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## AMERICANS 'COME OUT AND FIGHT' ROMMEL

### U. S. Forces Advance On Guadalcanal Coast Road Threatened By Attack

#### Socking the Axis Artistically



Caricaturist Henry Major puts the finishing touch to one of his hex-the-Axis novelties. They make it possible to snuff out a cigarette or strike a match right 'in der fuhrer's face.' Psychologists say such gadgets are useful for relieving pent up emotions. Just wait until everyone gets around to the real fuhrer. (Central Press)

#### Win Seven Important Positions

201 Jap Soldiers Killed, 40 Captured In Fighting; Enemy Base Is Wiped Out

Washington, Jan. 25—(AP)—American forces on a general offensive in the Solomon islands reported by the Navy today to have won seven important positions from the enemy on Guadalcanal, to have killed 201 Jap soldiers and captured 40, and to have virtually wiped out an enemy island base 120 miles to the northwest by sea and air attacks.

The places captured, a communique said, were six important elevations west of the American air field on Guadalcanal and the coastal village of Kokumbona where quantities of stores and equipment were seized.

This means that the American front lines had been advanced about two to three miles beyond previously held Point Cruz, which had been the enemy's main point of advance on the coast.

The front apparently is being pushed forward in an effort to hot the up and eventually wipe out dwindling Japanese forces on the northwestern end of the island. The enemy still holds about 16 miles of coastline on the northern side of Guadalcanal.

The heavy attacks against the Japanese island base were delivered by both airplanes and warships on Saturday and Sunday, the communique said. The island attacked was Kokumbona in the Marshes area of the New Georgia group.

"The operations were success fully completed," the communique said, and from an explosion of fuel and ammunition dumps indicated that the enemy-held area was completely burned out.

Of the 201 Japanese reported killed, 110 were slain on Friday (Guadalcanal time) when American ground forces launched a heavy attack against enemy positions on the west front. Heavy opposition was encountered but important positions were captured.

#### Judge Demands Investigation Of Samarcond

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Governor Broughton said he had no knowledge of the grand jury investigation of conditions at Samarcond Manor, late institution for wayward girls, other than a news story appearing in the Moore county paper.

According to the Moore County News, Judge Frank Armstrong, in a vigorous charge to the Moore county grand jury last week, demanded a thorough investigation of reports of deplorable conditions at the Manor.

The judge specifically denied any personal knowledge of the situation although his home is in the adjoining county of Montgomery, but told the grand jury that he has many complaints had been made for him to ignore.

Among the complaints were such things as "blatant sex perversion," lack of proper classification of inmates, poor discipline and inadequate recreation. He cited instances of prominent citizens appealing to him to send girls to State Prison rather than to Samarcond, and of many women convicted of sex offenses in his court asking not to be committed there.

G. C. Seymour, Aberdeen business man, a former member of the grand jury making the investigation, a report of which is to be made at the next term of criminal court in Moore county.

Governor Broughton left Sunday to attend the general assembly of the Council of State Government at Raleigh, where he will speak Tuesday morning and will speak by his departure that he probably would have some statement on the Samarcond situation when he returned to Raleigh.

#### U. S. Rangers Toughening Up for Axis Troops



It looks as though the Axis troops who run across these U. S. Rangers are in for a tough time. The two soldiers slugging one another around in the mud at Camp Lenoir, Tenn., are practicing some of the fighting tricks taught to them at the Second Army Ranger School. Incidentally, the man on his back turned the tables on his opponent a moment after the photo was taken. (Central Press)

#### Lend-Lease Report Made

Stettinius Shows \$8,253,000,000 Worth of Goods Sent to Allies

Washington, Jan. 25—(AP)—Congress, which much decide soon whether to permit new lend-lease commitments after June 30, received today a statistics-packed report showing the program had sent \$8,253,000,000 in goods and services to the United Nations.

Lend-Lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., declaring the program was not "an act of charity," but was "undertaken for the defense of this country," disclosed that one of every three tanks and combat planes built in the United States last year went to our allies. Not all of these were sent by lend-lease, however—many of them were purchased outright.

Stettinius told Congress the lend-lease program was far from one-sided since proposed and by the United States has saved millions of tons of shipping space and many hundreds of millions of dollars.

The present lend-lease act provides that the President and his agents must cease making new commitments under the program—they could continue until July 1, 1946, to carry out contracts or agreements made prior to July 1, 1943.

#### 'Land Army' To Mobilize

Non-War Industry Workers to Enroll For Volunteer Work on Farms

Washington, Jan. 25—(AP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt and Food Administrator Wickard announced today they would seek to mobilize a "land army" of about 3,500,000 to volunteer for seasonal farm work this year.

