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ALLIED DRIVE ON JAPS PLANNED

European Drive Looms

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S dispatches are not the kind that thrill the writers and the readers of headlines. They lack the punch of IMMEDIATE achievement.

But the wires throb with suppressed excitement. One has the feeling that coming great events are beginning to cast their shadows across the path of the news.

MONTGOMERY'S 8th army is STILL MOVING.

U. S. War Secretary Stimson forecasts heavy fighting in North Africa, with many casualties. He says we're moving into position FOR A SHOWDOWN.

General Eisenhower says: "We're going to throw every American soldier we can get into the fight."

CHURCHILL tells us today the allies have moved nearly HALF A MILLION MEN into Africa. That's an army.

THE Russians are moving on Kharkov from three sides. Unconfirmed reports say they're within 10 or 12 miles of the city. Moscow dispatches report a break in the stubbornness of German resistance.

Vatutin is still pushing southward toward the Sea of Azov, having taken five more towns. The Russians have landed troops at Novorossisk (see map) to cut off German flight from the Caucasus by way of the icy Kerch strait.

BRITISH FIELD MARSHALL DILL, U. S. Air General Arnold, British Commander in India Wavell and Chiang Kai Shek, after conferring for days in Chungking, announce agreement on "offensive plans" against Japan's far-flung armies.

London says there will be subsequent conferences between Wavell and MacArthur.

IN that announcement, there's a tip for us as to why the Japs have pulled in their horns in the Solomons. They see something coming, and don't want to be spread too thin when it arrives.

AT Wau, a few miles from Salamaua, in New Guinea, the Japs attack the airfield we've acquired without much drumbeating.

They get a surprise, running unexpectedly head-on into Australian troops in FORCE. These Australians had been FLOWN IN by American pilots in U. S. transport planes.

The Japs are thrown back toward Salamaua.

KEEP your eye on New Guinea. Your map tells you that in our possession it will be a THREAT AT THE DOOR of Japan's newly-seized empire. You'll hear more of it.

READ Churchill's speech in this newspaper today. As usual, he tells us definite facts we can get our teeth into.

For example: We and the British (as already mentioned here) have landed nearly half a million men in Africa. That's fighting power, even in these days.

HE gives us our first picture of the mysterious and menacing submarine situation. Hitherto the attitude toward the submarine has been one of frightened hush-hush.

EIGHTH ARMY ROLLS TOWARD MARETH LINE

Allied Armies Relieve Battle-Wearied French

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Already 20 miles inside southern Tunisia, the British eighth army was reported today rolling toward the fortified Mareth line while the British first and American fifth armies extended their western Tunisian holding front to relieve battle-wearied French being re-armed for the big push.

In the air, allied planes from the east, west and Malta sank one ship and left another sinking off the Tunisian coast, strafed axis troop concentrations, pounded the docks at Trapani, in western Sicily, by night, and delivered another hard daylight raid on the Sicilian seaplane and naval base of Palermo.

Details Scarce A Cairo communique which announced that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces were engaging Marshal Rommel's rear guards near Ben Gardane indicated that the eighth army's new sweep forward had carried more than 30 miles from its striking base in extreme western Libya.

The full extent of the engagement near Ben Gardane, 25 miles inside Tunisia, was not disclosed. The communique, however, mentioned sharp artillery fire.

America Warned Of Heavy Casualty Lists to Come

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The nation should get set for heavy American casualties, "perhaps in the very near future," Secretary of War Stimson said today in a discussion of developing plans for driving the axis from Africa.

The opposing armies in Tunisia are moving into position, he told a press conference, and heavy fighting is in prospect. This country is just beginning to participate in major offensive warfare, he said in his mention of casualties.

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The four were identified as Phillip Gerstenkorn, 43, James Hoyt Westerland, 29, William H. Bennett, 55, all of Portland, and Nels Nelson, 32, Gresham, all shipyard workers.

Nine of the 19 aboard the 50-foot tug, including Pilot Clarence Hatvey, 38, were rescued shortly after the craft turned over about 400 feet from the Oregon shore en route to the Henry J. Kaiser shipyard at Vancouver, Wash.

