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## Russians Mop Up At Stalingrad

## Jap Bombers Raid American Lines On Guadalcanal

### Nine Zeros Are Downed In Dogfights

Attack is First Made In Daylight Since Nov. 11; Three Raids Made During Night

Guadalcanal, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Japanese dive and horizontal bombers raided the American army's front line positions on Guadalcanal today, while Army and Marine fighters engaged in a bitter duel with Zeros high above the bloody island. It was the enemy's first daylight air attack on Guadalcanal since November 11. Twenty-five dive bombers, 18 high level bombers and 30 Zeros appeared over the island in mid-morning.

American fighters rose from Henderson Field and attacked the raiders. There were dogfights all over the sky as Wildcats, Lightning and Warhawks roared into the fray. Nine Zeros were shot down for certain, and six others probably were destroyed.

Some dive bombers managed to sneak through the American defenses to strike and bomb ground units which are pressing the Jap troops into a last ditch stand. The dive bombers were followed by the horizontal bombers. None of either type were shot down.

Early today the Japs raided Guadalcanal airfield from 2 a. m. to 4:45. There were three separate strikes by groups of three, five and six bombers, all of which dropped incendiary bombs.

Across the bay, at Tulagi Island, the bombers swept over at high altitude, dropping many bombs that could be seen exploding from the beach on Guadalcanal. Navy anti-aircraft guns shot down one of the Jap bombers over Tulagi. Today's raid was the second attempt in daylight in the past three days.

### Five Killed Accidentally

Charlotte, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Accidental deaths of five lives in North Carolina during the weekend. Sam Lee, 47, of Simpsonville, S. C., was killed near Concord in an accident in which three trucks were involved.

Robert Hardy, eight, was struck and killed by a truck at Scotland Neck.

The body of J. C. Childers, 43, of Southfield, was found beside a highway near his home. He apparently had been hit by a train.

Albert A. Towles, 50, Seaboard Airline Railway engineer, was killed in an accident in the yards of the railroad in Raleigh.

Merlin O'Leary, Angier constable, died in a Durham hospital from bullet wounds, which, Harnett county officers said, he inflicted after shooting his wife with the same gun. Mrs. O'Leary is in a critical condition in the same hospital.

### Assembly Enters Fourth Week With Little Work Completed

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN S. SIMPSON. Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The 1943 General Assembly tonight begins its fourth full week, and observers agree that progress made this week will virtually determine length of the session. Veteran legislators see possibility of adjournment before the end of the month, but small probability of getting through before early in the second week of March. The actual record of completed bills and that made law, is not impressive. During the past week were signed by the presiding officers, 600,000 in a post-war reserve fund; another exempted members of the nation's armed forces from payment

### President Withdraws Flynn's Name

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today told Edward J. Flynn today he was complying reluctantly with a request to withdraw Flynn's nomination to be United States minister to Australia.

The formal withdrawal was received by the Senate a few minutes later.

The action came in the face of mounting Senate opposition to ratifying confirmation of the former national Democratic chairman, and marked the administration's first major rebuff in the new Congress.

Last night Flynn requested that the nomination, facing a battle for confirmation in the Senate, be withdrawn.

Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky told reporters before the withdrawal notice was recorded in the Senate that he believed Flynn's action stamped the New Yorker as "a man of patriotism who thinks more of the welfare of his country than

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### China Pact To Senate

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt transmitted to the Senate today, with a request for ratification, the treaty by which the United States relinquishes extra-territorial rights in China.

The treaty was signed here January 11 by Secretary Hull and the Chinese ambassador. "Accomplishment of the abolition of the extra-territorial system in China," Mr. Roosevelt said in a message to the Senate, "is a step in line with the expressed desires of the government and the people of the United States. The spirit reflected by the treaty will, I am sure, be gratifying to the governments and the people of all the United Nations."

The treaty would abolish such things as this country's rights to operate its own courts in China for the handling of cases of American citizens and to operate gunboats on Chinese rivers and in coastal waters.

### Connecticut Law Upheld

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Supreme Court dismissed today an attack upon Connecticut legislation which prohibited physicians from prescribing contraceptive devices to married women when such action was deemed necessary to preserve life or health.

