

Post-War Planning Board Will Confer On City Expansion

MEETING SLATED

Representatives Of Suburban Areas To Be Invited For Talks

UNITS TO BE NAMED

Committees To Be Chosen For Various Projects Of Group

The inclusion of suburban areas within the city limits of Wilmington will be the subject of discussion between representative citizens of outlying districts and the city's post-war planning board within the near future.

At a meeting of the board it was decided to draw up a list of names from which committees would later be chosen to join in preliminary discussions whose findings will be open for public hearing if such are warranted.

Former Plan Killed

A former plan for including suburban areas within the city limits of Wilmington was killed in the lower house of the last session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

While present plans are only tentative and the meeting Monday was primarily an organizational one for the adoption of by-laws, Secretary Fred Rippy mentioned that this board will study surveys made by other local agencies in connection with a preliminary survey that is now being planned.

Regular meetings will be held the first Monday before the second Wednesday in each month at city hall at 8 p. m.

POLICE TO TRAIN IN MARKSMANSHIP

Department Members Will Receive Instruction With Weapons

A training program in the use of pistols, machine guns and riot guns for the personnel of the Wilmington police department got underway Monday afternoon when the first group of ten patrolmen practiced target shooting on the range at Legion field.

The program will continue, with approximately groups of ten men engaging in target shooting, until every member of the force is qualified in the use of these arms.

Chief Casteen said Monday, with special emphasis being placed on pistol shooting for both slow and rapid types of firing.

Norwood Wolfe, Wilmington patrolman, will have charge of instruction. He has qualified as an expert in the United States Army, and has had varied and considerable experience in this type of gunnery, the chief added.

The riot guns to be used are the 12 gauge shotgun variety equipped with air-cooling systems. The practice range is that used by the Wilmington Pistol and Rifle club.

Mountbatten Aide



American war plans expert Major Albert Coady Wedemeyer, has been named as U. S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff to Lord Louis Mountbatten, head of the southeast Asia command.

FOUR NEW PUMPS ARE TO BE USED

City Expects To Receive Electric Units This Morning

Four additional electric pumps have been ordered by the city and are expected to arrive Monday night or Tuesday morning.

A special priority, necessary to obtain the pumps, was secured last week from the War Production Board in Washington by City Engineer J. A. Loughlin.

Mr. Maffitt also announced a revised schedule for the water tank truck operated by the city which will be in effect beginning Tuesday morning.

Sixth and Nixon streets, 8-9 a. m.; Front and Castle streets, 9-10 a. m.; Lee and Lake Forest drives, 10-11 a. m.; Greenfield and Twelfth streets, 11-12 a. m.

At the present rate of consumption the truck is refilling about

AIR FORCE CHIEF HAILS HIS CREW

Arnold Says Cost In Men And Planes Justified By Work

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(P)—General H. H. Arnold today hailed the achievements of American aviators as overwhelmingly justifying the cost in men and money.

The chief of the Army Air Forces, commenting crisply on discussion of the 60-bomber, 593-man crew loss in the October 14 raid over Schweinfurt, Germany, termed the loss incidental.

"You can't run a war on a dollar basis," he asserted, "but if you want to put it on that basis consider the dollars in what we have destroyed."

General Arnold had invited to Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon building over two-score reporters, news executives, radio commentators and columnists.

In each chair was found a school-day-style tablet and sharp pencil. The general, flanked by aides with charts and pictures, sat near the head of a long table.

"I just want to talk," the general said.

ALLIES POURING REINFORCEMENTS INTO WAR FOR ITALIAN MAINLAND; RUSSIANS SMASHING NAZI ARMIES

REINFORCEMENTS ADMITTED

Berlin Acknowledges Loss Of Ground Before Red Drive

23 VILLAGES SEIZED

Nearly 4,000 Germans Killed And Much Material Taken

LONDON, Tuesday, Oct. 19.—(P)—Russian troops smashing four miles deeper into the Dnieper river loop to flank hundreds of thousands of German troops "are throwing the enemy back, destroying his forces, and clearing him from one populated place after another," Moscow announced early today.

Berlin acknowledged its troops were giving ground under the impact of 300,000 Russians attacking southward toward the Dnepetrovsk-Kiev railway, main lifeline of Axis troops deployed along the Dnieper bend to the east and in the Crimea to the south.

The Red army overran 23 more villages, killed nearly 4,000 Germans, destroyed or captured scores of tanks and guns, smashed every Axis attack, said a midnight communique, but supplement recorded by the Soviet monitor from a Moscow broadcast.

In one area the Russians said their troops had forced the Germans to "beat a hasty retreat" from a village, and captured 16 abandoned guns with their tractors and many other weapons.

