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## A Year Ago Today

to Amperican, British, and French armies jue one year ago toda
Successfulty culminating a 29-week march
that reached from EI Alemein to Cape Bon, a
total of 1750 miles total of 1750 miles, this ignominious defeat of
the axis forces was highlighted following the fall of the Mareth Line by the withdrawal of ultimate defeat was inevitable and wanted no

In October, 1942, the axis ruled supreme
from Casablanca in the west to El Alemein in the east, only 60 miles from Alexandria and on
the borders of the vital Nile delta. Afrika Korps and the legions of Italy controlled all the land It was at $9: 30 \mathrm{pm.m}$. on Friday, October 23,
when the silence of the desert was shattered by
the appalling and deafening roar of the massed 25 -pounders of General Montgomery's artillery, catching Rommel by surprise. By daylight
the next morning the allied troops had advanced on a line si
they went.
As the enemy troops were fleeing from To-
bruk a troopship convoy was heading for Oran and Algiers in French North Atrica. The com-
mander-in-chief, General Dwight D. Fisenhower, now took over and with a combined
Anglo-American staff, the march continued.
As the famous British Eighth army advancAs the famous British Eighth army advanc-
ed westward in pursuit of the retreating enemy, the American forces began the eastward
push and in West Africa a brave band of war-
riors under command of French General Leclerc was pushing nothwards toward the Sa-
hara from Port Duala in the French Cameroons. And from the air and the sea came devastating blows that aided in clearing the pathway
for the ever advancing ground forces, close on
the heels of the confused retiring Germans and Still the allied contingents forged ahead;
early in January of 1943 Tripoli fell, making part of March another 375 miles saw the break-
ing of the Mareth Line; in less than two months


## Interpreting

 The War NewsAllied troops in Italy are again knocking thun-
derously at the gateways to Rome in the first
ground phase of the tripleffrited United Natonss
campaign to crash the walls of the nazi fortress They are obviously faced with inch-by-inch
progress against natural barriers long in Cerman
hands and studded with gunn-nests big and little. With every foot they gain, however, the strain on
enemy reserves must increase, the enemy hold peninsula and upon the Ballans an all well Italian
Pushed to within gun range of the Rome rail back into the inner walls of their continental It could materially help toward an early Rus-
sian break-through in Romania to bring a deadly squeeze from the east upon harassed naxisi in the
Balkans. That seems to be in the cards in view of the concentrated allied air pounding of Hungarian,
Romanian and even Bulgarian communications largets. There can be no release of nazi reserves
In the south to bolster the east front in Romania. command hope now to shuttle divisions from south owest against the impending Anglo-American in-
asion attacks from Britain., That is a primary obeective or the assault in tray.
That attack is in no sense a fei itself a grave every tndication and holds- within

## Editorial Comment

## It it well that the sppecial eommittee to survey conditions in San Francisoceatine houses, has been ppointed by Health Officer Geizer. The Culinary Workers' union is to be tranked for bringing up this matter. This is a time when both the flealth department is short of inspectors and when there Is a tendency in all sorts of lines to cut corners nd slip resulations. It caniot do any harm ann may do a great deal of good to send out a repre mere knowledge that it is on the wey map be sa- lutary if there are cases in which sanitary regula- tions are being by-passed. - San Francisco Chron- <br> The old gag of "ballots not bullets" is missin act, the exact reverse ot it is much more likely to silent vole", unheard of until the pose copent the idees the thate of candidates, nd nexis week, when the Oreeon primaries are held it will still be a  The government has promised to tear down the pop pretty son, the foundations won't be in b that time, -Khamath Fulls Herald and News. ment was using troops to enforce cIO , demand which might increese the price of their purchase from Montgomery Ward, Their, view foreed the two reluctant congressional investigations, which Trom Monttomery Ward. Their. view foreed the two reluctant rongressional investigations. which Mr. Roooevelt deflated by gettuing out in a hurry. The situation had become so dangerous politiThe situation had beopme so dangerouss poititi- cally that many an authority believes opA' Ches- ter Bowles was ordered to take the rationing oft meats to divert and appease public, and especially farm attention from the case. Ido tor one. There was no other inner or outer event ac- count for the timing of Mr. Bowles' unheralded count for the timing of Mr. Bowles' unheralded action-the feed crisis having prevailed for many months past, and the step being otherwise unex- plainoble plainable as suggested in this column published Nay 8 . Rosevelt has spid the press and radio Mr Romer failid. to exploin the issuid properly to to the farmerers, but it was explained in this column May 2 precise- iy as he explained it-namely, the only issue wes  timployes, and if an election had been obtained any disesolived withounuary, troops or troubsle But the sitiuation has chaniged now, and his exdifticulty seems unlikely to be reelized For one thing, Montyorery Ward has found it has an issue popular amons farmers, which affords goood free advertising. Joctor another the company can use this popular backing in negotiating the neww contract with CIO to stind agalnst any acreement that would force a price increase, any agreement inat would For a third, the matter has sot into politics here, is all popular foster must, and a thorough  sented by the clo polititeal action committee (Sid- nefy Hillmman) now campaiganis harder and more bitterly than the democrito national committe for the lourth term, the use of troops in cio titrikes

and finaly on May is rutere the allied banIn 29 weeks the axis armiles were totally destroyed. Of 350,000 men, 638 escaped to Italy
and the entire African continent was cleansed of German tyranny. Such was the vietory of the British, American and French armiei so joyfully celebrated
in free nations one year ago today.

Day by day American and British airmen machine. Vital war factories, transportation and occupied countries are being pulverized by the heavy rain of bombs from the skies.
Without wishing to take one iota of credit from these intrepid members of the AAF and RAF it should be recalled that the navies of
both this country and Britain are playing a prominent part in the battle to smash the Luft-
As a matter of fact, the Anglo-American planes flying from Britain to the continent in upon sea power that without it they would lie helpless on the air fields of Britain through
lack of fuel-brought across the Atlantic in navy tankers.
Further, the navy escorted the trichters the Atlantic Further, the navy escorted the freighters
which carried thousands of American - built
fighter planes to protect the bombers on their daily flights over Europe. The thousands of American airmen in Britain made the overseas
journey protected by the navy. This is but one isolated case of combined op-
erations adopted by the allied chieftains. In all
theaters of warfare we theaters of warfare we see the forces of the army, navy and marines working in unison, all
bent toward one objective-that of bringing victory to the allied cause and a return, once

## News Behind The News

Washincrov, May, 11-The goverment got Yunning.
Commerece Secretary Jesse Jones could not wait
until the union election vote was announced before
proclaiming withdrawal of the troops.
 Sones did not relish going in
with troops to oust Mr. Avery,
in the firist place.
One report is that his assistant
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 tail rubbed in the troopst it deefense ot the war

 larry influential in this respect, although they gen-
erally complained.
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bestirred among democratic congresmen by mail
in this campaign year, which spreas official fright.
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domment on them as fast as the ocmmentatoros, but takes a f few days more to get
his tablet out, pencil in hand. One Mississippici congresssman got 40 letters from
his small farming district the day before the troops his small farming district the day before the troops
were withdrawn, and the recenty unprecedented
number had been building up each day for a weedk number had been building up each day for a week
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