

# Gov. Lehman To Distribute Help Abroad

## Plan Early Start On Aid To People In Lands Held By The Allies

### TO RESIGN DEC. 3 Arms And Ammunition To Be Supplied To North Africa Residents

By RICHARD L. TURNER  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today placed Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York in charge of distributing American food, clothing and medicine to the people of lands occupied by troops of the United Nations.

Indicating that the President wishes an early start made on this task, the White House announced that Lehman will resign his gubernatorial post about Dec. 3. His term would normally expire on Jan. 1. He did not seek re-election.

The appointment implements an announcement made by the White House a week ago that no one in territory occupied by American troops would be allowed to go hungry if it was humanly possible to supply food.

The same announcement told of an order that not only food and clothing, but arms and ammunition as well, be supplied to the people of north Africa. The whole project was considered to have a powerful propaganda appeal for the French and the people of other nations which have been conquered and occupied by Nazi troops.

By contrast with the policy enunciated by the President, Nazi occupation has meant hunger—often starvation—for subject peoples. Most of them were drained of their food stocks early in the occupation. Heavy levies have since been made upon their crops to feed Germany and the German army.

Some thought that the promise of food would prove an inducement for the Italian people to help in facilitating an Allied invasion of

# EIGHT INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

## Four In Serious Condition Following Smash-up At Intersection Here

Eight persons were injured, four of them seriously, in a collision at the intersection of Fourth and Walnut streets here early Friday night in which four automobiles were damaged.

The accident occurred, police officers revealed yesterday, when a Hudson sedan travelling east on Walnut street struck a Ford sedan which was proceeding south on Fourth street.

The impact sent the Ford hurtling onto the sidewalk of Walnut street, 24 feet from the point of the collision, while the Hudson sedan continued across the intersection and crashed into the rear of two parked automobiles, damaging them both.

Admitted to James Walker Memorial hospital were:

Miss Mary Lou Merritt of 417 Red Cross street, a passenger in the Ford sedan, fractured leg.

Miss Ruby Hothouser of Lake Village, a passenger in the Ford sedan, fractured clavicle.

Bill Autry of 209 South Front street, passenger in the Ford sedan, fractured leg.

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# WEATHER

FORECAST  
North Carolina: Colder Sunday with occasional rain.  
EASTERN STANDARD TIME  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature  
1:30 a. m., 62; 7:30 a. m., 62; 1:30 p. m., 72; 7:30 p. m., 68; Maximum 80; Minimum 59; Mean 70; Normal 54.

Humidity  
1:30 a. m., 84; 7:30 a. m., 94; 1:30 p. m., 53; 7:30 p. m., 80.

Precipitation  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.10 inches; for since the first of the month, 0.10 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington  
High 9:25a 3:45a  
Low 9:41p 4:29p

Masonboro Inlet  
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Sunrise, 6:52 a. m.; Sunset, 5:05 p. m.; Moonrise, 5:24 p. m.; Moonset, 6:25 a. m.

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# Appointed

## GOVERNOR LEHMAN

### WOMEN WILL PUSH BOND SALES HERE

#### 'Women At War Week' To Get Under Way In Wilmington Today

Arrangements were completed yesterday for the "Women at War Week" bond and stamp drive which gets under way in Wilmington today and will continue through November 28.

The week, on a nation-wide scale, has as its aim the greatest sale of war bonds in the history of the country. Adopting the slogan, "T. N. T.—Today, Not Tomorrow," the women's organization will attempt to drive home the point that the need for war bond investment on an all-out basis is urgent. They will stress enrollment in the 10 per cent purchases class the payroll deduction plan, and for the individual woman, a pledge to carry a stamp book at all times, to know the importance of so doing, and to tell others about the plan.

Mrs. S. D. Hurst will represent the Parent-Teacher association in the drive this week. Mrs. Louis Orrell, chairman of specialties, will have assisting her Mrs. William Henderson, —r., and Mrs. Charles King.

There will be special "Woman at War" booths established in the following places:

Bailey theatre, with women of the American Legion Auxiliary participating as follows: Mesdames D. M. Darden, Walter Curtis, J. F. Mann, Finley McMillan, J. R. Benson, G. C. Malpass, Thomas J. Gause, C. C. Pinckney, William D. Jones, D. M. Holmes, W. J. Riley, H. M. Roland, Ted Peders, J. B. Edwards, C. David Jones, and Donald King.

At Belk-Williams company, with these members of the Colonial Ladies in charge: Mrs. Philip W. Delano, Miss Emma Bellamy Williams, Mrs. Thomas Wright, Mrs. William McK. Bellamy, Miss Jeanie Strange, Miss Maude Kingsbury, Mrs. J. Laurence Sprunt, Mrs. Robert Strange, Jr., Mrs. Allen Whitehead, Miss Marguerite MacRae, Mrs. Warren S. Johnson, Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Mrs. Louis T. Moore, Mrs. Thomas Darst, Mrs. Benjamin Washburn, Mrs. Raymond Holand, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Clarence Maffitt, Mrs. William G. James, Mrs. Henry Latimer and Miss Carrie Moore.

