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## Allies Open Offensive In Africa

### ADMINISTRATION FIGHTS FARM PRICE INCREASES

#### Stage Set By Brynes' Statement

Four Major Farmer Organizations Join Farm Bloc Opposing Federal Policies

Washington, Feb. 10—(AP)—The administration drew a sharp line today against further advances in farm prices and thereby set the stage for a bitter struggle with agricultural leaders.

The speech of economic stabilization Director James E. Brynes last night was interpreted on all sides as an administration declaration that it was ready to do battle if necessary to preserve its present farm and food price and production policies.

These are designed to stabilize agricultural prices at a level called parity by means of such devices as ceilings to keep prices from going too high and floors to keep them from going too low.

But regarding crops needed in volume far in excess of past levels, the administration says it realizes farmers need returns greater than parity to meet extra expenses involved in stepping up production. It would make up that extra expense by benefit and incentive payments.

The payments, for which between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 may be needed, would take the place of increases in ceiling prices, which otherwise would be necessary.

These policies are opposed by four major farm organizations and congressmen from agricultural states. The farm groups are the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation.

These organizations contend the shortage of farm labor reflects inability of farm operators to compete with city wages. They are pressing for legislation which would allow farm prices to advance at least 10 per cent before ceilings could be set.

#### Another Cut In Newsprint

Washington, Feb. 10—(AP)—Something more of a deeper slash, War Production Board officials dealing with the news-paper publishing industry, stated today that a second cut in print paper use of not more than 10 per cent, effective April 1, would be adequate to meet the current situation caused by the war.

An initial 10 per cent was dropped from newspapers' consumption Jan. 1.

The new cut should not work through back-up on any new paper, then hardship if essential service to the nation in war time, and a joint statement by Wm. G. Chandler, director of the printing and publishing division, and Donald J. Sterling, consultant on the newspaper and publishing industries.

#### Education Bill Approved

Raleigh, Feb. 10—(AP)—The house education committee approved a measure providing for a new member on the staff of the State Department of Public Instruction, who would supervise the teaching of civics of alcohol and narcotics in the human system.

The bill was introduced by Representative Reynolds of Blainville and Wood of Craven.

#### U. S. TANK SLUGS IT OUT WITH JAP PILLBOX



Here is one of the first photos to arrive in this country of actual fighting in Papua before the fall of Buna. Smoke rises from a Japanese pillbox as an Australian tank rolls forward to smash it. Aussie troops stand with rifles poised to pick off the Japs as they attempt to flee. Debris from the savage battle litters the ground. Shortly after the picture was taken, Buna fell to the allies. (International)

#### Money Bills Nearly Done

#### Tax Bill Expected To Be Finished Today And Appropriations Measure Progresses

Raleigh, Feb. 10—(AP)—Legislative committees concerned with taxation and distribution of funds to all State agencies and institutions neared the end of their toil today, thus putting the assembly on the high but rocky road to final adjournment.

Senator Thomas O'Leary of Wayne, finance chairman, said the money-raising measure probably would be finished by tonight. One amendment to be voted upon before then was one by Senator Cherry of Gaston, who proposed a 3 per cent discount to merchants promptly paying the 3 per cent sales tax.

The spending committee should be able to finish its work in two hours, Chairman Taylor of Anson said, indicating that the bill then would go to a subcommittee for redrafting and possibly to cut off some of the \$172,000 which had been added through yesterday afternoon.

#### LOVING GETS ORDER FOR FEDERAL WORK

Washington, Feb. 10—(AP)—The War department announced award of a contract to T. A. Loving and Co., Henderson, N. C., for construction of a building in New Hanover county, N. C., at a cost of under \$200,000. The work will be supervised by the Army engineers' office at Wilmington.

#### Indian Kills Wife And Self

Lumberton, Feb. 10—(AP)—Enraged because he found his wife and another man together in an automobile, Jasper Oxendine, 30, an Indian paroled from State prison last fall on a second degree murder charge, last night hacked his wife to death with an axe and butcher knife and then killed himself with a shotgun, Sheriff E. C. Wade said today.

The sheriff related that Oxendine had traded his wife, Janice, 26, and Alex Hayes, 40, a neighbor, during the early part of the night and took his wife home when he found the pair together. The suicide took place in the home, the officer declared.

#### Pacific Offensive Based On Solomons

#### Kiska Bases Are Bombed

Washington, Feb. 10—(AP)—Bombing attacks on Japanese at Kiska in the Aleutian islands in the north Pacific were reported by the Navy today in a communique which told also of aerial and ground activity in the Solomons, possibly preceding the withdrawal of the Japanese from Guadalcanal.

#### Gandhi Begins Fast

#### Indian Leader Starts 21-Day Fast Period In Protest Against Confinement

Bombay, Feb. 10—(AP)—Mahatma K. Gandhi began a 21-day fast today in the palace of the raja khan in Poona, after the government of India refused to grant his unconditional release from confinement there.

The 73-year old Gandhi announced that he would take only fruit juice and water during his fasting period.

