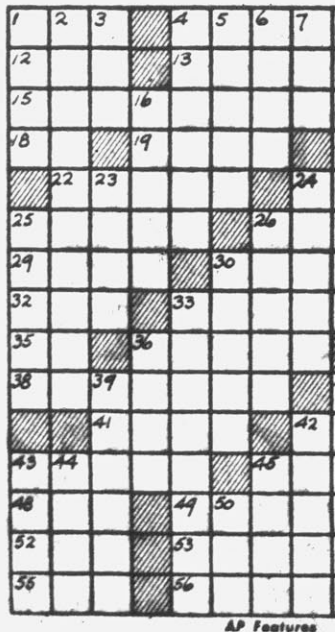
Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- East Indian tree
 - Habitat
 - Eardrum
 - Pink eggs
 - Kind of concrete
 - Silkworm
 - Dignifying
 - Near
 - Iron blocks in stamp batteries
 - Silly
 - Wrathful
 - Crisp cookie
 - Insects
 - Prophecy
 - Fairy tale monster
 - Telegraphed
 - Palm lily
- DOWN**
- Female sand-piper
 - Spinning car
 - Cover
 - Type measure
 - Musical sounds
 - Town in Alaska
 - Cords
 - Picture puzzle
 - Ancient wine vessel
 - Small pointed wheel on a spur
 - Face of a gem
 - Old musical instrument
 - Exclamation
 - Salutation
 - Sweetheart
 - Edge
 - Salpeter
 - Lair
 - Poem
 - Small valleys
 - Append

EDAM BET BAIL
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ERS MEMOIRS
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AR REYNARD TA
BEHEMOTH EVIL
ONES TIE SIVA
TART SAM TEES

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

- DOWN**
- Open court
 - Dependent
 - Domestic fowl
 - Heads of ab-beys
 - Relgning beauty
 - American general
 - Put on driver
 - Locomotive
 - Mexican shawl
 - Ireland
 - Motion of the sea
 - Egg-shaped
 - Fragrant ointment of the ancients
 - Spur
 - Dries
 - Triangular instrument
 - Mathematical ratio
 - Spurred on
 - Lateral boundary
 - Urgence of light
 - Frangin
 - Part of the ear
 - Note the duration of
 - More recently acquired
 - Power shaver
 - Moving mechanical parts
 - Cud
 - Gambling game
 - Gravel
 - Tardy
 - Style of penmanship
 - Nothing
 - County in Idaho



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Hog Market
Raleigh, Jan. 5 - (AP) - (NCDA) - Hog markets 25 cents lower with tops of 13.85 at Richmond and 13.60 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Jan. 5 - (AP) - (NCDA) - Raleigh egg and poultry market steady; eggs, U. S. extras large (clean white) 47 colored hens 20 1/2.

New York Cotton
New York, Jan. 5 - (AP) - Cotton futures opened 5 to 25 cents a bale lower.

	Open	Close	Priv. Cl.
Jan.	19.37	19.44	
Feb.	19.33	19.49	19.55
Mar.	19.44	19.37	19.45
Apr.	19.40	19.31	19.41
May	19.33	19.23	19.35
June	19.31	19.24	19.36

Middling spot 21.17, off 10.

Grain Market
Chicago, Jan. 5 - (AP) - Prices for the wheat pit advanced to new highs for the past five years today on buying by milling interests.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Jan. 5 - (AP) - Profit cashing in a number of last month's prominent climbers gave the stock market an irregularly lower appearance today although pressure was relatively light.

FINAL STOCKS	
Al Chem and Dye	143
Allegheny	76
Allis Chal Mfg	26 1/2
Am Can	71 3/4
Am Car Fdy	25
Am For Pow	1 1/2
Am Roll Mill	10 3/4
Am Smelt and Ref	37 1/2
Am Sug Ref	18 3/4
Am Tob B	24 1/2
Anacosta	27 1/2
A C L	19 3/4
Atl Ref	19 3/4
Aviat Corp	3 3/4
B and O	3 1/2
Bendix Aviat	34 1/2
Beth Stl	56
Boeing Airpl	15 1/2
Borden	22 1/2
Budd Mfg	3 3/4
Bur Add Mach	41
Caterpil Trac	18
Champ P and F	18
Ches and O	35
Coca Cola	88 3/4
Consol Edis	15 3/4
Cont Can	26 3/4
Corn Prod	55 1/2
Curtiss Wright	7 1/2
Davison Chem	12 1/2
Doug Air	56 1/2
Dupont	134
Eastman Kod	148
Gen Elec	31 1/2
Gen Foods	35 1/2
Gen Mot	44 3/4
Goodyear	25 3/4
Int Harvest	59 1/2
Int Nick Can	29 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	6 3/4
Johns Man	71 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	65 1/2
Loews	45 3/4
Lorillard	17
Mack Truck	28 3/4
Mont Ward	33 3/4
Nat Biscuit	16 3/4
Nat Cash Reg	19
Nat Dairy Prod	14 3/4
Nat Lead	14 3/4
Nat Pow and Lt	2 1/2
N Y Cent	10 3/4
No Am Aviat	10
Otis Elev	16 3/4
Packard	2 3/4
Param Pix	46 3/4
Std Oil N J	42 1/2
Tex Co	42 1/2
Tex Gulf Prod	3 3/4
Timken Det Ax	28 3/4
Un Carb	82
Unit Air	26 3/4
Unit Drug	7 3/4
US Pipe	30
US Rub	25 3/4
US Smelt and Ref	48
US Steel	48 3/4
Western Union	27
West Elec and Mfg	81
Total Sales	673,806

