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FOURTH BATTLE OF ROSTOV IS UNDER WAY

Japanese Troops Killed In New Guinea Fighting

U. N. Planes Continue Their Raids

41 Japanese Planes Shot Down Saturday In Great Air Battle; Other Pacific News

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Feb. 8—(AP)—Allied forces patrolling near Wau, about 55 miles southwest of the Japanese base at Salamaua, New Guinea, killed an additional 139 Japanese in ground skirmishes which followed Saturday's great air battle over Wau in which 41 Japanese planes were destroyed or seriously damaged, an allied communique said today.

Another 29 Japanese "stragglers" were reported killed about eight miles northwest of Gona, now in allied hands.

The communique said that two enemy barges filled with troops were machine gunned by allied planes in New Britain Bay, on the north side of New Britain island, Saturday and that "substantial casualties" were caused. One of the barges was set afire and both were forced to the beach.

Allied planes carried out armed reconnaissance over a wide area in the southwest Pacific and bombed and strafed enemy positions in Dutch New Guinea and Cape Gloucester, but Japanese planes, after the severe defeat suffered Saturday at Wau, were inactive.

Of the 41 planes, which attempted to attack the Wau airbase Saturday, American fighter planes shot down 21 fighters and three bombers, and anti-aircraft gunners destroyed two more bombers. In addition, twelve Japanese fighters and three bombers were said to have been seriously damaged and possibly destroyed.

Only a few allied planes were damaged during the battle which raged far and wide over the mountains between Wau and the sea and not a single allied fighter or plane was lost.

Schools Train Fighting Men

Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—The War manpower commission has announced approval of 231 non-federal schools, colleges and universities throughout the country for utilization by the War and Navy departments for specialized training of persons needed in the armed forces.

The schools were selected by a joint committee of the Army, Navy and War. These Carolina schools were included:

To the War department for training of engineers—N. C. State, Clemson and The Citadel.

To the War department for training aviation cadets—Davidson, Presbyterian Junior College, N. C. State, Clemson, Wake, Furman, Presbyterian, Wintthrop and Wofford.

To the War department for WAAC training centers—Elin.

To the War department for basic training in the Army specialized program (the so-called ROTC units)—Negro A & T College at Greensboro.

To the Navy for training engineers—Duke, University of South Carolina.

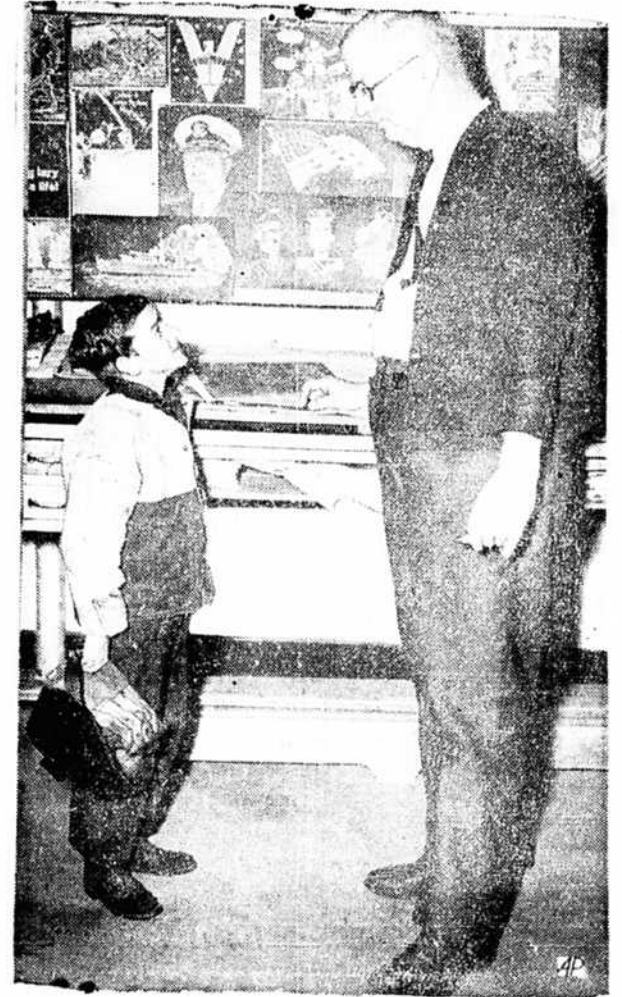
Study Period Over; Action In Assembly Now Expected

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

Raleigh, Feb. 8—When the General Assembly meets tonight to begin its fifth week of work it will do so definitely into the second phase of the program. Action will be a more free-flowing now. To date there has been little important completed action. Introduction of bills, consideration of them in committees, public hearings, conferences with State officials and with interested outsiders—these have been the major activities since the legislature was organized.

