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## ALLIES SMASH AT JAP SPEARHEADS IN JAVA

### Red Army Now Is In Sight Of Staraya Russa

#### Japanese Invasion Barge Approaches Luzon



Copied from a German publication, this picture shows helmeted Jap soldiers on the deck of the invasion barge carrying them to shore during the attack on Luzon. A shell from one of the guns of General MacArthur's defending force hits near the motorboat which seems to be towing the barge.

#### Explosive Issue Of Pay For Armed Forces Rises

Threatens To Become Live Question in Congress; Would Cost Hundreds of Millions of Dollars; Basic Pay Would Be \$42.

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—A new and potentially explosive issue—increased pay for men in the armed forces—appeared on the legislative horizon today as Congress began its third month deeply immersed in wartime problems and controversies.

Discussed in closed committee sessions for months, the pay question threatened to become a live legislative problem just at the time when Congress was trying to complete repeal action on the troublesome self-pension law and to reach a settlement 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 November 17, but members of the Senate Military Committee said they were now nearing a showdown on its terms.

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

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#### STORM WARNING BY WEATHER BUREAU

Washington, 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. Raleigh, March 2.—Governor Broughton and Lee Gravelly, field consultant of the Office of Price Administration who was here during the week-end, have agreed that the duties of the state rationing administrator soon will require the fulltime of one man.

That means that Ted Johnson, who

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#### U. S. Recognizing Free French Rule

London, March 2.—(AP)—The United States has given partial recognition to Free French rule in the Pacific and is cooperating in operation of French islands there, it was said today.

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 diplomatic relations with Marshal Petain's government at Vichy.

#### State Lags On Contracts In War Work

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

Raleigh, March 2.—A total of \$231,971,000 has been distributed in North Carolina in major war supply and facility contracts and allocations, the War Production Board announced today. The State's share in war expenditures is far below average, the WPB added. For instance, Virginia's total was \$859,797,000. On the other hand, however, South Carolina's was only \$137,467,000.

The report covered only the period between June, 1940, through December, 1941. It in no way reflects on the activities of the WPB's State office of contract distribution, which opened since then, but it does indicate how much that office has to

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

Raleigh, March 2.—(AP)—Charles G. Rose, Sr., of Fayetteville, said today he definitely would not be a candidate for the State Supreme Court in the Democratic primaries this spring.

Rose, who was mentioned as a successor for the late Justice Hermit Clarkson, who died in January, issued a statement here today saying that he would not run against Justice E. B. Denny, who was appointed by Governor Broughton to Clarkson's seat.

#### Sneed Guilty Of Revenue Office Theft

Dismissed Deputy Pleads Guilty When Case Is Called in Wake Superior Court; Other Indictments Expected.

Raleigh, March 2.—(AP)—Clarence W. Sneed, of Raleigh, pleaded guilty today to charges of embezzling approximately \$6,000 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue, and additional indictments against other State employees were expected to be issued momentarily.

Immediately after Sneed entered his plea, he went before the Wake county grand jury to testify in connection with other alleged regularities in the Revenue Department.

Sneed is a former deputy collector of the department. Solicitor William Y. Bickett asked Superior Court Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, to "reserve judgment" on Sneed because "I desire to use Mr. Sneed before the grand jury for other matters."

Later, the solicitor told reporters that he expected indictment to be issued against other persons.

Nineteen other persons, mostly employees of the revenue department, were called to testify before the grand jury, meeting in executive session.

#### Senators Not To See Roosevelt On Farm Parity Row

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, said today that members of the Senate farm bloc had abandoned efforts to obtain a conference with President Roosevelt on parity price legislation.

Thomas added that he would not offer a proposed amendment to the \$32,752,236,900 military appropriations bill to prohibit use of any of the measure's funds for the purchase of government-held crop surpluses at less than parity.

"It's too late to see the President now," Thomas told reporters, explaining that the committee had been unable to obtain an appointment this morning. "We can't hold up this military bill."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Moderate snow in mountains and moderate to heavy rain east and central portions this afternoon and tonight, with some snow mixed with rain over central portion; continued rather cold tonight.

#### 90,000 Germans Are Trapped In Pocket; Food Running Short

#### Germans Say Ship Loss 525,400 Tons

Berlin, March 2.—(AP)—(German broadcast)—A German army bulletin reported today that 525,400 tons of enemy shipping had been sunk during February with submarines accounting for 448,800 tons.

The tonnage destroyed represented 79 ships, the daily communique of the high command declared. Of these, Nazi planes were credited with sinking 13 and submarines the remaining 66.

In addition, the communique said, 41 enemy merchant ships were partly or seriously damaged.

#### FDR Divides Army Units Into Three

Will Be Known as Army Ground Forces; Air Forces and Services of Supply; Functions and Duties Are Outlined.

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today reorganized the army into three basic units to be known as the army ground forces, army air forces and services of supply, each in charge of a commanding general.

He issued an executive order providing for streamlining existing organizations, and authorized the secretary of war to create additional departments to embrace task forces, base commands, defense commands, commands in theaters of operation, and other commands he deems necessary.

To the commanding general of army ground forces were transferred

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#### Australia's Confidence In Bennett Given

Melbourne, Australia, March 2.—(AP)—The Australian government today expressed its full confidence in Major General Gordon Bennett, who remained with the Australian army in Malaya until after the surrender of Singapore and then wrote a thrilling new chapter in his military career by a daring escape from the Japanese.

