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S. Seeks Martinique Guarantees

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Asks Assurances That Islands Will Not Be Turned Over To Axis

TALKS ARE STARTED

Admiral Hoover Is Authorized To Propose Caribbean Agreement

erican mission had from the local Martinique that that ould not be used by any way become o the United States. declined to an

what would quest were refused the conversa ring the United States at

Admiral John H. anding naval officer bean sea front, and Reber, assistant chief of the European affairs in the

Made To Commissioner requests were made to Ad Georges Robert as French

arrangement whereby may continue to fly Caribbean posses department said in "and French sovereignty will remain unchanged, and Admiral Robert will cone recognized as the ultierning authority of French

mutually satisfactory an be reached with Admira s high commissioner, assurthe French authorities in h Caribbean Atlantic coast not furnish aid or comfort forces, the United States is ed to safeguard the interest economic life, and to asassets of the French ent in the French Caribbean ons be held for the ultimate the French people."

text of the State department's ashore ok."

of the Caribbean sea front, announced sinkings of two ships by yesterday. anied by a representative of U-boats in the well-protected watthe local problem presented by United States in the waters he two days of fighting. French possessions in the Carib- knows best. area arising out of the col-Miniral Hoover and Mr. Samuel assistant chief of the divis- headquarters here, commanded a

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OUGLAS IS NAMED STATE C. D. CHIEF

Governor Plans To Appoint Successor To George Jeffrey

RALEIGH. May 9-(A) Gover-Broughton today named Ben las, former mayor of Charas North Carolina director for his utterance on June 14, 1940.

uglas, former assistant dirececceeds Theodore S. Johnson, has held the position since m-wide defense program Johnson was recently d North Carolina director of tion. Eventually he was withdrawn Office of Price Administration with other German consuls last in charge of all rationing year, and returned home.

Douglas is a native of Iredell traveled very widely along the Gulf, and is known to have made frequent trips down the Mississippi was a first lieutenant in the frequent trips down the Mississippi river to its mouth, 100 miles be-

British Stage Blistering Assault On Rostock Area

heaviest British bombers rened in a blistering assault on lavaged Rostock area along Baltic last night, the air min-

announced today. From 400 and 800 foot levels the war birds bombed Warnemuleaving fires sweeping an eran plant and other objectives that area, but 10 miles from stock for which it is both a port

The big Lancasters, Manchesters, Wellingtons, Hampdens and highest toll-19 planes lost-in five months for the daring low-level at-

At nearby Rostock, 7,000 or 8,

TWENTY PAGES

Peru's President Visits F.D.R.

The president of Peru, Manuel

Prado, is shown above, after his ar-

rival in this country to visit President Roosevelt in Washington.
Photo was taken at airport in Miami.
—(NEA Telephoto)

VON SPIEGEL MAY

Sub Operating In The

Gulf Of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS, May 9- (A)

Standing on the bridge of a Ger-

nesday to the survivors "sorry we

Von Spiegel, former German con-

no lives were lost and survivor

ships were stopped there was a

off safely bfore the ships were

sunk. They were permitted to pro

ceed with best wishes and without

Von Spiegel is best remembered

when she was waging a struggle

This statement caused a sensa-

During his four year tenure as

shore within a few hours.

WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1942

TANIMBAR IS.

BIRDUM

CHURCHILL WILL

Broadcast To World

This Afternoon

pledged himself two years ago.

But the "second front," a sub-

ject which every Briton but the

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mestic politics.

Reds Report AMERICAN NAVAL TRIUMPH SAVES RALIA FROM DREAD MENACE F IMMEDIATE INVASION BY JAPS; CHINESE TRAP ENEMY IN BURMA

Great Naval Battle Ra ges East Of Australia

MORESBY

Great

air.