INDICT GROUP FOR SEDITION

Charges Against 33 Persons And A Newspaper

Washington, Jan. 5 - (AP) - Charges of violating the wartime sedition act by conspiring to impair morale and promote mutiny in the United States armed forces today confronted 33 persons and a weekly newspaper, the New York Evening Enquirer.

The defendants, 28 of whom were indicted previously on the same charge, were named in an indictment returned yesterday by a federal grand jury at the request of the Justice Department. While the earlier bill charged a conspiracy from June, 1940 to July 1942, the new indictment covers a period beginning in 1933 and continuing to the present.

The new defendants included: George E. Deatherage, St. Albans, W. Va., who the Justice Department said was a member of the Knights of the White Camelia; Mrs. Louise De LaFayette Washburn, Alias "T. N. T." of Chicago and Seattle, Wash; Frank W. Clark, Alias "G. P." of Tacoma, Wash; Paquita De Shishmareff, Alias "Leslie Fry" of Glendale, Calif., and New York City; Frank K. Perez, Los Angeles, who the Justice Department said is confined in California for violation of the State Anti-Subversive act, and the Enquirer.

In addition, the indictment charged that 41 other publications were employed in the alleged conspiracy and named 41 organizations which it accused of being used to further the violation of the Sedition Act. Twenty-nine of the publications and the same number of organizations were named in the earlier indictment returned last July 23.

The new bill, citing quotations from the organizations' literature, named Ulrich Fleischhauer of Erfurt, Germany, as co-conspirator but not as a defendant. The Justice Department said the Enquirer was published by William Griffin, one of the original 28 indicted and the only one not yet arraigned. Griffin, who had contested his removal to Washington to face the indictment, lost his fight yesterday when it was ordered to appear by U. S. Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter.

Bomber Crash
Shreveport, La., Jan. 5 - (AP) - A twin-engine bomber crashed into Cross Lake near the north shore today, the Barksdale field public relations office announced. Two bodies were recovered from the wreckage and a rescue party was searching for three more persons believed to have been aboard the plane.

The plane crashed about 100 yards from shore just a few miles from the city limits in about three or four feet of water.

Rename Rayburn House Speaker

Washington, Jan. 5 - (AP) - Sam Rayburn of Texas was nominated by the Democratic caucus today to serve another term as speaker of the house and Representative McCormack of Massachusetts was re-elected by the democrats as their floor leader.

House republicans went into conference immediately after the democratic meeting and were expected to nominate Rep. Martin of Massachusetts as their candidate for the speakership.

The speaker will be elected when the 87th Congress convenes tomorrow, and the democrats, holding 222 seats to 208 for the republicans, are expected to elect Rayburn and retain control of the house organization.

WILL RESTORE ALL PROPERTY

Allies Declare Property Rights To Go To Original Owners

Washington, Jan. 5 - (AP) - Seven Allied belligerent governments and the French National Committee served notice on the Axis and its beneficiaries today that property rights in countries now occupied by them will be restored to their rightful owners when the Axis is ejected.

In a declaration made public by the State Department the signatories emphasized they had reference to all property rights or interests which have changed hands through enemy action whether such transfers of dealings have taken the form of open looting or plunder or of transactions apparently legal in form.

The declaration applies even to such transfers of property which "purport to be voluntarily effected," such as the disposal of homes, businesses or securities whose owners were terrorized into signing them away.

The declaration does not specifically mention properties previously owned by Jews in Germany or other countries and now held by non-Jews who took them over at panic prices when Jews were forced out of business or expelled. Officials emphasized, however, that it applies to "property, rights and interests of any description whatsoever" by individuals, corporations or governments through enemy action or manipulation.

In effect it warns all persons in Axis-occupied countries that any property rights they may acquire under the protection of Axis occupation authorities or puppet governments will not be recognized when the Axis is expelled.

Text of the declaration:
"The Union of South Africa, the United States of America, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, the Czechoslovak Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Greece, India, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia, and the French National committee:

American Troops . . .