Together they told a press conference that persons doing work not connected directly with the war effort would be enrolled in both rural and urban communities and asked to shift temporarily to planting and harvesting work whenever needed to give crops.

Such persons—they gave clerks in stores as an example of the type worker they had in mind—would not be asked to work without pay, but would be asked to accept regular farm wages, even if below the pay of their normal jobs, as a contribution to the war effort.

Workers in rural communities would be enrolled as locally and willingly as possible from farm work through questionnaires sent out by the Agriculture department's extension service, which would follow up with recruitment drives.

#### MacArthur Outlines Offensive Campaign

#### Stovall Man Is Navy Casualty

Washington, Jan. 25—(AP)—The Navy announced today in casualties in New Guinea, including three dead, two wounded, and 41 missing. The casualties announced today (men listed at U. S. Navy unless otherwise specified) were: North Carolina—Scottie, Perry Melvin, apprentice seaman, missing; Father, John Henry Newton, Stovall.

#### British Subs Sink Ships

Five More Enemy Supply Vessels Sent to Bottom In Mediterranean

London, Jan. 25—(AP)—British submarines have sunk five more enemy supply ships in the central Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

Two medium-sized enemy supply ships were sunk despite a destroyer escort, the admiralty said, one of them near Djirba in southeastern Tunisia and the other 60 miles west of Tripoli.

Another medium-sized enemy supply ship was sunk by the royal yacht, which was attacked on the east coast of Sardinia. One of the escorting craft was sunk and the other damaged and beached in a bad condition, the admiralty said. Thereafter the submarine torpedoed the supply vessel.

Still another of the torpedoed craft was escorted by four auxiliary ships, the communique said.

#### Seven Persons Die Violently

Charlotte, Jan. 25—(AP)—At least seven persons died by violence over the weekend in North Carolina. One was a traffic fatality.

Alice Carolyn Johnson, six-year-old daughter of H. A. and Daisy Johnson, Burlington, route 1, died from injuries received when she fell from a wagon.

Thomas Samuel, 26, was fatally injured when he fell from a tree in the boggy woods at 1000 S. Carolina St. in the town of Hillsboro.

Edna Grace, 65, was shot and killed by Kinlan.

Virginia McNeil, 44, died instantly when she fell about 100 ft. (Continued on Page Two)

#### Coordinated Drive By Land and Air Proved Effective In Papuan Campaign

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Jan. 25—(AP)—The prospect of an allied victory in the Pacific achieved by "swift massive strikes" of coordinated air and land forces, rather than a slow island-by-island advance, was held out today by the United Nations on the basis of new methods tested in the Papuan campaign.

These methods, MacArthur described today in a written statement, demonstrated the possibilities inherent in "combined" operations applied to the Pacific theater.

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(By The Associated Press)

Striking swiftly across southern Tunisia, American troops have reached an axis position near Maknassy, only 33 miles from the coastal road along the gulf of Gabes, the weak link in Marshal Rommel's line of withdrawal to merge forces with Hitler's Tunisian army.

An allied headquarters communique, which announced that the Americans took 80 prisoners, did not indicate how near the coast the American striking force was based, but the penetration was the closest yet made to the coastal road which the Germans must hold open if Rommel is to be saved.

A military spokesman said the Axis advance in force, answered the faint of a note that the Nazis dropped on U. S. lines, saying: "Why don't the Americans come out and fight?"

Hitler, who lost his return bout with the Russians last winter, and thus, who lost his African empire, had the bleak prospect of further unmeasured reverses today as the Red army rolled relentlessly westward on a 500-mile front and opening operations squeezed the neck of a vital supply line.

The Russians reported closing in steadily upon the key German bases of Rostov and Kharkov, announced the whole eastern and central Caucasus cleared of invaders and captured three more towns in thrusts forewarning to flank the Maknassy road of retreat.

In both Africa the front swept on beyond captured Tunis, their progress, perhaps already across the Tunisian border, as American forces lifted the weight of their tanks, guns and planes into the fight from the west to bolster the hard-pressed French mobile front.

Had reality apparently was coming home to rest in Berlin too plain to be overlooked. The German communique and today's headlinehead at Voznesensk on the eastern Don, had been expanded by the radio "in order to shorten the front."

Russian battle front dispatches indicated that the Germans were hastening their withdrawal as the prospect of entrapment in the western theater loomed even more clearly.

The Russian reported the destruction of another enemy force trapped in the Kharkov drive and said 1,100 prisoners were taken, bringing the total reported captured in that area in two days to 2,700.