This was only a small part of the booty declared swept up during the day.

Developing what may be a disaster for the Germans all along their crumbling Dnieper line, the Russians also announced fresh gains below Gomel, north of Kiev, and at embattled Melitopol, where bitter street fighting had rolled into the seventh day.

The Russians surrounded and smashed blockhouses and strong-points built around one square in Melitopol, the supplement said, cleared several districts of the city, and decisively defeated a German counterattack southwest of the city near the railway leading to the Crimea.

A total of nearly 7,000 Germans fell on all fronts during the day, and 153 tanks were knocked out or captured for a two-day bag of 324, the supplement said. In addition 79 guns, including many 88 mm., were destroyed or seized, it said.

A Moscow broadcast communique said.

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Kirke Simpson Says: Triple Crises For Foe Dominate The War News

Triple crises for hard-pressed Nazi forces in Italy, Russia and the Balkans dominate the war news. The whole 2,000 mile southeastern flank of the German defense front from the Sea of Azov to the central Adriatic is aflame with attack and appears to be slowly collapsing.

That a Nazi retreat from the Crimea and the great Dnieper bend is in progress is admitted from Berlin. "That is what the concealing phrase 'detaching movements' used in German official reports from the Russian front really means. It admits failure to halt Red army incursions across the river, and below it, South of the captured apertures, Moscow says, a deadly pincer attack is closing on all enemy troops in the eastern end of the Dnieper loop and south of the river, including those in the Crimea.

A reported wide-based Russian thrust across the upper side of the river loop, west of Dnepetrovsk, is within a medium caliber range of the main railroad supplying the bend. Fanned out southward or westward, this thrust could cut at the only transportation routes available to the foe for the escape, or supply, of forces holding the whole lower end of the Dnieper-Crimean defense line.

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Cordell Hull And Anthony Eden Arrive In Moscow For Parleys

MOSCOW, Oct. 18.—(P)—U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden have arrived in Moscow for the long-awaited tri-power conference with Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, it was announced tonight.

The conference presumably will seek an agreement on war objectives and post-war collaboration between the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Hull and Eden were accompanied by W. Averell Harriman, newly named U. S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union; Green Hackworth, U. S. State Department counsel; James Dunn, political adviser; Maj. Gen. John Dean, U. S. Army; William Strang, British assistant under-secretary for foreign affairs; and Lt. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief of staff to the British minister of Defense.

The meeting of United States and British and Russian secretaries



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is expected to deal largely with the post-war political matters—specifically what sort of Europe is to be shaped once victory is won, and what should be done to preserve the peace.

This view prevails generally despite the recent assertion by Prada, communist party organ in Moscow, that the second front and the complete defeat of Hitler is the main question for the meeting.

Edward R. Stettinius, acting secretary of state, mentioned both today in declaring that the conference should contribute greatly to achievement for the goal "we are all striving for, the complete defeat of the ruthless Nazis and the establishment of a just and lasting peace."

Out of the conference may come military conversations for close coordination of the Red army's efforts with Anglo-American forces when Allied armies close in on Germany for the kill.

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FOE IS REPELLED

Fifth And Eighth Armies Slowly Pushing Germans Back

PORTS REBUILT

Debarcation Facilities Permit Big Shipping Program

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 18.—(P)—Important new Allied landings of men and material have been made on the Italian mainland in recent days, it was disclosed tonight as the forces of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery slowly pushed the Germans back in heavy fighting.

Reconstruction of port and other facilities has reached a point to permit much bigger debarcations than previously. Upon arrival at various southern Italian ports, troops, tanks, guns, ammunition, food and other supplies are moving swiftly up both the Mediterranean and Adriatic coasts to the fighting fronts and over tortuous mountain roads to the central sector.

Thanks partly to this improved supply, it was announced today that Clark's Fifth Army veterans of Salerno had driven beyond the Volturno river and "firmly occupied" the towns of Cancello, Ruviano and Nerrone, while Montgomery's Eighth was stabbing westward through the Apennine mountains toward Rome.

The Nazis at the front continued to fight as stubbornly as usual, however, while these behind-the-line operations were in progress. The enemy's next stand on the west coast is likely to be inland from Gaeta and along the Garigliano river, which is some 20 miles north of the Volturno and about 80 airline miles from Rome.

Gaeta was Mussolini's "secret port" for sending Italian troops to Spain in 1937 in violation of

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Meeting Is Scheduled For Scrap Drive Heads

A meeting of all scrap committeemen has been called by W. A. Stewart, county chairman of the salvage drive, for Tuesday, 2:15 p. m. to be held at the Brigade Boys' Club, at which time James B. Vogler, North Carolina executive secretary of the War Production Board, will speak.

