U. S. WINS MAJOR NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OVER JAPS



Field Marshal Sir John Dill, British representative with the United Nations' combined chiefs of state, sits beside the driver as he rides a U.S. Army jeep for the first time during a tour of inspection at Fort Bragg, N. C. In the rear seat are Gen. George C. Marshall (left), U. S. Army chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. Rene E. DeR. Hoyle

British Take Diego Suarez, Negotiate Surrender Terms

ried Out Against In-

dustrial Germany

centered there.

was set afire at Zeebrugge.

at Britain's leading fighter station

Victors Hopeful Entire Island ALL PHILIPPINE Will Capitulate Without Fight

By NOLAND NORGAARD

LONDON, May 7.—(AP)—British troops and warships Wainwright Reported To took possession today of Madagascar's great naval harbor of Diego Suarez after two days of brisk fighting and began Have Acceeded To Japs negotiating the terms of a surrender by which they hoped to obtain the peaceful capitulation of all that Vichy French

the establishment of the first STUTTGART RAIDED ritish bridgehead at a loss of ound 1,000 of the British forcevas announced in commons by rime Minister Churchill, who ap pealed gravely to the French peole thus to consider the episode: peration of their country, includg Alsace-Lorraine, from the Ger-

This tough, quick occupation -x-

He told of the surrender of the rench military and navy com anders, but there was no immedite indication here as to whether ganize some sort of guerrilla retance in the interior.

At all events, it was regarded

Vichy Watched

What the Vichy government ould now do raised the most ense interest, but late in the day ere had been no sign of action om that capital.

oadcast a Vichy report that the itish naval units had entered the arbor at 3:30 p. m. Vichy, howver claimed resistance was continu g elsewhere on the island.

The German-controlled Pari ress began calling for reprisals; ere was some speculation here hat Laval might take the excuse hand over the Axis some form haval aid - perhaps French uisers and destroyers to the Ger-

The conquest of Diego Suarez, which in the terminology of British charts stands for the whole of the bay and not merely the French haval base of that name, was ac omplished by powerful British and and naval forces - commanmarines, regular infantry, warships, planes — in a great show f strength which, Churchill said as deliberately intended to hold dshed to a minimum.

This was the sequence of events announced in various official

Seize Village

While British warships held rontal positions before the bay British land forces in converging movements seized the village of

Diego, the chief town of the harbor (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

At Corregidor Surrender

BY WILLIAM F. FRYE WASHINGTON, May 7 .- (A)-An unofficial and unconfirmed report that the Japanese required sur- line up some shipping business relatively small loss among the within the next few months, but render of the small units of Amer- for the Port of Wilmington," the ican-Filipino forces still fighting congressman added, "Safeguards on various islands of the Archipel- were being taken for protection ago as a condition for ending their against submarine attacks. Then attacks on the Manila Bay forts it was discovered that we had no was announced today by the war drydock closer than Charleston

In a communique worded carefully to make clear the completely ible. Mr. Hiers and I have disunofficial nature of the report, "the department said a broadcast from LONDON, May 7. - (P) - The Japanese-controlled radio stations

southern German manufacturing in Manila said that Lieutenant e Vichy-controlled governor-gen-city of Stuttgart was bombed by General Jonathan M. Wainwright eral of the island, Armand Annet, the RAF last night for the third had acceded reluctantly to this conad himself joined in capitulating successive night in a continuing dition to avoid further sacrifice, whether he intended to try to offensive against the important and had issued appropriate orders

aviation and electrical industries to his field commanders. It was recalled immediately here Dock and airports in German- that when resistance of the Ameriost likely here that in view of occupied territory also were attack- can-Filipino troops on Bataan Penspirited though brief defense ed during the night, and by day- insula ceased April 9, there was he great bulk of effective French light this afternoon squadrons of a similar unconfirmed report that ops had already been accounted fighters escorted American-made the Japanese had demanded the Douglas bombers to the Belgian surrender of Corregidor and the coastal cities of Ostend and Zee-brugge. Docks were bombed at Os-would cease their pounding of the would cease their pounding of the tend, and an industrial power plant collapsing defenders of the penin-

ron which recently had been posted If the Japanese high command in the Philippines did attempt to tion of Diego Suarez, and Berlin participated in its first operational impose such a condition at that flight on the Ostend raid, but the time, obviously it was not met, pilots expressed disappointment at since the fortified islands continued to hold out against the invad-

the lack of opposition. The British lost seven planes in ers for another month, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

