

# ALLIES HAMMER AXIS' OUTER DEFENSES

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# TURIN BLASTED IN RECORD RAID ON ITALY

## Arsenal City Set Afire By RAF Bombs

### Italian Nation, Reeling From Blows, Reported Ready for Revolution

LONDON, Nov. 21—(AP)—The arsenal city of Turin was attacked last night by RAF bombers in a raid which an authoritative British source termed the "heaviest yet made on Italy."

Of the scores of planes assigned to the mission, three failed to return. The others made the 1,500-mile round trip successfully in another of the mass attacks that are proving an economical way to tear at the industrial vitals of the axis.

## Italians of Bomed Cities Cry "Peace"

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—(AP)—Cries of "peace" greeted King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy when he went to see bombed ruins in Genoa and Milan recently and the demonstrations led to the dismissal of the city's governor, the British radio reported today in a broadcast heard here. The broadcast did not indicate how its information was received.

The British "dropped incendiary bombs in great quantities, mainly in the central district of the town."

The Italians said the British inflicted damage and spread fires and listed casualties at 29 dead and 120 wounded.

Members of several Canadian squadrons which participated in the raid said Turin's air defenses included only one searchlight.

Fires were visible 50 miles from the city, they said, and smoke from one notably large one rose to almost 5,000 feet. One flier said it was so thick he believed an oil dump was hit. Another said he saw "one big building fall apart" when a two-ton blockbuster burst on it.

Italy Getting Plenty

It was the fourth raid on Italy in eight nights, and the tenth, including one by day, since the latest and heaviest bomb offensive was set off October 22 with a grand scale lambasting of Genoa.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE isn't much action loose in the world (at least as these words are written), but behind the scene of censorship and secrecy, you may be sure, PLENTY of action is brewing.

INTEREST in the Mediterranean centers at Tunis and Bizerte, which the Germans hold and we have to take. There are as yet no reports of heavy fighting there.

One GUESSES from this that the German forces are too strong for us to tackle until we get all set.

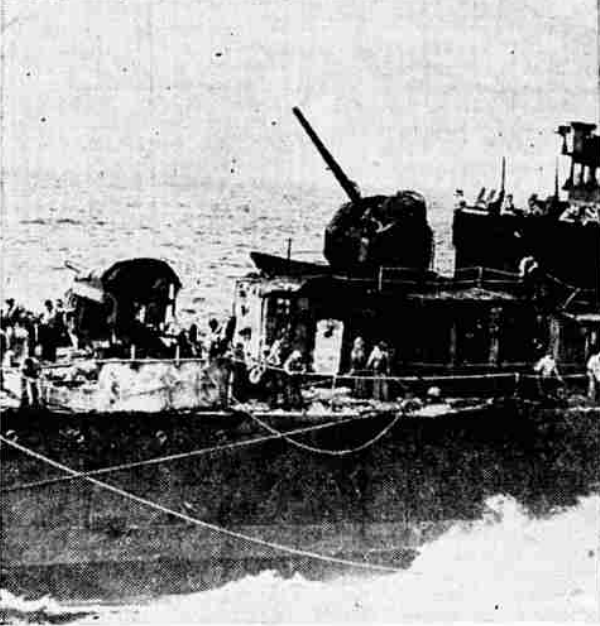
You may be quite certain that we are getting set for the attack as rapidly as possible.

YOU may be equally certain that Hitler is moving heaven and earth to get reinforcements into northern Tunisia. It is a fairly safe guess that in order to accomplish this he is neglecting Rommel.

ROMMEL, still fleeing westward, is expected to make a stand some 40 miles west of El Aghella (consult your map), where salt marshes similar to the Qattara depression narrow the coastal

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## U. S. Destroyer Hit but Fights On



Here's what a ship looks like after being hit by a flaming Jap torpedo plane which crashed into her during the naval-air battle off the Santa Cruz islands in the south Pacific last October 26. Although badly damaged, the vessel, the U. S. destroyer Smith, maintained her place in the fight and continued to pour it on the enemy.

## Counties Again Ask 2 Pct. Payment On Forest Lands

PORTLAND, Nov. 21—(AP)—The Association of Oregon counties asked the federal government again yesterday for a 2 per cent payment on federal forest land in the state.

