



# MEMORIAL DAY



Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch—be yours to hold it high!  
—COL. JOHN MCCRACK

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# REDS DISPUTE NAZI CLAIM OF VICTORY

## Chinese Admit Japanese Capture Of Kinhwa

### Defenders Withdrawn Thursday

**Chekiang Province Capital Was Strategically Important As Potential Base for Allied Offensive Against Japan.**

(By The Associated Press) Chinese headquarters today acknowledged the fall of the key city of Kinhwa, wartime capital of Chekiang province, to powerful Japanese invasion columns which advanced 100 miles in ten days.

Chinese troops withdrew from the city on the afternoon of May 28, it was announced.

The Japanese command had previously claimed the capture of the city at 7 a. m., May 28, and declared that with its seizure the Japanese had cut one of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's vital lines of supply and communication.

Chekiang province, on China's east coast, is strategically important as a potential base for an allied offensive against Japan.

Elsewhere in the far Pacific struggle, naval warfare dominated the picture as allied forces blasted the Japanese in Burma and in the Indian base islands above Australia.

At the battle of Australia, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied airmen ripping into a formation of 18 Japanese planes, shot down five enemy aircraft and damaged three others in a furious dogfight yesterday.

Far ranging allied bombers set big fires and inflicted damage in attacks on the Japanese bases at Dili, in Portuguese Timor island, and at Rabaul, New Britain.

### Enemy Sub Sunk By Plane

San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 30.—(AP)—The tenth naval district announced today the sinking of an enemy submarine off the French island of Martinique on Wednesday by a naval pilot who said he dropped four bombs within four minutes on the underside of the boat from an altitude of only 50 to 100 feet.

The announcement confirmed previous reports that a submarine had been sunk, but did not make it clear whether it was one of those engaged in attacks on the United States destroyer Blakeley, which was torpedoed off Martinique and attacked again en route to the United States.

### Crops Rot Because Of Rationing

Raleigh, May 30.—(AP)—Governor Broughton said he had received reports from sections of eastern North Carolina that truck crops were rotting because of lack of gasoline to transport them to market.

The governor said he had protested to the office of Petroleum Coordinator Lokes that because distributors' quotas had been filled that no gas was available to local service stations in Wilson, Faison and Wilmington.

He said he had received urgent appeals from farmers of the area saying that their crops would have to go to the hog unless gasoline supplies were immediately forthcoming.

Storage tanks are full and transportation trucks are idle, are some of the reports the governor said he received.

In Wilmington, the governor said, gasoline will be unavailable by Sunday, depriving some 12,000 shipyard workers of vital transportation.

### Steps Taken To Combat Subs In Gulf

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—Rear Admiral James Lawrence Kauffman was appointed commander of the gulf sea frontier today to provide more effective prosecution of the anti-submarine campaign in the Gulf of Mexico area.

The territory put under his command includes the seventh and eighth naval districts and all sea areas from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Gulf of Mexico.

At the same time the Navy announced that as another part of the plan for reinforcing the area, headquarters of the gulf sea frontier were being moved from Key West to Miami, Fla. The naval operating base including the naval station hospital, air station, and section base, will remain at Key West.

Admiral Kauffman, 55, formerly was commandant of the naval operating base in Iceland.

He is a native of Mainburg, Ohio.

### ODT Order Protested

**Governor Broughton Says Wilson - to - Wilmington Freight Essential to Farmers.**

Raleigh, May 30.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today protested to the office of defense transportation an order discontinuing a Wilson-to-Wilmington Atlantic Coastline freight train.

The governor said the line was essential to farmers of the area who use it to transport potatoes, beans and other produce to northern markets.

Broughton said some weeks ago, upon an intimation that the Coastline was anticipating the discontinuance of the line, he ordered the State utilities commission to investigate the situation.

The utilities commission reported that in its opinion the service was essential to the farmers of that section.

