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June 15 when a new stamp will be designated. Officials said that the nation still Officials said that the nation still hicles on a road in the same area. ed on Page Five; Col. 5) nicles on a road in the same area. The Algiers radio reported that

tain Of Djebel Mansour In Tunisia

merchant vessels off the coasts of throughout the entire area and ex- Kharkov. North and South America.

Japanese planes were inactive vital railroad between Rostov and

North and South America. The latest sinking brought to 611 the Associated Press tally of an-dighters in the Lae area, Allied activity was limited to armed re-populated places north of Kursk, nounced Allied and neutral cargo connaissance with incidental bomb- apparently in the same general ship losses in western Atlantic at- ing and strafing in Dutch New area as the advance that carried Guinea, the Celebes, and Cape to Fatezh. The Russians also were reported pushing in strength westward deep in the Ukraine, and the midnight communique announced the fall of number of populated places. **AT HEADQUARTERS** among them Protopopovka, Petrovskaya and Grushevakha, the latter two only 25 miles east of the Kharkov-Crimean railroad. In the fighting north of Kursk, said the war bulletin, the Ger-Prime Minister Returns To Number 10 Downing mans launched a counterattack but it was beaten off with 300 Nazis Street After Trips killed and 280 taken prisoner. Olginskaya, about seven miles southeast of besieged Rostov, also LONDON, Feb. 7-(P)-In high was taken, the later communique spirits and glowing with health, reported. Winston Churchill returned trium-Elsewhere the Soviet offensives phantly today from his 10,000-mile continued to smash forward, with air tour of North Africa and the more populated places encompass-Middle East and drove directly to ed and losses inflicted on the rumber 10 Downing street to pre- German defenders. pare his report to the nation on his The German radio meanwhile conference with President Rocse- reported that the "evacuation of velt at Casablanca and with Presi- the Kuban region between the Ros-Churchill landed at an English heads was carried out without enedent Ismet Inonu at Adana. my pressure" and all war material airport earlier in the day in an my pressure in time or installa-American-built Liberator bomber, tions destroyed. the same type of four-engined Capture of Kramatorskaya put plane in which he made virtually the Russians on three sides of the all the long 26-day trip which car- large railway center of Slavyansk. ried him to French North Africa, Kramatorskaya is only nine miles to Cairo, to neutral Turkey, to Cy- south of Slavyansk, while Barvenprus and to newly-conquered Tri- kova, 27 miles west of Slavyansk, was captured yesterday. The Russians thus were only a "I feel splendid." He greeted friends. "It was a perfect flight." little over 50 miles north of the vastly important Donets basin in-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) dustrial city of Stalino.

tioning was instituted to prevent with military and interna oarding and to provide as liberal fairs to give much time to the problem a ration as possible.

First announcement was made from the White House by James F. Byrnes, director of economic tationing was inevitable because pairs of shoes a month.

Besides rationing, he said, the cases obtained them.

for the duration, Byrnes listed volved. many sport shoes, men's patent leather shoes, women's formal from the farm belts over prosevening slippers, men's sandals, pects for meeting 1943 food prometal spike golf shoes."

tial" types of shoes, Byrnes said to complete for manpower. the shoe industry was being asked to develop "war model or utility and pleasing design at a reasonable price." In addition, the industry will be

urged to seek a new model using

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For North Carolina-Slightly warmer

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 7-(P)-Weather pareau records of temperatures and rain-ali for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in a principal cotton growing areas and dewhere:

High\_Low R'fall Asheville Adantic City ----37 35 e Rock rtland. Me. \_\_\_ (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) Turkey is the most important of all (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

Labor's demands were voiced re-cently when CIO President Phillip cently when CIO President Phillip Murray and AFL President Wilabilization, who said that shoe liam Green said at the White House that their men needed higher wagthe submarine menace limits im- es because the cost of living was ports of hides and because the rising. About the same time, John armed forces are taking about L. Lewis demanded a \$2 a day inone-third of the available supply creases for his miners, and the of sole leather. One hundred sol- railroad unions spoke up for more diers, he explained, wear out 17 pay. Smaller labor groups have petitioned for increases from the War Labor Board and in some

supply of leather will be conserved by limiting manufacturers "to the ter fight in Congress the Office most essential types of shoes;" by of Price Administration got aueliminating all colors except white, thority to put ceilings on farm black, town brown, and Army rus- prices at parity levels. There then set; by eliminting decorative straps arose a controversy about the and other wasteful leather styles; meaning of parity. The administraimiting the use of heavy duty tion insists that the amount of leather to work shoes; limiting ladies' heels to not more than 2 5-8 be deducted in figuring parity. inches in height; and prohibiting Farm groups say that should not civilian boots more than 10 inches be done and moreover there should

be something extra for the unusual-As specific examples of "less ly high cost of farm labor. Quesessential shoes" slated for discard tions over subsidy also are in-On Capitol Hill, gloomy reports

