

Will Attend Meeting



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Mrs. Eddie Rickenbacker, Jones Speak Here Monday

MEETING ARRANGED McMillan And Gen. Oldfield Will Also Address Civilian Volunteers

Mrs. Eddie Rickenbacker, wife of the famous flying ace of World War I, and Major Robert T. Jones, Jr., director of Civilian Personnel for Information and Filter Centers, U. S. Army Air Forces, will speak at a meeting of civilian volunteer personnel at 8 o'clock Monday night, March 15, at the New Hanover High school auditorium.

BROUGHTON SEES HIKE IN SURPLUS

Believes 1943-45 Biennium Will See \$10,000,000 Added To Fund

RALEIGH, March 13.—(AP)—Governor Broughton tonight predicted that the 1943-45 biennium would see another \$10,000,000 added to the state's huge surplus, despite the revenue department's estimate that the two years would end with North Carolina "in the red" by \$3,000,000.

Amiens Railway Yards Bombed By Americans

AT A U. S. BOMBER STATION IN ENGLAND, March 13.—(AP)—American Flying Fortress, with a big allied Spitfire escort, today roared over the channel for the second straight day and bombed the railroad yards at Amiens, behind the French coast.

RED CROSS DRIVE TO OPEN MONDAY

Services Of Organization Listed By Campaign Chairman Taylor

With workers scheduled to begin Monday the task of raising \$35,000 in New Hanover county for the American Red Cross, Walker Taylor, general chairman of the campaign, listed Saturday the services of the organization.

Gen. De Gaulle Proposes Union Of French Forces

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—Describing the present French war effort as "shattered," Gen. Charles De Gaulle's National committee has proposed to Gen. Henri Giraud that the best way to bring unity to the two factions under the banner of Fighting France.

F. D. R., Eden Discuss War And Security

British Allies Warn of Far To Go To Victory

WINANT PRESENT

Both Military And Political Subjects Will Receive Consideration

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Warning that "we've got a long way yet to go" on the road to victory, Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, hastened to get together with President Roosevelt tonight on the vast problems of war and global security.

The President invited Eden for dinner and a talk, the White House announced. Another guest was a John G. Winant, the American ambassador to London who has been in this country for several weeks.

This afternoon the British Foreign Secretary conferred with ministers of the British dominions, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia following a luncheon with Winant and Lord Halifax, the British ambassador.

His initial meeting with Mr. Roosevelt was arranged after the courtesy emissary of the British government told a press conference that the several weeks of talks ahead will cover all aspects of the war and the peace—that military as well as political considerations will receive attention.

Eden indicated that he came direct from Prime Minister Churchill, the military leader of Great Britain as Mr. Roosevelt is commander-in-chief here. He said that he conferred with the prime minister only Wednesday. Eden gave assurances that Mr. Churchill, who has been ill, now is in "top form."

The British Foreign Secretary made clear that this planning for the post-war world does not mean he anticipates an early end of the war.

"We are beginning to feel our strength and to make the enemy feel it, too," he said, but he added quickly that "setbacks and disappointments" certainly lie ahead.

EASING OF MEAT RATIONING HINTED

Two Other Developments Brighten Food Outlook For The Nation

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—OPA Chief Prentiss M. Brown promised today that tight ration restrictions on meat will be eased whenever possible while two other developments brightened the food outlook.

1. The Office of Price Administration made it possible for persons living in areas remote from grocery stores to get the canned and dried goods they need. Shepherders, fishermen, forest rangers, lumbermen and others will be issued ration coupons to cover their requirements.

2. Secretary Ickes put forth a program for expanding the aid given to producers by the bureau of his interior department which, he said, would result in increasing the nation's total supply of certain foods within five years "by an amount sufficient to a caloric base to feed ten million persons for one year."

Brown said that after meat rationing has been in operation a week or two he expected the supply to spread more evenly among individual stores and different localities.

Other sources disclosed that the tentative meat ration plan will

soon to establish liaison with Giraud and seek a better understanding.

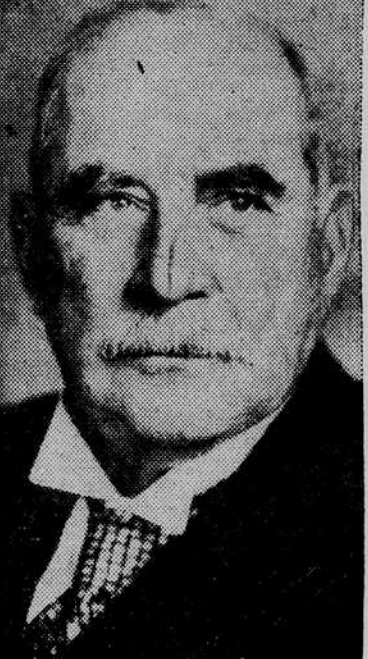
The unit of the French war effort "is at present shattered," the committee declared in the memorandum addressed to Giraud. "The result in North Africa is confusion, which represents an obstacle to the coherent participation of this territory in the war, anxiety and dissatisfaction inside the French nation, and certain quibbles in the public opinion of the democracies."