City Air Raid Siren To Get Test At Noon Public Urged Not To Become

Alarmed Over Sounding Blast The air raid alarm siren installed at the fire depart-

tested at noon today. The Defense Council, through Louis Poisson, chairman, urges that the blast be not confused with an actual warning, and emphasizes that it is but a test to determine if it to the store and found him lying

is in perfect order. He urges all who hear it to refrain from any form or demonstration and if any person forgets or does not upon by the state to identify the know why the siren is blown and gives any sign of excite-bloody shirt which her husband of demonstration and if any person forgets or does not ment to restrain that person from calling out or otherwise was wearing on the night he was provoking a disturbance.

Move Opened For Building Drydock Here Representatives Clark And

Hiers Press Matter Before Navy Department

COSTS \$2,000,000

Lack Of It Prevents Locally Built Ships From Leaving With Cargo

By HOWARD SUTTLE (Star Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, May 7. -Plans are underway whereby the Navy Department may soon authorize construction of a drydock at Wilmington to round out facilities that will enable loading in the New Hanover port of ships constructed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

Representive J. Bayard Clark tonight revealed that a drydock s now the major impediment to a shipping program whereby the Port of Wilmington would receive a substantial increase in government maritime business. His statement maritime business. His state-ment followed a conference with BRITISH CRUISER navy and maritime commission officials in which J. T. Hiers, Wilmington Port official, participated. Explaining shipbuilding procedure to show the reason why vessels constructed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company may not now be loaded with their first cargoes at the Wilmington port, Representative Clark pointed out that, after a boat is launched, it FIGHTING HALTED that, after a boat is launched, it must be equipped with machinery and placed in readiness for service.

Final checkup after the mach- British cruiser Edinburgh was lost inery is installed in a vessel must last week in German submarine, has no drydock, most of the local Arctic supply route to Russia, the plants might have to have the benshipyard's boats are sent to dy-admiralty announced tonight, but efit of those tires.'

Need Drydock

"The maritime commission had and Norfolk." Now our job is to ge tthis drydock as soon as posscussed the matter with the navy's British themselves while she was Eastman, director, said the aim of (Yards and Docks Chief) may re-

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CONFESSIONS READ AT GODWIN TRIAL

Four Youths Standing Trial At Whiteville For Murder Of Brunswick Merchant

WHITEVILLE, May 7. - Testimony on which the state expects to send the four confessed robber slayers of Ira L. Gowin Brunswick, merchant, to the lethal gas chamber, was begun this morning as the most sensational trial this county has had in two de-

cades moved into its second day. The four defendants are F. C. Bonner, 19, and Lonnie Melton Todd, 28, Fort Bragg privates, Ol-Danial, 16, of Dufort, S. C.

Evidence for the state was begun when court convened at 9:30 o'clock this morning, with the testimony of Mrs. Godwin, widow of the murder - robbery victim. She related the details of what happened on the night her husband was slain, telling much the same story which she told at the coroner's inquest, that she left the ment headquarters on Fourth street near Dock, will be store about 10 o'clock and went to the house nearby to give their tested at noon today. for the night. She said that when her husband failed to return in about 30 minutes she went back under the counter, with six bullet holes in his body. Mrs. Godwin broke down when she was called

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Candidate For Governor



Chauncey Sparks of Eufaula, one Chauncey Sparks of Eufaula, one of five candidates for Democratic nomination for governor of Alabama, listens to returns from the primary May 5. With the count incomplete, he had a slight margin over his four opponents. Jim Folsom of Cullman, Chris Sherlock of Montgomery, H. J. Carwile of Ashland, and W. O. Broyles of Birmingham.

EDINBURGH LOST

Warship Sunk After Hits By Enemy Torpedoes In Attack On Convoy

By The Associated Press LONDON, May 7 .- The 10,000-ton

other naval and merchant vessels.

severely damaged, and at least mal method. three Nazi bombers were destroyed. enemy torpedoes and had to be gering hours and promoting group abandoned in tow and sunk by the use of automobiles. Joseph B.