Walter Lippmann Says:

By WALTER LIPPMANN

satisfied with the agreement. For

0.00 given to post-war problems, on speculate about.

duction goals brought a renewal pact does not mean declaration of While promising the public a today of pleas for higher agricul-

Senator Aiken (R-Vt) advocated continous meetings by an Agri- because we have not been attacked Tunisia border by opposing eleity types of shoes of standard qual- cultural subcommittee to create by Japan. But if tomorrow Japan sentiment among city consumers attacks us, we will fight her im-

**ATLANTIC PACT** 

Japan But Breaks Relations

RIO De JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 7. yesterday of the entire cabinet with President Getulio Vargas.

zil's new status included a state of

ha said today: tic Charter and the United Nations can strike toward the sea.

wide selection of all "more essen- tural prices to enable producers parable with that of Soviet Russia

behind a program "to raise prices, mediately.

Stalin Seems Favorable

To Casablanca Meeting

The question whether Stalin is in agreement about the settlement of

greement with the plans made at the war in that part of the world

Casablanca is effectively answered would be conceivable without Rus-

by Mr. Churchill's visit to Turkey. sia's approval. The Prime Minister took with him Mr. Churchill's mission proves

but also high diplomatic officials, strategical plan of action was in and then announced, among other fact worked out at Casablanca.

0.00 not only his principal staff officers, also, if proof were needed, that a

0.00 things, that "consideration also was What plan, it will be better not to

0.00 which agreement was again reach. The president returned to the sub-

0.00 ed." We may take it as absolutely 0.00 certain that Mr. Churchill, speak 0.00 ing also for the president, could 0.00 not have announced such an agree Brazil. It might just as well be un-



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tions as a full partner in the war vers expressed the belief that such front,

patch from Rio de Janeiro, report- have turned the Tunisian plateau yan border. ed incorrectly last night that Bra- battlegrounds to mud. belligerency with Japan.)

Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aran. trol the mountain heights dominat-"Brazil's adherence to the Atlan. Americans must regain before they

war on Japan. Our position is com-

in relation to Japan. "We are not at war with Japan lively artillery fire along the Libya-

|Russia's western neighbors, and ne

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## **RAF** Raiders Range **Over Burma In Big** Attacks On Japanese

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7.-(AP)-RAF bombers and fighters ranged over Burma yesterday and last night in widespread attacks which caused heavy damage to Japanese transportation and military installations, a British communique announced today.

In the lower Chindwin valley, the communique said, Hurricanes destroyed three locomotives and damaged 40 railway cars, eight locomotives, three fuel tanks and several small factories in low-flying sweeps. Bomber tarkets included railway yards at Mandalay, villages on Akyab island, enemy positions near Rathedaung on the Mayu peninsula and shipping off the western Burmese coast. All the British planes were reported to have returned safe-

ment with Turkey if Russia had derstood, he said, by those who 0.00 not been consulted and were not hold Dakar and the West African

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was piling up great stores of war equipment and resting the striking the mountain of Dichel Mancourt tacks since Pearl Harbor. force of his Eighth Army for another thrust such as those which 20 miles southeast of Pont du Fahs er thrust such as those which smashed through Rommel's army which drove them from the height the Alamain and el Aghela. after they had captured it in a their greatest successes. The under-

An Algiers broadcast yesterday stiff fight last Wednesday. unconfirmed by other sources, said Djebel Mansour, a thickly wood-Montgomery's troops were "a good ed ridge also known as Hill 648,

60 miles inside Tunisia," very close along with a neighboring ridge, to the Mareth line, behind which Alliliga, has been the scene of many of Rommel's troops have tak- sharp clashed between Allied and Axis forces for several days for

Axis commentators asserted today control of the range of command-(P)-Brazil joined the United Na that a new thrust by Montgomery ing heights before the coastal was imminent, while British obser- plains.