All India watched apprehensively for any trouble which might follow. Although he is behind barred wire at the raja khan's palace, Gandhi is still the most important Indian.

Even though this time he is not fasting to the death, as he has threatened on previous occasions, the government recognized the seriousness of Gandhi's decision.

Newspapers in India were advised to observe restraint in announcing the fast in order to avoid stirring undue excitement.

#### Stock Market Trends Higher

New York, Feb. 10—(AP)—Mildly higher prices predominated in the stock market today. Bonds firmed, but commodities slipped.

#### Complete Seizure Of Gaudalcanal Has Important Part In Allied Strategy

(By The Associated Press) Major General Alexander M. Patch, commander of American troops on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons, reported officially today that "Guadalcanal has been taken completely and there Japanese organized forces are no longer any vestige of any that island," while at an unnamed South seas island base a U. S. Navy spokesman said that Japanese troops there have been "completely eliminated," and intimated that a new allied offensive was near.

"We are now going to take offensive action in which the complete seizure of Guadalcanal has an important part," said Captain Myles Browning, chief of the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

Captain Browning said the Japanese had been driven from Guadalcanal in a series of battles between 20,000 and 30,000 men over a six-month campaign which started last August 7 when U. S. Marines landed on the island and forced Henderson Airfield.

Official reports also listed more than 1,000 Japanese planes shot down, 27 Japanese ships and eleven submarines.

"It is a definite success," Captain Browning said. "The Japanese forces along the perimeter of the island are in total retreat. There are no more space for the Japanese to retreat."

General Patch made no estimate of the number of Japanese troops which occupied the island but declared there was no longer any vestige of Japanese organized forces on the island.

On the New Guinea front General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied commandos were stepping up their offensive against the Japanese base at Salamaua, killing 100 more enemy troops in an attack on the War-Mila sector 33 miles southwest of Salamaua.

#### GOVERNMENT TO REST IN ANTI-TRUST TRIAL

Wilson, Feb. 10—(AP)—With cross examination of H. R. Mohr completed and government counsel beginning direct examination, the government probably will rest its case late this afternoon in the trial of 13 corporations and 16 individuals in U. S. district court here on charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mohr is the last government witness sent to the stand.

#### Blueprint For Victory is Outlined

#### 48-Hour Work Week Order Hits Millions Of Workers; Congress Works on Tax Bill

Washington, Feb. 10—(AP)—A blueprint for victory, calling for "Spartan living" and a 48-hour minimum work week for millions of workers, was etched by the administration today as Capitol Hill stepped up its efforts to draft a pay-as-you-go plan for collection of income taxes to pay the war's cost.

The order for the longer week in many places, to speed production and spread out the nation's dwindling manpower resources, came from President Roosevelt's Paul McNutt confined its initial application to 32 sections where labor is scarce.

Workers now on a 40-hour week basis under the fair labor standards act will get overtime pay for the additional eight hours, or a 20 per cent increase in pay.

Economic stabilization Director James E. Brynes followed up with a promise of a vigorous fight against inflation through higher taxes, strict conformances to farm parity laws, tight controls on basic living costs and limitation of straight time wage increases to the 15 per cent permitted by the war labor board's "strike steel" formula.

Normal living standards are out, Brynes said, because the 1943 strategy aims at increased war production, looking forward "with a measurable period of time" to the invasion of Europe.

In another move to boost output, the war production board announced a plan of production scheduling to break a bottleneck in motors, valves, boilers, gears and other "critical components" whose shortage has hampered armament production.

The House was scheduled today to take up legislation for continuation of the Dies committee investigations of an American activities and for the merger of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, neither involving party conflict.

#### Prison 'Grads' In Shipyards

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Str. Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Feb. 10—Thirteen "grads" of the special defense welding school conducted at State College for a selected group of State prisoners are already at work on jobs at a shipyard, and three others have assurance of employment as soon as they can get to the jobs.

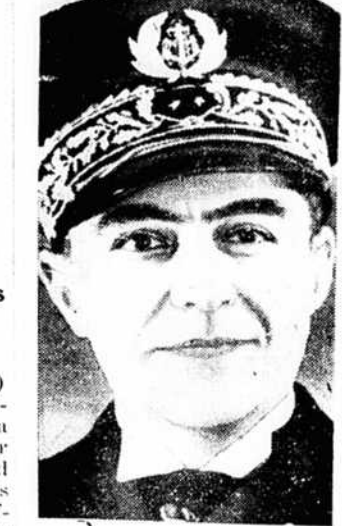
Meanwhile, three or four other classes have been enrolled and members are eagerly looking forward to the day when they finish the course and can go to work building ships or other war machinery.

The training course for prisoners is a cooperative project which the Prison department, the State division of vocational education, and the special defense course section of State College are working out together. Results to date have fully justified the faith sponsors had in the project.

