

Washington, March 2.--(AP)-A w and potentially expl

there, it was said today. These islands are vital stepping stone

Vichy.

Indictments Expected.

Sneed because "I desire to

that he expected indictment to be

Nineteen other persons, mostly employees of the revenue depart-

Thomas added that he would

not offer a proposed amendment

to the \$32,762,736,900 military

appropriations bill to prohibit

use of any of the measure's funds

for the purchase of governmentheld crop surpluses at less than

"It's too late to see the

"We can't hold up this

President now." Thomas told re-

porters, explaining that the com-

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

and moderate to heavy rain east

and central portions this after-

noon and tonight, with some snow mixed with rain over cen-

portion: continued rather

Moderate snow in mountains

parity.

tral

cold tonight.

issued against other persons.

Ir. Sneed before the grand jury for ther matters." Later, the solicitor told reporters

Washington, March 2-(AP)-

on here was that the Dutch we

A Reuters dispatch from Bandoen:

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Gen. Marshall

Wants Drive

ncreased pay for men in the arm ed forces-appeared on the legisla tive horizon today as Congress began is third month deeply immersed in wartime problems and controversies

Discussed in closed committee sea sions for months, the pay question threatened to become a live legistative problem just at the time when Congress was trying to complete repeal action on the troublesome selfpension law and to reach a settle ment on the controversy over price regulations for farm products

Introduced by Senator Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, the military pay bill has been the subject of intermittent hearings since last Novem ber 17, but members of the Senate Military Committee said they were now nearing a showdown on its

Johnson originally proposed conprehensive basic increases from pri vates and seamen to generals and admirals, but several committee members predicted that if any bil finally was laid before the Senate it would provide benefits only fo those in the ranks, possibly includ-

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#### STORM WARNING BY WEATHER BUREAU

Wachington, March 2.---(AP)-The Weather Bureau issued an advisory storm warning today saying winds would reach moderate gale force on the Atlantic coast from North Carolina to New Jersey this afternoon and tonight.

## Rationing Is **Fulltime** Job For Somebody

#### Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Broughton and Lee Gravely, field candidate for the State Supreme consultant of the Office of Price Administration who was here during this spring. the week-end, have agreed that the duties of the state rationing administer soon will require the full time of one man.

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along the route to New Zealand. DeGaulle's French national committee in London was named officially for the first time as the recognized authority governing the French Pacific possessions, although the United States maintains diplematic relations with Marshal Petain's government at

# State Lags **On Contracts** In War Work

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ment, were called to testify before Raleigh. March 2.-A total of the grand jury, meeting in executive \$231.971,000 has been distributed in session.

North Carolina in major war supply and facility contracts and allocations. Senators Not To the Wer Production Board announced today. The State's share in war See Roosevelt On expenditures is far below average, the WPB added. For instance, Vic-Farm Parity Row ginia's total was \$850,797,000. On the other hand, however, South Washington, March 2 .--- (AP)---

Carolina's was only \$137,467,000. The report covered only the period Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, said today that membetween June, 1940, through Decembers of the Senate farm bloc ber, 1941. It in no way reflects on had abandoned efforts to obtain a the activities of the WPB's State ofconference with President Roosefice of contract distribution, which opened since then, but it does it velt on parity price legislation.

dicate how much that office has to | (Continued on Page Two)

### Chas G. Rose Not To Contest Court Post With Denny

mittee had been unable to ob-Raleigh, March 2 --- (AP) -- Charles tain an appointment this morn-G. Rose, Sr., of Fayetteville, said ing. Raleigh. March 2. - Governor today he definitely would not be a military bill." Court in the Democratic primaries

Rose, who was mentioned as a successor for the late Justice Heriot Clarkson, who died in January; issued a statement here today saying That means that Teo Johnson, who that he would not run against Jus-tice E. B. Denny, who was appointed by Governor Broughton to Clarkson's seat.

