

Aerial Battles Over Tunisia Unequalled

Russians Continue Advance

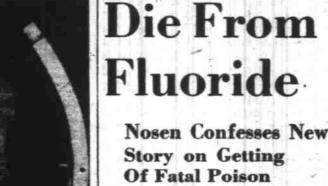
Airmen Destroy Nazi Air Transports; **Fighting Fierce**

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Wednesday, Dec. 2-(P)-Russian airmen have destroyed 50 big German transport planes trying to supply troops fighting against a red army encirclement in the Stalingrad area and the soviet armies continued to advance in that sector and on the center salient, west of Moscow, it was announced early Wednesday.

The regular noon communique Tuesday and the midnight bulletin disclosed that approximately 6000 more Germans had fallen on the snow-covered battlefields in an increasingly stubborn effort to hold up the red army.

Twenty of the big tri-motored Junkers planes were shot down and 30 were destroyed on the ground on Monday alone as the Germans attempted "to bring up supplies and war materials" in the area west of Stalingrad between the Volga and Don rivers, the midnight bulletin said. Soviet reports on air activities generally are a day late.

The Russians still were reported fighting on the eastern bank of the Don river in their efforts to close a trap on the



PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1-(AP) The same type of poison which took the lives of 47 persons recently in an Oregon insane asylum was believed responsible Tuesday night for the deaths of two Philadelphians and the serious illness of two others. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Labe, both 49, died an hour apart in a hospital here Tuesday. Mrs. Mildred Groff, 22, and her son, Charles, 4, who lived with the Labes, were given a chance to recover because Mrs. Laura Anderson, 57, forced them to drink large quantities of milk, which acted as an antidote, when they became ill. Deputy Coroner Matthew A.

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Roth said a quantity of roach pow-Gen. Douglas MacArthur (above) der, containing the same deadly steps from his plane at an adpoison as that identified as the vanced allied base somewhere cause of the Oregon deaths, apin New Guinea to direct the parently became mixed with flour assault against the Gona-Buna used in preparing a meat pie. sector .- Associated Press Tele-

How George Nosen, 27, volunteer Oregon state hospital patient from Medford, happened to mistake reach powder for powdered milk, an error that resulted in the poisoning of 467 patients two weeks ago tonight, was disclosed in a new confesmade by the inmate and

disclosed Tuesday by Capt. Wal-

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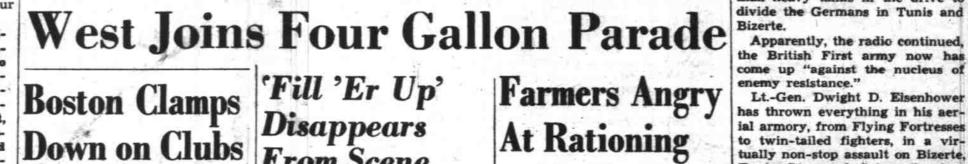
a batch of scrambled eggs in the

The roach powder, mixed into

Camp Adair's First GI Bread



Col. T. A. Baumeister, director of supply at Camp Adair, inspects the first pan-ful of GI bread, brought by Pvt. Frank S. Arcadia from an oven of the post's new and ultra-modern bakery. Starting Tuesday soldiers of Camp Adair began eating all of their "staff of life" as produced in their own plant. —Public Relations Photo. (See story on page two).



Allies Cut Axis **Into Pockets** Along Coast

Hitler Rushes Reserves Into Africa; 8th Army **Feeling Out Rommel**

By BLAKE SULLIVAN

LONDON, Dec. 1-(AP)-An air struggle of an intensity unequalled since the battle of Britain was reported raging over Tunisia Tuesday night as Germans and Italians rushed in reinforcements by sea and air in a frantic bid to keep their footholds on the coastal rim and British, Americans and French drove spearheads forward to slice them into at least three pockets.

The Morocco radio said Tuesday night that one of these spearheads, composed of Americans and French, already had driven to the east coast between Gabes and Sfax, cutting out one pocket.

In the north, the Merocco broadcast added, the allies have driven through enemy minefields and overrun the resistance of Gerand overrun the resistance of German heavy tanks in the drive to **21.5 Feet Here** divide the Germans in Tunis and Bizerte.