Bennett, at 55 the senior major

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#### Fountain's Strength To Be More Than Expected

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

Raleigh, March 2.—Every time the practical politicians, the conceited office holders and the "smart" political writers get too big for their breeches along comes Dick Fountain and deflates their ego by the simple expedient of sticking a pin in their pants. And here he is again. This week there will begin, if it already has not begun, a campaign which will break every rule of prac-

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#### Pushing Toward Smolensk further to South; Two Infantry Battalions of Germans Reported Wiped Out; Little News from Crimea.

Moscow, March 2.—(AP)—The Red army was reported today to be within 10 miles of the German lines of Smolensk, Russia, where German G. I. units are said to be trapped with dwindling food supplies, while farther south the Russians pushed toward Smolensk and Dnepropetrovsk against fierce German resistance.

Members of Britain's 12-patrol unit were disclosed to have been training Russian airmen to use British planes. The fliers declared on their return to England that the Russians "certainly learn fast."

Dispatches from the Staraya Russa region said the Russian army was drawing its steel nose tighter around the German sixteenth army each day and quoted a German prisoner

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#### Australian Paper Demands MacArthur As New Commander

Sidney, Australia, March 2.—(AP)—The Sidney Telegraph 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 Burma 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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#### Senator Injured



Sen. Carl Hatch

Sen. Carl Hatch, of New Mexico, is reported "doing nicely" after suffering a fracture of the spine and a broken rib in an automobile accident about eighty miles southeast of Albuquerque. Sen. Hatch had to lay beside the roadway half an hour before help came along.

(Central Press)

#### Japs Claim Heavy Losses By Allies

Additional Heavy Cruiser and Two British Destroyers Claimed to Have Virtually Annihilated United Nations Navies.

Tokyo, March 2.—(AP)—(From Japanese broadcast)—Imperial Japanese claimed today another heavy cruiser and two British destroyers had been sunk in the Java sea, and declared that Japanese forces which have landed on Java are steadily extending their sphere of operations.

Announcement of the sinking said that "only Japanese naval forces pursuing the enemy fleet spotted a heavy cruiser and two British destroyers withdrawing and sunk them March 1 at 11 miles to the north of Nias."

Knowing it is the mission of British naval forces to destroy the sea lanes, the Japanese said that these ships were included in the operation of a Japanese naval task force which had been ordered to intercept the Allied convoys and

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#### Partiality In Leaf Grading Is Charged

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today faced an accusation of "partiality" in providing government inspection service for tobacco auction markets.

The charge was leveled by Representative Turner, Democrat, Georgia, during hearings on the department's 1943 appropriation bill and made public in published testimony released when the measure was reported to the House.

Turner asserted the fire-cured tobacco markets from Virginia to Georgia had been discriminated against in favor of burley tobacco markets in Kentucky and Tennessee.

During testimony of C. W. Kitchen, chief of the department's marketing service, the Georgia congressman said that all 43 of the burley markets had been designated for the government inspection service while 49 of the 75

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#### Heavy Loss Is Suffered By Invaders

British Still Holding in Burma, But Rangoon Has Been Lost as Port of Entry for Supplies to China; Bombings on Bataan.

(By The Associated Press) The United Nations' counter-offensive against the Japanese invasion of Java has developed "satisfactorily," it was officially but cautiously announced at Bandung today, and one official report suggested that the deepest of the enemy's three spearheads had been sheared off. Details of the counter stroke, however, remained an official secret.

(By The Associated Press) Frontally and in flank, the United Nations armies in Java drove mightily today to smash three Japanese spearheads thrust into that rich and strategic island, and one report suggested that the deepest one of these had been sheared off from its shore base.

The immediate goal of the defense was to shatter the invaders before they could be reinforced from the sea. The invading forces were reported to have suffered enormous losses already.

A special Dutch communique said that nearly all the Japanese lighters engaged in landing troops and tanks from twenty transports yesterday near Rembang, easternmost of the three invasion points, were sunk in swooping attacks by Dutch fighting planes.

A tank was fired while being unloaded and fell into the sea. Others, landed, were set afire. The suggestion here was that the Dutch were using a sort of incendiary bomb, perhaps gasoline-filled missiles.

A Reuters dispatch from Bandung, reporting British troops in action against the foe, said there was reason to believe that Allied forces had smashed through the supply line of a Japanese column which had driven forty miles inland to capture Soebang.

Soebang, less than thirty miles

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#### Gen. Marshall Wants Drive To Be Begun

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall, a serving the line has come for the United States. "The proposal with the seriousness of carrying the war to the enemy," said today, "is not an abstract concept to be expected in addition to off-shore submarine actions designed to keep American forces at bay."

A letter from the chief of staff read by Senator Austin, Republican, Vermont, while the Senate was considering a \$32,752,236,900 military appropriations bill, said that demands

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#### House Group Defies FDR On Crop Sale

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee recommended today that Congress prohibit the Commodity Credit Corporation from selling its farm stocks at less than parity, a provision President Roosevelt opposed unsuccessfully in the Senate last week.

Sending a \$695,065,539 supply bill for the Agriculture Department to the House, the committee inserted a provision which said that no part of the Commodity Credit Corporation's appropriations could be used for administrative expenses in connection with the sale of government-

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