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Assuming Supreme Command Of United Nations Forces In Southwest Pacific,

MacArthur Is Now In Australia

Labor Laws Gain Support

Sailors Snatched From Fiery Death at Sea



These grim, oil-soaked survivors of a torpedoed American tanker wait in a medical dispensary to win a few minutes after they were landed safely at Southampton, N. C. They told a gruesome story of shipmates perishing in burning oil covering the sea after a torpedo struck the tanker.

Reds Close In On Nazi Army

Key Point Is Captured

Position Identified as 'N' May be Novgorod, Strong Center of Resistance.

(By The Associated Press) Russian troops battling to crush remnants of the trapped German 16th army in the Staraya Russa sector, south of Leningrad, were reported today to have seized a key point on heights overlooking the battlefield and further lightened the noose around the beleaguered nazis.

Soviet front line dispatches, identifying the point only as "N," said it has been one of the strongest centers of German resistance.

The city may have been the ancient walled city of Novgorod, on the north shore of Lake Ilmen, one of the main arteries of German defense.

On the Ukraine front, Russian dispatches said the Germans were surrendering in mounting numbers as Marshal Timoshenko's Red armies battered at the gates of Kharkov, the Soviet "Pittsburgh."

In the Crimea, a bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted that Russian attacks on the Kerch peninsula, gateway to the Caucasian oil fields, had collapsed against German-Rumanian resistance.

The nazi communique said the (Continued on Page Two)

French Intern 2,000 Britons

London, March 17.—(AP)—Reuters reported from Tangier today that French authorities in Morocco have ordered internment of all British subjects between 18 and 50 residing in coast towns.

CIGARETTE PLANTS TO BE CONVERTED TO WAR INDUSTRY

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON. Raleigh, March 17.—It is possible, even probable, that North Carolina's large tobacco companies will begin the manufacture of guns, gun cartridges or some other tools of war within the near future. The cigarette companies have large and well equipped machine shops and it is machinery that the government most needs now. What is more, these companies are big enough to accept the responsibility of prime contractors and could let out the sub-contracts to other smaller North Carolina firms.

Leaf Industry Opposes Hike In Wage Level

New York, March 17.—(AP)—Representatives of the leaf tobacco industry of the dark-leaf tobacco region of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina today argued against a proposed minimum wage of an cents an hour on the ground that the war had virtually stopped all of their exports and that any increase above the present 30 cent minimum would result only in increased unemployment.

RAAF Back In Homeland

Most of Airmen Who Fought in Malaya and Indies Ready to Defend Australia.

(By The Associated Press.) A British broadcast reported today that "most of the royal Australian air force men who have been serving against Japan in Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies are now back in Australia."

Women's Dress Styles Frozen

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FDR Says Whole Field Considered

House Support for Drastic Legislation Affecting Both Labor and Industry Assumes Major Proportions.

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—A public cry for faster war production got a quick reaction in the House today as the administration.

Nelson Makes Talk Tonight

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson will make a statement to the nation tonight in a special broadcast designed to combat any axis propaganda which officials said described the production speedup drive as an attempt to "sovietize" American industry.

Winds Leave 145 Dead

Storms Rip Over 600-Mile Long Strip of States in South and Midwest.

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Supreme Commander



Gen. Douglas N. MacArthur

General Douglas MacArthur, American hero of the Philippines, has been appointed to supreme command of United Nations forces in the southwest Pacific, and the War Department announced today his arrival in Australia to assume his new post.

Next German Attack May Be On Iceland

URUGUAYAN SHIP SUNK OFF HAITI

Montevideo, Uruguay, March 17.—(AP)—The 9,700-ton Uruguayan merchant ship Montevideo, formerly the Italian Anonella, has been torpedoed and sunk off Jeremie, Haiti and 17 of her crew of 39 are missing, the government announced today.

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Philippines Hero Makes Plane Trip

War Department in Washington Announces Arrival of MacArthur in Australia; Transfer of Headquarters Direct-February 22.

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—The arrival of General Douglas MacArthur in Australia to assume supreme United Nations command in that region was announced today by the War department.

The assignment was requested by the Australian government, the department said, and President Roosevelt directed MacArthur on February 22 to transfer his headquarters from the Philippines he had been so brilliantly defending to Australia as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made.

MacArthur requested a delay until he could perfect arrangements with his Philippine command, and this delay was approved by the President.

MacArthur was accompanied on his plane trip to Australia by Mrs. MacArthur and their son; by his chief of staff, Major General Richard K. Sutherland; Brigadier General Harold H. George of the air force, and several other staff officers.

U. S. Cheers Appointment

Congressmen Agree Assignment of MacArthur as Supreme Commander is Fortunate.

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—News that General Douglas MacArthur had arrived in Australia as supreme commander of United Nations forces surprised and cheered members of Congress today.

Rationing To Take Time

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON. Raleigh, March 17.—All the delay in starting sugar rationing won't be in Washington. According to information just received here it will take the average North Carolinian approximately 15 minutes to register for a sugar book. If he or she also registers for the other members of the family, add about three minutes for each member.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Much cooler tonight.

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