

# Arnold Stresses Air Power To Guard U.S. In New Wars

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(UP)—The United States will be the first nation attacked in any future war and must at all times have a modern, hard-hitting air force as its first line of defense, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, asserted tonight.

He warned in a report to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on AAF activities last year that U. S. airpower must be strong enough to give the rest of the nation time to mobilize. In World Wars One and Two, he said, time to arm. But "luckily" had time to arm. But "luckily" had time to arm. But "luckily" had time to arm.

"There will be no opportunity for gradual mobilization; no chance to rely on the efforts of others," he said. "The United States must be the world's first power in military aviation."

He disclosed that the AAF lost only 17,830 planes while destroying 50,658 Axis aircraft in the first three years of the war. The AAF flew 1,271,784 sorties in 1944 and dropped 1,062,818 tons of bombs on enemy targets. He placed total U. S. aircraft production last year at 962,341,000 pounds.

Arnold classed the week of February 20-26 last year as probably marking "a decisive battle of history and... as of greater importance than Gettysburg." Record numbers of Allied planes blasted German aircraft factories and the Luftwaffe never recovered. On D-Day "it was conspicuous by its absence."

After the landings in France, oil refineries became the main bomber targets and the campaign was equally successful. "They came to suppress forces bent on brutality. They came to re-establish industry, to restore the sanctity and happiness of your homes without fear of intrusion."

"You are now a liberated people," MacArthur concluded. "On behalf of my government, I now solemnly declare, Mr. President (Osma) the full powers under the constitution are restored to the Commonwealth."

He said the Commonwealth of the Philippines again was "at liberty to pursue its destiny in the family of free nations." President Osma, accepting the power of government, praised MacArthur and his troops in liberating his country and said the five star general "never has lost faith in the strength of our people."

"His campaign has been a crusade," Osma declared. The large crowd cheered wildly. Osma expressed the hope for Philippine independence in 1945. He asked that "political differences" be forgotten and the Philippines go on to secure "the blessings of democracy for ourselves and our children."

## EIGHT FROM AREA WOUNDED IN WAR

The names of eight more servicemen from eastern North Carolina who have been wounded in action in the European area, have been announced by the War Department. In each case the next of kin has been notified, and will be informed by the War Department of the serviceman's condition.

Lumberton—Pvt. James P. Davis; Mrs. Mottie Davis, mother. Rocky Mount—Tech. fifth grade Linwood S. Harper; Mrs. Katie Dixon, grandmother. Clinton—Tech. fifth grade Hooper C. Lee; Mrs. Ellen E. Lee, mother. Pfc. James P. Willis; Mrs. Sarah L. Willis, mother.

Richlands—Pfc. Raz P. Sanderson, mother. Chingquapin—Pfc. Horace W. Walton; Mrs. Nora D. Walton, mother. Laurinburg—Pfc. Paul T. Whitaker; Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker, mother. Pollocksville—Pfc. Earl W. Williamson; Mrs. Beulah B. Williams, mother.

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## Pow-Wow Before Marine-Navy Invasion of Iwo



Marine Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commander of the troops that participated in the Iwo Jima assault, addresses a press conference shortly before the joint Navy-Marine forces sailed for the strategic Jap stronghold in the Volcanos. Seated (left to right) in the front row are: Adm. Richard K. Turner, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal; and Rear Admiral Harry W. Hill, Official U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International Soundphoto.)

## Night Spots Prepare To Close At Midnight

Wilmington entertainment places yesterday took steps to regulate their service and hours to comply with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrne's midnight curfew on entertainment and drinking, effective last night. City and County police officials reported that they have received no definite orders for enforcement of the order. Chief of Police C. H. Casteen said City police would make a record and report of all violations and call the matter to the attention of the violator, but would take no action until further orders were received.

Sheriff C. David Jones said that he had received no orders out would "go along with Federal authorities in enforcement." Mike Pattelis, manager of the Famous Club and Grill, located on the Carolina Beach road, said that he would change his opening time from 8 to 7:30 p. m. and had instructed his staff to stop taking orders for hot food and drinks at 11:30 p. m. so that all might be served and out by midnight.

The manager of Stacy's Tavern, also located on the Carolina Beach road, said that he had been closing at midnight but that people had not been leaving immediately. Under the new order, he plans to eliminate the service of food after 11:30 p. m. and will have the music cut off at 11:50, so that all lights may be out and the doors locked by 12 o'clock. He announced that he intended to continue to open at 8 p. m.