President Roosevelt today reorgan-

Raleigh, March 2 .- (AP)-Clar- ized the army into three basic on t ence W. Sneed, of Raleigh, pleaded to be known as the army ground guilty today to charges of emblez- forces, army air forces and servic ng approximately \$6,000 from the of supply, each in charge of a co North Carolina Department of manding general.

Revenue, and additional indictments He issued an executive order pr against other State employees were viding for streamlining existing or expected to be issued momentarily. ganizations, and authorized the sec

Immediately after Sneed entered retary of war to create additional his plea, he went before the Wake departments to embrace task fore's county grand jury to testify in connection with other alleged regularicommands in theatres of operation ties in the Revenue Department, and other commands he deems nec-Sneed is a former deputy collector SSHIV.

of the department. Solicitor William Y. Bickett ask-ed Superior Court Judge Leo Carr. of Burlington, to "reserve judgment" (Continued on Page Three)

**Confidence** In

**Bennett** Given

Melbourne, Australia, March 2.-(AP)—The Australian government today expressed its full confidence

n Major General Gordon Bennett

who remained with the Australian

rmy in Malaya until after the sur-

render of Singapore and then wroth

ary career by a daring escape from

he Japanese.

thrilling new chapter in his mili-

Bennett, at 55 the senior major

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Australia's

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proposed today that General Douglas MacArthur, hero of the Bataan peninsula, be named commander of the southwest **Pacific** forces

"General Wavell's ABCD command has moved westward to Eurma and a new Pacific commander is needed." the Telegraph said in an editorial "Most of his (the new commander's) forces will be American and he should be an American."

(There has been no word from other sources that Wavell had moved his headquarters from Java, Presumably the Telegraph meant that the greater part of the British effort in that area had been concentrated on the defense of Burma.)

# Wholesale Ship Losses With Convoy

An East Coast Canadian Port March 2.-(AP)-A tale of wholesale disaster striking suddenly in the night far at sea has been brought here by survivors of a convoy which lost at least four of its merchant ships when it was caught by a pack of U-boats in mid-Atlantic.

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Fountain's Strength To Be More Than Expected

**By BOB INCRESS** Raleigh, March 2.—Every time the practical politicians, the con-ceited office holders and the "smart" political writers get too big for their breeches along comes Dick Moua-breeches along comes Dick Mou

tain and deflates their ego by the south as he faces north and service, the Georgia congressman said of the Commodity Credit Corpora-time pants. And here he is again, chances, the prepetrator of ACS been designated for the government of administrative expenses in con-This week there will begin, if it isn't doing a lot of predictant about inspection service while 49 or a 15 nection with the sale of government-

already has not begun, a campaign which will break every rule of prac-

### ish Destroyers Claimed to Have Virtually reporting British troops in action Annihilated United Nations Navies.

Tokyo, March 2 .- (AP)-- (From forty miles mland to capture Soe Japanese broadcasts) — Imperial bang. Japanese claimed today another leavy cruser and two British des troyers had been such in the Java sea, and declared that Japanese orces which have landed on Ja re steadily extending their spite

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## Partiality In Leaf Grading Is Charged

the measure was re- prohibit the Commodity Credit Correleased w

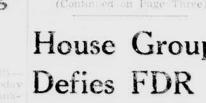




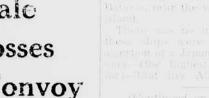
To Be Begun General George C.

House Group **Defies** FDR **On Crop Sale** 

recommended today that Congress



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Daily Dispatch Bureau,<br/>In the Sir Walter Hotel.<br/>BOB THOMPSONtical politics as Fountain seeks the<br/>toga which now adorns the dignified<br/>frame of Joriah William Bailey.ported to the House.<br/>Tarver asserted the flue-cured to-<br/>bacco markets from Virginia toporation from selling its farm stocks<br/>at less than parity, a provision<br/>President Roosevelt opposed unsuc-

By BOB THOMPSON