Apparently, the radio continued, the British First army now has come up "against the nucleus of enemy resistance." Lt.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Press correspondent at allied

battles over Greece and report-

ed the first great clashes be-

tween the German air force and

Amrican Fortresses flying from

Britain, said the struggle now

taking place in North Africa

was unequaled in intensity since

the assault on England in 1940-

Round-the-clock allied assaults

vere reported in some dispatches

to have made axis air bases at Bi-

zerte virtually untenable, with

But the Germans were trying

desperately to halt the devastat-

ing series of raids, and American

the first time over north Africa.

serves from western Europe and

the Russian front to stem the

tide. One German pilot shot

down had been flying over Stal-

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Hitler was bringing in air re-

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Sicily.

Some Roads Closed: **Army Asserts Dams** Not Threatened

No. 177

The Willamette river was due

Germans, Nazi railway com munications to the rear already had been snapped by the Rusrians both northwest and southwest of Stalingrad. The toll of 6000 German dead

Tuesday raised the total to 161,700 for both the Stalingrad and central front sectors on the basis of previous special announcements. No special communique was isoperations.

The Russians said their troops (Turn to Page 2)

Farmers Must **Plant Within** 10 per Cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.-(AP)-Farmers will have to plant within 10 per cent of their 1943 AAA crop allotments in order to obtain maximum benefit payments authorized by farm legislation.

This regulation was announced Tuesday by the agriculture department in a move designed to obtain a high degree of compliance with next year's record farm production program.

The total amount of payments to be distributed under the 1943 program has not been determined. It has been averaging about \$750,-000,000 a year.

The department will announce later the rates it will pay farmers for complying with AAA allotrice, tobacco and wheat. The rates usually are set at a certain number of cents per bushel depending upon the commodity.

Failure to plant at least 90 per rate. This means that a farmer's Tuesday. 70 per cent of his allotment.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 1-(AP) can landings in North Africa November 8. The army conferred decorations Tuesday on 102 soldiers wounded Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, com-

in action against the French in manding general of the army Morocco during the initial Ameriground forces, presented the pur-



Four Destroyers Off Guinea; Aussies,

'Mac' Alights

Tighten Grip ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Wednesday, Dec. 2

Jap Warships

Attempt Help

previous abortive attempts to re-Buna-Gona area of New Guinea. the Japanese sent four destroyers

toward Buna Wednesday in another attempt to strengthen their

mat.

forces. Allied planes scored hits and near misses on some of the ships, but there was no report whether ment had been turned back, a Marmonious Arthur said

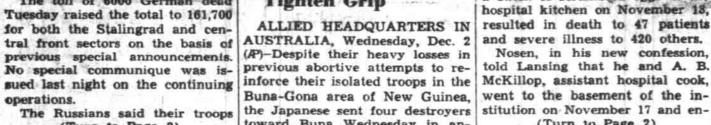
With MacArthur's airforce smashing repeatedly at Japanese positions, especially in the vicinity of Buna, American and Australian ground forces were slowly contracting their grip on the enemy, according to the allied communique.

Wave after wave of allied planes -Airacobras, B-26s, A-20s, and B-25s-hammered the Japanese lines and started fires in the vicinity of Buna Mission.

The Japanese sent fighters and dive-bombers to strafe the allied-held airstrip near the northern coast but two fighters and one dive bomber were shot down.

ments for corn, cotton, peanuts, Albania Fighters Warn Italians

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1-(AP)-A band of 600 Albanian guerrilla cent of these crop allotments will patriots crept into Tirana, former result in payment deductions at Albanian capital, one night rea rate five times the compliance cently and put up posters threatening to kill ten Italians in recrop payment would be wiped taliation for each Albanian killed. out entirely should he plant only Albanian sources here reported



went to the basement of the institution on November 17 and en-(Turn to Page 2)

department.

AFL and CIO Committees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.-(AP)-AFL and CIO committees, returning to the peace table after a three-year lapse, explored the possibility of a united labor movement Tuesday, reported a harmonious meeting, and agreed to continue their talks Wednesday.