The money would be paid in lieu of taxes, the association said, voting to continue its public lands committee, which is promoting a congressional bill authorizing the payment.

The association voted down a proposal to use brass from the old battleship Oregon, about to be scrapped for its metal, for plaques for the counties.

Also opposed was any plan to change the state motor vehicle laws. The association said they are "flexible enough."

Other resolutions favored change in the welfare laws, including: conformity with other states on welfare requirement; increased contributions to the social security program; relief payments to minors of \$25 for infants up to five years old and \$20 from 5 to 21 years, with counties contributing \$5 for each child committed by a court.

All officers were re-elected. They were: Carl W. Chambers, Pendleton, president; H. D. Kerkman, Hillsboro, vice-president; Fred Gibson, Salem, secretary; treasurer: F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, executive secretary.

## Plane Dives Into Sea Off Oregon; 1 Dead, 2 Missing

GEARHART, Ore., Nov. 21—(AP)—Army airmen searched offshore waters here today for two men who parachuted into the Pacific yesterday from a stricken bomber.

The bomber, crippled by engine trouble while on a routine flight from the Portland air base, failed to make shore, crashing into the sea and killing Sgt. Albert P. vodnik, Kansas City Mo.

Two other crew members, First Lieut. W. G. S. S. Brown, Lubbock, Kas., and Staff Sgt. William R. Dart, Fort Lupton, Colo., were rescued.

The two who parachuted while the bomber still was some miles from shore were Second Lieut. Roy Kline, Chicago, and Sgt. Robert E. Pierce, Marmaduke, Ark.

Coastal residents said there was little hope they could have survived unless they were picked up by a small vessel that has not yet reached port.

## Laval Urges Vichy Tie-Up With Hitler

### French Stooze Blames Roosevelt for Breaking Bond of "Friendship"

VICHY (From French broadcasts), Nov. 21—(AP)—Pierre Laval advocated an alliance with Germany as Europe's sole hope for peace in a broadcast to the people of Nazi-occupied France last night and declared new volunteer legions would be raised to answer "the fresh insults which France has had to suffer" from the allied campaign in north Africa.

"We are again seeking reconciliation and an entente with Germany," Laval declared in his first address since he was given dictatorial powers and named as political heir to Marshal Petain.

He accused the United States and Britain of "tearing away bit by bit at the French empire because of their losses in the Pacific; said he was certain of a German victory.

"From what has happened in north Africa we have discovered the fate that waits us tomorrow if Roosevelt gets away with it," Laval said. "We would have to submit to a domination by communists and Jews."

(The collaborationist's talk of volunteer legions—such as the detachments which have fought alongside the Germans on the Russian front—suggested that Laval was not prepared at this time to thrust the nation into a formal state of war against the allies. He did not mention the existing French army regiments and the Toulon-based fleet which still take orders from Vichy.)

In his speech Laval assured his people again that Germany would not lose the war, declared he had tried to maintain peace with the United States and blamed President Roosevelt for bringing French and Americans to gunpoint after centuries of friendship.

## CAPTURED NAZI GENERAL TAKES RAP AT HITLER

LONDON, Nov. 21—(AP)—General Ritter von Thoma, the first captured German general to arrive in London, is reported by the Daily Mail's military writer to have held in talks with

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## Heads Board to Control Entire Aircraft Setup



Charles E. Wilson, above, former president of the General Electric Co., was named this week by War Production Board Chairman Nelson to head a four-man unit to control the U. S. aircraft program. The move will place under civilian control the entire program, from scheduling to producing, which heretofore has been directed largely by various units of the armed services.

## Vagrant Jailed Here As Deserter From Army

Clint Jones, Jr., 24, a native of Louisiana, reported to be a deserter from the U. S. army, was being held in the county jail here today on a 30-day sentence imposed on his plea of guilty to a charge of vagrancy. Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported he had been advised that Jones deserted from the army about six months ago, leaving his station at Hammerfield hospital at Fresno, California. He was arrested at Elton, where he had been employed in farm work. His sentence is subject to release at any time to army authorities.

## Thousands Neglect Gas Ration Registering

DETROIT, Nov. 21—(AP)—Many thousands of Detroit motorists still were unregistered for gasoline rationing today after the close of the three-day registration period for the basic "A" ration books.

Officials of the office of price administration here estimated that more than 160,000 had failed to register. Registration had fallen off after the opening day Wednesday.

