Allies to Maintain Initiative In 1943, FR, Churchill Agree; Aid Promised Russia, China

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unprecedented in history, while the prime minister chimed in to add that they surpassed anything in his World war one experience.

One of the main decisions of the conference was to lend all material aid to the Russians, who are draining German manpower and war materials, the president said, and he added that China was to get a full measure of help to end forever the Japanese attempt to dominate the Far East. The president said "uncondi-

operations (commandos); and

Also participating in the con-

der-in-chief of the middle east;

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery,

commander of the British Eighth

army; and Air Chief Marshal Sir

Arthur Tedder, vice chief of Brit-

Russians Slay

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ezh front southwest on the ap-

United States infantry crept

through rocky, shrub - spotted

hills on the Tunisian front Mon-

day morning and occupied an

important pass which snakes its

way around mountain peaks

called Djebel Er Rihana and

Djebel Al Halfa, and leads to

The position, which commands

Ousseltia valley, was taken from

ill-equipped French troops by

The Americans, veterans of the

At least 15 German tanks

were reported destroyed and

seven 88 millimeter guns

knocked out. Quantities of am-

munition, food and other small stores were left behind when

Private and

Waiter Tell

Train Events

ALBANY Ore., Jan. 26.-(A)-

A marine private and a negro

dining car waiter Tuesday night

told investigators of events aboard

prominent young Norfolk, Va.,

woman was killed as she lay in

The two, Pvt. Harold R. Wil-

son, 22, Buckley, Wash., a passen-

ger, and Waiter John Funches,

30, Oakland, Calif., were ques-

tioned by a dozen Southern Pa-

sheriff's officers who were pool-

through Oregon and California.

pick up a third man held for ques-

The investigators stayed in ses

A sharp knife, possibly a pocket-

Weinrick said the killer was in

This explained the police failure

in four days of search to find

blood-stained clothing they

Meanwhile bail was set at \$5000

From the exchange of informa-

such a position that little, if any

blood got on his clothing.

lower 13 of a sleeper.

on the train.

the nazis fled.

November landing as well as pre-

the coastal plain.

ish air forces.

tional surrender" of Germany, It-Britain's naval staff: Gen. Sir aly, and Japan did not mean de- Alan Francis Brooke, chief of the struction of the populations but destruction of the philosophy of Charles Portal, chief of the air these countries based on conquest staff; Vice-Adm. Lord Louis and reigns of terror. Mountbatten, chief of combined

All resources of the United Nations have been pooled and will Field Marshal Sir John Dill, be administered according to one central plan decided upon at the conference, the president said, but he gave no hint of when or where the military strength of of the AEF in north Africa; Maj. the United Nations would smash against the axis.

The president and prime minister stressed the strength of their figures in the British drive against friendship and Churchill said Marshal Rommel-Gen. Sir Harnothing had ever come between old Alexander, British commanhim and the president.

In speaking of the allied landings in North Africa, the prime minister, after the president had finished the first part of the conference, said this great enterprise had altered the whole strategy of the war and given the allies an initiative which they would never lose.

In discussing the fighting in Many Nazis the middle east, Churchill described Marshal Erwin Rommel as a fugitive from Egypt who now would like to pose as the deliverer of Tunisia, but said the Eighth army would never let go proaches to Kharkov in the of him.

That the 10-day conference had developed the long-discussed allied master battle plan for the war was clear in both the president's and prime minister's state-

Churchill, waving his cigar, declared that despite the fact that there may be some delay at times, there is a design and purpose and unconquerable will to enforce "unconditional surrender" upon the wide, flat stretches of the the criminals who plunged the world into war.

Churchill, wearing an Ameri- nazi attack last week. can distinguished service order given him by Gen. John J. Pershing in the first World war, declared the present conference had ia, were keyed for a showdown

perience. ister repeated the words of the communique describing the Giraud - DeGaulle meeting, saying they felt the moment "made it opportune to invite General Giraud to confer with the combined chiefs of staff and to arrange a meeting between him and General De Gaulle."

President Roosevelt praised the valor of French fighting men, pointing out they lay side by side with Americans in graves in Africa, but now stand united in common cause.

The president toward the end of the press conference said of can front the British Eighth army his visit to the field troops that drove on toward the Tunisian he was the first president to go Mareth line behind which considto the eastern hemisphere since erable of Rommel's forces alreathe visit of President Woodrow dy had been deployed. Wilson in 1919.

"I have seen the bulk of several divisions," the president said. permitting himself to be directly quoted, "I have eaten lunch in the field and it was a darn good lunch, too."

