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CITY REGIME BILL REVIVED BYN. C. HOUSE

PUT ON CALENDAR

Action Taken Upon Motion Of Kermion; Readings Scheduled Monday

DEPENDS ON WADE

Considerations Will Be Based On His Action On City Extension Plan

Acting on the motion of Representative R. M. Kermion, the House Saturday recalled the bill calling for a vote on the form of city government here from the calendar committee, where it had been given an unfavorable report, and placed it upon the house calendar for action.

Depends on Wade
"Actual consideration of the bill," the New Hanover representative declared, "will be predicated on action taken by the senator (Senator J. E. L. Wade) to remove the city extension bill from the unfavorable calendar and place it upon the senate calendar, if he so desires."

With point rationing on canned goods, there's no point in not eating lots of fresh vegetables like these carrots arriving at a San Francisco produce district.

PUMPS RECEIVED FOR OCD UNITS

First Distribution Slated To Be Made To City Air Raid Wardens

An allotment of stirrup pumps has been received by the New Hanover Defense Council Citizens Protection Corps for distribution to certain units of the OCD, it was announced yesterday.

The pumps will be given to members of units whose record in the volunteer office of the OCD shows that they have completed the prescribed courses of training as required.

The first distribution will be made to the City Air Raid Wardens under the leadership of F. P. O'Crowley, chief air warden, aided by Assistant Chief H. S. King.

The distribution of the pumps will be made as follows:
Zone No. 2, March 8, 7:30 p.m., Church of the Covenant, 15th and Market.
Zone No. 4, Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., U. S. O., 9th and Nixon.
Zone No. 8, Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., Annex Southside Baptist church, 5th and Wooster.
Zone No. 6, Tuesday, March 9, 7:45 p.m., Church of God, 4th and Marsteller.
Zone No. 7, Tuesday, March 9, 8 p.m., Community building, Nesbit Court.
Zone No. 9, Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., U. S. O., 5th and Orange.
Zone No. 5, Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., Calvary Baptist church, 4th and Brunswick.
Zone No. 5, Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul Parish House, 6th and Princess.
Announcement of distribution in Zones 1 and 3 will be made later.

WEATHER

FORECAST
NORTH CAROLINA and South Carolina: Much colder with cold wave Sunday.
(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., 53; 7:30 a.m., 61; 1:30 p.m., 66; 7:30 p.m., 56. Maximum, 65; minimum, 46; mean, 55.5; normal, 51.
Humidity
1:30 a.m., 99; 7:30 a.m., 82; 1:30 p.m., 70; 7:30 p.m., 94.
Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday, 0.00 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 0.00 inches.
Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Wilmington
Low 10:45 a., 5:19 p.
High 11:01 p., 5:42 p.
Masonboro Inlet
8:55 a., 2:15 p.
8:50 p., 2:40 p.
Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on March 6, at 8 a.m., 12.5 feet.
Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.; sunset, 6:13 p.m.; moonrise, 7:25 a.m.; moonset, 7:45 p.m.

Senators Will Ask Sweep OPA Changes

Proposals Will Include Abandonment Of Efforts To Regulate Profits TO MEET TUESDAY

Brown Presses Struggle For Greater Public Support Of Measures

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Sweeping changes in policies and practices of the OPA will be urged upon Administrator Prentiss Brown Tuesday by 10 members of the Senate Finance and Banking committees, it was learned tonight. The proposals will include:

1. Reduce personnel.
2. Limit the scope of price control to basic commodities only.
3. Abandon attempts to regulate profits.
4. Raise ceilings on farm products.

The meeting for a general discussion of OPA was arranged at the suggestion of Brown, himself a former senator, as criticism continued from many quarters, and as Brown pressed his struggle for greater public support through substitution of voluntary for policed controls so far as practicable.

Names Committee

In this connection Clyde L. Herring, newly appointed administrative assistant to Brown and former democratic senator from Iowa, appointed a committee for the purpose of "simplifying procedure and regulations, reducing personnel, and taking back to the people more authority for price and rationing."

Receive Complaints

All of the senators who are to participate reported receiving numerous complaints. Senator Maloney (D-Conn.) declared:

"Mine is an omnibus complaint—send home half of those guys who are working in OPA."

Request Deferment

request the deferment of any farm worker himself or his employer. The board also may appeal from decisions of local draft boards.