Harry C. Bates, president of the bricklayers union and chairman of the AFL peace committee,

made this one sentence announcement to newsmen at the end of a two and one half hour session: "We had a very harmonious In Algeria meeting this afternoon and we will hold another tomorrow at

10 " Philip Murray, CIO president, added: "I subscribe." The conferees, apparently in an

amiable frame of mind but dodging interrogation, left immedi-

union, dropped the casual comment that "we may have some news for you tomorrow," but whether he was indicating significant developments was purely speculative.

united organization.

The CIO leadership, it was

47 War Prisoners

From Scene

Inspection of All Arises From Probe **Of Fire Deaths**

that "looked like gauze."

would approach 500.

French Sub

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LONDON, Dec. 1-(AP)-The sea-

going 1379-ton French submarine

Le Glorieux joined a sister ship,

the Casabianca and the smaller

opments:

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1-(AP) Three little words-"fill 'er up" inspected from the national language Tuesday as the

west, still kicking and scream-BOSTON, Dec. 1-(AP)-A ban was ing, joined the east in gasoline clamped Tuesday night an all rationing. amusement and dancing in 1161 They'll probably be replaced Boston night clubs, hotels and resby "gimme four" since four galtaurants as an aftermath of the

lons likely will be the average Cocoanut Grove fire disaster, while purchase of the average motorseparate city and state probes proist who'll part with his ration duced testimony that the night coupons with all the reluctance club was of "tinderbox construcof the Russians giving up streets tion" and that flames had raced in Stalingrad. like lightning through draperies

Unlike the east, which was While scores of funerals of fire forced into gas rationing months victims were held throughout New ago by a shortage, the oil pro-England, there were these develducing west started off with car tanks full, not to mention a jug and a few beer bottles filled and 1. The death toll of the Satur-

day night blaze was revised downtucked away in the garage-just ward by the Boston committee on for an emergency. public safety from 484 to 474, but For instance there was the a number known to be dead were

motorist at Dallas, Tex., who not named on the committee's list rolled up to a filling station and and unofficial compilations indisaid "fill 'er up-e a s y." The cated the final cost in human life pump hand stopped on three pennies worth. 2. Gov. Leverett Saltonstall

At Winfield, Kan., one station manager, along about midnight, sighed and pointed to a cigarette paper with some tobacco sprinkled on it lying on a table.

"I laid it there at noon and haven't had time to roll it yet," he explained. "How many, sir?"

In St. Louis automobile traffic fell off sharply the first day of rationing but in Kansas City the decrease was slight. However, traffic officials said that as the gasoline gauge pointers in automobiles neared zero the traffic flow would diminish. Farmers of the country, who

had protested vehemently earlier, have been quieted by OPA boss (Turn to Page 2)

Darlan Takes African Lead

LONDON. Dec. 1- (AP) - Adm. Jean Darlan, acting with the assertion that Marshal Petain is a prisoner of the Germans at Vichy. has taken over authority as chief of state in French Africa, it was announced Tuesday night from

Morocco. The Morocco radio said Darlan, who is cooperating with the

Market May Be Shut; Bus Traffis Not Up Greatly

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.-(AP)-Portlanders clung to their transportation habits for the most part Tuesday as gasoline rationing went into effect, but farmers supplying the produce market protested a lack of motor fuel. Hyman H. Cohen, market editor of the Journal, said producers

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 1-(AP)-Strange were the containers which filling station attendants were asked to fill to the brim Monday night.

A north side dealer reported a woman brought a six-ounce perfume bottle to be filled. A few minutes later a man drove up with a hollow lawn roller tied to the car. "Please fill 'em up," he said.

were "fighting mad" over the gasoline situation and were threatening to close the East Side Farmers' market for two weeks. "The claim is made by the farmers that while the government is talking about giving them all the gasoline they need, their local rationing boards have not heard of such a ruling," Cohen reported.

