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# RAF Bombs Three Axis Areas

## Jap Ships Bear Down On Solomons

### Big Battle Is Shrouded In Secrecy

Delayed Dispatches From Guadalcanal Tell of Jap Armada Headed for Island

(By The Associated Press) First word of a large Japanese sea-borne force bearing down on Guadalcanal island came in delayed dispatches from the South seas battlefront today as official secrecy continued to shroud the development in an expected showdown battle between the American and Japanese fleets.

In Washington the Navy reported "recurrent engagements" by opposing naval and air forces in the Solomon Islands theatre but declared that Tokyo radio reports of a big naval fight already in progress were false.

Amid the tense hiatus, censored dispatches from Guadalcanal date February 1 declared:

"Aerial observers reported tonight that a large force of Jap warships headed for Guadalcanal. Some observers think the Japs hope to bolster their tottering Guadalcanal ground forces with reinforcements." The dispatch quoted Flight Leader Major Nasser Whitaker of Toxana, Ky., as saying he observed between 30 and 40 Japanese ships, many of them warships, in Shortland harbor, 150 miles north of Guadalcanal.

A Tokyo broadcast had previously asserted without confirmation that Japanese forces attacked American warships off Rennel Island, 100 miles south of Guadalcanal, on February 1.

### U. S. Bombers Wreck Bridge

New Delhi, Feb. 5—(AP)—United States bombers scored direct hits on a strategic railroad bridge over the Irrawaddy near Mandalay in Burma yesterday, a communique announced today.

The bridge at Myittha had been damaged in a previous raid and the Japanese had been making a major effort to repair it. The communique, issued by the tenth United States air force, stated:

"They had succeeded in raising the span from the river bottom but the bridge had not been restored to service." The communique added: "Direct hits were reported by bomber crews, all of whom returned safely."

### SLAYER OF OFFICER FACES FIRING SQUAD

Salt Lake City, Feb. 5—(AP)—Five volunteer riflemen, paid \$25 each, shot to death Walter Robert Avery, a yellow-faced killer of a policeman, in the Utah prison yard today.

All persons condemned to death in Utah must choose between the firing squad and the hangman—and Avery, 34-year-old former Marine, picked the riflemen.

### Food Is Sent To Civilians In Africa

Washington Feb. 5—(AP)—Lend-Lease Administrator E. R. Stettinius, Jr., announced today that 50,000 tons of food and other supplies already had been shipped to the civilians of French North Africa and plans have been made for sending huge amounts every month.

The future program, he said, provides for shipping 300,000 tons a month of civilian goods from the United States alone, plus additional quantities from Great Britain.

The 50,000 tons came about 50-50 from America and England, he said. In the future, Stettinius said, most of the food needed from outside by north Africa will come from the United States, while England will send other supplies of a type which the can spare more readily.

FIRST PHOTO OF CHURCHILL AT TURKISH MEETING



PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL puffs reflectively on his ever-present cigar as he listens to President Ismet Inonu of Turkey in the latter's private car at Adana. Churchill brought a personal message from President Roosevelt to the Turkish leader. During two days of conferences an undisclosed agreement was reached between the British and Turks. This photo was radioed from Cairo to New York.

### Men Flock To War Jobs

Draft Director In New York City Advises Against Precipitant Action

(By The Associated Press) With New York city apparently setting the pace to such an extent that the selective service director there advised against precipitant action, hundreds of thousands of men are seeking war work as a result of the warning that even though they have dependents those who are in non-essential occupations face immediate induction after April 1.

A survey by the Associated Press showed that in nearly all parts of the country local offices of the United States Employment Service have been flooded with applications for jobs or for information about the status of men in certain jobs.

U. S. employment offices in New York reported they had 29,302 applicants for war jobs Wednesday and 13,492 Thursday, compared with the normal daily total of 8,000.

Colonel Arthur B. McDermott, New York selective service director, counseled against hasty action. Harry Hamsborough, WMC director in Louisville, cautioned that applicants should definitely find out the class of work they were in before "seeking to make wild changes."

Some population centers where war work already had made heavy

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### Eighth Army Vanguard Meets Yanks

With the U. S. Forces in Southern Tunisia, Jan. 30 (Delayed)—(AP)—The vanguard of the British eighth army—three sunburned desert raiders—reached this outpost of United States and French troops in southern Tunisia today in the first junction of allied forces converging from east and west.

American officers gaped in astonishment when a French lieutenant brought the footsore men into headquarters and announced:

"The gentlemen from the British eighth army have come from Gabes to see you."

Questioning disclosed that they were members of the long range desert patrol which had been traveling in American-made jeeps, boldly raiding deep in axis territory for more than two months.

### ANDREWS ASSUMES COMMAND IN EUROPE

London, Feb. 5—(AP)—Lieutenant General Frank M. Andrews assumed command of United States forces in the European theatre today and announced that "my first job is to increase and intensify the bombing of the enemy."