Six remained unaccounted for. They included Ben and Ray Lewis, brothers, deck hands aboard the tug; Walter Pearson, 18, shipyard worker, and two others whose identities had not been established.

Two coastguard and several other craft were dragging the river near where the tug lay on the riverbottom in about 15 feet of water, part of her superstructure above the surface.

Rescue of the nine was credited largely to Harold Granville, ferry terminal worker, who became alarmed when he noticed the tug's running lights had been

Hershey Sees Induction of Family Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Major General Lewis B. Hershey today opposed legislation to require deferment of men with children until all single men and childless married men are drafted and said "the great majority of men" inducted in the next two or three months would be men with children.

Without giving any figures, the director of selective service said he had previously testified that a lowering of the draft age to 18, which was done, would not meet the demands of the armed forces for manpower, and added:

"In the next two or three months the great majority of men inducted will be men with children because there will be no one else left."

"I feel that it would be unwise to enact this legislation," said Hershey, first witness called in house military committee hearings on a bill to set up four

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FIGHTING MOUNTS IN SOUTH RUSSIA

50-Mile Assault Line Formed East of Kharkov

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The red army in its smashing semi-circumference of Kharkov has cut the Ukraine bastion's main railway to the south and the Crimea by capturing the key rail junction of Lovovaya, the Moscow radio announced tonight in a special communique recorded here by the soviet monitor.

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Feb. 11 (AP)—Capturing settlements between Belgorod and Chuguyev, the red army formed a 50-mile-long assault front just east of Kharkov today, and the fighting was reported mounting in other sectors of southern Russia.

The capture of Chuguyev, 22 miles southeast of Kharkov, and Volchansk, 36 miles northeast, was announced by the Russians early today, along with the seizure of settlements.

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CHURCHILL SEES ACTION WITHIN NEXT 9 MONTHS

Half-Million Allied Soldiers in Africa, He Says

By ROBERT E. BUNNELLE LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today that the allies had landed nearly a half-million men in Africa and planned an offensive campaign during the next nine months with the goal of engaging the enemy "on the largest possible scale and at the earliest possible moment."

In a war review vibrant with his usual fighting spirit and brightened by unusual optimism, the prime minister brought back from the Casablanca unconditional surrender conference the news of a new unification of command in North Africa and the strong intimation that Europe would be invaded as soon as the United Nations were ready.

High Points These were highpoints of his address to the cheering house of commons:

1. As the British eighth army moves into Tunisia, the North African command is unified under the American commander, Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, with Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, second in command, and with Mediterranean air forces under British Air Vice Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, and sea forces under Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham.

2. The allies are more than holding their own in the U-boat warfare, with a million and a quarter more tons of shipping available now than six months ago, with losses of the past two months at the lowest figure in over a year, and with the best rate of U-boat sinkings so far in the war.

3. Churchill will meet again with President Roosevelt within the next nine months. The prime minister disclosed that the president had been willing to go as far as Khartoum, Egypt, to bring Premier Stalin into the January conferences, but that Stalin was too engaged with Russia's mighty winter drive to leave his country even for a day.

4. Britain has offered to embody into a "special treaty" her pledge to help carry the war against Japan on to unconditional surrender, but had President Roosevelt's answer that "the word of Britain was quite enough for him."

Shipping Booms Churchill's speech emphasized that the allies were preparing to strike.

"In the last six months," he asserted, "Anglo-American and important new Canadian building (of ships) exceeded all the losses of the United Nations by

OPA Launches Probe of Black Market in Spuds

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11 (AP)—The regional headquarters of the office of price administration launched an investigation of reported "black market" dealings in potatoes here today.

The OPA said the reports were that the armed services were being deprived of adequate supplies of potatoes by western manufacturers of potato products, who are paying above-ceiling prices to farmers.

William H. Stanton, acting head of the fresh and dried food and vegetable section, food price division, OPA, in Washington, notified the office here he had information involving several west coast dehydrating and potato chip manufacturing plants, which have been buying up large crops of potatoes.

