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# Fighting Rages Over Tunisia

## Allies Sustain Greatest Air Offensive

### 'Very Heavy' Attack Made On Cologne

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Planes Raid City;  
U. S. and British  
Maintain Assaults

(By The Associated Press)

Allied aerial raiders—possibly both American and British—carried the bombing offensive against the axis-occupied continent through its 48th hour by daylight today following another heavy blow at Cologne by the RAF.

Flying high in brilliant sunshiny, squadrons after squadrons swoop across the channel coast without any letup in mounting assaults.

(By The Associated Press)

Carrying on one of the greatest sustained aerial offensives of the war, RAF bombers struck at the German war foundries city of Cologne in a "very heavy attack" last night, a British communiqué announced today.

Upwards of 200 RAF planes—the night raiding giants which carry 8,000-pound "double block busters"—apparently took part in the assault, on the basis of average losses of 5 per cent. Ten planes were listed as missing.

A Berlin broadcast said the RAF dropped high explosives and incendiaries, and put in its familiar propaganda claim of damage to "several hospitals" as well as acknowledging casualties to the civilian population.

The attack on Cologne came at a 24-hour period of tremendous blows to Hitler's "European fortress" by American daylight raiders and RAF night fliers. These included:

1. A devastating assault by U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators against the German U-boat nest at Wilhelmshaven.

2. Three attacks on Nazi-held Dakar, French channel port, by RAF light bombers with American fighter escort.

3. A 20-minute "saturation" raid on the German industrial center of Nuremberg, which cost the British three planes.

4. Scattered bombing and machine gunning attacks on northern France, with the raiders blasting an airfield on the Cherbourg peninsula, railway yards and a German naval storage depot near Rennes.

### Novelist Is Acquitted

Miami, Fla., Feb. 27.—(AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted novelist Ursula Parrott of charges of impairing the loyalty and discipline of the armed forces and aiding and concealing a deserter by driving a good-looking private out of an Army stockade concealed in the rear of her automobile.

The all-male jury was out of the court room only twelve minutes.

In a 40-minute statement Federal Judge John W. Holland told jurors that they could not find Mrs. Parrott guilty of aiding a deserter if they decided that Private Michael Bryan had no intention of deserting the Army when he left the stockade for 24 hours of freedom in the author's company.

Mrs. Parrott could not be legally accused of impairing the discipline and loyalty of the armed forces, the judge said, unless the jury decided it was her intent to undermine the morale and loyalty of all the troops stationed at Miami Beach.

Spectators crowded around to congratulate the 40-year-old author as soon as the verdict was read.

Smiling happily, the author dabbed at her eyes a couple of times as if to wipe away a tear.

The novelist's soldier friend was not in the federal building today. He was reported to be in the Miami Beach stockade, where he is serving a one-year sentence for breaking confinement.



COUNT GALEAZZO CIANO was removed from his post as Italian Foreign Minister by his father-in-law, Mussolini, shortly after this meeting with Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering (right) at Hitler's headquarters, presumably in Berlin. Standing in the background between Ciano and Hitler is Nazi Foreign Minister Count von Ribbentrop. Goering still seems to be putting up quite a lot of front. (International)

### Rationing Registration Goes Off Well

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Registration for canned goods rationing ended in nearly all parts of the country today, and housewives started "skull" practice for the task-begging Monday—of buying food by both coupons and cash.

And the registration went so well that an office of price administration spokesman said "excessive" demand, if seen too good to be true."

Preliminary reports indicated that more than 120,000,000 of the new "point" system ration books were distributed. They were handed out without incident nearly everywhere OPA officials said.

Millions of persons reported having more than five cans per person and paid coupon penalties, the record being set by a Peoria, Ill., woman of three who had laid claim over the limit. Many individuals acquired whether they could get their coupons back if they sold their excess cans to grocers, and some stores permitting such transactions appeared edgewise.

Generally, folks needed no persuading to get their OPA meat tickets, after learning of their significance from the newspapers.

The same books also cover frozen and dried fruits and vegetables, and will soon be used for meat rationing, expected to start March 26.

### Rail Line Would Quit

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern Railroad Co. filed the last commerce commission today for authority to abandon its entire line, which consists of about 33 miles of track in Brunswick County, N. C.

The line has been in existence since 1933, the application said, and added that it is "hopelessly insolvent."

Broughton  
In Washington

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Governor Broughton of North Carolina came to Washington today to lay North Carolina's agricultural problem before manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt.