There will be few more bills introduced. In the next two weeks will probably see a number of bills as the past four and one-half weeks embodied. Some of them will be important, but most will be local or interdepartmental or clarifying in nature already in. At close of the session Saturday there had been 332 bills offered in the house and 133 in the senate. In some instances the bills were identical. Finney, ap-

USES LITTLE MEN FOR TIGHT SPOTS



Because of his usefulness in being able to saunter into almost inaccessible parts of ship assemblies, Eugene S. David, 6c, 12 inches tall, has caused officials of the Charleston (S. C.) Navy Yards to seek small statured men to do shipfitting. C. H. Townsend (right) foreman at the yard, is no "human skyscraper," but looks like one alongside David in a scene at the Navy workshop. David is from Columbia, S. C. (Navy Photo.)

1,745 Lend-Lease Ships Sailed During One Year

FRANK LYON POLK DIES IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 8—(AP)—Frank Lyon Polk, 71, acting secretary of State during the Wilson administration, died yesterday at his Fifth Avenue home after a short illness. He was under secretary of State from 1915 to 1920.

Scouts Called Asset In War

Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—America's Boy Scouts, celebrating the 33rd anniversary of their organization, heard from President Roosevelt today that their training was a valuable asset in the war effort.

The President, honorary president of the Scouts, urged that the Boy Scouts' movement be maintained as its full strength and effectiveness as a practical contribution to the war effort.

"I heartily approve the slogan adopted for the Boy Scouts for 1943: 'I fought my heroic death, entry on to victory,'" Mr. Roosevelt said in an anniversary message.

Land discloses, for first time, number of vessels carrying Lend-Lease materials. Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—War Shipping Administrator Emory S. Land disclosed today that American controlled vessels, in the year ending October 31, 1942, had made 1,745 sailings loaded with Lend-Lease material—1,275 for Britain, 394 for Russia, and 66 for China.

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"In the current year," Land reported, "Lend-lease shipping of American vessels will greatly increase, and may even double the 1942 volume."

Simultaneously, he said that "we are planning to build 10,000,000 dead weight tons of new shipping during 1943."

"On the basis of building statistics, and the estimated sinkings which may occur in 1943, our dry cargo fleet would replace Britain's about the middle of the year, and by the end of the year our fleet may be as much as 25 per cent greater than it is."

RENT DIRECTOR. Raleigh, Feb. 8—(AP)—George W. Jeffrey, rent director of the Wilmington-New Bern-Jacksonville area, has been named chief state rent officer at the office of price administration. WEATHER. FAVORABLE GRANTED. Raleigh, Feb. 8—(AP)—Governor Brantley today received Valdesha Locklear, convicted in October, 1942, in Robinson county of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to six months on the roads.

Manpower, Lend-Lease, Tax Debated

Hoover to Testify on Manpower Problem; President May Enter Income Tax Fight

Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—Manpower, taxes and lend-lease hold the spotlight on Capitol Hill today with former President and Hoover and three cabinet officers due to testify before congressional committees.

Mr. Hoover appears at an executive session of a Senate subcommittee today in seeking to determine the proper distribution of manpower between the armed forces and the home front. Some committee members hope to obtain the former president's support in their contention that military officials have set their manpower goals so high that not enough workers will be left to produce food and weapons.

On the same topic, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace was called before a closed session of the Senate military committee, there to repeat his assertions that a food shortage may be maintained if something isn't done to step up production.

Secretary of War Stimson, urging continuance of lend-lease aid to the nation's war partners, told the House foreign affairs committee "that any other decision would seriously jeopardize and delay our complete and total victory."

He emphasized that munitions and supplies sent to the allies was "not charity" on the part of this nation, but rather the "best method for putting our industry and resources to the best use in defeating the enemy."

Secretary of Navy Knox and war shipping Administrator Emory S. Land were also scheduled to appear to join Stimson in giving an account of what part lend-lease aid is playing in carrying out the drive for unconditional surrender of the axis. A hint that the White House might intervene indirectly to speed enactment of pay-raise income tax legislation came from Budget Director Harold S. Smith as the House ways and means committee resumed.

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Hoover Asks Cut In Army

Former President Envisages Three More Years of War Before Victory

Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—Herbert Hoover declared today "The size of the Army must be modified—at least for the immediate period of 1943," and the armed forces should employ some of 1,000,000 additional workers he said the nation needed in farming and metal and oil industries.

Hoover said at least three more years of war, but observed: "Time runs in our favor. We do not therefore need to try to do everything all at once. The knockout blow to Germany can be delivered more certainly in 1943 than in 1942."

Remarking that the armed forces intend to have more than 11,000,000 members by the end of 1943, the former president told a press conference: "If we attempt too much on the military side, we may commit the fatal error of overstrain on the home front and thus damage our effectiveness in ultimate victory. There is a limit to our capacities and resources, great as they are. And in our planning we must at least prepare for a long war, looking the defeat on Japan, we must envisage at least three more years of war, and a prudent nation should possibly envisage five years."

WEATHER (FOR NORTH CAROLINA) Continued rather cold this afternoon and tonight.