The president said American troops were equipped with the best weapons in the world, weapons superior to anything the enemy had developed. "They had a band at one place

I visited which played for lunch," he said. "It was a good band but a speeding train on which a I had to move upwind so I could hear it." He said he had visited Port

Lyautey, where some of the heaviest fighting took place, and placed wreaths on the graves of American

Waving his finger at correspondents seated in a semicircle in front of him, he said, "Our soldiers are eager to carry on the fight and I want you to tell the folks back home that I am proud of them."

The president in conclusion said America was determined to help the French civilians in north Africa with food and clothing until such time as they could recover from the stripping done by the

He said he had given a dinner for the sultan of Morocco and his son and had gotten on extremely well with both of them.

details: At the moment he was finger-The comely victim, Mrs. Martha ing what is probably the most Virginia Brinson James, 21, was rare autograph book in the world. fatally slashed across the throat It is bound in leather and conby a right-handed man as the tains the signature of all those train rolled through Linn county dignitaries attending the conferearly Saturday morning.

The book would go to the gov knife, was used, and the blow was ernment museum at Hyde Park, vicious. It penetrated from the

In flying to the meeting President Roosevelt was in a plane for that a bone was reached. the first time since 1932, when he flew to the national democratic convention in Chicago upon re-seiving the presidential nomina-

on by Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States army; Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations; Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces; and Har-

Veterans' Aid **Gets Attention**

Legion's Proposals Explained; Taxing **Problems Talked**

D (Continued from Page 1) D war I veterans; but Sen. Dean Walker, Polk, admonished careful consideration as to "where the money would come from." Sen. Lee Patterson, Multnomah, suggested that the enabling constitutional amendment should be obtained before the farm and home imperial staff; Air Marshal Sir loan legislation was enacted.

The civil service bill proposes to establish a merit system for all state employes with the exception of elected officers, appointed commissioners, their immediate assistants, the governor's ferences were Lt. Gen. Dwight D. staff, legislative staff, certain apprentice or part-time employes, Eisenhower, commander-in-chief and professional workers including educators and lawyers em-Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of American and RAF air operations ployed as such. in that theatre; and three leading

The measure, voluminous and well-supplied with co-sponsors, was introduced in the lower house. It is backed by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, represented here by Allan Bynon, former state senator, but is said to represent quite closely the views also of the League of Women Voters.

to degree and type of skill, with uniform pay within each classification. Persons on the state payroll January 1, 1943, would automatically be classified without examination, unless discharged within six months after the bill became law.

Returning veterans of the present war would have 21/2 points preference, 5 points if disabled in service, in future examinations; but some legislators said the "freezing" of present staffs would greatly reduce the number of vacancies probably available to service men after the war. There also was objection to the inclusiveness of the measure.

The house taxation and revenue Fisher, of the tax commission, an analysis of federal income tax devious fighting in northern Tunisductions' bearing upon state income tax returns this year and surpassed anything in his long ex- battle but found that the enemy next. Fisher declared however, in had pulled out in the night, giv- response to a question, that no The successful move followed could be made, though the comseveral days of stiff fighting in mission has based its calculations this area which developed when upon the assumption there would the Americans were thrown in to be little change.

stem the tide of the advancing Fisher declared that this would out that for large taxpayers the Averill Harriman. state income tax is "insignificant" because if it did not exist they would have to pay almost the same amount more to the federal At the eastern end of the Afriplan would not be desirable for state adoption because of the ad- hats." ditional bookkeeping. He said experience with Bonneville construction employes convinced him leaving the state before taxpaying time. Out of 10,000 Bonneville workers not more than 300, he estimated, who owed income tax to the state failed to pay,

Discussing a possible formula for income tax reduction, legislators present seemed most interested in eliminating the "split bracket" created in 1939 by setting the first rate increase at \$500 taxable income rather than \$1000. Fisher estimated this would reduce total annual receipts \$1,500,000.

Spokesmen for organized labor, for the grange, Farmers' union and League of Oregon Counties, all expressed opposition to income tax reduction, favoring instead property tax reduction and the creation of a reserve as a cushion cific agents, state policemen and against post-war taxation.

ing information gathered along the 1800-mile route of the train Dairy Co-op through Oregon and California Trial to Open The officers sent Deputy Sheriff Clay Kirk to Los Angeles to

tioning, Robert Folkes, negro cook PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26-(AP) Federal Judge Claude McCulloch Tuesday directed reopening of the sion late Tuesday night without anti - trust trial of the Oregon announcing any new develop-Dairy Cooperative association.