TOWNSVILLE

Barrier

COOKTOWN

SOMERSET

BORROLOOLA

BURKETOWN

AUSTRALIA

Incident In Crimean Area Apparently Regarded As An Experiment

Use Of Poison

Gas By Nazis

RUSSIANS TO REPLY

And Lose 26 Of Their Own Along Front

BY HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, May 9.-(P)-Tass, official Soviet news agency, distributed for the first time in the Russian-German war today a dispatch reporting that the Germans had used poison gas on the Crimean front and the official communist party newspaper Pravda published the bulletin under a two-column

headline. The Tass dispatch said: "According to a report from army force which the ad-Krasnador (northern Caucasus), vancing Japanese by-passed Crimean front, German troops used several mines with poison gas. A check-up has shown that poison gas affects respiratory organs and disables men.

Pravda published the Tass dispatch immediately below the texts of yesterday's communiques issued by the Soviet bureau of in- night.

reported incident was regarded in Moscow as experimental.

Early in the war Soviet spokeswere preparing to use gas. At that time he replied that the Russians would reply in kind if the Germans began chemical warfare.

Believed In Charge Of for gas by "chemical reconnoitering methods."

Meanwhile, the Russians offiman submarine that had just tor- yesterday or today but that they China, the Chinese communique pedoed their ship a deeply tanned, destroyed 71 German planes yes- and a military spokesman said that shorts-clad officer called out Wed-terday while losing 26 of their own. when the Japanese rushed north

Cutter Sunk sinking a German cutter, virtual Road and another west to complete This farewell in what was de- annihilation of an enemy infantry occupation of the Lashio-Mandalay he President has directed a scribed as "perfect American" and battalion and destruction of two railroad and cut off Chinese troops Admiral Hoover, as com- other circumstances of the first ammunition dumps and oil stores still in the Mandalay area.

Department of State, to Mar- ers of the Gulf of Mexico today night communique said the enemy said the communique, and the Japfor the purpose of seeking brought speculation that Baron suffered heavy losses in manpowthe French high commissioner Edgar von Spiegel, hard-bitten er and equipment and listed 1,650 an understanding with respect Nazi has returned to fight the Nazis killed in two sectors during

They also disclosed that an ice supply road across Lake Ladoga ation policy of Monsieur Laval. sul general for the entire Gulf helped Russia's Leningrad resist coast from Florida to Texas. with the German siege successfully. Existence of the road was made of European affairs, Department U-boat in the World War and it is known in connection with the ship with loss of life, which earned emplary fulfillment of the govern-

him the title of "Germany's most ment order for the supply of Lenchivalrous U-boat captain." The ingrad and the Leningrad front. British captured von Spiegel in Pravda said the road was laid late last November across the ice-Although several officers were bound lake, "a gigantic undertakday's sinkings, announced today, of civil and military construction." stories indicated that after their traffic cease along the Ladoga ton Chamber of Commerce to com- Britain's swift occupation of Mad- of Japanese occupied Akyab, Bur-

deliverate attempt to let them get and blizzards and under bombard- retail stores and public buildings. the government's attitude toward ment from the air. . .trucks The committee is composed of the Laval government of Vichy, brought to Leningrad food, gaso- Knox Council, Sutton-Council com- which ordered the French to rebrought to Leningrad food, gaso-line, coal, ammunition, medicines pany; Ernest Beal, Belk-Williams sist their one-time allies in Madmolestation aboard life rafts and boats. The survivors all reached freight were transported over the Taylor, Inc.; William Taylor, Stan-

a few days before Paris fell, that carried arms and machines, it was commerce: W. A. Gilbertson. Credit Bureau. Inc.: and F. P. But the "second front," a su

The Ladoga ice has broken up States did everything in its power to aid her enemies."

The first five were selected by prime minister appears to have discussed in public, probably will not be included. Although there serves for spring battles. serves for spring battles.

The city still is under siege.

WEATHER

FORECASTS: CAROLINA — Slightly SOUTH CAROLINA-Little change

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Temperature:

1:30 a. m. 63; 7:30 a. m. 58; 1:30 p. m.

