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CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 7-(P)-Ap-

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 - (P)

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# FRICA IN NATION'S FIRST BIG-SCALE OFFENSIV

# **Americans Kill** 5.188 **Japs On** Solomon Isles of war.

U. S. Losses Are Estimated At One-Fifth Of The Nipponese Total

THREE-MONTH PERIOD

Army Advances On Guadalcanal; 369 Jap Planes Downed In October

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 American soldiers and Marines, and their supporting air and naval forces, have killed at least 5,188 Japanese in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands nce the invasion began three months ago today.

Comparable American losses can be estimated at about one-fifth of Japanese total, or 1,000 men, on the basis of a remark by Secreary Knox yesterday that enemy casualties were more than five times as great as ours.

The total of Japanese dead was announced by the navy in a comunique which also reported that 369 enemy planes had been destroyed in the South Pacific during the single month of October. Including these, the total of Jap planes destroyed since the beginning of the Solomons campaign as reported in Navy communiques stands at 529.

Army Advances An earlier communique announced that Army troops had made an eastward advance on Gu-

# MURDER TRIALS SCHEDULED HERE

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#### Cases Of Four Alleged Slayers To Be Called In Superior Court

Four alleged murders, one white and three negro, are scheduled to be placed on trial here during the two-week criminal term of superior court which convenes in the courthouse at 10 a.m. Monday with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, pre-

District Solicitor David Sinclair said yesterday that three other men charged with capital felonies are also scheduled to be tried at this term of court, two for criminal assault and one for first degree

A total of 77 criminal cases have been docketed for the term, 65 of hich are new cases and 12 cases which have been continued from the last term of court.

Twenty-four persons are now in er are free under bond, the so-

Otto P. Maxwell, self-confessed slayer of Johnnie A. Moore, Erwin hative, is the lone white man charged with murder. The other Maxwell allegedly stabbed Moore Both James M. Johnson and Arthur disclosed today. Carl T. Jeffries, charged with Simultaneously, General MacAr-

# High-Handed Inspection

(AN EDITORIAL)

The public health is to be safeguarded as a precious factor of victory in this war. It is never to be disregarded, but in times like these a healthy people are as indispensible as an invincible army and a sufficient supply of the tools

As one means for maintaining a high health standard, the authorities are required to investigate public eating places and close any that are insanitary. The food must places and close any that are insanitary. The food must be of good quality, carefully prepared and properly cooked; utensils must be clean and spotless, and all equipment in first class order. This is indispensible, and indifference to it cannot be condoned. Eating places which fail to observe common sense rules hygiene and sanitation deserve to be 100.000 Of Rommel's Men closed.

But there is a difference between common sense rules and arbitrary rulings. Agents conducting investigations must have some sense of proportion, if they are to be considered competent. When they assume a high-handed attitude and close restaurants or other public eating places for minor infractions that cannot adversely affect the public health, by reasons that are wholly technical and never practical, they are imitating Hitler's gestapo, and nothing

There has been in progress here for some days an inquiry into conditions existing at restaurants, cafeterias, drug stores and lunch counters, and many "closed" signs have appeared in doors and windows, usually at peak hours, while hundreds of Wilmingtonians have stood on the sidewalk and wondered where they could go for a meal.

Probably there was good reason for closing some. Cer- ned down in pockets far behind tainly there was no reason for other closings. One restaur- the swiftly moving African front ant is reported to have been barred because the table cloths today as the British Eighth Army merely covered the tables and did not hang over the edges. In others the hot water was not hot enough to please the inspectors. These are examples of the dictatorial methods employed by inspectors who, having a little authority, use foot soldiers left in the dusty backit bullyingly.

Proprietors of places thus manhandled, reputable men Bernard L. Montgomer into the and responsible citizens, whose word is good, say that they disorganized flanks of their main have been given no cooperation, no consideration, however prize the battered remnants of the insignificant their offense. They have been closed without German armored divisionswest of warning, not only to themselves but to their customers, the number of whom has increased tremendously in these last them entirely. They already had number of whom has increased tremendously in these last caught up with this fleeing force two years during which available homes have steadily de- once and sent it into headlong, harcreased and food supplies at stores have now almost hit assed retreat a second time.

