

## \$100,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND IS PLANNED FOR CITY

### PLAN TO BE HEARD

Resolution Will Be Submitted To City Council At Meeting Today

### TO COME FROM PROFIT

Money Would Be Drawn From Revenue Derived From ABC Stores

Designed to provide funds for post-war projects, a resolution empowering the City of Wilmington to establish a \$100,000 capital reserve fund will be submitted to the council for consideration Wednesday morning, City Manager A. C. Nichols revealed Tuesday.

Funds for the reserve will be drawn entirely from the city's share of profits from Alcoholic Beverage Control stores, over and above the estimated revenues from whiskey sales when the city budget was drafted last fall.

For Future Needs

"The purpose of the capital reserve," the city manager said, "is to make a part of the city's surplus available for future needs which are now developing, and to supply the money for such needs at a time when construction materials may again be available."

He pointed out that there were no restrictions on uses for the reserve.

The resolution, drafted by City Attorney W. B. Campbell in accordance with the 1943 general assembly, provides that the council will select a depository for the \$100,000 reserve which, if invested,

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## PAIR ARRAIGNED ON DRAFT COUNT

White Men Appear Before Commissioner For Violating Selectee Act

Answering charges of violation of the Selective Service Act, two white youths, Franklin Wicker, 19, and Charles Lancaster, 22, appeared Monday before United States Commissioner W. A. Wylie.

Wicker, an employee of the Coca-Cola Bottling company, is charged with failure to advise the local draft board of Lillington of his change of address and with failure to report for induction. He has been released under \$100 bond.

Lancaster, of Wilmington, is charged with failure to report for induction and failure to appear before the New Hanover draft board No. 2. He is being held in the Federal jail, his bond fixed at \$300. Lancaster said to be "deliberately delinquent" has escaped twice from labor on the county roads.

The case of John Singletary, Negro, of Columbus county, charged with possessing an unregistered still and with carrying on the business of a distiller, heard before Commissioner Wylie on April 24, resulted in the Negro's being held under \$200 bond for appearance in the fall term of court.

Singletary was released upon payment of bond. The defendant allegedly operated a still in Columbus county, and when apprehended had fermented mash in his possession.

## New Water Filtration System May Be Operated By June 15

The city's new \$600,000 water filtration plant at Hilton park should be in operation by the middle of June, although the new structure will not be completely finished by that time, City Engineer J. A. Loughlin, said Tuesday.

The city engineer said that the contractor, A. H. Guion and company, was on schedule in the construction of the new plant, which will have a capacity of seven million gallons of purified water a day as compared to the four and one-half million gallon a day capacity of the present Hilton plant.

It will also have a potential operating capacity of up to 15 million gallons of water a day, Mr. Loughlin said, since space has been provided for the installation of the necessary extra pumps and the construction of an additional basin.

Guion, he said, has now completed the framework for the three-story, modernistic plant. The new structure is in the rear of the plant has also been completed. Work on the plant, part of the city's Federal Works agency-financed waterworks expansion program, was begun last fall.

By the time the plant is put into operation in June, only minor structural details will be left uncompleted, the city engineer estimated. He said that the entire job should be completed by August.

The contract figure also includes installation of the latest filtration equipment.

Although the new plant is nearing completion, the title to the land on which the plant is being constructed at Hilton is still in litigation. Both the city and R. A. Parsley, owner of the tract, are awaiting a ruling by a special master on the city's condemnation proceedings suit filed under special eminent domain au-

## The Producer Watches His Show



Wearing his famous brace of pearl-handled revolvers, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., sits on a hillside getting a panoramic view of the hills during the battle for El Guettar valley toward enemy-held hills during the battle for Bir Marbut Pass. Axis shells are seen exploding near U. S. forces. After El Guettar battle, Second U. S. Corps troops were secretly rushed north to the Mateur sector for the general all-out Allied advance against Axis forces in Tunis-Bizerte area.

## Full-Scale Mine Strike Threatened By Lewis

By The Associated Press

John L. Lewis raised the threat of a full scale soft coal strike last night after the United Mine Workers' policy committee, attributing 'malignant prejudice' to the War Labor Board, demanded withdrawal of their wage dispute from the board.

"As matters stand," the mine workers' chieftain told reporters at New York, "there will be no contract April 30. The mine workers will not trespass on mine property in the absence of a contract."

Sporadic, unauthorized work stoppages, meantime, continued to spread. By the day's end, over 50 mines were closed and more than 28,000 miners had put down their tools.