71; 7:30 p. m. 71; maximum 76; minimum

56; mean 66; normal 69.

Humidity:

1:30 a. m. 80; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m.

30; 7:30 p. m. 39.

Precipitation:

30; 7:30 p. m. 39.

Precipitation:

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.80 inches.

Tides For Today:

SMASH JAP REAR

Destroy 71 German Planes Strong Force Recaptures Former Allied Headquarters At Maymyo

DRIVES ON MANDALAY

One Nipponese Column Is Wiped Out And Other Reported Encircled

CHUNGKING, China, May 9. — (AP) — A strong Chinese army force which the adon May 7, in operations on the in central Burma has smashed hard into the exposed rear of the Japanese, recapturing the former Allied headquarters of Maymyo and driving against both Lashio and Mandalay, the Chinese announced to-

Seen As Experiment

This sudden maneuver, involving a forced march of more than 90 miles north from Taunggyi, already has Early in the war Soviet spokes—

This sudden maneuver, involving a forced march of more than 90 miles north from Taunggyi, already has cut off the main communications.

Allied and Japanese warships have engaged in the greatest naval battle of the war in the Coral sea east of Mustrlia. Allied headquarters said already 11 Japanese ships have been sunk and six badly damaged. Reports indicate the battle began near the Solomon islands (1) May 4. Allied bombers were reported to have sunk a Jap transport in the Louisiade archipelago (2) May 7. The presence of Japanese ships near Louisiades indicated a possible thrust at Port Moresby (3), or the northeastern Australian coast (marked by Australian flags). The Japs are based in northeastern New Guinea and New Britain. cut off the main communicanan, Vice Commissar of Foreign tion route and line of retreat Affairs S. A. Lozovsky, made pub- of the Japanese units that pressed lic documents that he said were so quickly along the Burma road found showing that the Germans into Yunnan province, China, said a communique.

The Japanese in Yunnan had split into two columns to try to outflank the Chinese, but one The Soviet army newspaper Red these columns already has been Star recently carried instructions wiped out and the other is vainty to the troops to keep strict watch trying to break out of an encircle ment, said the Chinese communique Giving a broad picture of a start ling reversal for the hitherto uni cially announced that nothing of formly-successful Japanese cam significance took place at the front paign in Burma and southwest ward through Burma they sent one

But suddenly the supposedly trap On the northwestern front the ped Chinese became very active, latest developments in the Brit-

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MERCHANTS' C.D.

recorded that he never sank a award of 341 decorations for "ex- Convenes Tuesday To Complete Plans For Protection Of Stores

morning, May 12, at 10 o'clock in nese in Burma, the Royal Air have penetrated India. "Not for a single minute did the office of the Greater Wilming- Force's mighty spring offensive. the paper said. "In frost plete plans for the protection of agascar's vital naval base, and ma, lies at the extreme east of the

The committee is composed of the Laval government of Vichy, road during the period of its operation."

Trucks returning from the city ing; J. L. Morris, chamber of when, on the night of Feb. 15, he O'Crowley, O'Crowley's Cleaners. The first five were selected by ize a plan of protection for civilians and buildings in the event of an air raid. Mr. Gilbertson is secretary of the organization Mr. secretary of the organization. Mr. this year, informed sources say Morris will represent the chamber that a public discussion by Churchof commerce, and Mr. O'Crowley, ill would be the "height of folly."
The fuel rationing issue hinges will represent the New Hanover **Basic Gas Rationing Unit**

TESTING DEFENSES

EXPLAIN MOVES Raids Are Third And BY HIT-RUN DRIVER Fourth Assaults Of War On Indian Mainland British Prime Minister Will