The state health department, at the request of the coun- with the admonition that the "batnearth department, moved in because the local health the just won is only the beginning officer believed an investigation advisable. So far so good. of our task." The British object a baptism of fire for 52-year-old observed in the harbor at Gibral-But it is to be asked why the county board of health was apparently was to harry Rommel's Lieutenant General Dwight David tar and a later Vichy report said not given an adequate staff to do its full duty, when it was rest or regroup their shattered first found that it could not keep up with the help it had? forces. Why was the situation allowed to become allegedly acute, when it could have been foreseen that with the influx of new population there would have to be more public eating places needing regular inspection.

And why, when conditions had needlessly outstripped the local capacity to deal with them, should the state send inspectors incapable of distinguishing between insanitary eating places and table cloths that don't hang over the edges?

We hold no briefs for dirt. But we cannot agree that the health department is serving the best purpose when it allows hotheaded and high-handed inspectors to close food dispensaries whose worse sin is that the water in their boilers is under 170 degrees.

# **American Troops Menace** Japanese Base At Burma were listed today by Rep. Martin the European theatre on June 25, plain sight of many observers at London, after across the bay in Spain and was

OCCUPY ISLAND

jail awaiting trial and the remaind- Army Penetrates Central And Northern Papua In Vicinity Of Goal

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADce. Gerrard Spicer, Archie QUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, Garey and Will Strong are negroes. Nov. 8. —(P)— American combat to death here on September 25 troops are in action near Buna, after cornering him in a parked vital Jap base on the north New Comobile with Mrs. Maxwell. Guinea coast, Gen. Douglas Mac-

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# Youth Draft Bill Delay May Affect Married Men

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(R)— said that even if the measure is agressional delay in enacting finally passed next week and it is leen-age draft bill will cause signed immediately by President induction of 200,000 married Roosevelt, actual induction of 18 men into the armed forces in De- and 19-year-old men probably tember, who otherwise might not would not start until about Jan. 1. have been called until late next | Confirming this estimate, Senapring if at all, informed legis- tor Gurney (R.-S. D.) attributed lators said today. the result to delay caused by con-

This was an over-all figure for gressional controversy over a Senthe country as a whole. The effect ate amendment requiring a year's vary with each locality, de- military training after induction men still available to each could be sent into combat abroad.

the Sanate Military committe.

At Shipyard Tomorrow The War Chest drive at the

War Chest Drive Opens

North Carolina Shipbuilding company will be launched tomorrow morning, Storer P. Ware, secretary-treasurer the shipbuilding company and general chairman of the shipyard division of the chest drive, said yesterday.

"Shipbuilders over the country have proved to be a very potent factor in local War Chest campaigns," he stated. "We are confident that our Wilmington yard will equal, or better, the splendid records set by yards at Newport News, Portland, Seattle, and elsewhere.

"We consider the War Chest of vital importance to our war effort, and an economical way to administer local welfare needs.' Quotas for each department at the yard were set at a meeting Friday of departmental

chairman and shipyard officials. PRICE HIKES APPROVED

Stores got permission today from toes, onions and turkeys.

pending on the supply of unmar- befoe 18 and 19-year-old selectees foods were placed under tempor- copal Bishop James E. Freeman ary price 'freezes' October 5. To- of Washington, Theodore Dreiser, The War department has objectday's order is the first of a series Upton Sinclair and President Chairman Reynolds (D.-N. C.) ed strenuously to this restriction designating permanent price con- James Conant of Harvard. Premier Joseph Stalin had set



**Leads Invasion** 

GENERAL EISENHOWER

Is Baptism Of Fire For Gen. MacArthur's Former day night. Right Hand Man

North African invasi men constantly so they could not Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of four carriers were seen there. the Allied force.