3. If a draft board finds that a farm worker is not producing enough to justify his deferment it must refer his case to a county board to be placed in another job before it can draft him.
To gain draft deferment a farm worker is required to produce a minimum output fixed by formulas prepared by the Agriculture department. Cases of workers failing to meet these requirements heretofore have been referred to the

ROMMEL'S TANKS STRIKE AT BRITISH 8TH ARMY IN FRONT OF MARETH LINE; RUSSIA'S FORCES CAPTURE GZHATSK

THIRD BIG WIN

City Has Been Nazi Spearhead Pointed At Moscow For 18 Months

MORE TOWNS TAKEN

Russians Gaining In Efforts To Sever Main Kiev-Bryansk Railway

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—The Red army scored its third major victory in a week today by capturing Gzhatsk, 100 miles west of Moscow and the nearest point to the Soviet capital in the Germans' crumbling hedgehog defense system on the central front.

"After storming the town twice," said a special Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet Radio monitor, "our troops captured the town of Gzhatsk. The captured war material is being counted."

Capture 30 Towns

Russian shock troops fighting south and southwest of Rzhev had captured 30 more towns during the night and morning. Including the railway station of Osuga, 53 miles north of Vyazma.

German reports also have told of Russian troops battling toward Vyazma from the Kaluga sector in the southeast.

Later a midnight Soviet communique reported that the Red army had killed 1,000 more Germans and captured several dozen populated places in the continuing sweep southwest of Rzhev toward a point on the road between Vyazma and Smolensk.

Gzhatsk was by-passed and southern units on the north and south before it was stormed, this bulletin said, and a German infantry regiment was wiped out after fierce fighting.

In the south the Russians reported further gains west of Sevsk in an effort to cut the main Bryansk-Kiev railway which links the central and southern fronts. One unit was credited with capturing five localities and killing 400 Germans in an offensive carried out "despite deep snow and a storm."

In the Donets basin the midnight bulletin said a battalion of enemy infantry was wiped out and 32 German tanks destroyed or damaged southwest of Voroshilovgrad, and west of Rostov red army units "consolidated themselves in newly occupied positions" after destroying one enemy garrison in an unidentified German strong point.

U. S. Warships Shell Vila And Munda; Sink Two Large Japanese Destroyers

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—A Navy task force stabling into the outer limits of the Japanese defense zone in the South Pacific bombarded shore installations at Vila and Munda in the Solomon Islands Friday night, the Navy reported today, and sank two large enemy destroyers which tried to interfere.

The destroyers were units of a squadron of light Japanese surface forces which a Navy communique said "attempted to drive off our bombardment group." A battle resulted. No United States ships were lost. The encounter was the first surface action to develop so far

north in the Solomons archipelago. Munda and Vila, which are close together are about 180 nautical miles northwest of Guadalcanal. There are several flying fields in the Munda area but darkness saved the American ships, officially described as "light surface units," from air attack.

The communique also reported the successful accomplishment of a "convoy mission" in the south Pacific despite the fact that the escorting task force was attacked by seven Japanese torpedo planes. Five of the Jap planes were shot down and not a ship was damaged. The action occurred Feb. 17. Tokyo had claimed that it

resulted in the sinking of two American destroyers and one large transport.

Meanwhile evidence accumulated that Naval air forces in the South Pacific and elsewhere will be strengthened this spring and summer. Secretary Knox, who announced yesterday that new records in ship construction were set during February, said in his annual report to President Roosevelt, released tonight, that the entire projected five-ocean fleet would be completed by the end of 1945.

"The over-all production program was scheduled for completion in 1947," the Secretary (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

HIT AT DAWN

Twenty-One Tanks Knocked Out During Early Part Of New Engagement

FIGHTING CONTINUES

Gambling On Blow Similar To One He Handed Allies Two Weeks Ago

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 6.—(AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's axis forces lashed out savagely at the British Eighth Army at dawn today in an offensive against Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery for the first time since the battle of El Alamein in Egypt.

After the loss of 21 tanks in the early stages of the fighting the axis army which Rommel had brought 2,000 miles across Libya, in retreat, struck back and pressed its attack.

Rommel's tanks and infantry attack was described as "in considerable strength" and early reports indicated that fierce fighting was continuing.

Gambling

Apparently gambling with the idea that he could deal Montgomery a blow similar to the one he handed the Anglo-American first army two weeks ago, the Nazi Field Marshal set his forces in action across the waste lands in front of the Mareth line.

He was aided by the fact that the old French-built line was designed not so much as a holding position but one from which counter-attacks could be launched.

It is apparent that Rommel was slowly being caged up into the Tunisian bridgehead between the French and the British Eighth armies and decided his best chance to forestall defeat and gain time was to strike first.

His first blow in the north had pushed American troops out of most of southern Tunisia, protecting his flank until the Americans rallied at Kasserine pass and in-

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German Warship Concentration Near Trondheim Indicates New Sea Drive

KAISER ACQUIRES AIRPLANE PLANT

Buy All Stock Of Fleetwings, Inc., And Plans Greater Production

NEW YORK, March 6.—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, West coast shipbuilding company, as such, has acquired, announced today that the Kaiser's first aircraft plant, and that his goal will be "more and more production."