Chief Justice Stone read a brief order on litigation brought by Dr. Wilder Tileston, a professor at Yale Medical School and a practicing physician at New Haven.

He sought a ruling as to whether the statute prohibited him from prescribing contraceptives to three specified married women when he thought this procedure was essential to their welfare.

Dismissal was ordered on the ground that the doctor has "no standing to litigate the constitutional question which the record presents."

### Negro Admits Train Murder

Albany, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, Arkansas-born 20-year-old cook on a Southern Pacific limited train, made a detailed statement corroborating an earlier confession that he killed Mrs. Martha Virginia James, as she lay in a lower berth 13 more days ago. District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick said today.

Weinrick said the Los Angeles Negro would be arraigned later today to determine whether he will be held for the Lam county grand jury.

Folkes arrived here yesterday from Los Angeles, where he was arrested after the train arrived there at the end of its run through Oregon and California.

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### LEADERS IN HISTORIC CASABLANCA CONFERENCE



President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are pictured with top-ranking men of the land, sea and air forces at their historic Casablanca. Left to right behind the famous pair are Lieutenant General H. H. Arnold, chief of U. S. Air Force; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Navy; General George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff; Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, chief of British Naval Staff; General Sir Alan Francis Brooke, chief of the Imperial General Staff, and British Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, chief of air staff.

### Jeffers Testifies

Rubber Administrator Denies Calling Army, Navy Men Loafers But Charges Meddling

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers told Congress today that "the job of the Army and Navy is to fight and not to run business and direct the civilian economy."

Denying that he had called Army and Navy men "loafers," Jeffers charged that "services officials had projected themselves into the rubber program, for which he said neither the Army nor the Navy was responsible."

Jeffers was called by a joint House military-naval committee to explain statements attributed to him in a speech in Baltimore last week to the effect that Army and Navy officials were impeding production in synthetic rubber plants.

Chairman Thompson, Texas Democrat, said at the outset of the hearing the committee had been told that Jeffers criticized "the Army and the Navy and these loafers" for the delay in accelerating the program.

"I did not say 'Army and Navy loafers,'" Jeffers told the committee.

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### President Calls Conferences After Return To Washington

Mr. Roosevelt Sees Hull, Congressional Leaders, Other High Federal Executives

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Back from his momentous trip to North Africa, President Roosevelt today met with top officials of the Army and Navy, congressional leaders, and other high executives.

White House officials said the Chief Executive looked fine upon his arrival back in the capital and apparently was not tired by his journey and the ten-day conference with Prime Minister Churchill.

Mr. Roosevelt saw Secretary Hull briefly last night and arranged an extended conference with him today. Sumner Welles, under-secretary of State, and Admiral Harold R. Stark, commanding American naval forces in European waters, were scheduled for separate discussions with the Chief Executive this afternoon.

Later in the day, Mr. Roosevelt arranged a meeting with House and Senate leaders of both parties which Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said was for the purpose of giving them "a report on his trip and various conferences held during his trip."

Mr. Roosevelt returned to the capital last night, completing the last leg of his journey by train. After conferences with Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Ewing, war production Chairman Donald M. Nelson, and other top flight advisers, he is expected to take the steps necessary on the diplomatic, military and home fronts to put into effect the commitments made at Casablanca.

It was just seven days after the Casablanca conference ended that the President returned to the White House. Twenty-two days have elapsed since he left here and became the first President ever to fly in a plane, to cross the sea, or set foot on foreign soil while the nation was at war.

Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill, with

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**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Colder tonight.

### MANY 'PLEASURE DRIVERS' CITED FOR VIOLATIONS

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The State OPA office said today that more than 250 violations of the ban on pleasure driving were recorded in 48 counties in eastern North Carolina over the week-end.

Director T. S. Johnson said most of the pleasure drivers were cited in the Wilmington area, where 64 drivers were tagged around the beaches and pleasure centers, and in Durham, where 53 violation notices were issued at a double-header basketball game.

### Rutledge Approved

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Senate Judiciary committee voted 11-to-0 approval today of the nomination of Judge Wiley B. Rutledge as an associate justice of the Supreme Court with four senators withholding their votes, apparently until they could determine Rutledge's stand on President Roosevelt's court enlargement bill in 1937.