In his letter, the governor said, "in view of the urgent need of this service on the part of the growers of that section of North Carolina, which is one of the most important vegetable and produce growing sections of the nation, I desire very urgently and respectfully to protest the action of your office in approving the discontinuance of this train. I call to your attention the fact that this state is already under drastic gasoline restrictions, and that further curtailment of freight service is an undue hardship on the farmers of this state."

The governor said discontinuance of the train, a seasonal run, would add next to nothing to the nation's motive power.

### GREENSBORO MAN DIES IN ACCIDENT

Fayetteville, May 30.—(AP)—William Allen Gutter of Greensboro was killed instantly near here early today when he was struck on the Fort Bragg boulevard by a car driven by a soldier. No details of the accident were given out.

### GOOD NEIGHBOR

Washington, May 2.—(AP)—Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the Senate foreign relations committee said today the United States should take immediate steps to implement the good neighbor policy by providing needed arms for Mexico.

### AWARDED DEGREE

Oxford, May 30.—C. C. Pruitt, Jr., received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at Atlantic-Southern Dental college in Atlanta this week.

Dr. Pruitt will remain in Atlanta for a few days and then will spend several days at his home here. He will report at the Naval Base in Norfolk on July 6. Last summer, he was commissioned an ensign in the Navy.

### More Hostages Are Executed

New York, May 30.—(AP)—The British radio relayed a report today that "ten more Czechs" had been executed in Prague and said it had been established that 18 Norwegian hostages were killed in reprisal for the death of two Germans in a fishing village near Bergen.

CBS recorded the BBC broadcast.

### Barrymore Is Dead

**Star of Stage, Screen and Radio Dies in Hollywood Following Critical Illness.**

Hollywood, May 30.—(AP)—Gay, debonair John Barrymore, who lived life to the utmost and gave scant heed to the consequences, is dead.

The 60-year-old star of the stage, screen and radio, whose life was spent in the white glare of publicity, was almost alone when the end came at 10:20 o'clock P.M.T. last night. Only his medical attendants and his brother, Lionel, were with him in his white walled hospital room when John crossed the border into death from the coma in which he had lain for hours.

In his last days Barrymore embraced the faith of his birth. His physician, Dr. Hugo Keesten, disclosed that he had been given the last sacraments by Father John O'Donnell, pastor of a little Catholic church not far from the Hollywood Presbyterian hospital where Barrymore died.

### Not So Crazy After All

Vichy, May 30.—(AP)—The story reached here today of the inmate of a mental institution who escaped and while at liberty picked up 300,000 francs playing the horses at Longchamps track outside Paris.

He was found after curfew one night, winnings in pocket. Before being returned to the asylum he gave the police officer who questioned him a tip on the races.

### HOSPITAL PROBE COMMITTEE MEETS

Morganton, May 30.—(AP)—Another chapter of the Morganton State hospital investigation will be written next week when the five-member committee appointed by Governor J. M. Broughton returns here Tuesday for another session.

### Vote Results To Be Given

Results of today's primary election in Vance county will be announced from the Dispatch office as returns are received tonight following close of the polling period at 6:30 o'clock.

### 22 Men Lost In Sinking

**Axis Submarine Attacks and Sinks Unarmed U. S. Ship in Gulf of Mexico.**

New Orleans, May 30.—(AP)—An axis submarine, whose officers apparently knew their victim was unarmed, sank a medium-sized United States cargo vessel in the Gulf of Mexico May 25, killing 22 men.

The dead all were aboard a single lifeboat blown to bits by a torpedo. Two from this boat and 17 others escaped in a second lifeboat and were picked up the next day and brought to New Orleans.

The ship was the 15th officially reported attacked in the gulf during May, of which 13 ships were lost with the deaths of 194 men.

The ship, unable to defend itself because of having no gun aboard, was attacked by shellfire at 4 a. m., and immediately afterward the crew heard a siren from a submarine on the surface of the starboard side.

Obviously aware of the absence of a protective gun, the submarine moved closer and opened rapid fire with its gun, firing between 75 and 90 rounds, many of which started fires.