General Andrews came to London from the Middle East, where he was in command of United States forces, to succeed Lieutenant General Dwight D. Eisenhower, now commander in chief of north African operations.

Cook said it is a good bill, that it will do no harm to any law abiding citizen, that the judiciary committee had heard all the arguments and had held open hearings, and he thought the report ought to be accepted.

The galleries were full and it was good opportunity for the orators. Clyde Shreve of Guilford quoted William Jennings Bryan's famed "crown of thorns" speech and Willie Lee Lumpkin of Franklin added his voice to the "pleas for further consideration. Both referred to the fine record of industrial labor relations in this state and paid tribute to the Labor department. Commissioner of Labor Shuford was quoted as wanting the labor committee to pass on the merits of the proposition.

Interested gallery spectators of the debate included C. A. Fink, president of the state Federation of Labor, and several other labor leaders. These leaders regard the bill a sort of red rag in front of a bull, a real trouble breeder.

In the back of the minds of many industrial officials and large employers of labor is the thought that legislation of this type is very unwise at this particular time. Most large employers would rather deal with

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### Navy Fund Requested

Cash and Contract Authorizations Asked To Supplement Sums Set Out in Budget

Washington, Feb. 5—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for an additional \$1,000,000,000 cash and \$210,000,000 in contract authorizations for the Navy.

In breakdown of uses the Navy intends for the additional funds included:

Miscellaneous expenses \$7,500,000; research laboratory \$25,000; operations and conservation of naval petroleum reserves \$2,900,000; naval reserve \$40,000,000; training, education and welfare \$3,645,000; maintenance for the launch of ships \$350,000,000; ordnance and ordnance stores \$1,000,000,000; pay, subsistence and transportation \$494,963,000; medicine and surgery \$67,000,000; yards and docks \$300,000,000; aviation \$562,000,000; armor, armament and ammunition \$417,000,000.

The budget bureau said the funds were needed to "provide for additional requirements for the prosecution of the war and to provide for the transmission of the budget 'contingency' which have arisen 'for the fiscal year 1943.'"

Their own folk than with a state or national organization. If they do deal with state or national groups they want reasonably minded and conservative, rather than radical and inflammatory, leadership.

The North Carolina Federation of Labor and state branches of the CIO as presently constituted have conservative and reasonable leadership. There is mutual respect among employers and employees, or as more often stated, between capital and labor, in this state.

There are a few employers who would oppress their workers, if they could; there are a few members of organizations who would delight in stirring up conflict between the groups. Fortunately, these who belong to these classifications are greatly in the minority in North Carolina.

For many years the State Department of Labor under Commissioner Fletcher and then under Commissioner Shuford has exerted powerful influence to bring relations between employers and employees on an amicable basis. Governors from Ehringhaus through Broughton have enjoyed complete confidence and respect of all parties to labor disputes, incipient or actual. The record attests the wisdom of the course followed by all factions and groups. It is an enviable record of industrial peace.

The pending bill may be passed, and no serious ill effects are anticipated if it does or if it doesn't. There might have been some ill effects if it had been passed without reference to the committee, which deals directly with relations between

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### Hospitals State Board Is Proposed

Measure Introduced In House Provides For 16-Member Board On Mental Hospitals

Raleigh, Feb. 5—(AP)—Bills were introduced in the legislature today to set up the North Carolina hospitals board of control to supervise the Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro hospitals and Caswell Training School.

Sponsors were Representative Spruill of Bertie, chairman of the house committee on mental institutions, and Senators Clark of Buncombe, McKee of Jackson and Johnson of Duplin.

The board would be composed of sixteen members, 15 appointed the governor for staggered terms and the 16th would be the secretary of the State board of health.

The appointments would be made as soon as possible and the board would begin to function July 1 at \$7 per diem and expenses.

The east, piedmont and west would have one woman and four men each on the board which would meet annually at each institution. The board would appoint a general superintendent of mental hygiene for general supervision of the hospitals and superintendents of the four institutions would make monthly reports to him.

A three-member executive committee would be appointed from the board for each hospital. Out-patient mental clinics also would be established. The general superintendent must be a man of demonstrated ability, a doctor of medicine with special training in psychiatry and treatment of mental diseases.

General Julian C. Smith, commanding officer of Camp Lejeune, invited legislators to visit the Marine camp, and Senator O'Berry said the assemblymen also were invited to eat breakfast at Seymour Johnson Field en route to Camp Lejeune. No date was set.

### It's All Over With Rooneys

Hollywood, Feb. 5—(AP)—This time it's final with the Mickey Rooneys. She's going to file that divorce suit she started last September and dropped the following month.

Mickey did not amplify a joint statement he signed with his 19-year-old bride, the former Ava Gardner of Wilson, N. C. They said:

"We are separating and giving up our home. We both sincerely regret that we could not work out our problems together."