It is understood that the St. John's Tavern will not be affected by the curfew but the Finca Room, a private club located in the basement of the Tavern, will be closed at midnight. The Recreation Bowling Alley, according to its manager, "won't be hurt any by the order because we have been closing at 11 p. m. anyway ever since the war."

## Woman's Body Is Found After Apparent Burial

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 26.—(AP)—The son of one of the five Binghamton residents whose decomposed bodies were found Saturday in an abandoned funeral home said tonight he had attended his mother's funeral last fall and his mother's funeral last fall and his mother's funeral last fall and his mother's funeral last fall.

In his statement, Harding said he attended funeral services at the funeral home where he saw her body in the casket. Then he drove to a cemetery at Forkston where the casket was lowered into a grave. The casket was not opened at the grave, he said, but he believed it contained the body.

Krause also disclosed that Donald Collins Ackley, whom he identified as the former owner of the funeral home, apparently had gone to California. He said the local rationing board reported it had issued him gasoline to drive to that state on January 11 upon his statement he planned to open another undertaking establishment there.

## First Army Shells City Of Cologne; Third Gains

(Continued from Page One) U. S. PRESENTS ECONOMIC PLAN. (Continued from Page One) intended the cushion the inevitable vertigo of a leap from war to peace and improve living standards throughout the hemisphere. The security issue, which in effect underlies all these proposals, was brought up more directly in another U. S. resolution against admitting war criminals into any of the Americas.

It provides also for setting up an inter-American program for reporting individuals charged with war crimes and delivering them to another united nation or a United Nations agency. Other important points which arose at the conference today were: 1. A proposal to invite Canada to join the American system with responsibilities equal to the other nations. It remains unclear how far such an initiative would affect Canada's relations in the British Empire.

2. A strong indication that the United States will support Colombia's proposals for a mutual guarantee of American boundaries, in which sanctions would be dependent upon consultation. 3. The steering committee reported favorably on a Cuban resolution recommending that all the American nations declare war against Germany and Japan.

4. A Mexican proposal, which appears to have U. S. support, for continuing consultations among the military staffs of the American nations to keep the hemisphere constantly defended against aggression. 5. A decision to pigeonhole any discussion of relations with Franco Spain at this meeting, leaving this problem to each country individually.

## LEGRAND EXPECTED TO PRESENT BILLS

Bills aiming at the control and licensing of professional bondsmen in New Hanover county, at legalizing overpayments made during 1944 by the Board of County Commissioners to Recorder's Court officials, at spreading City Pension benefits and at rewarding long service rendered by retired Fire and Police department members were expected to be presented to the Legislature during the coming week by Rep. J. Q. LeGrand.

An additional measure given to him last night for presentation to the Assembly, entering its penultimate week of the present session, would authorize a popular election in the Town of Carolina Beach to determine residents' willingness to be taxed for a community advertising fund.

The bondsman-control measure awaiting submittal is a product of the new Hanover Bar Association. It requires an annual license fee of \$200 (which Mr. LeGrand has intimated might be reduced) to both county and City from each professional bondsman, sets his risk-and-service charge at five per cent of the bond, with a minimum fee of five dollars, and forbids his soliciting in public buildings and his recommendation by local attorneys or law enforcement officers.

The two pension acts would include ABC Board, Public Health Nursing and Associated Charities employees under the City Pension Act and would add to the 50-per-cent-of-salary allowance now given to retired police and firemen a monthly dollar for every year above 20 which they spent in service.

The County salaries measure, to be submitted by Mr. LeGrand instead of a bill authorizing County Commissioners to raise employees' wages \$500 beyond their present range, will simply ratify overpayments made in 1944 to Recorder H. Winfield Smith and the late J. A. McNorton, solicitor of Recorder's court.

## COURT COMBINES ROBBERY CASES

The first afternoon of the special one week criminal session of State Superior Court, with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on the bench, disposed of a combined three-german highway robbery case, a larceny charge in which a verdict of "not guilty" was returned and a plea of guilty to a charge of receiving stolen goods. Thirty criminal cases representing charges ranging from crime against nature to larceny were slated for continuance.

The case of Robert Dow, Negro accused of auto larceny, occupied the court at adjournment. An earlier case of similar nature in which Willie Blackmon was defendant terminated with a "not guilty" verdict.

In a case combined for the court's convenience, Benjamin Locke, William Moore and William L. Parker, all Negroes, were tried for highway robbery and found guilty. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn sentenced the men to terms in New Hanover County Jail, with hard labor on State roads, of 18 months to three years, one to three years and two to three years respectively.