At 4:25 a. m., all hands except the radio operator abandoned ship. One lifeboat carrying 16 men got away first and the submarine drew near and an officer asked in English "Is everyone on the ship?"

### ACTION DEMANDED ON SOLDIER PAY

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—A campaign was started today to force a new Senate vote on raising privates' pay from the \$42 figure senators previously voted to the \$50 a month approved by the House.

With a conference committee apparently deadlocked in efforts to compromise the \$8 difference, Senator LaFollette, Progressive, Wisconsin, said that if action was not forthcoming quickly he would seek a quick test vote.

### Revenue Department Audit Places Blame On Maxwell

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

Raleigh, May 30.—Crockettness within the Department of Revenue was reported to Commissioner A. J. Maxwell five years ago, according to the formal report of the State auditor's office which will be submitted to Governor Broughton and Commissioner Maxwell today.

Nevertheless, Maxwell allowed the accused man to remain as the department's chief accountant until he was loused out by the revelation of the department's scandals last December.

### Broughton Makes Appeal To Strikers

Raleigh, May 30.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today appealed to striking boarders in the twelve High Point hosiery mills to adjust their differences without stoppage of work.

In a telegram to Grady H. Morton, leader of the workmen, the governor said he was sending Forrest H. Sautford, State commissioner of labor, and Frank Crane, conciliator of the State Labor department, to confer with management and labor leaders.

Broughton also said that federal mediation officials would probably go to High Point today to aid in securing a peaceful settlement.

"I am deeply concerned about this situation," the governor said in his message. "And I earnestly hope that this matter can be adjusted without any stoppage of this important work, much of which is related to the war production program."

"North Carolina has an outstanding record in the nation for its part in this program, and I have publicly commended the workers of our state on many occasions for this record."

### Six Persons Dead In Storm In Michigan

Detroit, May 30.—(AP)—A toll of six persons dead and scores injured were reported today after a violent storm which swept over lower Michigan last night.

The storm, which lasted less than half an hour, was particularly severe in Oakland county in southeastern Michigan, and caused extensive property damage and disruption of communications.

Four of the victims, a girl and three boys, were lost after their speedboat was swamped and sunk by high waves on Lake St. Clair. Two other girls in the party reached shore safely.

Mrs. Florence V. Holquist of Pontiac, was electrocuted when a utility pole snapped and crashed amid a tangle of high tension wires. Five other persons were injured when the pole fell.

In Livingston county sheriff's officers reported that George Bullis, a farmer, was crushed to death when wind leveled his barn.

### WPB Halts Housing Projects

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—The war production board, it was learned today, will permit immediate continuance of only about half of all the publicly-financed war housing projects now under construction.

Shortage of lumber, informed officials disclosed, forced WPB to curtail sharply a list of projects which war housing officials described as "essential" after a review of the entire housing program.

### Hitler Says Battle Over At Kharkov

**Soviet Bulletin Reports German Tank and Infantry Assaults Beaten Off South of Kharkov; News of Other War Fronts.**

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler's field headquarters boasted today that the great battle of Kharkov was over, ending in a "proud victory of annihilation" for the axis, even as Soviet dispatches reported that the Red armies were lashing out savagely against fresh German attacks.

The nazi claim was utterly lacking confirmation elsewhere.

A bulletin from Soviet headquarters declared that the Russians again had beaten off German tank and infantry assaults in the Izum-Barvenkova salient 80 miles below Kharkov, where the heaviest fighting has raged for the past several days.

"The bloody losses of the enemy were great everywhere," Hitler's command asserted, claiming that Russian prisoners had raised to 210,000 and that 1,249 Red army tanks had been captured or destroyed.

The nazi communique said three Russian armies—including 20 infantry divisions, seven cavalry divisions and 14 tank brigades—were "annihilated."

The German command also asserted that "annihilation of encircled enemy forces" on the central (Moscow) front was proceeding, after the Russians had attacked and been caught in nazi traps.

On the north African front, British imperial headquarters indicated that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's big tank offensive was meeting a series of jolting counter blows and declared

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### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Not much change in temperature tonight.