While rain and mud slowed the against Germany and Italy and an- a move would be a signal for the ground fighting on the plateau, nounced her adherence to the At- British and American army in Tu- Axis troops appeared successful lantic Charter following a meeting nisia to start a simultaneous drive in their attempt to prevent Am erican and British forces from knif-Military observers closer to the ing through the passes to the east

however, were of the coast to cut behind Marshal Erwin (The Associated Press, through faulty interpretation of a cable dis-might be delayed by the rains which in the coastal road from the Lib-

British and American patrols continued small sorties along the At virtually every point on the Axis west front, however, while west front the Germans still con-General Sir Bernard L. Montgom ing passes which the British and ery's Eighth British Army pinched closer on Rommel's southern defense line in the Mareth area RAF raiders as well as ground pa-Other reports of action in the trols struck at the Germans in the Mediterranean theater came from

Mareth line, area. Axis sources. An Italian high com-RAF Hurricane bombers, escortmand communique said there was ed by Spitfires, shot up German trucks in a low level attack southwes of Pont du Fahs, while Am erican fighter planes silenced an (Continued on Page Six; Col. 1)

anti-aircraft position 15 miles northwest of Faid pass and burned two vehicles on a road in the same area, which lies northwest

was limited, the Twelfth U. S. Airforce headquarters announced ed and 72 damaged in the week 80 Axis planes had been destroy-

planes lost or missing. During the entire African cam-

RHINELAND ATTACKED

sea craft remain this country's

The Mediterranean

By The Associated Press A special German high command communique said today Nazi U-boats had sunk a British cruiser of the 5,450-ton Dido class in the eastern Mediterranean and 20 Allied merchant vessels en route to various war zones.

by torpedo hits. Japs Lose Heavily:

While air activity at the moment

Area Broken By U. S. SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUI- was lost and not a crewman was NEA, Feb. 6.-(Delayed)-(P)-The injured. Only a few Allied planes

Air attacks of Axis shipping in the Mediterranean during the Afri-of planes in daylight today and ding mountains between Wau and

aged and 36 damaged to a lesser lies in this area. extent, the announcement said.

Secretary of the Navy Knox said Gloucester.

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Nazis Claim Sinking Of British Cruiser In

The bulletin, broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press in New York, was without confirmation in Allied quarters. The period covered was not specified.

Of the merchant vessels, the high command said 16 were fully laden transports and tank-ers totaling 102,500 tons and four were transport sailing ships "in convoys bound for England and carrying goods for the African and Russian fronts." It declared that three additional vessels had been damaged

of Sfax.

Attempt To Raid Wau ended Friday, against 38 American

paign 338 enemy planes have been destroyed and 264 damaged, the announcement said, while 162 Am-

can campaign have resulted in 14 suffered one of the most crushing the sea. sinkings, eight ships severaly dam- air defeats yet inflicted by the Al-

the Skagerrak, Baltic and French Of the large defending force of Paupan campaign, the full weight

channel coast.

The thrusts to Fatezh and Goshtesheva established Soviet spearheads between three major bases which the Germans have held since the fall of 1941-Orel, Kursk and Belgorod.

Orel and Kursk were threatened by gradual encirclement by Russians on either side of these places.

Col. Gen Nikolai Vatutin's columns pushing across the Donets also threatened the encirclement Japanese attempted to raid the were damaged during the two-hour of Kharkov and Belgorod from the south, but these forces had not

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tor of Wau, 35 miles southwest of maua and the sister port of Lae. In view of the successful use of

(The size of the Japanese raidlies in this area. Of the attacking force, 41 Japa-nese bombers and fighters were het down on seriously demaged shot down or seriously damaged.

LONDON, Feb. 7.-(P)-Scattered The Americans destroyed five Salamaua, which would menace targets in the Rhineland were atsance while the big bombers center- two of the bombers was officially Allied air 'ransports for the moveed their attention of mining Ger- credited to anti-aircraft gun crews. ment of men and supplies in the

tacked last night by RAF planes sibly destroyed three more bombwhose main mission was reconnais- ers and 12 fighters. Destruction of