The trial, in which the associa-Linn County Dist. Atty. Harlow tion is accused of attempting mo-L. Weinrick, who took charge of nopoly in the Portland milk marthe case, disclosed only these new ket, was adjourned in November after presentation of prosecution Probe Slated

McCulloch ordered arguments for Thursday on whether cooperatives could be held guilty of such

250 Said Shot left ear to the throat so deeply In Marseille

en—were reported Tuesday night joint one. Chairman May (D-Ky) to have been shot during the state of the latter group agreed.

of siege ordered by the nazis to rinths of the city's historic port Representatives Sasscer (D-Md)

Tanks Entering Tripoli Today-but Not These



This is Tripoli, Libya, and German tanks are rolling into the town. The picture was taken last April. The same picture could be taken today, with one important change—British tanks entering the town. The British Eighth Army, routing the Axis Afrika Korps of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, has entered Tripoli after a drive of more than 1,000 miles.

It sets up a department of civil President Inspects Surprised service and provides for specific classifications of employes both as Troops in French Morocco

By WALTER LOGAN Representing American Newspaper Correspondents in North Africa (Distributed by The Associated Press)

smiles of pleasure.

area, some miles north.

military police on motorcycles.

he appeared deadly serious.

concentrated emergency rations.

part in the initial occupation.

beans, sweet potatoes, coffee,

bread liberally spread with butter;

mixed fruit and strawberry pre-

The president, with the others.

The president's limousine

stopped in front of the neat

cemetery alongside the Kas-

bah, adjoining the ancient

French cemetery, where he laid

a wreath at the foot of the

flagpole. The cemetery, bear-

ing a sign "US military ceme-

tery" in English, French and

Arabic, is bounded by a white

picket fence and the graves of

officers an men bear white

The president paused on a

ridge overlooking the Atlantic

beaches and valley where a tank

place there. He used a huge chart

ators to his confirmation as min-

ister to Australia when he re-

signed Tuesday as democratic na-

to demonstrate.

Flynn Quits Post

ate from a new mess kit.

ient's favorite tunes.

ged for three days.

serves.

CASABLANCA, Jan. 21-(Delayed)-President Roosevelt, the first American chief executive to leave the United States in wartime and the first to fly the Atlantic, today inspected American troops in French Morocco, surprising them by his presence and leaving their faces wreathed

The president reviewed the troops from a jeep driven by Staff Sgt. Oran Lass, from Kansas City, Mo., who was the proudest soldier in the US army but maintained an at 9:30 a.m., skirted Casablanca air of impeccable dignity through- and drove directly to the review

In the jeep with the president were Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the US Fifth army: committee, continuing its series of Charles Fredericks, the president's meetings devoted to aspects of the personal bodyguard, and the gentax problem, heard from Earl eral officer commanding during the inspection of the troops.

Immediately behind the presidential jeep was another with bodyguards, and the following jeep contained Maj. Gen. George troops in French Morocco; Rear Adm. Ross McIntyre, the president's physician; and Harry Hipkins, presidential advisor,

Riding in another car were be "a most inopportune time" to Robert Murphy, American minisreduce income tax rates, pointed ter for French Africa, and W.

The soldiers reviewed had been entirely unaware of the president's presence in Africa, and confessed later that they had asgovernment, and expressed opin- sumed when they rehearsed yes- his hat blew off. It was caught by ion that the Ruml pay-as-you-go terday for the affair that the party General Clark. would be "another bunch of brass

Standing rigidly at attention and unable to look in the direction from which the president was there would be comparatively coming, each was surprised in slight loss from transient workers turn as Mr. Roosevelt's jeep drew opposite him.

Eyes litterally popped as the president and commander-inchief passed only six feet away

French Heads Agree on Aim

C (Continued from Page 1) C little political training as Giraud. They met a man who does not know or declines to accept the fact that no matter what his following is in France. he has less than 10 per cent of the population of North Africa behind him.

They met a man who feels he has an exclusive right to lead the French and is bound to see anyone else as a rival. Both men want to be liberators

of France.

A few of these factors may have accounted for the somewhat sour expressions on their faces as they faced the movie cameras with Churchill and Roosevelt at Casa-

Jeffers Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26-(P)-A congressional investigation of battle had raged. Col. Frederick army and navy relations to war De Rohan, Washington, explained production was ordered Tuesday the operation which had taken as a result of the charges by Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers that "loafers" they sent to plants retarded output.

The house naval committee, on omtion of Chairman Vinson (D-LONDON, Jan. 26.-(A)-Two Ga), first approved the inquiry hundred fifty French inhabitants and then invited the military afof Marseille—including 80 wom- fairs committee to make it a

Pupils Back; Conduct at Fire Lauded

F (Continued from Page 1) F child among the pupils and that the exit from the building was made in orderly fashion.