The memorandum suggested these "indispensable" conditions to obtain unification:

(1) "The so-called 'armistice' soon to establish liaison with Giraud and seek a better understanding.

The committee's 1,600-word communication was considered as broadly outlining the platform of the Fighting French commission which will arrive in North Africa

Dies



J. P. MORGAN, 75, DIES IN FLORIDA

Death Of Financial Leader Does Not Bring Shake-up In Famed House

BOCA GRANDE, Fla., March 13.—(AP)—John Pierpont Morgan, whose banking firm was a colossus of the financial world and whose very name a symbol of extreme wealth and power, died early today in the kind of atmosphere in which he lived—one of dignity and restraint.

And, just as he had planned it, the passing of the 75-year-old banker brought no upheaval in Wall Street and no shakeup in the House of Morgan, the institution through which he had carried out some of the largest transactions of this, or any other, century.

Morgan had looked ahead, just as he always had in gaining his place at the head of the ranks of financiers.

The end came at 3:15 a. m., E. W. T., after Morgan for three days had been in a coma induced by the recurrence of an old heart ailment, coronary thrombosis, and contributing complications.

The tall, heavyset financier lay in a roomy cottage on the grounds of the Gasparilla inn in this tropical Gulf of Mexico island, to which he had come Feb. 25 seeking rest and relaxation in fishing.

At the bedside were his younger son and his younger daughter, Lieut. Comdr. Henry Sturgis Morgan of the Naval Reserve and Mrs. Paul G. Pennoyer. His elder son, Comdr. Junius Spencer Morgan, is on Naval duty abroad and his elder daughter, Mrs. George Nichols, had left Boca Grande three days ago when her father

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VAUGHN B. SCOTT HELD FOR TRIAL

Young Man Is Charged With Impersonating Naval Officer Here

Charged with impersonating a naval officer, Vaughn Barclay Scott, 20, alias Lieut. V. B. Scott, was bound over to the April term of federal court Saturday following a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. A. Wylie.

Scott, who pleaded guilty at the hearing but refused to comment on his actions, was arrested in a local hotel Friday night by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

He was lodged in jail Saturday in default of \$10,000 bond.

Scott was charged with "unlawful wearing of the prescribed uniform of a Lieutenant, Senior grade, U. S. Navy, and that he

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WEATHER

FORECAST NORTH CAROLINA: Slightly higher temperature north and central portions. Little change in temperature extreme west portion Sunday.

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

Wilmington High 1:30 a. m., 61; 7:30 a. m., 64; 1:30 p. m., 75; 7:30 p. m., 52. Maximum, 77; minimum, 59; mean, 68; normal, 52.

GERMAN ARMY GAINS FRESH GROUND IN KHARKOV BATTLE; ROMMEL BELIEVED DOOMED

WARPLANES BUSY

Eisenhower Tells Troops Axis Forces Will Be Pushed Into The Sea

EIGHTH ARMY HOLDS

Allied Bombers Raid Rail Yards At Sousse, Warehouses In Tunis

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 13.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has told his troops that German and Italian forces in Tunisia are doomed to be pushed into the sea and eventually destroyed now that three of their efforts to break out of the encircling allied ring have been smashed.

Actual fighting as reported today in the allied communique was confined to vigorous patrol activity all along the front and a repetition of smashing allied aerial blows directed particularly at Tunis and Sousse.

Gen. Eisenhower's order of the day, which was released for publication today, was dated March 9, just two days after Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery of the British Eighth army had promised that "it will then be our turn to attack" after giving the enemy a "very bloody nose" as a result of his attempted offensive out of the Mareth line.

The communique said Eight army lines remained unchanged, however, and an 11-day tour of the

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WAR PRODUCTION PEAK SCHEDULED

Donald M. Nelson Says U. S. Will Reach Maximum Output In Fall

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Word from Donald M. Nelson that war production will reach its peak next fall, slackening the demand for workers, was studied hopefully today by senators concerned over the manpower problem.

The War Production board chairman told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, it developed today, that attainment of the production peak not only will level off the calls for workers but will reduce employment somewhat because of greater efficiency.

Moreover, Senator Hayden (D.-Ariz.) hinted in questioning Nelson that the committee has received some assurance that the Army's goal of 8,200,000 men for the end of this year will not be boosted further, although Lieut. Gen. Joseph T. McNamery, deputy chief of staff testified that military leaders "have not yet determined the size of the Army we will ask for in 1944."

The projected size of the Army has been the nub of congressional controversy over manpower, some contending that the armed forces must be held down to insure adequate food production and others asserting that curtailing inductions would risk defeat.