GUADALCANAL GUNNER AT POST



THIS U. S. MACHINE-GUNNER keeps a sharp eye out for Japs on Guadalcanal as he sits beside his gun in a fox-hole. To get some relief from the heat, he stripped to the waist. His well supplied with ammunition and could hold out for a long time. (Associated Press)

National War Service Act Introduced In Congress

Two Stores Sell Shoes

Raleigh, Feb. 8—(AP)—Two stores in Beaufort failed to comply today with the shoe size freeze order, the state office of price administration said.

The Carteret county patronage board was instructed to order the stores to cease their sales until tomorrow, when the rationing program becomes effective.

Wine Control Debate Tonight

Raleigh, Feb. 8—(AP)—The so-called "wine control" bill is scheduled to be placed on third reading in the house tonight as the General Assembly ends its week-end recess and plunges into its second month of legislative action.

The measure, introduced by Representative Cameron of Guilford, would set up a new wine control department headed by a \$8,000 per year appointee and permit the alcoholic content of wine to be raised from 14 to 20 per cent in dry counties. It passed second reading Feb. 6.

Another tug of war between wets and dries is scheduled on Thursday afternoon, when the house propositions and grievances committee, headed by Representative Rowley of Durham, is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the bill by Representative Price of Johnston to call a statewide referendum on the prohibition question next November. The hearing is slated to begin at 2:30 o'clock in the house chamber.

Three Persons Die Violently

Charlotte, Feb. 8—(AP)—At least three persons died by violence in North Carolina during the week-end. Laurence Fry, 22, a taxi driver of Lumberton, was killed instantly near Whiteville when his automobile left the highway and plunged into the Lumber River swamp.

Private Herman W. Angel, 25, was killed in an accident near Carolina Beach, the Army notified his father, J. W. Angel of Stokesdale. Details were not disclosed. Coroner B. M. Myers said John Eller, middle aged resident of the Dixie community in Wilkes county, committed suicide by hanging himself.

Reds Shell And Assault Nazi Lines

Russians Report Gains; Allied Planes Set Waterfront Afire In Raids on Naples

(By The Associated Press) The fourth battle of Rostov was under way today with German positions in the city under shell fire and assault, while elsewhere along a 500-mile front the Red army reported crashing the Nazi 1942 line southeast of Khar'kov and on both sides of Khar'kov.

While the Germans reeled back before the onslaught which reached an unprecedented pace for winter war, their Italian allies felt the weight of war again in their homeland.

Allied bombers—possibly long range American planes—set the waterfront of Naples ablaze in a large scale Sunday daylight attack and scored hits on three ships at the big loading port for war materials for Tunisia. The Italians said casualties were uncounted and damage was heavy.

American Flying Fortresses and Mustangs, escorted by Lightning long range fighters, struck across the Mediterranean island of Sardinia where parked aircraft were set afire and hits were scored on airframe building and a sea plane station.

The German submarine base at Livorno on the French coast was given an overnight pounding which the British air ministry described as its worst of the war, and other RAF raiders struck anew at the Ruhr alley.

The Russians still were putting the tactics of penetration and encirclement to deadly use against the Nazis who regarded themselves as masters of this type of war.

The last of the axis army of the Caucasus was caught in a trap opposite the Strait of Kerch and the only escape appeared to be a costly withdrawal by sea to the Crimea.

Intensive patrol activity, which

MISS PRINCE HEADS METHODIST STUDENTS

Durham, Feb. 8—(AP)—Miss Helen Prince of Greensboro College was elected president of the North Carolina Methodist Student Conference, which ended a three-day session here yesterday.

53 Casualties Announced

Washington, Feb. 8—(AP)—The Navy announced today 53 casualties in Navy losses, including 15 killed, 22 wounded and 16 missing.

The young list included the total of Navy, Marine, Coast and Civil Guard casualties reported to next of kin since December 7, 1941. The grand total includes 6,490 dead, 4,664 wounded and 12,287 missing.

The casualties announced today (those listed are Navy and non-combatants) included:

North Carolina Cooke, Seonley Vincent, Missing Mother, Mrs. Ida Nancy Cooke, Birmingham.

New Delhi, Feb. 8—(AP)—RAF American-made Liberator bombers dropped nearly 30 tons of heavy bombs on Japanese-occupied Rangoon last night. A British communique announced today.

Returning pilots reported they had left fires burning in the target area. The raid followed a series of daylight sweeps over western Burma, in which RAF bombers blasted Japanese positions along the Kalliedia river and destroyed enemy motor transport. Shipping also was reported attacked off the western Burmese coast.

Square political gossip mill. Even that did not put much life into it, and the temporary effect has already been dissipated.

Prevaling quiet around legislative halls and capital city lobbies serves to emphasize a truth too little recognized by the people of the state. Raleigh is a mirror, not a generator. (Continued on Page Five)

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN MISBET. Raleigh, Feb. 8—The somewhat dramatic appearance of Lieutenant Governor Reginald Harris before the joint education committee last week to speak against the nine-month school at this time, acted as a shot in the arm to stimulate for a few days in the almost quiescent Capitol