Women at the Wilmington Information-Filter center will have a booth there with volunteer workers in charge.

Mrs. John Hoggard, regional district chairman of the program, will broadcast on the subject at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning over station WMFD. Over the Mutual network a special, "Women at War Week," broadcast will be heard at 3:30 p. m. November 22, and over the Columbia Broadcasting system the subject of "Women at War" will be given at 7:30 o'clock that night.

# Soviets Hurled Germans Back In Caucasus

## Two Companies Annihilated Or Dispersed

### STALINGRAD QUIETER

#### Nazi Winter Equipment Insufficient To Cope With The Climate

MOSCOW, Sunday, Nov. 22.—(AP)—German assaults intended to better the Nazi position in the Caucasus after the smashing Russian victory before Ordzhonikidze have been consistently hurled back by Russian units and at least two companies have been annihilated or dispersed, the Russians reported early today.

The Soviet midnight communique announced that in the Mozdok area (in the same general sector where the Germans were beaten) one Soviet unit in one day repelled three enemy attacks, "annihilating some two companies of enemy infantry."

On that cold Caucasus front, the communique added, "Soviet artillery and mortar fire dispersed and partly annihilated about a battalion of German infantry."

Fighting continued in the sector southeast of Nalchik, where the Germans apparently took their best beating in the action before Ordzhonikidze.

One Red guards unit "wiped out more than 700 enemy officers and men" in that area, the communique said, and two enemy tanks were disabled and four burned out. "Six German trucks were destroyed as well as six heavy machine guns."

"Northeast of Tuapse on one sector our troops pressed the enemy back somewhat and captured several fortified positions," the communique said, reporting on the fighting in the Black sea area of the western Caucasus.

Attacks dwindle.

The German attacks in Stalingrad appeared to have dwindled considerably from the Russian war report.

In the factory district of Stalingrad our troops repelled attacks of small enemy groups," the communique said. "In other sectors our artillery engaged the enemy in duels. During the day 300 of the enemy troops were killed, and six guns and eight mortars were destroyed.

Exchanges of fire on the central and northwestern fronts also were reported.

Russian reports yesterday said the German command appeared to be reforming its shattered lines southeast of Nalchik in the Caucasus for a new blow at the Russians.

Nazi infantry, supported by tanks and Rumanian Alpine troops struck back at the Ordzhonikidze defenders, but these counter blows along the Nalchik plain and in the foot-

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# General J. B. M. Hertzog Dies In South Africa

## CAPETOWN, Nov. 21.—(AP)—General J. B. M. Hertzog, former prime minister of the Union of South Africa, who lost office when he denounced Great Britain's war on Germany as a "crime" and tried to keep his country neutral, died today and thus was ended a famous feud with Jan Christiaan Smuts, present prime minister.

Hertzog, 76, died at the home of his son in Pretoria. He had entered a hospital two months ago for an abdominal operation.

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# ALLIES ACTIVE

## Decision Might Be Most Smashing Land Blow Japs Have Suffered

### WARSHIPS MANEUVER

#### Fighting Continues Along Coastal Strip Between Gona And Buna

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—American troops have punched their way westward on Guadalcanal into territory formerly held by the Japanese, the Navy said today—a development which gave force to Secretary Knox's recent statement that our hold on the island "is now very secure."

A communique said the American line had been advanced to a point five miles west of Henderson field and a mile beyond the Matanikau river,

formerly the western boundary of the American position.

This statement of successes to the west followed one yesterday which told of effective action to the eastward of the air field, in which about half of a Japanese landing force of 1,500 were killed.

The advance to the westward occurred on Nov. 18 Guadalcanal time. It was undertaken and carried out although "enemy patrols were active." During the same day, the Navy's communique said, Army Lockheed "Lightning" fighter planes

shot down three Japanese "Zero" fighters in the Buna area.

On the 19th, "U. S. patrol activity on Guadalcanal resulted in the advance of our out-post line." In that advance, the direction of which was not given, "about 35 Japanese were killed" and "U. S. forces suffered a few casualties."

On November 21, American aircraft carried out eleven "attack missions against enemy installations" on the island and "ground forces engaged in minor activities."

# FRENCH ATTACK NAZIS NEAR TUNIS, BIZERTE AS ALLIES PUSH FORWARD;

## AMERICANS, JAPS BATTLE FOR BUNA

# U. S. Captures Former Jap Territory On Guadalcanal

## TAKE CROSS-ROADS

### Axis Bracing For Imminent Fight Against Allied Troops In Tunisia

#### FIGHTING INCREASING

##### Germans Take Steps To Guard Against Uprising In Defense Area

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 22.—(AP)—A French assault on German dugouts in the hastily erected Nazi defense arc around Tunis and Bizerte, with the result still undetermined, and the capture by Allied advance units of an important cross-roads in the Tunis area were reported early today from North Africa, where powerful Allied forces are moving rapidly to smash the beleaguered Axis Tunisian troops.

Reports from Allied force headquarters indicated that the fighting is hourly growing in intensity, with the Germans and Italians bracing themselves for the imminent fight against the main body of British, American and French troops.