(Continued From Page One) from Guadalcanal air field secured the vicinity and sank all the drums they could find.

Knox said the Japanese squadron originally 10 destroyers, had been under repeated attack for 275 miles during its approach to Guadalcanal to land supplies and reinforcements. One of the destroyers was set aflame and another was probably sunk.

Russians Closing . . .

(Continued From Page One) Soviet dispatches said two Russian forces lacked only 30 miles of

Believe Hitler To . . .

For sheer torture, the Jeep trip was by far the worse. These are the main impressions I got in traveling over the front:

1 - Rain and the constant threat of rain make Allied tank warfare impossible in northern Tunisia until late February. There are only a few main roads leading into Tunis and Bizerte and the ground between them is nothing but muck which would mire the lightest tank.

2 - The Germans, with short lines of communication, a perimeter defense of the two ports, and a great concentration of artillery and aerial protection from Sardinia and Sicily, could halt any infantry assault with murderous losses.

3 - In the north land warfare has stagnated with neither side able to take a definite initiative.

4 - Despite the advantage of established bases in Sicily and Sardinia within easy reach of the front, the German air force is losing its punch in the face of Allied opposition and is only a shadow of the terrible weapon it was in Greece and France.

5 - The lack of airfields is handicapping the Allied air effort, but the military punishment being dealt out by Flying Fortresses, Lockheed Lightning (P-38) fighters and RAF Spitfires is ten times as effective militarily as the blows of the German air force.

6 - French troops, with a total disregard of politics and antiquated equipment are fighting with great gallantry, particularly at Pont Du Fahs and in the south along a winding irregular line through the mountains toward Gafsa.

The Germans are making great preparations for the defense of their positions in Tunisia.

One hindrance to the Allied drive is the terrain, which next to the weather, is the key to the situation. It resembles that of Arizona in appearance, with fewer trees and with great mountains of rock cut by narrow twisting roads.

There are great plateaus in central Tunisia where the roads run from 50 to 60 miles without turning, often skirting the ruins of old Roman cities. Along these roads war carrels raced hundreds of years ago. Now sleek Lightning fighters whisk down on them a few feet over the camel driven by Arabs.

But where 100 Stukas once appeared only 15 now appear. Where 40 Axis fighters flew, only four now fly. When they are cattered by the RAF and American fighters they quickly disappear. The Germans obviously are husbanding their waning strength.

To the soldier underneath particularly, the dive-bombing is still hell, but it is impossible to keep every enemy plane off every Allied soldier. The Germans, with long-prepared fields in Sardinia and Sicily, hold every advantage, but they have been unable to exploit them to the extent they did in Greece, Crete and Norway.

In dry weather Tunisia's great plateaus provide a hundred flying fields for the asking, but now these fields must be created with thousands of tons of wire netting brought hundreds of miles by trucks. Even with these, I have seen Spitfires land in six inches of water which sprayed two feet high over the cockpit as the plane came in.

On the other hand, the Allied bomber attack has been most consistent of the war. Able to pick and choose from fields well behind the lines, American bombers smash down on the Germans in Bizerte, Tunis, Sfax, Gabes and Sousse by day while bombers from the Middle East command hit by night.

In the north of Tunisia, the war has gone into wet and miserable trenches along the ridges as in World War days. It is here that the American troops are facing the veteran German troops and learning through hardship the crafts of war.

In the south, there is no use just a series of strong points held by the French, British paratroopers and scattered American troops.

The Germans use gliders to drop their patrols behind these strong points for guerrilla raids while American and French patrols often penetrate deep into the enemy lines on similar raids.

It is a dangerous and exciting country where one never knows whether riding along whether paratroopers or glider troops have mined the road or bridge just ahead.

I can still hear the howls of rage from the ground troops. They have been dive-bombed and strafed dozens of times. I have done my share of ditch jumping as Messerschmitts raked the road.

It is still true that the Germans can raid the Allied lines, making daylight travel on the fed roads dangerous, and they even control the air for short periods.

For every four bombs dropped by the Germans on Bone or behind the Allied lines, however, British and American bombers drop 40. The ratio is increasing and when it can be coordinated with a tank attack it can be a deciding factor.

Gen. Walther Nehring, the German commander in Tunisia, recognizes this and he is conserving strength which has been estimated at about 1,000 planes in Tunisia, southern Italy, Sardinia, Sicily and Tripoli.

Any doubt that Hitler intends to fight for the bottleneck of the Mediterranean between Tunisia and Sicily has been dispelled by the quality of the prisoners being taken. There are crack German armor who saw service in western Europe, Norway and Russia. Some of them wear insignia denoting 110 operational flights.

The first scratch troops are being replaced by veteran German outfits and their numbers are increasing every day.

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