Governor Broughton said he intended also to protest the practice of making employees pay less for the privilege of working on military camp construction. The fee practice, he said, had been found in only a few places in North Carolina.

The governor, as a member of a committee of governors, will attend a conference called by McNutt and plans to return to Raleigh tonight.

ONE DOWN—ALL TO GO

### Legislature Ends Its Busiest Week

#### President Much Better

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The senate, which passed the \$115,000,000 appropriations bills in the record time of ten minutes, will reconvene Monday at noon, while the house will adhere to its custom of meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Not an amendment was offered to the spending bill, which includes \$9,000,000 for war bonuses for teachers and other State employees.

The house, which received the appropriations measure by special messenger, passed a house bill authorizing the State Highway and Public Works Commission to furnish prison labor for farm work in emergency cases, and placed on the second reading calendar for special order Tuesday the bill amending a composite State school board amendment.

The amendment bill failed of passage Thursday, but was revived through the efforts of Representative Taylor of Wayne.

Also approved by the house was a bill changing the residence requirement for divorce from one year to six months.

Meantime, the senate passed a house bill to prohibit the sale of beer and wine from 11:30 p. m. to 7 a. m.

daily and make it unlawful to permit consumption on the premises beyond midnight and 7 a. m. every day.

**GANDHI'S CONDITION  
IS LITTLE CHANGED**

Bombay, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A government communiqué said today there was very little change in the condition of Mohandas K. Gandhi, now in the 18th day of a 21-day fast undertaken in an effort to obtain his unconditional release from internment.

"He is somewhat apathetic and not so cheerful," the bulletin said.

**WEATHER**

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Slowly rising temperature in

interior tonight but continued freezing or lower to the coast.

### Three Major Questions Are Probed

#### Military Manpower, Shipments to Spain And WLB Troubles Under Investigation

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Three major questions had probes and protests cooking in the capital today. They were:

How much can the nation's military manpower sights be safely shortened? Just what U. S. shipments have been sent to Spain and why? And, what

will be the climax of the mounting troubles of the war labor board?

Also on the fire was a show-down move on a measure to defer farm workers, with some attention centered on rationing registration reports and the start of cash-and-coupon food buying.

And, apart from the official scene, there was the story of the secrets of jungle fighting—told by the fighting men of Guadalcanal to those still in training.

A Senate appropriations subcommittee seemed convinced—after lengthy probing—that the nation's military and production sights are set too high to hit in 1943, with the manpower available. Consequently it looked into the possibility of trimming armed service expansion by one to three million men, despite a military chief's assertion and lowering the army's 3,200,000 goal by even 100,000 would make probability of losing the war "much greater."

The Barcelona statement yes-

terday of U. S. Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes that America has been shipping considerable oil, cotton, food, industrial chemicals and other products to Spain brought varying reactions.

Senator Russell, Georgia Democrat, called for a congressional investigation, and authoritative sources said the U. S.-Spanish trade program was helping keep Spain neutral and indirectly lifting vital war materials out of Axis hands.

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From the fighting men on Guadalcanal, through the columns of the Infantry Journal, came the lessons they learned—the hard way—of jungle combat. Summed up, their stories to buddies in training said briefly, learn infinite patience, think fast, strike savagely and for keeps.

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**Cotton Closes  
20-55 Higher**

New York, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20-55 cents a bale higher.

Futures closed 20 to 55 cents a bale higher.

Open Close

March ..... 20.33 20.29

May ..... 20.15 20.24

July ..... 19.99 20.03

October ..... 19.79 19.81

December ..... 19.53 19.50

January ..... 19.55 19.41

Middling spot: 20.65

Midday spot: 20.65

STAMPS TO BE GOOD  
IN OVERLAP PERIOD

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—To aid consumers who may run out of ration stamps for processed foods before the first ration period expires, the office of price administration has provided a seven-day overlap period—the last week of March, during which time consumers may spend both their first period and their second period stamps.

Stamps A, B and C are valid for the first period and may be used from March 1 through March 31.

Stamps for the second period may be used from March 25 through April 30. During the overlapping period of March 25 through March 31, stamps for both March and April may be used.

**Jap Cargo  
Ship Bombed**

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Allied aircraft scored a direct hit and two near misses with long-john bombs on a Japanese merchant vessel in the harbor of Weyan, in northern New Guinea, inflicting damage to engine ship.

Heavy bombing attacks on

the island of New Britain, in the

South Pacific, were reported

earlier today.

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