Men who are permitted to take the course are carefully selected. The first step is recommendation by the prison camp superintendent as to general character and attitude. Then the prison record and the background history of the prisoner are thoroughly checked. Next the parole commission is consulted. Only men who meet all requirements and who are in position to obtain parole upon completion of the course, are allowed to begin it.

Value of the idea lies not only in providing additional much needed war work personnel, but in its rehabilitation features. Prison officials believe that a man with a good trade by means of which he can earn a comfortable living is much less apt to get into trouble again. In prison as in schools, it is the repeaters who are most costly.

#### Admiral Is Arrested



ACCORDING TO A BERLIN DISPATCH to a Swedish newspaper, Vice Admiral Paul Aupland (above), who ordered the scuttling of the French Fleet at Toulon, had been arrested and sent to a concentration camp on Laval's order. (International)

#### War Powers Bill Offered

#### Measure Would Give Unprecedented Powers; Labor Bill Re-writes Chapter

Raleigh, Feb. 10—(AP)—The legislature received today bills to give the governor unprecedented war powers, and to create the office of labor conciliator, defining unfair labor practices, and making it illegal to require an employee to pay a labor organization a fee for a permit to work.

The war powers measure, asked by Governor Broughton, was introduced by Senator Lankford of Jones, Blythe of Mecklenburg, Carleton of Forsyth, Weather's of Cleveland and Hodges of Buncombe. The labor measure was introduced by Representative Richardson of Union and others.

The governor would be authorized to order an inventory for the mobilization, conservation and distribution of food, fuel, clothing and other necessities of life, labor, materials, industries or other facilities or resources necessary or useful in prosecution of the war.

He would have power to organize and coordinate civilian defense in conformity with rules of the office of civilian defense, and to promote the security, protection and mobilization of the civilian population, to order and carry out blackouts, radio silences and evacuations in cooperation with the armed forces. He could direct the activities of the police, fire fighters, health workers, highway workers, public utilities, medical and welfare forces and those in the service of the State.

The labor measure, termed the "employment peace act," re-writes an entire chapter of the public laws dealing with labor problems.

The labor conciliator would be appointed by the commission of labor with the approval of the governor. His term would run for four years at an annual salary of \$5,000.

The governor is given authority to appoint special conciliators to aid in settlement of a particular labor dispute. These conciliators would be paid \$15 per diem.

The bill also provides that an employee or employer shall give ten days notice to the opposite party in the event a lockout or strike is decided upon. A copy of the notice also must be filed with the conciliator. Upon receipt of the notice, the conciliator must fix a time and place for a conference between the interested parties.

In case of a dispute in any business, industry or institution, so that a temporary suspension of its operations would endanger the life, safety or health, or well-being of a substantial number of people, the labor conciliator must notify the governor, who may appoint a commission of three to conduct a hearing and make a report on the issues involved and the merits of respective

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#### Eighth Army Breaks Lull; Nazis Attack

#### American Fliers Rake Axis Positions As British Forces Advance in Tunisia

(By The Associated Press) Britain's victorious eighth army was officially reported to have started a new advance into Tunisia today, breaking a protracted lull, and at the same time the German-controlled Vichy radio asserted that axis Tunisian forces had launched an attack against the British.

The Vichy broadcast said the axis assault was made to forestall a British offensive.

First word of the British advance came from General Sir Harold Alexander, British commander in chief of the Middle East, who told newsmen: "The enemy's forces have been completely eliminated from Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania—and the eighth army is again advancing."

For several days, axis quarters have reported that General Sir B. L. Montgomery's armies were massing troops, tanks, big guns and other equipment along the Libyan-Tunisian frontier for a new offensive.

Vichy's report of an axis country attack indicated that German Tunisian forces may have reinforced Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's battered legions and turned on the British eighth army somewhere in the vicinity of the Mareth line, 60 miles inside Tunisia.

Lieutenant General Dwight Eisenhower's headquarters reported that a new combination of U. S. Airacobras and American-flown Spitfires raked axis forces on the southern Tunisian front with cannon and machine gun fire, while U. S. Flying Fortresses blasted the German air base near Kairouan.

An Italian communique said the raiders inflicted many casualties and asserted that 16 allied planes were shot down by German fighters.

Other allied fliers pounded important ports in Sicily, and attacked the Calabrian coast on the southern tip of Italy.

On the Soviet front, German defenses on the outer approaches to Kharkov were reported crumbling today as Russian shock troops stormed toward the great Ukraine steel city from three sides after smashing through major barriers at Belgorod and Shebekino, respectively 30 and 40 miles to the northeast.

Other Red army columns were driving against the Soviet "Pittsburgh" from the southeast and the east.

With Kharkov retaken, the Russians would be in a position to sweep back to the Dnieper river in the heart of the Ukraine.

#### Cotton Prices Down At Noon

New York, Feb. 10—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 45 cents a bale lower.

	Close	Open
March	19.71	19.67
May	19.49	19.45
July	19.36	19.31
October	19.21	19.16
December	19.19	19.12
January	19.16	19.08

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Warmer this afternoon and tonight, showers beginning tonight