

U. S. WARSHIP TARGET OF SUB AT MARTINIQUE

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Martinique's territorial waters. Ten members of the Blakeley's crew are missing and six others were injured, but the ship reached the Martinique capital port of Fort De France under her own power. The Blakeley was patrolling the waters nearby in accordance with an agreement between the United States and the French high commissioner of Martinique, Admiral Georges Robert, when the torpedo crashed into her side. The identity of the submarine could not be learned immediately. But the incident emphasized the increasing tempo of sea warfare in the Caribbean where German and Italian submarines have been active for some time. It was the first time an armed vessel of the United States Navy had been attacked in that region. However, only five days ago the Dominican steamer Presidente Trujillo was torpedoed and sunk when only one hour out of Fort De France.

The captain and 14 other members of the 922-ton steamer's crew were landed at Martinique, but 24 others apparently were lost. The Dominican Republic is at war with the Axis powers. In March it was disclosed that a German submarine entered the harbor of Fort De France on Feb. 21 and very nearly precipitated seizure of the island by the United States. It was established that the submarine entered the port to put ashore a wounded member of the U-boat crew and took on no supplies.

The Vichy government then gave categorical assurances that it would not permit Axis submarines or warplanes to visit any French ports or territorial waters in the Western Hemisphere under any pretext.

The incident seemed destined to have wide repercussions in Vichy and Berlin, coming as it did during negotiations between the United States and the Martinique high commissioner—dealings in which Pierre Laval, Vichy chief of government, has sought to intercede.

U. S. PLANES SINK 2ND SUB OFF BRAZIL COAST

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elation as the detailed reports became known. Severino Sotero, captain of the Brazilian merchantman comandante Lyra, declared meanwhile that he had information clearly showing the damage to his ship by an Axis torpedo was made possible by fifth column activities. He did not elaborate. The comandante Lyra managed to reach port with the aid of a U. S. patrol ship.

The whereabouts of 50-odd survivors of another ship, who were picked up by the Argentine ship Rio Igazu after their vessel was torpedoed off Brazil, remained undetermined tonight. The Italians claimed the survivors were U. S. seamen from a battleship sunk by one of their submarines, but naval sources here said that no battleships were known to have been operating in the area.

The Rio Igazu had been expected at Recife, Brazil, but information available at that port said the survivors, if they should be U. S. seamen, might have been transferred from the Rio Igazu to one of the U. S. ships patrolling in the region.

Meanwhile the Brazilian government gave no indication of any retaliatory measures against the Axis for the sinking of six Brazilian ships and the damaging of the comandante Lyra by Axis submarines. Jose Maria Davila, the Mexican ambassador whose country is on the verge of declaring war on Germany, Italy, and Japan, still had not made his scheduled call on Oswaldo Aranha, Brazil's foreign minister.

TIRE SUBSTITUTES EXPECTED SHORTLY

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the gasoline shortage in the East. This line, he added, would cost about \$9,000,000. Funds for it are contained in legislation pending in Congress, he said, but he suggested that to expedite matters he would be willing to allocate money to it from a special emergency fund which is at his disposal.

Meanwhile, the senate's special defense investigating committee urged both the armed forces and civilians to save rubber because "it cannot be said that the problem is solved."

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High School Students Play The Game Of Exams

By MARK DOWTIN

It happened Tuesday at New Hanover high school and there'll be a recurrence of it today and Thursday.

That annual game of "what answer did you put for that third (or any number) question?" is in vogue as the students wrestle with final examinations for the current term.

If you are enrolled in school, you are participating in the game. However, if you are a 1920 or 30 graduate, you probably are a bit rusty and would like to brush-up on the subject.

Should you come in the latter classification, take your morning stroll by the drink stands bordering the school campus and listen in today.

Here's how the game proceeded Tuesday as the crowd gathered: "There were a possible 198 answers and everyone guessed at all but eight. I was certain of eight of the answers and I haven't found anyone who did better."

"Are you planning to be a scientist?" one of the group asked a studious-looking youth, who apparently had finished the heat near the top of the class. "Sure," came the reply, "and he (a bespectacled junior seated on the other side of the table) is going to be a minister."

Meanwhile, another eleventh-grader, oblivious to it all, was concentrating on "avoir" and "etre" and French idioms except for interruptions as "what was your answer for Number 10?" Boy, that was a tough algebra exam. "And they are letting you take plane geometry, too, eh?"

And, then, an indifferent trio appeared on the scene. First came "I don't have to attend school any more this week. I've taken two exams already and I'm not going to attempt the others." A brief discussion about school followed and they "freshened up" with drinks and changed the scenery.

A chunky red-head entered, greeted friends, tended to business and disappeared for a few minutes study before the next bell and bout.

The scene shifted rapidly for the next few minutes, then the bell and they shuffled off for another match (two-hour time limit) in preparation for the next round of "what answer did you put for number so-and-so?"

BOAT ORDINANCE MAY BE ADOPTED

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worked a hardship on businesses on the waterfront.

The one-way ordinance was put into effect upon recommendations of Chief of Police C. H. Casteen and Fire Chief J. L. Croom as a precaution in the event of a fire on the waterfront. City Manager James G. Wallace pointed out.

The "no left turn" now in effect at Tenth and Market streets also is expected to get attention of council. Some have the rule on the waterfront. City Manager James G. Wallace pointed out.

The Fourth street amendment, which calls for addition of another block to the "no parking" section of the street, may come up for discussion at the meeting.

NATIONAL UNITY ASKED BY ICKES

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these areas normally got 95 per cent of their oil by tankers, whereas there was no transportation shortage in the middle west, on the Gulf coast, in the Rocky Mountain area, or in California because they did not rely upon tankers. If nation-wide rationing is ordered to conserve rubber, the secretary said that "it would have no relationship to petroleum supplies"

U. S. STRATEGISTS LAND IN BRITAIN

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The Army's Ground Forces were among the officers with Gen. Arnold.

The very fact that the two ranking air officers of the U. S. Army and Navy headed the mission led to surmises that the first blow at Germany would be by air—and soon.

The Allies, it was pointed out, are getting "long" on airpower

and planes can be transported more rapidly across the Atlantic than to any other theater. Both American and British military experts have asserted that an invasion of the continent must be preceded by a terrific air hammering. They envision more than

1,000 Allied bombers smashing at Reich industries every night and thousands of fighters sweeping the Nazis from the air in the west. Arnold, Towers and their staff wasted no time after landing. Arnold's first job was to learn from the American air generals already

here how far the preliminary work was advanced. One of the problems facing Arnold was to determine in the light of British experience the types of planes the U. S. Air Force should use over the German-occupied continent. While American bombers

are more than equal to the best types now used over Europe, United States fighters have been less successful. Evidence that interlocking general American and British strategy for invasion of the continent was under discussion was seen in the

presence of Eisenhower and Clark, top ground officers. That plans are being coordinated also was seen in the recent assignment of Admiral Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations, as commander of U. S. naval forces in European waters.

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