Ava last fall charged cruelty and asked for an equitable division of \$200,000 community property. A Laurence Mitchell, her counsel, said Mickey was earning \$5,000 a week last year.

Mickey and his bride were married January 10, 1942, at Ballard, Cal.

### Cotton Prices Are Lower

New York, Feb. 5—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 15 cents a bale lower.

Noon values were 5 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower. March 19.75, May 19.53, July 19.41.

Previous Today's Close Open

March 19.76 19.74

May 19.54 19.51

July 19.40 19.37

### Guadalcanal Hero



WHEN SERGT. THEODORE COGSWELL saw three marines giving ground before the Japs on Guadalcanal, he shouted encouragement to them and reminded them that they were marines. The Japs kept coming. Then Cogswell bayoneted an officer, captured his Samurai sword, and led a successful counterattack with the Jap weapon. He can also hold his own with a machine gun.

### Nazis Try Bomb Attack

Bombing of Bombers Fails to Turn Back Flying Fortresses Attacking Germany

At a United States Bomber Station in Britain, Feb. 5—(AP)—The German air force tried to drop bombs on high flying American heavy bombers in a desperate but futile effort to thwart the American daylight raid on northwest Germany yesterday, airmen back from the attack said today.

They asserted that the Germans used not only the technique of attacking bombers with bombers but also hurried fighter planes against the unescorted Flying Fortresses and Liberators in seemingly suicidal fashion.

(The Japanese also have tried bombers against bombers without success.)

Battling extremely bad weather, heavy clouds and a temperature 40 degrees below zero as well as German fighters and bombers, United States bombers were able to penetrate into German Europe than ever before. Five bombers failed to return but none was hit by bombs.

### Fortress Sinks Ship

Somewhere in New Guinea, Feb. 4 (Delayed)—(AP)—A Japanese ship carefully camouflaged by just off Arawe on the southwest coast of New Britain today.

Toward evening Captain William Thompson of Canton, Ohio, came skip-bombing in his Flying Fortress and scored a direct hit.

"It was a perfect setup for us," Captain Thompson said. "It was a ship of a 1,000 tons or thereabouts with palm leaves all over it to make it look like an island.

"We made four skip-bombing runs. Our direct hit set her on her side. She partially submerged in shallow water a half-mile offshore."

Captain Robert Deatta of Moscow, Ida, co-pilot of the Fortress, said the ship apparently had a load of lumber and a small crew. The plane strafed the vessel on each run.

### Italy, Ruhr And France Attacked

Three RAF Planes Missing; In Russia Nazis Are Cut Off Below Rostov

(By The Associated Press) British home-based bombers thundered destruction upon Hitler's vaunted "European fortress" with triple fury before dawn, attacking northern Italy, the German Ruhr and Nazi-occupied France in the most sweeping single night operations ever attempted by the RAF.

In Italy, the RAF blasted the royal arsenal city of Turin and the port of Spezia, main northern base of the Italian navy, 120 miles southeast of Turin.

In France, the raiders delivered a "heavy and concentrated" assault on the German U-boat nest at Loriet with good weather helping the bombardiers to find their targets.

In Germany, the RAF once again pounded war foundries in the Ruhr industrial valley. The British said Turin was heavily bombed and declared that the city's defenses "though clearly strengthened, were no more effective than in December."

Despite the scope of the raids, only three RAF planes were listed as missing.

It was the first time home-based British planes had bombed Italy since December 11.

An Italian communique said the raiders attacked Turin "in several waves" and indicated that casualties were numerous.

By daylight today, RAF planes carried on the round-the-clock offensive, with big bombing formations escorted by Spitfire squadrons flashing across the channel toward northern France.

Allied aerial blows also hit the axis in north Africa, where American fliers destroyed 26 German planes and damaged 26 more with a loss of ten of their own aircraft, in violent attacks on the German stronghold at Gabes in Tunisia.

Soviet dispatches declared that approximately 200,000 German troops and their satellites were cut off in a narrow coastal sector below Rostov and left to face the terrors of a "Black Sea Dunkerque" as the British faced a similar ordeal of fire in their escape from Flanders in 1942.

Two Russian thrusts to or near the Caucasian west coast further threatened the beleaguered 200,000. The German radio said Russian marines

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### Steel Stocks Lead Recovery

New York, Feb. 5—(AP)—A comeback in steel stocks gave to today's market a selective recovery appearance.

Bonds and commodities shifted over narrow routes.

Rising inclinations were shown by U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, General Motors, Chrysler, Sears Roebuck and U. S. Rubber. Laggards included Southern Pacific, Western Union, Eastman Kodak and Texas Co.

### Final Collapse Of Axis Army Appears Near

Moscow, Feb. 5—(AP)—The collapse of Adolf Hitler's Caucasian forces apparently neared its final phase today.