> more than a quarter century in- ranean, DNB said, at least 100 cluded service in the first World other ships waited at Gibraltar. War, but his duty kept him in this the German reports said, were six country as a trainer of tank and cruisers, one auxiliary cruiser, 26 other troops while the actual fight-other troops while the actual fight-and one monitor. Fo transport ng took place largely in France. men, equipment and supplies there In recent years, the American were two transports, one of them commander in Europe saw serv- large, and possibly 40 merchant ice in the Philippines as the right men and 12 tankers. The remaindhand man of General Douglas Mac-tified. Arthur, but returned to this country before the Japanese invasion

of the islands. Increased representation for his party on congressional committees ant of army strategists, he was great Allied armada with "second and sharp reductions in non-mili-designated commanding general of front' intentions had set out ostary government expenditures the European theatre on June 25, tentatiously from Gibraltar in eader, as prime objectives for the four months as chief of the army now somehwere in the Meditergreatly - strengthened republican general staff's war plans division, ranean. Beaming his glee at his party's subsequently changed to the op- the British aim is to capture North ains throughout the nation in Tues- erations division.

day's election, he disclosed that the republican national committee, December 7 to give his full time military academy and commissionin 1915.

the republicans would fight for a ice included instructing reserve of who never have been interested greater voice in running the af- ficers at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., fairs of congress, he pledged that other officers at Fort Leaventhey would co-operate in the war worth, Kas., and organizing and effort "regardless of how the demo- training engineer and tank corps troops His declaration that the republi-

His star rose when he became cans would attack non . military an aide to MacArthur, then chief

## (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) of staff, in 1935. Roosevelt, Many Others Pay Tribute To Soviets

today to the grimly fighting Russians on their 25th anniversary of WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 - A the Communist revolution.

Mr. Roosevelts greetings were Price Administrator Leon Hender- displayed prominently in the Soson to increase the price of pota- viet press along with those from Wendell Willkie, Secretary of State These and a number of other Cordell Hull, Harry Hopkins, Epis-

By HENRY C. CASSIDY the theme of the celebration with MOSCOW, Nov. 7. - Presi- his stirring order of the day saydent Roosevelt and a long list of ing that 8,000,000 Germans and 53: 7:30 p. other Allied notables paid tribute mercenaries already had been converted into casualties and that:

"We can and must clear the Hitlerite filth from our Soviet soil. Mr. Roosevelt lauded the "incomparable heroism of the Russian army and said: "The steadily growing power of

the United States has been, and will continue to be, dedicated to complete victory.' Queen Wilhelmina of The Neth-

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Undertakes Invasion Of French North Africa In First Big U.S. Move

GREAT ARMADA

INVADE ATLANTIC, MEDITERRANEAN

COASTS IN STEPS TO TAKE CONTINENT,

FOUR CARRIERS Nazis Claim That Mighty

Fleet Out To Establish

Second Front

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8. -(AP)—Possibly the greatest invasion armada assembled n Europe since the start of the war undertook the invasion of French North Africa today in the first large scale action in the European theater in which the United

States has participated. A force of 24 warships, transports and freighters, followed by the great battleship Rodney and a heavy air escort were reported by the German news agency DNB to have left Gibraltar Thurs-

A possibility that as many as four aircraft carriers accompanied the attack fleet was seen in Axis WASHINGTON, Nov. 7—(R)—The reports. German broadcasts said the Furious, the Argus and another unidentified "flatton" had been

100 Ships at Gibraltar. In addition to the vessels which Eisenhower's military career of set out eastward into the Mediter-Among the 125 originally there.

AXIS AIRS REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 .- (A)-The Deemed among the most brilli- Berlin radio network persistently broadcast assertions today that a

African ports in order to set up places in Wilmington and New how to cooperate. A native of Tyler, Texas, Eisen- a second front from there," said Hanover county have been inspecthower was graduated from the one of these German broadcasts. ed and graded in the past two general directed that they fly confirmation from any American board of health in co-operation and attention to guiding republican ed a second lieutenant of infantry or British source, but independent with the city-county health office, American flag, one above the dispatches from La Linea, Spain, Dr. A. H. Elliot, city-county health other, or two Tri-Colors by day While Martin made it clear that In the first World war his serv- where there are many observers officer, announced yesterday.