Mr. Stewart said that Mr. Vogler will announce his topics of discussion, and he urges all members of the committee to be present. Mr. Stewart was appointed to his present position as county chairman of salvage drive and county chairman of industrial salvage of the Seventh Congressional District last week.

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Rommel's Forces Battle Three Guerrilla Armies

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(P)—Three guerrilla armies—Yugoslav "regulars" under Gen. Draja Hihailovic, Gen. Josip (Tito) Broz' red-starred bands, and a resurgent Albanian guerrilla army—were reported locked in bitter battles with Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces over a wide western Balkan front tonight.

Mihailovic's forces, launching their first big offensive since the German occupation of garrisons formerly held by Italians, was said by government leaders at Cairo to be smashing toward the Danube river loop in northeastern Serbia after capturing two towns in a definite menace to German river traffic.

Tito's liberation army, wrecking rail links and trains in a retreat from Zenica, in Bosnia, continued their attacks elsewhere against reinforced German garrisons between Sinj and the port of Split on the Dalmatian coast, and near Bakar, southeast of the Sussek-Fiume port area, a free Yugoslav radio broadcast said.

The newest drain of Rommel's already thinly-drawn forces in the Balkans was in Albania. Some 35,000 Nazis were reported in Cairo dispatches to have been rushed from Macedonia to Albania to reinforce German forces under almost daily guerrilla attacks.

There was no hint that the forces of Tito and Mihailovic, long invaders of their homeland, but it appeared that some of their activities might overlap. Bands representing both forces are fighting in Bosnia and in Serbia.

Exiled Yugoslav government informants said at Cairo that Mihailovic's part-time farmer-soldiers had captured Bra, Palanka and Zubukovac in southeastern Serbia and were driving toward Donji Milanovac, on the western end of the Danube loop above the Iron Gate rapids.

Fighting back desperately against these newest threats to the Balkan forces, Rommel sent his planes over Serbia and into the interior in fierce raids on guerrilla-held villages.

German raiders struck also at the area north of the Albanian border, where Tito's forces were reported to have captured the town of Andrijevica, only 10 miles above the frontier.

The Moscow radio said that the Germans had lost 1,200 killed and wounded in a battle against Parvati.

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Vessel Launching Will Feature Shriner's Fete

The launching of the S. S. Kathay by Miss Julia May Roney will be the highlight of the Sudan Temple Cold Sand Ceremonial to be held here Tuesday when Masonic members of the eastern half of North Carolina meet for their annual fete under the leadership of their potentate, L. A. Roney.

Formerly a two or three-day celebration was held each year with parades, town decorations, and elaborate ceremonies in the hometown of the potentate, who is the highest officer. This position, held this year by Mr. Roney, brings the celebration to Wilmington, but due to wartime conditions the attraction is condensed into a one-day

affair and the launching was chosen as an appropriate main event. The 100 candidates for the Sudan Temple of Mystic Shrine, highest degree of the Masonic Order, will register at 12 noon at the Cape Fear Armory. The initiation ceremony and business meeting will follow at 1 p. m. At 3:30 p. m. the Sudan Temple band of Raleigh will present a 30-minute concert at the shipyard followed by the launching at 4 p. m.

Miss Jean Whitely of Windsor, Va., and Miss Barbara Uthrell of Goldsboro will be attendants for Miss Roney. Among those on the program will

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WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA: Warmer today. (Eastern Standard Time) Wilmington, N. C. Weather Bureau. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: 1:30 a. m., 59; 7:30 a. m., 55; Maximum 63; Minimum 38; Mean 56; Normal 64. HUMIDITY: 1:30 a. m., 48; 7:30 a. m., 73; 1:30 p. m., 79; 7:30 p. m., 48. PRECIPITATION: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., .01 inch. Total since the first of the month, 0.66 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: Wilmington: High 1:42 a., 8:32 a., 2:12 p., 9:24 p.; Low 7:30 a., 11:44 a., 5:33 p., 9:36 p. Moore's Inlet: High 1:48 a., 8:38 a., 2:18 p., 9:30 p.; Low 7:36 a., 11:48 a., 5:39 p., 9:39 p. New Topsail Inlet: High 1:54 a., 8:44 a., 2:24 p., 9:36 p.; Low 7:42 a., 11:54 a., 5:45 p., 9:45 p. (All times Eastern Standard Time.) Sunrise, 6:30 a. m.; Sunset, 5:34 p. m.; Moonset, 10:21 p. m.; Moonset, 12:05 p. m.; Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Monday, at 8 a. m., 9.13 feet.