ingrad less than two weeks ago. Market Master William Garbaring said the farmers would appeal to the Oregon state grange for assistance in obtaining in-**Pacific Subs** creased gasoline allotments. Otherwise, rationing caused Otherwise, rationing caused hardly a ripple. Most motorists Sink 5 More apparently had filled their tanks **Jap Vessels** before the midnight deadline and were using their cars Tuesday. The Portland Traction com-WASHINGTON, Dec. 1-(AP) pany reported that streetcar and The virtually unsung heroes of bus patronage was about the America's Pacific fleet, the subsame as before but President Gordon Steele said he expected an mariners who often stalk their quarry in Japan's closely guarded increase in passengers to start in two days and develop gradually, home waters, have sunk five more to a point about 25 per cent great- Nipponese ships, including a de-

stroyer, the navy announced Tueser than at present. Some parking lots said their day, and damaged two others, one business dropped off Tuesday, but of which probably sank. others said they noticed no dif-This bag of seven vessels raised to 148 the number of enemy ships ference.

Ration boards, however, were announced as sunk or damaged by swamped with applications for B American undersea action in the and C rationing books which call Pacific since the war started. Nafor additional gasoline supplies. val officials said this total repre-

allies, had set up an imperial Thompson Asserts

tually non-stop assault on Bizerte, o reach a crest of 21.5 feet he early this morning but at 11:30 Tunis, Sfax and Gabes, the four Tuesday night it was still falling key coastal points held by the and the gauge stood at 19 feet. axis, in the last 24 hours, said dispatches from allied headquarters in north Africa where a spokes-man described the battle as at a

While it had been predicted earlier that the river would go to 24.5 feet, the Portland weather bureau said at 6:30 Tuesday night that "river conditions had im-Wes Gallahher, Associated proved" and it would not go higher than 21.5 at Salem. headquarters, who witnessed air

This will be the third crest the river will have reached in eight days. Each time it has dropped for a time before starting to rise again as flood waters come in from up the river.

Rainfall during the month of November totaled 13.38 inches or more than twice the normal November figure, 5.89 inches, ac-

cording to the Salem observer. The bridge over Sardine creek on the North Santiam highway is still impassable and repairs can Hitler forced to withdraw some of not be made until the creek is ____ his planes to operating bases in lowered to a point where a crew can work. The Woodburn-Molalie secondary highway was reported flooded at the Pudding river

bridge. airmen flying twin-motored P-38 Many persons working in Salem Lightnings (Lockheed fighters) and living in West Salem were encountered Germany's fastest concerned early Tuesday night high-altitude fighters, Focke-Wulf as to whether they would be able 190s and Messerschmitt 109s, for to get across the Marion-Polk county bridge this morning. Such concern was relieved by the early report from the Portland weather bureau.

Local river observers said that the river would have to reach a height of 28 or 29 feet before traffic over the bridge would be impossible and then it would be because the highway through West Salem, Edgewater street, would be overflowed.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1-(/P)-Col. Donald J. Leehey, district army engineer, Tuesday night denied a rumor that the Fern Ridge and Cottage Grove dams had burst.

Leehey blamed Willamette valley radio stations for spreading a false report that "a 20-foot wall of water was sweeping down the valley."

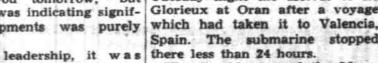
He criticized them for making the announcements Monday night without investigating the rumor. Leehey said, "Both dams are retaining flood waters and are not full. They have not given the valley full flood protection since

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would be worked out within the tral port under international law. ple heart to six officers and 96 Inmate Suicides

Marsquin in allied north African ports Tuesday as the only units ately. Daniel J. Tobin, general of the French fleet at Toulon to president of the AFL teamsters escape capture, destruction or internment. The Morocco radio announced Tuesday night the arrival of Le Glorieux at Oran after a voyage



learned authoritatively, had pre- The Casabianca and the Marspared the outline of a peace plan, quin arrived at Algiers Monday based on immediate merger of where they put themselves under the two movements. The entity the orders of Adm. Jean Darlan. of each of the constituent AFL A fourth submarine, the Iris, and CIO unions would be pre- which escaped from Toulon, was served, at least temporarily, and interned by Spanish authorities at they would have proportional Barcelona when it failed to leave representation on the executive in 24 hours, the normal period alboard. Jurisdictional conflicts lowed a belligerent ship in a neu-

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