## Japs at Buna Making Last Ditch Stand

### Trapped Force Waging Bitter Fight to Death As Allies Close In

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Nov. 21—(AP)—Japanese forces trapped in a narrow coastal strip in the Buna-Gona district of New Guinea were reported fighting back desperately today as American and Australian ground troops moved in relentlessly to drive them into the sea or force their capitulation.

One United States force was within a mile of Buna and engaged heavy fighting and another was attempting to wrest a landing field on the outskirts of the village from the defending Japanese. This second unit reported that it had met heavy machine-gun fire within 500 yards of the field.

Japanese fighter planes entered the fighting near Buna yesterday and seven Zeroes strafed allied troops already under attack from light artillery and mortars. Allied observers said the Buna area also had been reinforced with anti-aircraft guns.

Bad weather prevented allied units from giving the ground troops the aerial support which they have had in difficult advance over the Owen Stanley mountains.

The bitter struggle of the Japanese indicated to observers that they had no intention of surrendering and a battle of extermination.

## Lehman Said Slated for Rehabilitation Post

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—(AP)—The New York Times reported today that President Roosevelt was expected to name retiring Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York to a world-wide post as administrator of feeding, clothing and rehabilitating countries friendly to or occupied by the United Nations.

Lehman could not be reached for comment immediately.

The article said the post "is one of such magnitude" that it is believed the effort would be undertaken jointly by the United Nations, but with the United States, as the wealthiest, bearing the largest burden. Lehman would not have any domestic food responsibilities.

## Advance of 5 Miles Scored In Desperate Battling to Reach Bizerte, Tunis Bases

### Hitler Rushes Reinforcements by Air in Effort To Stem Allied Onslaught, Reported to Have Cut Axis Route of Retreat to Italian Tripolitania

(By the Associated Press)

American and British troops, scoring a five-mile advance in one direction, pitched into the Germans on the outer defenses of Bizerte and Tunis today while U. S. flying fortresses rained deadly punishment on the enemy hemmed in along a 30-mile-wide coastal strip.

A Nazi broadcast, quoting allied sources in Spanish Morocco, said allied forces had reached the area of Hammamet, about 40 miles southeast of Tunis, on the gulf of Gabes.

This, if confirmed, would mean that the allies had now pinned the axis into a small corner of the northeast Tunisian coast and cut off the route of retreat to Italian Tripolitania. In that case, the two main axis forces in Tunisia and Libya would be split.

The Algiers radio said French troops below Tunis had captured some nazis in a fight northwest of the port of Gabes.

German reports said Adolf Hitler was rushing a stream of airborne reinforcements, including tanks, across the Mediterranean in a desperate effort to stem the allied offensive.

Field dispatches said the battle was growing more bitter hour by hour, with allied troops storming Nazi fortifications only 30 miles from both cities in the French north Africa colony.

One allied vanguard was reported to have driven forward five miles to a point 25 miles southeast of Tunis, the capital, fighting over ancient battlefields of the Carthaginian empire.

Rommel Still in Fight

On the Libyan front, Britain's victorious eighth army, pressed hotly on Nazi Marshal Rommel's retreating forces near Agedabia. Agedabia lies 100 miles south of captured Bengasi and only 70 miles from the El Achella defile, a narrow corridor between salt marshes and the sea, where Rommel is expected to make a last stand.

Hitler's headquarters acknowledged yesterday that Rommel had fled Bengasi without a fight, abandoning his last chance of escape by sea east of Tripoli, 400 miles away.

Reuters said British forces had captured their first axis prisoners within Tunisia and that in one clash British parachute troops also had destroyed six enemy armored cars.

In Cairo, meanwhile, the British reported successful air blows on Sicily, a main axis air center across the narrow Mediterranean bottleneck from Tunis.

Counter Blows at Sea

Three British submarines have sunk an axis destroyer and an axis tanker and probably have sunk a second destroyer and another axis supply ship in the Mediterranean the admiralty in London announced today.

On the other hand, unconfirmed enemy reports also claimed effective air blows. The German radio said axis planes yesterday hit two big merchantmen of Algiers and Philippeville, Algerian

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## Telephone Rates Target of Order Seeking to Slash

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—The federal communications commission today ordered the American Telephone and Telegraph company to show cause why its long-distance telephone rates and other charges should not be substantially reduced.