The Senate spent four days this week considering various manpower

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RAF Planes Drop 1,000 Tons Of Bombs On Essen

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—The RAF dropped more than 1,000 tons of bombs on Essen last night, and this afternoon while fires still were raging there in the Krupp works, the American heavy bombers, flying the day-time schedules of the pre-invasion aerial offensive, attacked axis rail installations just behind the vulnerable French coast.

This time the Fortresses blasted Amiens, 60 miles northeast of Rouen — which they had bombed yesterday for the second time in a week — and 50 miles inland from the channel coast.

It is through these key rail junctions, Rouen and Amiens, that the Germans must pour most of the supplies to their defending troops along 100

miles of coastline between the Somme and Seine rivers.

Dieppe, scene of the allied invasion tryout of last Aug. 19, is in the center of this stretch of coast.

Railroad yards at Abbeville and Poix also were attacked in the daylight sweep, USAAF headquarters and the British Air ministry announced in a joint communique.

All the American bombers returned from the day's operations but six of the escorting Spitfires were reported missing. The communique said four enemy aircraft were destroyed by the fighters and "some" by the bombers.

While the British Air ministry announced last midnight that Essen already was the second "most blitzed" city in Germany, next to Cologne,

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OUTLOOK SERIOUS

Germans Throw Hundreds Of Tanks, Many Infantrymen Into Assault

USING ELITE GUARD

Paris Radio Says Occupation Of Important City 'Almost Complete'

LONDON, Sunday, March 14.—(AP)—German troops gained fresh ground in the flaming fight for Kharkov, a midnight Moscow bulletin announced today, and Russian field dispatches frankly termed the situation "serious" as the Nazis threw hundreds of tanks and thousands of infantrymen into an assault on three sides of the Ukraine citadel.

The German high command declared that Elite SS guardsmen had "shattered enemy resistance" and advanced to the main railway station, but did not claim that recapture of the city where it said a violent street struggle still was going on.

The Nazi-controlled Paris radio said occupation was "almost complete" with the Red army defenders falling back slowly but steadily.

Absorb Counterattacks The Moscow bulletin recorded by the Soviet monitor said the Russians had absorbed heavy counterattacks on the north and south sides, but acknowledged another withdrawal "to new positions" in the west where it said "large enemy tank and infantry forces succeeded, after repeated attacks and at the cost of severe losses, in pressing back our troops."

"Taking up new positions, our forces withstood the onslaught of the enemy's numerically superior forces, repelling the Hitlerite attacks and causing them enormous losses."

Heavy fighting also north of the city, this communique said, and to the south the Germans were said to have thrown dozens of tanks against the Soviet lines without breaking them.

"After losing 11 tanks and about 500 officers and men, the Hitlerites fell back to their initial positions," it said of that sector.

The Russians officially acknowledged four withdrawals in the last two days.

Squadron after squadron of German planes were reported to have

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Senators Will Ask Firm Organization Of Allies

PLAN RESOLUTION

Will Deal With Wartime Collaboration And Peace-Time Security

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—A resolution by which the Senate would call for the creation now of a firm United Nations organization for wartime collaboration and peacetime security will be put before President Roosevelt tomorrow amid his talks with Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary.

The proposed resolution is sponsored by an influential group of senators from both major political parties who completed its final draft late today for introduction Tuesday. Upon adoption it would tell the world now, while the armies still struggle, that the Senate, which must ratify America's treaties, favors this nation's participation in an international undertaking to settle disputes peacefully and police aggressors after this war.

The proposed resolution stemmed from weeks of conferences among senators who said the timing of its announcement with Eden's visit was fortunate but coincidental. The British cabinet member is here to discuss preparations for United Nations meetings on questions arising from the war.

Senator Hatch (D.-N. M.), one of the authors, reported that the resolution already has the tentative approval of Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles. Chairman Connally (D.-Tex.) of the Foreign Relations committee and Senators Hatch; Hill (D.-Ala.); Wagner (D.-N. Y.); Burton (R.-Ohio) and Ball (R.-Minn.) will submit it to Mr. Roosevelt tomorrow afternoon to ascertain his views and immediately afterward will take it up with Secretary of State Hull.

Present Form In its present form, the proposal urges that the United States take the initiative in forming a United Nations organization with authority to carry out the following program:

(1) To assist in co-ordinating and fully utilizing the military and economic resources of all member nations in the prosecution of the war against the Axis.

(2) To establish temporary administrations for Axis-controlled areas of the world, as these are occupied by United Nations forces, until such time as permanent governments can be established.

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Petaun's illness was reported being kept secret from the French public.

(Marshal) Petain, 86-year-old hero of Verdun who emerged from semi-retirement to head post-armistice France, has been less active since the Nazi invasion of Vichy territory Nov. 11, 1942.)

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