Henceforth leaves of absence to teachers must be granted only bein front of the men with a big smile on his face. Few soldiers cause of illness or to allow opporwere able to wipe off their own tunity for study on a regularly outlined education program, di-The presidential convoy formed rectors voted. Obtaining teachers' services is already precarious, the board was told by Bennett, and already the leaves granted run The convoy consisted of official close to the 8 per cent allowed limousines, armored scout cars in salary scale arrangements with 50-calibre machine guns, and adopted by the Salem system. weapons carriers bearing official

Reporting on changes in the adsignal corps photographers. It ministration office, the superinwas preceded and followed by tendent told of the transfer of Mrs. Mabel Sohrt to the central The convoy drove by the airport office, where she continues to keep where scores of fighters took off books for national defense classe to form a vast umbrella overhead and for the out of school youth throughout the day. The presi- program in agriculture. Both dent, wearing a gray felt hat, a bookkeeping systems are tied in with the city schools' books, aland white pullover sweater, rode though Mrs. Sohrt is paid by the in the limousine of Lt. Gen. federal government.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied com-Mrs. Althea Presnall, for many mander-in-chief in north Africa. years a deputy in the office of the The president occasionally Marion county clerk, has acceptlaugher and joked with the gened a position as machine bookerals accompanying him, several keeper in the office, working with times he spoke to the men. Mostly Connell Ward, the district's business manager who also was for-The reviewing party passed into merly a deputy clerk.

an open field swept by a brisk The rationing of oil fuel will wind. The president laughed when affect three Salem school buildings, Bennett said, asking the building and grounds committee to Mess Sgt. Joseph Baer, from recommend what procedure Sharon, Wis., had a field kitshould be followed in complying chen set up near 20 small tables with government requests.

with folding chairs. The presi-Ration book No. 2 is to be disdent opened and inspected "K" tributed through the schools, the superintendent reported, declaring Then he was introduced to 50 that this promises to be the heavirepresentative men and officers est ration task yet undertaken, who were decorated with silver since every applicant must declare stars and purple hearts for their all supplies of rationed foods and points provided must be figured Sgt. Baer served a typical inaccordingly. fantry field lunch of ham, green

Civilian defense offices are providing a teacher for a course in air raid work to be offered high school boys, Bennett said. At Salem high school, Hi-Y members are to take the training.

During the meal a band from Crash Kills the engineers played the presi-Among the photographers at the General Wash review from Tunisia was Corp. Robert Hopkins, who saw his fa-

ther for the first time in months. TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 26-(A)-Brig. The convoy proceeded to Port Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, former Lyautey, the scene of the hardcommanding officer of the Third est fighting in the North African air corps at Tampa, and nine othlandings. It pased in front of the colorful Kasbah Mehdia, the 400year-old Portuguese fort around army transport seven miles from which hand-to-hand fighting ra-Flomaton, Ala., while on a flight from Drew field here.

Capt. Martin Doster, public relations officer of Drew field, in making the announcement listed others kiled in the plane as:

Lt. Col. J. H. Cunningham, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lt. Col. J. A. Cain, Colorado Springs; Maj. J. R. Lee, Colorado Springs; Lt. J. A. Simon, Colorado Springs; Maj. S. B. Gimble, jr., pilot, Third air force, Tampa; Flight Officer Glenn A. Johnson, 21, Tampa and Oshkosh, Wis.,

co-pilot; Lt. Edward A. Durica, 36.

Oakpark, Ill.; Master Sgt. Pius Witherow, Tampa, engineer; Staff Sgt. J. C. Melder, Tampa. Gen. Wash since leaving the Third air force command, had been commanding general of the Second air support command with headquarters at Colorado Springs. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-(A)- Previously he was commanding Edward J. Flynn removed one general of the Second interceptor command, headquarters at Seattle.

GOP Names Selvage WASHINGTON, Jan. 26-(P) James P. Selvage, of Princeton, rinths of the city's historic port district.

A dispatch to the Swiss Journal de Geneve, quoted by Reuters, mplied nazi guns were from a make the investigation Representatives Sasscer (D-Md), Harris (D-Va), Fogarty (D-RI), Mott (R-Ore) and Grant (R-Ind).

Mott (R-Ore) and Grant (R-Ind).