The UMW committee virtually closed the door against consideration of its wage dispute by the board.

### JOIN WITH UMW

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 27.—(AP)—Illinois' 15,000 Progress Mine Workers joined tonight with the United Mine Workers of America in a threat to stop work at midnight Friday unless a new working contract is signed by that time.

LONDON, April 27.—(AP)—Britain opened negotiations toward patching up the differences between Soviet Russia and the Polish government-in-exile today and there were strong indications that the United States was participating in the intensive effort to restore diplomatic relations between the two Allies, severed last Sunday by Russia.

U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant was called unexpectedly this afternoon to No. 10 Downing street, official residence of Prime Minister Churchill. His visit was followed immediately by a conference attended by Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Wladyslaw Sikorski the Polish premier.

Official statements which were expected to be issued by both the British and Polish governments were not immediately forthcoming. A press conference in which Premier Sikorski had been scheduled to explain the positions of the Polish government in the dispute was cancelled after newspapermen had assembled.

It was indicated on good authority that there would be no official pronouncements until some progress is made toward a solution.

The initial task confronting the representatives of the British and American governments will be to find some formula whereby the breach can be mended. Diplomatic quarters said no plan was available immediately and they admitted they anticipated considerable difficulty in finding one.

Neither the British nor the American officials are attempting to force a settlement.

Proposed amendments to the recommendations for setting up the new organization were introduced, and must be examined before the final form of the social agency emerges, it was pointed out.

Chest board members declared following the reading of a report, compiled by a committee headed by the Rev. Walter B. Freed, Community Chest directors Tuesday afternoon, approved the establishment here of a council of social agencies, but postponed revelation of its structure and manner of operating until additional committee reports are made available.

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## FRENCH FORCES SMASH WAY TO PONT-DU-FAHS PORTALS; LENINGRAD SECTOR BLAZES

### ACTIVITY SIGHTED

German Radio Report Suggests Soviet Capture Of Novorogod

### EQUIPMENT IS TAKEN

Russians Repel Nazi Attacks And Destroy Or Capture Machinery

LONDON, Wednesday, April 28.—(AP)—A new spurt of fighting on the long-Idle front south of Leningrad was reported by Moscow today soon after German radio accounts suggested Soviet capture of the important pivotal base of Novorogod.

The Russian midnight communique, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, said Russian gunners destroyed six German guns, silenced two mortar batteries and demolished ten blockhouses and dugouts yesterday on the Volkhov front. Volkhov is midway between Leningrad and Novorogod.

### GERMANS THROWN BACK

In the same general area on Monday, numerically superior German forces broke through and captured a Russian town, but were thrown back by a Russian counterattack before they could consolidate their new position.

The German indication of Russian capture of Novorogod, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad, came in a Berlin broadcast description of an eastern front war map, which also showed the Russians had driven to the very outskirts of Taganrog, 42 miles west of Rostov on the Sea of Azov.

The midnight war bulletin reported a company of German infantry was wiped out on the central front west of Moscow in a Russian attack that also destroyed a mortar and three field batteries and left several enemy firing points in flames.

In this action, Russian artillery set fire to several enemy dugouts, forcing out a group of Germans who were cut down by mortar fire. Scouting parties south of Balakleya killed about 100 enemy troops, and the same front Russian aircraft bombed railway stations behind the lines, registering direct hits on several trains and knocking down an enemy bomber.

Activity in the Kuban area of the north Caucasus presumably was limited to air sorties, the bulletin said, with Russian fliers destroying five German aircraft in air combats and 12 grounded planes in a bomber raid on an enemy airport. A Russian warship sank a 2,000-ton troop transport off the Crimean coast.

In the air action elsewhere, at least 20 German troop and supply trucks were reported destroyed or damaged, two ammunition dumps blown up and several trains wrecked.