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### WEATHER

FORECAST:
NORTH CAROLINA — Scattered light showers or drizzle with somewhat lower temperature Sunday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours

Meteorological data for the 27 income anding 7:30 p. m., yesterday:

Temperature:

1;30 a. m. 60; 7:30 a. m. 57; 1:30 p. m.

15; 7:30 p. m. 65; maximum 75; minimum 66; mean 66; normal 58.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 92; 7:30 a. m. 87; 1:30

53; 7:30 p. m. 80.

Precipitation:
Total for the 24 hours ending
m. 0.00 inches; total since the
the month, 0.00 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAX:

(From the Tide Tables published U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington

9:27a.

4:00a.
9:27a.

4:00a.
9:40p.
4:33p.

7:05a.
12:50a.

The Germans continued to attack fiercely on the Nalchik plains at the foot of the 18,000 foot Causes in the solution of the city.

Sunrise 6:38a; sunset 5:14p; moonrise 6:25a; moonset 5:14p. Masonboro Inlet \_

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ACTION ANNOUNCED BY ROOSEVELT

Nation's Chief Says Made To Forestall Axis **Invasion That Would Threaten America** Across Narrow Sea From Africa

TROOPS HAVE BEEN IN BRITAIN

#### President Calls On French To Oust Their Enemies; Forces Will Be Reinforced By **British Troops In The Near Future**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 .- (P) -Powerful American expeditionary forces are landing on the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts of the French colonies in Africa in the first big-scale offensive of the war under the Star Spangled

An electrifying announcement of the action, obviously aimed at winning complete domination of the dark continent and reopening the Mediterranean sea for the United Nations in conjunction with the victorious British drive westward from Egypt, was made in a simultaneous announcement tonight by President Roosevelt and communique from the War department.

**Double Purpose** The White House statement said the purpose of the

move was two-fold: 1. To forestall an Axis invasion there which "would constitute a direct threat to America across the compara-

tively narrow sea from western Africa." 2. To provide "an effective second front assistance to

our heroic allies in Russia."

London Electrified

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8 .-

(A)-The United States landings

on the French North African

coasts electrified the city of

London, which had been filled

with rumors that something

"awfully big" was brewing for

A military source hailed the

**INSPECTED HERE** 

American operation as "magni-

**275 RESTAURANTS** 

Food Establishments Grad-

ed By Inspectors From

State Health Board

tors are co-operating in making

any necessary improvements in or-

patrons," declared Dr. Elliot.

this week-end.

Thus the Axis had an emphatic answer to its attempts to "fish for information"

by broadcasting accounts of heavy Allied troop convoys escorted by warships mustering at the rock of Gibraltar By U. S. Landings in recent days.

> The troops apparently were some of those which have been concentrated in the British Isles for some time, itching for action as they went through the final stages of their battle training, for they were commanded by Lieutenant General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commanderin-chief in the European

had been in Britain. Eisenhower broadcast a message to the people of French North Africa on behalf of the President assuring them that "we came among you soley to destroy your enemies and not to harm you" and issued a proclamation instructing them Approximately 275 food handling

theater whose headquarters

To signify cooperation, the The Berlin reports were without weeks by inspectors from the state the French Tri-Color and the and shine a searchlight vertically "The results of this survey show into the sky by night. He also diin suppressing Allied military se- that a majority of the cafe opera- rected French naval and aviation units to remain idle.

> Eisenhower's message indicated der to safeguard the heath of their that the troops were pouring ashore in Morocco, which has both "Not only are these operators Atlantic and Mediterranean shores, making every possible effort to and the remainder of French North

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# Soviet Soldiers Holding **Ground Along All Fronts**

By EDDY GILMORE

The Red army held its ground on all fronts Saturday, the 25th anmiversary of the Russian revolution, and killed more than 1,800 pulsed all the attacks and killed Germans in Stalingrad, the Central about 700 Germans. The Russians Caucasus and the Western front, also were able to consolidate their

casus mountains, where the Russians threw two armored trains into the battle yesterday, but failed to gain, the communique said.

MOSCOW, Sunday, Nov. 8.-(P)- their tanks and infantry against

In Stalingrad they also threv

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