His statement disclosed that arrangements have been made for the Kaiser company to purchase all stock of Fleetwings, Inc., now manufacturing aircraft for the United States Army air corps.

The aircraft plant, which has two plants at Bristol, Pa., and another plant approaching completion near that city, has been engaged in development and manufacture of original aircraft for the past 15 years.

Asked if he intended to expand in the aircraft industry, and if the speed would duplicate his records in shipbuilding, Kaiser replied:

"My aim always has been and always will be more and more production."

He said "on my own," the Fleetwings company was his first aircraft plant, but that it would in no way interfere with his non-profit contract in the production of three giant cargo transport planes, now being manufactured on the West coast with Howard Hughes.

Clad L. Calhoun, Kaisers assistant, who released the statement commented of his chief:

Nazis May Be Planning Surface Campaign Against Allies

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Naval men traditionally speak of this as "fleet in being" strategy. The basic theory of the "fleet in being" operation is that a small number of warships can "contain" or tie up a larger number of enemy ships merely by a threat to strike which may never actually be carried out.

The counter-stroke against the fleet pursuing such a strategy is to strike at its bases, and it would not be surprising if the British, in order to free their home fleet for other duties, should attack the German ships heavily by air.

London reports of the latest Nazi naval activities stem from accounts in the Evening Standard and Daily Telegraph, which did not give the source of their information. Even without official confirmation, however, authorities here said the time was ripe for the German admiralty to attempt to make some use of its big warships.

Large Concentration

The concentration, according to the British papers, included the 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz, the 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst, the aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin, at least two 10,000-ton Hipper class cruisers and a number of fast destroyers.

As a counter force the British home fleet should be adequate to stand guard over the northern seas (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

HOUSE APPROVES BUREAU OF MINES

74 Measures Are Passed By Lower Body During Six-Hour Session

RALEIGH, March 6.—(AP)—Bills authorizing creation of a bureau of mines to be located in western North Carolina and a unified board of directors for the state's correctional institutions were among the 74 measures passed by the House in a six-hour session today.

It was the first "short" week-end of the 1943 legislature. Produced by Speaker John Kerr, Jr., the members stayed in Raleigh today so that they might adjourn Wednesday. The house will meet at 3 p.m. Monday and will hold its "love feast" Monday night.

A bill introduced by Senator Cherry of Gaston gives the governor and council of state authority to create the bureau of mines "at such time as mining developments justify such action."

The measure provides that the bureau shall be within the department of conservation and development.

The unification bill, introduced by Senator Johnson of Duplin, provides for appointment of a unified board of trustees for a Stoneval Jackson Training school, Eastern Carolina Industrial School for Women, the State Home and Industrial School for Girls and the Morrison Training school. It further provides for appointment of a general superintendent and a general business manager.

Also passed by the house was a resolution, introduced by Rep. Moseley of Guilford and others, providing for appointment of a commission to study law enforcement and prevention of crime in the state. The commission is to report to the 1945 general assembly.

A senate bill to abolish the state school commission, the state board of vocational education and the state board of commercial education was passed by the representatives. The bill, introduced by Senator Horton of Martin, transfers the powers, functions and duties of these boards to the state board of education, as provided in the constitutional amendment adopted in 1942.

SAILOR KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Another Injured When Car Crashes Into Rear Of Bus In Brunswick

One sailor was killed and a second injured when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a U. S. Maritime commission shipyard bus on U. S. 17, six miles west of Wilmington in Brunswick county, at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

State highway patrolmen, who investigated the accident, said the shipyard bus, bound for Southport, was unloading passengers on the highway at the time of the accident.

They identified the dead sailor as F. M. Waters, machinist mate second class, of the Southport Naval Section base. His companion, Arthur Jenkins, the driver of the car, was admitted to Bullock's hospital here with cuts and lacerations.

The car in which the two sailors were riding, presumably returning to the section base at Fort Caswell from Wilmington, was demolished. Little damage was done to the rear of the huge tractor-trailer bus, patrolmen said.

Brunswick Coroner W. E. Bell of Southport, said an inquest into (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

VINSON FORECASTS ABSENTEEISM CURB

Says He Will Fight Any Move To Tack 'Dry' Rider On The Bill

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) predicted tonight that the House Naval committee would approve a measure to curb absenteeism among war workers next week "beyond a shadow of a doubt" and said he would fight any move to tack a "dry" rider to the bill.

His statement came amid efforts by prohibition advocates to restrict or eliminate altogether the sale of liquor in industrial areas for the duration of the war in connection with the drive against absenteeism.

Although there has been no effort yet to organize the anti-liquor advocates, some of them are considering offering the "dry" rider to an absenteeism bill to "cure hanging hangers," as they are called.

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