By PRESTON GROVER NEW DELHI, India, May 9-49-Japanese bombers prospecting for Minister Churchill will broadcast industrial province of Bengal, to he was walking along the Carolina to the world Sunday night (3 p.m. day for the second time in 24 Beach highway, near Legion stad-Eastern War Time) to explain the hours, bringing relatively close to ium, about 10:45 o'clock last night. the great Port of Calcutta the war

victory on the second anniversary of his selection as prime minister Indian mainland. and the start of the Nazi conquest of the Low Countries and France. The prime minister is expected chine gun attack upon Chittagong fair. to outline the part millions of Brit- yesterday afternoon caused slight ons will play in the campaign damage and some casualties, the months of 1942 to obtain the "vic- British reported. tory at all costs" to which he

morning were not announced hours It was predicted that Churchill after the bombers left. The Japanese apparently were also would defend the governtesting the defenses of Chittagong, ment's fuel rationing scheme, the most hotly debated issue in do- which doubtless is among the early objectives of any advance into In-

Other prime topics for discus- dia proper. There was no confir-The Merchants' Civilian Defense sion would include the gallant but mation, however, of vague Axis injured by shrapnel in Wednesing without parallel in the history committee will meet Tuesday ineffectual effort to halt the Japareports that enemy patrols already ineffectual effort to halt the Japa-Chittagong, 165 miles Northwest

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Th speech is expected to be

News But Contain Note Of Caution

LONDON, May 9-(AP)-Headlines proclaiming 'Invasion Fleet on the tic" told London newspapers readers tonight of the repulse of Jap-The fuel rationing issue hinges anese naval forces in the great Coral sea battle.

aution, however, pending receipt of the final "profit and loss" report on sinkings and damage. The Evening Standard said that although the final result of the battle remained to be determined, "here may be the first stroke in WASHINGTON, May 9.— (P) — not believe such short rations were retaliation for Pearl Harbor. . .

The Evening News commented Commenting on the rationing on the restraint shown in official 12:01 a. m. (local time) Monday, price each charged during March. program, Ickes emphasized today communiques, and said "the great- government controls will be clamped whose automobiles use is classed that his job began and ended with est naval and air clash of the on the prices charged by virtually night, the overall March ceiling as "non-essential" would be allow- the problem of getting all possible war is not over. It has temed three gallons of gasoline a supplies of gasoline to the east porarily ceased. We have won the first round. This is heartening but in the United States. "The function of rationing those by no means conclusive. The en-

"This is great news," the Star Henderson,' Ickes said. "He is do-told its readers. It added that reached, OPA said, on the basis of the basis assist him in every way we can." have been relatively light and Jap At the same time, Ickes recom- anese claims are officially dismis-

Japs Attack Chittagong For Second Time As They Push War Toward India and great reaches of the waters just northeast of this BRACELY INJURED

Lihou Reef

SOLOMON KIETA

ARCHIPELAGO

MILES 4

Young White Man Struck While Walking On Carolina Beach Highway

Robert Bracely, young white Prime Minister John Curtin put it, new fields of conquest raided Chit- man, was struck and seriously in- "as part of a struggle which must tagong. Eastern entryway into the jured by a hit-and-run motorist as continue until the enemy is defeat-Bracely was found to be suffer-

ish Empire's fight for survival and that India has dreaded so long. The moids were the third in from a severe concussion of scene of battle, from which land-The raids were the third and the brain and a laceration on the based United States Army bombers fourth attacks of the war on the right side of his head. Hospital at- took off to join the fight, came A high level bombing and ma- hospital described his condition as at all certain that Japanese forces

According to a companion who for. was walking with Bracely at the time of the accident, the car The results of the raid this struck him without lessening its not known how far the enemy had speed and continued on.

Y. A. training center on the Carolina Beach road, and gave his bomber unit found a Japanese conhome address as Murray.

State Highway Patrolmen are investigating the case.

Laurinburg-Maxton Air

War department announced today authorization for construction of that Tokyo's claims as to Allied in excess of \$3,000,000.

The construction will be super-SOUND WARNING The construction will be supervised by the Charleston, S. C., of Boston.

No further details were given.