U. S. Bombers Catch Jap Ship Concentration



This concentration of nearly 100 Jap ships, riding at anchor in the Jap base in the harbor of Rabaul, New Britain, was attacked by U. S. bombers in another of a series of air blows being dealt against enemy bases in the South Pacific. White circles in water show bomb bursts. Smoke from craft indicate ships getting up steam to dash for safety. (U. S. air forces photo).

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In a statement answering some of the questions that arose in the wake of the presidential order, applied initially to 32 labor shortage areas only, the WMC also said that overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours weekly will not be required for many workers who are not covered by the wage and hour law or labor contracts. These include farmers and domestic servants.

While in the cases of these workers, the employer cannot be compelled to pay more for a longer week the WMC predicted that many of them would quit for jobs that do pay overtime.

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VANDENBERG SEES NO RISE IN COSTS

Circuit Judge Makes Statement On Clerk Bill

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said Thursday that the shifting of the circuit court clerkship to appointive status under his jurisdiction need not cost a cent more than the present cost of handling this work.

Meanwhile, as an aftermath of an editorial suggestion in The Herald and News that the judge and clerk "bury the hatchet," County Clerk Mae K. Short said Thursday that she is willing to "go up and do my work and get along" if she is not "subjected to ridicule."

Judge Vandenberg's statement was made in connection with the bill now in the legislature to create the office of circuit court clerk, appointive by the judge, shifting those duties from the county clerk. County Clerk Mae K. Short, who is opposed to the bill, said Wednesday that it would cost the taxpayers additional money.

No Need for Deputy Judge Vandenberg said he disagreed with Mrs. Short on this point. The judge averred that it would be simply a matter of paying the appointive clerk the salary that is now paid the deputy county clerk who does the circuit court work.

He said there would be no need for a deputy. The clerk's office, he said, would be established.

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HIGH-RANKING LEADERS AGREE ON OFFENSIVE

American Fliers Pound Japs Over Vast Pacific Area

By The Associated Press A concerted United Nations offensive against Japan was foreshadowed today with the official disclosure that high-ranking American, British and Chinese military leaders have met and agreed on "offensive plans" against Japan's far-flung invasion armies.

The British government announced in London that Field Marshal Sir John Dill, representing Prime Minister Churchill, and Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, representing President Roosevelt, had held a series of conferences with China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in Chungking and with Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell in India.

Chiang Satisfied A British communique said the fullest possible coordination would be insured by subsequent conferences between Marshal Wavell and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, allied commander-in-chief in the southwest Pacific. Prime Minister Churchill told parliament in London that Gen. Chiang had expressed satisfaction about "strong additional help that will be provided for China at this stage of her long-drawn, undaunted struggle."

Kiska Blasted Meanwhile, a navy communique reported heavy American aerial assaults on Japanese bases over a vast Pacific area from the Aleutian islands to the South Seas.

The navy said U. S. heavy and medium bombers yesterday blasted Japanese positions on Kiska, in the Aleutians, scoring many hits.

Other American warplanes pounded the enemy base at Munda, in the Solomons, in two attacks by night and day.

"Japanese forces on Guadalcanal have ceased all organized resistance," the communique

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Motorists Warned To Renew 'C' Gas Books by Feb. 28

Motorists who have C gasoline cards are warned that February 28 is the expiration date for them regardless of whether or not all the tickets have been used.

In order to obtain new books, the tire inspection record should be mailed to the board as soon as possible, and the application will be reconsidered, and a new book issued.

If the amount of gasoline needed has decreased or increased, it will be necessary to fill out a complete new application form. If the amount remains the same only the tire inspection record will be necessary.

Some B books also expire at the same time. The procedure for renewing them will be the same.

According to Don Drury of the rationing board, motorists should submit their records as soon as possible in order to avoid running out of tickets before the applications have been reconsidered. The board urges that all records be mailed rather than brought in to the board, to facilitate quick action, and to save the extra gas and tires necessary for an extra trip.

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