Moving Eastward

A steady stream of men and materiel was moving eastward as far west as Casablanca against the Germans and Italians, cut off from all retreat except by sea or air.

The Allied main forces were progressing methodically for the kill, despite intense air attacks and violent air battles.

Reports from the Allied headquarters indicated that the British, American and French spearheads had seized the cross-roads and driven the Germans back. The gain in this struggle included a bridge.

Then the Germans dug in and

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# ANTI-POLL LEVY BILL NEAR DEATH

## Supporters Of Measure Unable To Muster Force To Beat Southerners

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—The senate held a clinic today over the moribund anti-poll tax bill, but lectures by its friends and foes only deepened the general conviction that the measure would die Monday.

One formality remained to be carried out. By the terms of an agreement which ended a seven-day filibuster, senators will vote at 1 p. m. Monday on invoking the cloture rule, which would limit each member to one hour's discussion.

A two-thirds majority would be required to put the rule into effect, and even the strongest supporter of the measure conceded their inability to muster that many votes against the close-knit opposition led by a group of southern senators.

The bill would abolish the collection of poll taxes as a prerequisite to voting in elections involving federal officials.

Majority leader Barkley agreed that if the cloture could not be obtained he would move to lay the bill aside and fight any further effort to call it up this session.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), author of the bill, told the senate he would sponsor amendments to the senate rules which would curb filibustering.

"The time to permit filibusters has passed in America," he told the senate. "An admittedly district minority wouldn't even let the

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# CIVILIAN CONTROL OF LABOR FAVORED

## Congressmen Oppose Pas- sage Of Manpower Rights To Military Officials

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Demands that control of industrial manpower be retained in civilian hands instead of allowing it to pass to military authorities came from bi-partisan sources in congress today.

Urging congress to "take the bit in its teeth," Senator Taft (R.-Ohio) declared that action ought to be forthcoming at once to establish centralized control over the nation's workers and end the confusion he said now existed.

Taft told reporters he read into some recent administration moves a trend that appeared to be leading toward military control of manpower, a result he said he would oppose vigorously.

Chairman Pepper (D-Fla.) of the senate labor subcommittee investigating the problem said he also was flatly opposed to having military authorities dictate the disposition of civilian workers.

"That would be a case of the tail wagging the dog," Pepper declared. "After all, the Army represents only a small sector of the whole population."

Pepper said his subcommittee country's industrial leaders next

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The company builds Liberty ships and other vessels.

Lucien Koch, port director of the union, said the intra-union dispute was caused by the "resentment of one group" of union men to the employment of negro workers, adding, however, that "the union position in the matter is clear as all available forces of labor must be used at the present time."

The coast guardsmen were assigned, Abel said, when officials of the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyards advised him of the situation and suggested it was "desirable for me to bring in coastguardsmen."

Sixty-four men were in the contingent, Abel continued, adding "their assignment was purely a precautionary measure."

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# WEGMUND IS HELD IN GERMAN PRISON

## Arrested As Hostage To Replace Giraud In Koenigstein Fort

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Gen. Maximilian Weygand, Allied Generalissimo before the fall of the French republic, has been arrested as a hostage to replace Gen. Henri Giraud in Koenigstein fortress at the direction of Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister, according to reliable information reaching New York from Europe today.

Giraud escaped from the Nazi prison late last spring, then went to North Africa where he joined American troops at the head of a Fighting French column when Algeria was invaded.

Ribbentrop, according to these advices, informed Marshal Petain, French chief of state, in a letter that Giraud's departure meant he had broken a promise to Germany. Consequently, Germany could no longer accept the word of any French officer and would therefore take Weygand into custody to play safe.

Weygand left Petain's house with his wife and son in Petain's motor car the night of Nov. 12. The car

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# Early Plans To Extend City Limits Discussed

Preliminary plans for the projected extension of the limits of the city to include business and residential areas which have appeared beyond the present boundaries within the past few years were discussed at a meeting between the city council's committee on the city limits extension and Senator-Elect James E. L. Wade and Representative - Elect Robert M. Kermon, Friday afternoon, Mr. Kermon revealed yesterday.

The two legislators, Mr. Kermon requested the committee to furnish them engineering data on

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# COFFEE JOINS RANKS OF RESTRICTED FOODS; STATUS OF MEAT AND BUTTER CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Coffee took its place with sugar tonight on the list of foods restricted by the war while rationing officials studied the status of meat and butter.

As coffee sales were halted for one week preliminary to the start of a cup-a-day rationing, a spokesman for the Office of Price Administration said that butter and meat supplies were in "pretty bad shape" although butter was not scarce enough yet to warrant immediate rationing. Meat is to be rationed about January 15 when

the new "universal books" are expected.

Meanwhile officials proceeded with plans to ration gasoline throughout the country December 1 as a tire conservation measure despite fresh clamor in congress against the program. A house committee questioned William M. Jeffers, rubber administrator, during the day.

For easterners, tonight brought a zero hour in the garage as well as the kitchen. The value of the basic "A" gasoline ration coupon was cut from four gallons to three