The commission said figures reported to it by the long lines department of the company indicated earnings on net book investment at a rate of 24.37 per cent annually before making provision for federal income taxes, and a rate of 14.92 per cent after providing for the new federal normal and surtaxes.

A. T. & T. was ordered to answer the commission's order by December 1 and to appear at a hearing on December 16.

The investigation, the FCC said, "will cover not only rates but all charges, classifications, practices and regulations in connection with the communication service rendered by the long lines department."

The company's figures for the first nine months of this year indicated excess earnings ranging from \$47,000,000 to \$62,000,000 for the full year, depending on how federal income taxes are figured, the commission said.

Long distance telephone charges were reduced by approximately \$14,000,000 last year after the FCC had issued a similar investigation order, the agreement to cut tolls being reached then without a formal public hearing.

U. S. General Has Close Call in Riddled Plane

CAIRO, Nov. 21—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Patrick Timberlake, chief of the U. S. army air force bomb command in the middle east, narrowly missed being shot down by axis fighters when he was returning from one of the longest bombing flights of the war, it was disclosed today. More than 70 bullet and cannon shell holes were counted in the plane in which he was a passenger. Part of its rudder was destroyed and made temporarily useless and an engine went dead but was restarted.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—A bi-partisan congressional bloc

## Butter Supply Partly Frozen, Coffee Sales to Halt Tonight, Gasoline Rationing Postponement Sought

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—To keep Johnny Doughboy from being fed dry bread while fighting far away, the folks at home may soon have to spread their butter thin—or use some substitute.

Frozen in more ways than one, 40 per cent of the nation's cold-storage butter supply today was set aside for fighting men and the lease-lend program under terms of a war production board order.

And housewives started eyeing such table-fat substitutes as margarine and peanut butter, for the "temporary" wording of the order failed to ease the threat of eventual shortage. Agriculture department officials asserted that present butter production was not meeting market needs and pointed out that the WPB slice of nearly 25,000,000 pounds would be felt in the near future.

However, WPB officials planned to supplant the freeze as quickly as possible with a limitation order which would cut consumption about 10 per cent—or two pounds per person a year.

They added that the shortage might not materially affect the retail market before January, and that rationing might not be necessary, although the board's food requirements committee—headed by Agriculture Secretary Wickard—reported that butter supplies have been reduced to the lowest levels since 1932.

The order earmarked for government purchase half the butter in cold storage in the nation's 35 principal marketing centers, which hold about 80 per cent of the entire supply. It was retroactive to November 6, ruling that deliveries made since then could not be subtracted in setting aside the federal portion and even existing contracts could not be considered.

It did not affect retail stocks on hand. Unless superseded, it will remain in effect until March 6.

of coffee with sugar stamp No. 27, covering the period from Nov. 29 to Jan. 3.

If by that time all-purpose ration books have not been issued, other sugar stamps will be designated for further coffee purchases.

Those without sugar ration books will obtain from their local ration board sugar books with the first 16 stamps removed. These they may use for coffee purchases. Persons without sugar books whose sugar stocks are exhausted before all-purpose books are issued, also may get sugar ration books from the local boards.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21—(AP)—In an effort to force the OPA to grant a larger meat allotment, retail dealers yesterday began a survey of customers who entered the region this year.

A total of 50,000 cards are being distributed and newcomers asked to sign and return them. Dealers hope to establish proof of huge population gain.

## ROOSEVELT AID SOUGHT TO DEFER GAS RATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—A bi-partisan congressional bloc

was reported unofficially today to be pinning its hopes for postponement of nation-wide gasoline rationing upon the possibility of intervention by President Roosevelt.

Likelihood increased that the group would appeal directly to the white house for a delay as the chance that congress would pass stop legislation diminished.

Members of the bloc—largely composed of congressmen from the western oil-producing states—conceded freely there was little possibility that legislation could be whipped into shape to postpone the rationing order before the Dec. 1 deadline.

Out of a meeting of a committee representing that group came indirect intimations of the plan to lay the case before the president and ask for a delay of at least a month in order to reopen a study of the entire gasoline situation.

"We've mapped out a program," declared Rep. Jed Johnson (D-Okla.), "and I think that it will be effective—and effective at an early hour."