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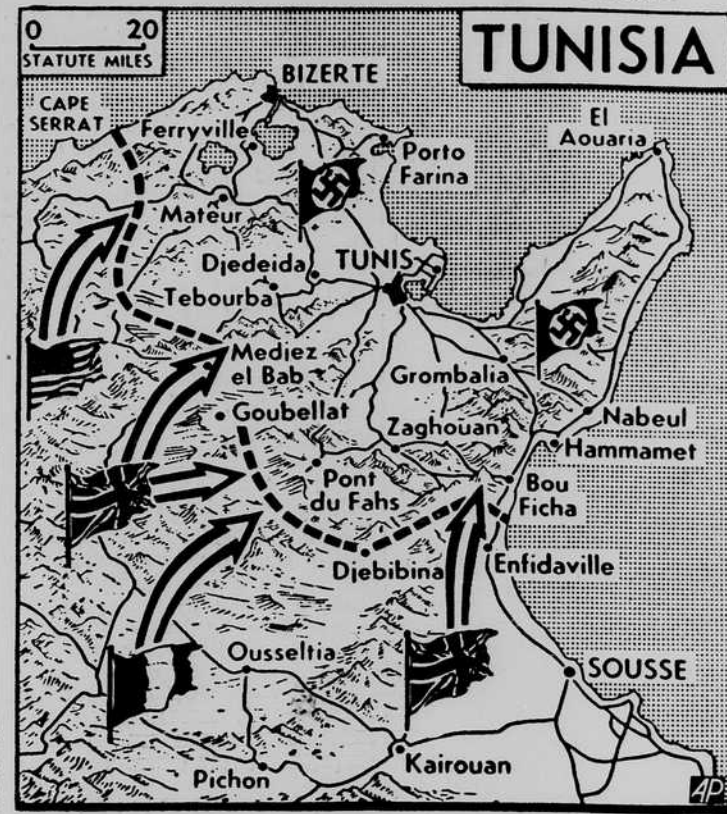
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### Allies Strain Axis Lines In Tunisia



The arrows indicated the direction of Allied advances in Tunisia where American, British and French troops are beating against the gates of Pont-du-Fahs, creating a heavy dent in the cordon. The capture of Pont-du-Fahs would imperil the extreme southern Axis positions.

## DUISBURG RAZED BY RAF BOMBERS

Over 1,350 Tons Of High Explosive Dumped On Big Nazi City

LONDON, April 27.—(AP)—The RAF blasted Duisburg with approximately 1,350 tons of bombs in one of the heaviest raids of the war last night, the British announced tonight, leaving that great industrial and transport center of the German Ruhr a vast carpet of seething flames.

For 45 minutes, the Air Ministry news service disclosed, Britain's biggest bombers dumped an average of 30 tons of explosives and incendiaries every minute.

When the 600 or more black-winged British bombers turned home, smoke was spiraling two miles high from the mass of ruins which one pilot said looked like a "great Christmas tree."

The Germans put up one of their stiffest defenses of the city in 12 miles west of Stettin and Rostock April 20.

But even allowing for the interruptions, the RAF has been delivering an unprecedented weight of bombs to chew up Hitler's defenses, cities and communication lines.

The Air Ministry called the raid one of the "heaviest," putting it in a class with the 1,000-plane raid on Cologne a year ago when 1,500 tons of explosives were loosed. Improved bombers now pack a vastly larger load of destruction than those of last year. The communique said the raid was highly concentrated. It was the 59th attack on the city that lies at the confluence of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers.

Four-engine Lancasters, Stirlings and Halifaxes and two-engine Wellingtons flew through a storm of steel thrown up by hundreds of heavy anti-aircraft guns, guided by numerous light cones formed by from ten to 50 bunched searchlights.

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## RAIDS ON COAST ARE POSSIBILITY

Knox Says Bombing Attacks On Areas May Come But Unlikely

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(AP)—"Nuisance" air raids on the American coastal areas are a possibility, although a remote one, Secretary Knox said today, while the Navy reported 13 new American aerial attacks on a potential base for such raids, Kiska island in the Aleutians.

After being balked four days by bad weather, American Liberator and Mitchell bombers, accompanied by Warhawk and Lightning fighters, blasted at Kiska again and again Sunday, but poor visibility prevented an exact check on results.

The same day a flight of Liberators attacked Attu island, about 200 miles west of Kiska, scoring hits on the runway and other installations.

Naval Secretary Knox was asked at a press conference prior to issuance of today's communique whether the Navy might employ its bases in the western Aleutians for air raids on the American West Coast. The secretary, whose extensive flights over the Pacific and the Western Hemisphere have given him a clear idea of the reach of planes, replied that there is "always a chance of nuisance raids anywhere at any time."

He minimized the danger of such raids but said that the Germans, for instance, might try a raid on the East Coast, which would be a nuisance action for us and a suicide operation for their fliers.