Charged with store-breaking, larceny and receiving stolen goods, a Negro named John Cornelius Davis pled guilty to the last charge and was sentenced to two and one half years in State prison, with labor on the roads of the State.

## COMMONS MAY GET BIG THREE FACTS

(Continued from Page One) Churchill intends to demand a vote of confidence on the basis of this motion. Despite the dissatisfaction of some members with the political course of the war he is expected to get an overwhelming ballot.

Poland and France are expected to loom large in the debate with Allied, and especially British policy in such liberated countries as Belgium and Greece as subsidiary topics. As regards France, Churchill was expected to try to soothe French sensibilities wounded by Gen. Charles de Gaulle's failure to get an invitation to the Crimea Conference.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault now is in London as a guest of the government. Churchill gave a luncheon for him today, with Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and French Ambassador Rene Massigli among those present. Bidault spent the week end in the country with Eden. He is expected to return to Paris tomorrow to report to de Gaulle.

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## Three Alarms Answered; House Is Damaged Badly

Three alarms were answered last night by City firemen, two fires starting in trash piles and the other in a kitchen at the home of W. V. Sellars, 407 Queen street, at 10:20 p. m., causing considerable damage to the rear end of the house.

At 6:29 p. m. a fire started in a trash pile in a closet at a vacant home at Third and Castle streets, causing minor damage. At 9:35 p. m. a blaze started in a trash pile underneath a house at 704 South Fifth street, firemen said. No damage was caused.

## BERLIN POUNDED IN BIGGEST RAID

(Continued from Page One) has been swollen to 5,000,000 by refugees from the battlefronts. The great mass of American airpower arrived over the city in three waves just before noon and dropped 5,000 high explosive bombs and 500,000 small firebombs on the Schlesier, Alexander Platz and Berlin north railway stations, all within two miles of the heart of the capital.

The bombs began dropping at 11:54 a. m., the "zero hour" set in the briefing, and continued in salvos of 100-ton lots at 10 minute intervals. Although the big American bombers offered an inviting target to the Luftwaffe with their bold tactics, there were no reports of enemy air interception.

An Eighth Air Force staff officer said "Berlin has now won our most bombed championship." "The Eighth Air Force," he said, "has dropped approximately 18,000 tons of bombs on Berlin in 16 attacks, passing the 15,000-ton mark for Cologne and 12,000-ton allotment for Munich."

In addition 55,000 tons of bombs have been dumped on the Nazi capital by the RAF in night attacks since the start of the war. The huge armada exceeded by more than 200 planes the size of the assault on the German capital February 3 by American bombers and fighters.

Preceding today's raid, the city had been hammered with two-ton block busters for six successive nights by RAF Mosquitoes. The three railway stations were not hit in the February 3 raid by 1,000 Flying Fortresses, an Eighth Air Force officer said, and are located within two miles of the German Air Ministry building, which received eight direct hits in the raid earlier this month.

Schlesier is a main passenger station and also is equipped with vast freight and repair shops and extensive sidings. Most of the traffic through the station is routed through Danzig.

The Alexander Platz is essentially a passenger station and Berlin north is a large freight terminal. Even though battered by scores of previous attacks and variously estimated as 50 to 75 per cent destroyed all supplies and reinforcements for the Eastern Front must move through it.

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## CHURCH PLANNING LENTEN MEETINGS

Beginning at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the Great Hall of the Parish House and continuing on each Wednesday evening thereafter during Lent, there will be a series of five discussions on the general subject, "The Christian Doctrine of God", it was announced by St. James Episcopal Church.

These discussions, which are under the sponsorship of the Layman's league, will be conducted by five outstanding laymen particularly fitted to lead such discussions, it was stated.

The discussion groups offer an opportunity for constructive thinking on vitally important subject. All members of the congregation and their friends are urged to attend.

Following are the several phases of the general subject to be covered, together with the names of the leaders of each discussion: "God and the Church", Robert Strange, Wednesday, Feb. 28 8 p. m.; "God and Yourself", George B. Elliot, Wednesday, March 7, 8 p. m.; "God and Race", H. E. Rodgers, Wednesday, March 14, 8 p. m.; "God and the Nations", Carl H. Davis, Wednesday, March 21, 8 p. m.; "God and Economics", Emmett Bellamy, Wednesday, March 28, 8 p. m.

## AIR BASE HAS WAC MP'S

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—(AP)—It's really a woman's world when members of the weaker sex take over the strong-arm jobs. Six Wacs at Lockbourne Army Air Base have donned the familiar MP armbands and assumed patrol duties after being trained by regular military policemen.

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