Keeping on the pressure on Rommel, allied armor from the east reached areas at enemy shipping attempting to escape from the little port of Zoua, 65 miles west of Tripoli.

Virtually all that Rommel was able to do was to force the once mightily heavy armor with which he threatened Alexandria last summer was speared in Tunisia, withdrawing at a speed which suggested that the Germans might not even risk a stand of the old French Mareth line, the defensive system some 65 miles west of the Tunisian-Libyan border.

#### Fremont Man Dies In Wreck

Shirley, Jan. 25—(AP)—One person was reported killed and two injured today when a Carolina Trailway bus was wrecked at Shirley, Va. The dead man was identified as Layton Hooks of Fremont, N. C.

Stanley Hollford, Franklin, Va., funeral director, who went to the scene, said the accident occurred when a left rear tire of the bus blew out, causing the vehicle to slide 200 yds. from the road to a pole and run into a tree.

The bus was en route from Raleigh, N. C., to Norfolk, Va. The accident occurred at 1:15 a. m.

The twelve injured persons were removed by the Hollford hospital, Franklin. Several were reported to be naval draftees men who were scheduled to be transferred to the naval hospital at Portsmouth today.

#### Administration Prepares Farm Price Front Retreat

#### Biddle Is Reported Drafting Opinion On Labor Costs; Draft Hearing Starts

Washington, Jan. 25—(AP)—The administration was reported preparing today for a strategic retreat at some point on the agricultural price front in an effort to avoid a general assault by the congressional farm bloc on its controls over food costs.

Attorney General Biddle was understood to be drafting a legal opinion defining the extent to which increased farm labor cost should be taken into account in establishing price ceilings on agricultural products.

The economic stabilization bill directed the administrative agencies to compute these increased wartime farm expenses to the farmer. Thus far little was said to have been done toward raising price ceilings accordingly.

James F. Byrnes, the economic stabilization director, and Leon Henderson, former price administrator, relied on an interpretation placed in the congressional record by President M. Brown, then senator from Michigan and now the OPA chairman, that only forced labor costs would be taken into account.

Farm bloc members had sought to force a sharp upward revision of the ceilings to include the time spent by the farmer and his family in production as well as the cost of hired hands.

This move, which would raise price ceilings from 10 to 15 per cent, has been rejected.

Sharing the farm bloc's concern with price ceilings is the question of manpower, which comes to the fore today with the start of a series of hearings on how large an armed force will be required to win the war.

Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, deputy chief of the War department's general staff, is slated to be the first witness before the Senate military committee, Chairman Reynolds, North Carolina Democrat, said an effort would be made to determine how large an army can be

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#### WRECKAGE OF PLANE IS REPORTED FOUND

Santa Rosa, Cal., Jan. 25—(AP)—A large plane has been found, completely demolished, at Blue Lake in northern Eliza county about 100 miles north of San Francisco, Santa Rosa police said they were informed early today.

The report came from the postmaster at Blue Lake. This is the approximate area where earlier civilian reports had indicated a big Navy transport plane, missing with 19 persons aboard since last Thursday, might be found.

#### ALL ABOARD BOMBER ARE DEAD IN CRASH

Ordway, Col., Jan. 25—(AP)—A four-engine Army bomber crashed and burned 13 miles north of this southeast Colorado town late last night and all persons aboard were killed, Undersecretary J. J. O'Connell reported.

O'Connell said wreckage in the area placed the toll "at between nine and eleven dead."

#### Committees Study Bills

Sales Tax Measures, School Proposals Hold Main Interest In Legislature

Raleigh, Jan. 25—(AP)—Proposals to eliminate the ten-year-old 3 per cent sales tax, to provide a statewide optional nine-month school term and to change the school amendment enacted in the November election will be debated this week before legislative committees.

Willard Duvall of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and others will appear before the joint finance committee at 3 p. m. Tuesday to urge that the sales levy be abolished.

Before the finance group will be a bill by Representative Seilan of Alamance to wipe the tax off the statute books on the grounds that it was enacted during an emergency and a need for it no longer exists.

Representative Torres of Guilford also introduced a measure to remove it from prepared meals sold in public eating places.

The joint committee on constitutional amendments, meeting at 10 a. m. Wednesday, will hear measures introduced in line with a compromise effected several days before the last general election. The proposal would change the method of selecting members of the unified board of education.

Four bills have been sent to the hopper providing for the nine-month term. The last two, described as substitute bills, would more carefully consider the problems of agricultural areas. All will be considered at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Colder tonight and early Tuesday, scattered light rain or drizzle this afternoon and early tonight.