He gave no details about what the Japanese might be able to accomplish by air operations from Kiska or Attu. If they operated directly from Kiska they would have about a 2,500-mile trip one way to reach the Pacific Northwest. Objectives in Alaska, on the other hand, would be within practical operating range of their big planes.

The Japanese had been expected by American Army men in the Aleutians, according to dispatches from there, to try for completion of their air base on Kiska about this time of year.

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### GERMANS YIELDING

Critical Stage Of Great Battle For Africa Near At Hand

### 23 MILES FROM TUNIS

Allied Forces Reported Even Nearer To Axis Held Bizerte

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 27.—(AP)—French troops have smashed to the outskirts of Pont du Fahs, their high command announced tonight as the German defenses on the Tunisian bridgehead gave way slowly both at that key Axis supply base and in the Medjez-el-Bab, and front dispatches indicated that the critical stage of the great battle was near at hand.

Advancing in numerous sectors in the face of fierce opposition, Allied forces pushed the Axis line back to within 23 miles of Tunis and presumably were even closer to Bizerte.

Other French forces along the Mediterranean in the north, who had been reported within six miles from Bizerte, advanced another three miles toward the great naval base and captured prisoners and considerable material, the French command announced.

American forces in this area were advancing in the region west of Lake Achkel, which at its western shore is only 17 miles from Bizerte.

In the sector between Medjez-el-Bab and the Mediterranean, the Axis rear guard was reported falling back so rapidly before thrust of the American corps of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., that the enemy had no time to bury his dead.

There, Patton's men were storming the strongest Axis elevated positions in the northern Tunisian sector—Green Hill and Bald Hill.

Along the center of the Tunisian front, British First Army infantry had advanced 11 miles along the road from Medjez-el-Bab to Tebourba, reaching the Toum railroad station 23 miles west of Tunis itself.

Since Sunday, Nazi forces have lost 80 tanks and the outcome of the battle for Africa appeared tonight to depend on how long the Germans can withstand the continuous pounding without cracking.

Hitler still is trying to supply his African army, but Lightning pilots cut a hole in his efforts by hitting five ships in one convoy with bombs.

While the French were reported at the outskirts of Pont du Fahs, British armored forces were threatening to cut off that important Axis base in a drive southeast of Coubelat.

In fighting in this area the Germans had lost 20 tanks in a 24-hour period.

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### WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Little change in temperature.

(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., 65; 1:30 p. m., 75; 7:30 p. m., 69; maximum, 79; minimum, 60; mean, 67; normal, 64.

Humidity

1:30 a. m., 98; 7:30 a. m., 84; 1:30 p. m., 77; 7:30 p. m., 84.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 2.11 inches.

Tides For Today

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

High Low

Wilmington 4:29a 11:47a

4:58p 8:44p

2:31a 8:44a

2:50p 9:07p

Moore's Inlet 2:26a 8:49p

2:29p 9:12p

New Topsail Inlet 2:31a 8:54a

(Elmore's) 3:00p 9:17p

Sunrise, 5:26a; sunset, 6:53p; moon, rise, 2:00a; moonset, 1:05p.

Feet

River gauge at Fayetteville on Tuesday, April 28, at 5 a. m., 10.55 feet.

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## Health Authority Urges Change Of Diet To Meet Food Shortage

Referring to the food shortage in Wilmington, which specialists admit cannot be curbed until national producers and distributors see fit to adjust their allocations on the basis of an enlarged population, Dr. A. H. Elliot, city-county health officer, predicted Tuesday that Wilmingtonians would be forced to "change their patterns of choosing foods if they are to receive an adequate diet."

"A lot of the scarcity about food," Dr. Elliot contends, "stems from the fact that people have followed certain food selection patterns over a long period of time." He believes that a study of sub-

stitutes will be more and more a necessity for housewives in the community and patrons of eating establishments.

"We have many available facilities operating in our midst to educate retail food purchasers into the new methods of buying they must follow; we likewise have started concerted programs to teach Wilmingtonians how to conserve the foodstuffs they buy and raise. At the present time, the majority of our population is not taking advantage of the opportunity to learn," Dr. Elliot disclosed.

The matter of building up the

supply of food can be handled only through conservation practices and nutrition education, the health authority said.

Dr. Elliot warns that the entire contents of victory gardens must not be consumed this summer, but that some part of the garden yields should be preserved—even if it is no more than a few quarts of vegetables. "The prospect is for increased food shortages next fall and winter," he admitted.

"Wilmingtonians should study the papers to learn when crops will be on the market and gauge their buying accordingly. They will

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