The second convoy attacked was children, office workers and shopa large string of ships carrying pers.
"important war supplies" to the bitterly-contested Russian front. Although it was attacked by repeated waves of dive-bombers and torpedoceeded in delivering 9; per cent of their cargo, the admiralty stated.

Assuming all of the convoy ships vere of approximately the same size, this would indicate that the convoy originally was composed of about 30 ships.

Casualties apparently were relatively small, although it was not specifically so stated. Casualties

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WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA — Slightly cooler east and central portions Friday.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Slightly cooler Friday. cooler Friday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

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(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Temperature:
1:30 a. m. 69; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m.
77; 7:30 p. m. 73; maximum 78; minimum 67; mean 72; normal 68.
Humidty:
1:30 a. m. 93; 7:30 a. m. 84; 1:30 p. m.
58: 7:30 p. m. 59.

Precipitation:

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 m., 0.00 inches; total since the first the month, 0.75 inches, Tides For Today:

(From Tide Tables published by U. :

Coast and Geodetic Survey):

Wilmington 4:06a. 11:20
4:36p. 11:47

Masonboro Inlet 2:07a. 8:24
8:488 2:38p. 8:48p. Sunrise 5:16a; sunset 7:01p; moonrise 1:35a; moonset 12:59p. Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ille on Thursday at 8 a. m., 10.05 eet.

20 minutes."

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Instruction On Efficiend Use Of Transportation

SUNDAY RIDING GOING

Motorists Having More Than Five Tires Asked To Sell Their Extras

WASHINGTON, May 7.—
(P)—Rationing of passenger travel on railroads and buses was described officially today as "definitely in prospect" while the government sent every city of over 10,000 population a blue-print for efficient use of public and private ransportation.

In addition, it planned an appeal to motorists having more than five tires to sell the extras to the

· In a day which found Congress and government departments increasingly concerned over the rubber and transportation situations, there were these develop-

Robert Patterson, undersecretary of war, told a press conference that Americans must quit using their automobiles for "Sunday drivingg, visits to Cousin Joe and petting parties" because their tires must be saved for possible war One of the officials who has en-

dorsed pending legislation w h i c h would authorize the government to requisition private automobiles, Patterson said an appeal was planned to motorists to sell to the government any tires they may pos-sess beyond their fifth, or spare. Rubber Must Be Conserved

Emphasizing that the "millions of tons of rubber now rolling on he highways" must be conserved, he continued. Because Wilmington British convoys plying the vital come when some workers in war

> Officials of the Office of Defense ish accomplished their mission with inter-city busses was in prospect that no decisions had been reached on just how this would be done One attacking German destroyer —by issuance of credentials to "es-

The ODT published a manual to be sent to every community over The Edinburgh was crippled by 10,000 outlining a system for stag-

The ODT manual, saying some workers would soon find themselves with only three usable tires, suggested "an exchange carrying planes which sank three should therefore be setup which ships, the British nevertheless sucwhich have reached a similar state mission." of tire wear."

The house committee on coinage, weights and measures decided to sonal representative soon after aircraft had participated. investigate "the various sources of the commission came into being The battle was regarded as havrubber and rubber substitutes in about two years ago. the Western Hemisphere with the The civil service board consists cause of its relation to the vital intent of determining whether or of five members; one selected by necessity of keeping open the sup-

U.S. To Ration Eight Ships Sunk, Travel Aboard Four Damaged Off Trains, Buses Solomon Islands

Subs Bag Three Other Jap Craft; Americans Lose Only Three Planes

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, May 7. — (P) — An American naval force, intercepting a Japanese squadron apparently striking at the flank of the life line to Australia, sank eight enemy vessels, damaged four and destroyed six planes at a total United States cost of only three planes, the Navy announced

The furious battle, authoritatively regarded here as possibly the first in which strictly American forces have engaged the Japs in a general naval encounter, occurred last Monday in the vicinity of the Solomon islands, lying northeast of Australia and northwest of the supply route bastions of New Caledonia and the New Hebrides islands. The Naval communique report-

ing the results of the battle also

disclosed that U. S. submarines

operating in the Western Pacific

had sunk three more Japanese

ships. Thus, the enemy's total ship

losses announced today were elev-

en sunk, including seven warships,

The Toll

Sunk-one light cruiser, two de-

Damaged - one 9,000 ton sea-

plane tender, one light cruiser, one

In U. S. submarines operations:

ship, one medium sized tanker,

and one small cargo ship.