Senator Ferguson, Michigan Republican, told reporters that he had raised the question of Rutledge's stand on the court enlargement bill and had not received a "satisfactory answer" as to whether the District of Columbia appeals court judge had been a backer of that legislation which was withdrawn after a bitter Senate fight.

### HARVEY THOMAS, 66, PASSES AT WILSON

Wilson, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Harvey Thomas, 66, veteran newspaperman who "sponsored" the nation of Westrow Wilson's acceptance of the nomination for president the first time, died of a heart attack here yesterday. In recent years he had been connected with newspapers here and at Edenton. A son, John G. Thomas, is connected with the Daily Times.

### Il Duce Says Last Battle Gives Victory

London, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Prime Minister Mussolini today announced to his cabinet that victory in this war would go to the side which "is able to hold out a quarter-hour longer than the enemy" and that "it is the last battle that brings victory."

The prime spoke "somewhere in central Italy" in observance of the 20th anniversary of the fascist military rise to power by a broadcast by the Italian radio controlled by the Associated Press.

Referring to the loss of Libya, Mussolini said it had taken Italy's army seven months and 22 months to capture the island and declared that Italy would return to north Africa.

"We will return there where our pride is, and where we have left our blood and the bones of our people," he declared, unrepentant.

### Appropriations Committee Ends Hearings On Budgets

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Rutledge will be on schedule. The House Appropriations Committee today ended its hearings on the tax bill to expedite the biennial spending bill to the calendar of the General Assembly.

Representative of the State board of health and to explain air pollution control in today's hearing, last scheduled by the committee, when it set a February 1 deadline at the opening of the legislature.

The work finance committee, which met today, has fixed Thursday as the deadline for hearings.

Ending a week-end press, both houses of the General Assembly will meet tonight at 8 o'clock. Representative Shivers of Guilford is expected to introduce a resolution...

### Death Blows Delivered To Invaders

Hitler's Losses Are Estimated At 240,000 Killed And 46,000 Captured

(By The Associated Press) The Russians were delivering their last death blows today to the half-frozen, starving, desperate remnants of the mighty army which Hitler sacrificed at Stalingrad.

Relentless attacks added another 900 or more dead and others captured to the toll which the Russians placed officially at 210,000 killed and 46,000 taken prisoner in the bloodiest trap of the war.

On the north African front, a German armored column, composed of units which won fame in Poland and France, were checked after a six-mile drive through Faid Pass and on toward Sidi Bouzid, 75 miles west of Sfax, but the thrust was regarded as primarily defensive.

Allied observers said it was intended apparently to help hold a coastal corridor for Marshal Rommel's withdrawal, and to break into allied preparations for a sustained, show-down offensive.

The British eighth army, meanwhile, announced the occupation of Zouara, 65 miles west of Tripoli, and pushed steadily westward in contact with Rommel's rear guard.

In Russia and Africa the cost of defeat was heavy upon German, Rumanian and Italian commanders.

The Russians announced the capture of Stalingrad of Field Marshal Paulus, commander in chief of the sixth German army, 13 other German generals, and two Rumanian generals.

The German high command acknowledged today its sixth army, under Field Marshal Paulus, had been "overwhelmed after more than two months of heroic defense against superior forces." It said other German units still held on in the northern part of Stalingrad, but held out little hope for them.

On the Tunisian front, the docks at Bizerte and the port of Gabes were battered anew yesterday in daylight attacks from the west, and a communique said 19 axis planes were destroyed with a loss of five allied aircraft.

An Italian submarine was sunk in the western Mediterranean by a Canadian destroyer.

The capture of Zouara put the British within 35 miles of the Tunisian border, and the Morocco radio reported that the eighth army had crossed the frontier on the coastal road beyond the town.

The French in north Africa announced the execution of eleven axis paratrooper spies, caught wearing civilian clothes behind allied lines, and the execution of two Axis convicted of aiding them.

New gains were announced by the Russians along virtually the whole southern Soviet front, where the Germans have been thrust back almost to the line of a year ago everywhere but in the Rostov sector and in the extreme northwestern Cau-