May said Representative Thomas and publicity man, was appointed Tuesday publicity director of the republican national committee. He nal de Geneve, quoted by Reuters, May said Representative Thoma-implied nazi guns were turned on son (D-Tex) would head the mili-Prime Minister Churchill was accompanied by Adm. Sir Dudley have established that Mrs. James Pound. first sea lord and chief of was neither robbed nor raped.

tion Weinrick hoped to uncover a implied nazi guns were turned on son (D-Tex) would head the military subcommittee, and that he day night after a two-night lull ally went out of that job when the others would name the others Wedness-nounced Wednesday.

ON the HOME FRONT

"I used to work on a newspa-

Thus, I quote a bartender (1 met him at the coffee shop) and an unlimited number of persons who outside a newspaper office that we were going to hear of would be termed "panhandlers" the unravelling of the North but here are just "chaps down on African political tangle. I had their luck."

As far as that goes I could be quoting a minister of my acquaintance, a couple of sailors, a colonel stationed at no great distance from Salem, a number of social workers-or the inebriated individual who calls to ask young women whose names are signed to newspaper stories for blind dates.

sons in business or other professions, homemakers and society women once were school teachers, but do you hear them sounding off about it? There must be something queer

An innumerable number of per-

about working on a newspape that makes folk boast about it as a sort of unusual portion of their early lives.

I do believe this, that everyone who works on a paper talks yearningly of greener fields, how much more money, better hours (easier on the clothes and the meal budget, too), greater prestige could be attained elsewhere. But somehow, I know more persons who still work at digging out the unromantic daily news, putting in or taking out commas, writing heads, reading proof, than I do those who speak of such tasks in the past tense.

Set for Fuel Ration Signup

E (Continued from Page 1) E to measure every room in hi

The OPA named three men in Oregon to assist in directing the rationing program: Daniel Rohrer, Charles B. Maxfield and Charles Nell, special state fuel oil rationing representatives to work under George L. Curry, OPA state fuel rationing representative.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26-(AP)-Oregon OPA officials estimated Tuesday 180,549 residents of the state will be affected by the fuel oil rationing program ordered for the Pacific northwest.

Approximately 29,988 houses are affected in the Portland area and 19,141 in the remainder of the state.

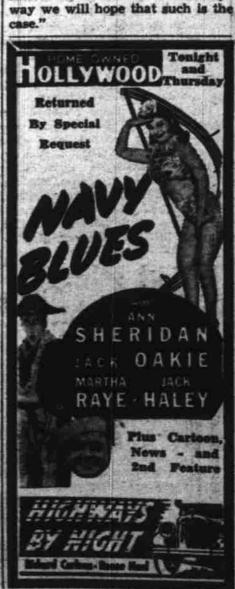
Officials said others affected would include farmers using oil in smudge pots and tractors and rural families using gasoline for lighting and cooking.

China, Russia Absence Hit

NEW YORK, Jan. 26-(A)-Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 republican presidential candidate, expressed disappointment Tuesday night that Russia's and China's leaders were absent from the North African conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and that creation of a grand military strategy board was not announced.

Speaking during a coast-tocoast broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting system soon after the historic meeting was disclosed, Willkie said:

"Maybe the rumors of the grand strategy board will become real Perhaps the French collaborators were reduced in status and the men who have risked their lives ers, seven of them officers, were for freedom have at last come into killed Tuesday in the crash of an their own in North Africa. Any-



Allies Inspired By Conferences

Some Disappointed Over Failure to Unite French

G (Continued from Page 1) G hoped that a united French front could have been announced as a

Minority Leader McNary of the senate: "I think it's encouraging and about what one would expect."

Chairman May (D-Ky) of the house military affairs committee: "The president's trip demonstrates his courage and his determination to win this war and win it quickly. Straightening out of the dangerous political situation in north Africa is a major victory for the United Nations."

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 27 (P)-The Roosevelt-Churchill reniezvous in Morocco sharply boosted British hopes that the final blow at the heart of Hitlerdom will be struck in 1943.

The dramatic dispatches telling of the Casablanca war council stirred a deep satisfaction in both official and unofficial cir-cles, with all convinced that the results of the talks would be making the blackest news for the axis before the year's end.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 27 (P)-London morning newspapers expressed divergent opinions on the import of the Casablanca conferences, some cautiously hailing them as a forerunner of a vast offensive and an earlier allied victory, while others expressed disappointment that the conferees failed to appoint a supreme war council and that the French situation in north Africa still was All of them used their biggest

headlines. They devoted the greater part of their four-page papers to telling the story.



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1943's New Hardy's are back headsches and owis! Andy's last fling efore college it a riot! Andy Hardy ROONEY en and letter Sara

"TRUCK BUSTERS"