Sunk-one medium sized cargo

The sinkings raised the unoffi-

cially tabulated total of Japanese

ship losses due to United Nations

operations to 250, including 195

warships of all types and 55 com-merical vessels. They also raised

the bag of Japanese ships success-

fully attacked by far ranging U.S.

undersea raiders to 39 sunk, 12

probably sunk and eleven damag-

Not since the combined Austral-

ian-American bombing of an ene-

my ship concentration off Lee and

Salamaua, New Guinea, had such

a United States success been re-

That action, carried out mostly

by American forces, resulted, the

Navy announced March 18, in the

sinking or damaging of 23 Japa-

nese ships including 12 war ves-

The Solomon islands action com-

pensated to a considerable extent

for the American-British-Dutch los-

ses in the great battle of the Java

sea in late February when the Al-

lies lost 13 warships and the Jap-

anese had seven sunk or damaged.

the Solomons was not shown by

Large Scale Battle

scale sea battle between strictly

The exact nature of the battle in

ported by the Navy.

cargo vessel and one transport.

stroyers, four gun boats and one

and four damaged, as follows:

In the Solomons:

supply vessel.

Spurned



Testifying in Los Angeles, Mrs. Florence Gilbert Burroughs, wife of Tarzan's papa, said that her author-husband, unlike his fictional brainchild, preferred to live alone. A decree was granted.
—(Central Press)

dock at Charleston, Norfolk, or despite the severity of the assaults, Philadelphia. Nord Drudgel. despite the severity of the assaults, Transportation said rationing of passenger space on railroads and

was sunk and another was hit and sential" travelers or some less for- Secretary Of Board Tenders Resignation To Chief Casteen

E. W. Carr, secretary of the Wil- the Navy's communique, which bureau of yards and docks and homeward bound with a convoy feel encouraged that the interest shown by Admiral (Ben) Moreell, some convoyed vessel also shown by Admiral (Ben) Moreell, shown b cilities at the same hours as school letter to Chief of Police Charles H. ports from the Pacific. Casteen.

The text of Mr. Carr's letter But on the basis of what the follows: "I hereby submit my res- communique indicated, Naval exignation from the Civil Service perts said that the Solomons action Commission, effective immediate- appeared to have been a large It has been a pleasure to work American and Japanese forces and

with you and I appreciate the co- since results were so clearly

ting the tires from such automo- operation you have shown me and known to the Americans it may

biles into use on some other autos the other members of the com-which have reached a similar state mission." Mr. Carr was selected by the it was said, definitely meant that city police department as its per- American surface ships as well as ing high strategic importance be-

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Bulkeley Completes Mission; Toll Is Four Japanese Ships

Cruiser Among Victims Of Fleet in the air, crying: "Me surrender!" Torpedo Boats Off Philippines

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 .- (AP)-Lieut. John D. Bulkeley and three fellow torpedo boat officers, who spirited General Douglas MacArthur away from Corregidor, re- tanned and hardened by their strenported in person today that their mission to the Philippines uous work in the Philippines, were had been completed at a cost to Emperor Hirohito of four flown to the United States. They ships, including a cruiser, four planes and two armored York and Washington. landing boats.

The Long Island City, N. Y. ¥nero of the dashing little PT boats ing to sneak up behind General squadron in the Philippines, said related in a matter-of-fact way how Jonathan M. Wainwright's men. his mission had been to operate on one occasion they came upon Result: "We let 50 Japanese drown under MacArthur and "attack hosa heavily armored cruiser in the after one boat sank because they tile shipping in Philippine waters dead of night. Results: "The ship opened fire first and wounded one wherever we might find it." sank completely in approximately of our officers."

"We toog two prisoners, a Jap-The lethal boats found Japanese anese captain and a private. The an end and our mission completed, armored landing boats attempt- captain was on his knees, his hands'

Bulkeley did the reporting at a

press conference with Lieut. Robert Kelly, New York city, Ensign George E. Cox, Watertown, N. Y., standing around him.

The four, youthful appearing and left almost immediately for New

The dark-haired, husky Bulkeley, commander of the speedboat

Mission Completed "When our usefulness was at