MARSHAL WILHELM ARRIVES BERN. May 9 .- (P)-The arrival of German Field Marshal Siegmund talk to military and government step in the German preparations for regaining the offensive on the Rus-Editorials contained a note of sian front.

FIGHTING CEASES

Nipponese Warships Repulsed And Initiative Still In Allied Hands

TERMED FIRST ROUND

Eleven Enemy Ships Sunk And Six Others Gravely Crippled In Fight

By C. YATES McDANIEL

ALLIED HEADQUAR-TERS, Australia, May 9.—(AP) Australia counted herself saved tonight from the dread menace of immediate Japanese invasion, under which she has lived this past week, as General Douglas MacArthur announced that the enemy had been thrown back in the war's greatest sea and air battle at "relatively slight" cost to the victorious defending forces, chiefly American.

The battle of the Coral sea, at least its first phase, a roaring, flashing, swirling combat spread over six days and great reaches of the continent, had "temporarily

ceased." MacArthur's war bulletins told categorically of Allied success, the enemy repulsed, the initiative to attack still in

Allied hands. United Nations leaders warned, however, that this probably was only the first round with greater battles "yet to be fought," as

From advanced bases near the taches at James Walker Memorial authoritative word that it was not in this area had been accounted

Authorities there insisted the situation still was serious. It was withdrawn, perhaps to gather Bracely is a student at the N. strength for a new and greater smash into the Coral sea. One voy still south of New Britain, north of the battle area, only yesterday.

But the United Nations had Mac-Arthur's word for it that the Mikado's armada had been repulsed Training School Okehed with eleven of his ships sunk and six others gravely crippled and WASHINGTON, May 9-(A)-The that "our attacks will continue."

an air force training school at losses were "fantastic," its ac-Laurinburg-Maxton, N. C., to cost counts of the battle "entirely fictional."

(The Navy department announc-

district office of the corps of en- ed in Washington that its reports gineers. A contract for architectu- up to Saturday afternoon failed to 'Spread' Coral Sea Victory ral-engineering services has been substantiate the loss of any U. S. awarded Houston-Johnston. Atlan- aircraft carrier or battleship in the ta, Ga., and Metcalf and Eddy action. The Navy said that "reports of damage to our forces are incomplete," but that they would be announced when the information would not help the enemy.)

The feeling here at headquarters was that at the least United States Run" and "Tokyo Claims Fantas- Wilhelm List in Bucharest today to and Australian sea and air power had blunted if not broken the spearleaders is regarded here as another head of the first major Japanese attempt to resume the southward

Federal Wholesale Price **Control Effective May 11**

WASHINGTON, May 9.- (A)-At | spiraling living costs, is the highest every manufacturer and wholesaler

the nation's economic history, each ly everything consumers eat, use wholesaler and manufacturer will or wear.

One week from tomorrow midtakes effect on prices that America's 1,900,000 retail establishments may charge the buying public for virtual-

The government has had about 50 per cent of the wholesale price structure under controls imposed by more than 100 separate regulations and price schedules, and many retailers have thus benefited.

LONDON May 9.—(P)—With the and seaplane base. The Germans owed intention of smashing Nazi announced that Rostock also was

marine nests and the German bombed again, indicating that the force as the necessary prelimforce as the necessary prelim-the busy Baltic war supply cento invasion of the continent, ter.

four-motored Stirlings paid the Wilmington tack into an intense anti-aircraft defense, particularly at Warnemu-

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The Office of Price Administration necessary. announced today that motorists week under the rationing plan be-

board states. The decision to make three galof supply figures furnished by Petroleum Coordinator Ickes. There have been some indica-

tions that Ickes and his aides did

Is Set At Three Gallons

ginning May 15 in eastern sea-

supplies after they get to the east emy will try again." coast belongs to the office of Leon mended to WPB that both the ra- sed as fantastic exaggerations."

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become at the same time a government licensee, privileged to do business only so long as he sells his goods and his service at prices no higher than those fixed by the Office of Price Administration. This ceiling, designed to block upward