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Reds Recapture 144 More Towns

Barden Attacks OPA Policy

THE FORTRESS THAT 'COULDN'T POSSIBLY FLY'

AFTER BEING HIT BY A MESSERSCHMITT 109 whose pilot had been killed by the U. S. bomber's guns, a Fortress thunders back to its base in North Africa, its rear [illegible] shaved several feet from the plane and "flapping like the tail of a kite." When the door of the plane was opened next day, the crew broke in half. Said an officer: "According to Rules, that plane won't fly." The pilot of the Fortress was Lt. Sloan [illegible] Bragg, of Savannah, Ga. Sergeant Sam Sorgolas was the tail gunner. (*International Radiophoto*)

Full Probe Is Demanded By Tar Heel

Agricultural Price Fixing Is Denounced In Address on Floor of House

Washington, March 6—(AP)—Unless the policy of the OPA price fixing department on agricultural crops is changed "you are going to have not only rationing but you are going to be hungry," Representative Barden, North Carolina Democrat, told the House today.

The situation, in his opinion, he said in a speech on the floor, warrants more than just investigation by a congresional committee.

"It ought to be by a grand jury," he added. "It is a crime and I say right now this is such a serious and dangerous problem that I am unwilling to continue to let a group deal with it who have up to this date shown such a total lack of knowledge about the coast and production of agricultural products."

Granted an initial 15 minutes to speak, Barden's time was increased by consent of the member to 25 minutes, he worked into his topic.

"We may pass ordering rules and regulations for rationing," he said in prefacing his remarks, "but if we have no food the rationing card would provide a rather poor diet."

Barden said he discussed with Prentiss Brown, OPA administrator, the question of ceiling prices on Irish potatoes, because there are an important product in one county of the North Carolina's district.

"I submitted some prices and figures to Mr. Brown. I am going to tell you the truth, honest truth about this and I challenge any man in this House to deny it. Because some organized interests in this country have pulled for cheap food at the farmer's expense, the OPA is trying to use the law of labor in New York as a fixing stage in order to satisfy the desires and demands of these small monopolies.

"It is not a question of profit to the farmer. I tell you it is a question of food for this country."

After urging that farmers offer more farmer should exist in offices by extending their working day, Barden then relished the Department of Agriculture, for which he said was it was not in the price fixing program.

Potential Food Shortage Spurs Remedial Action

Farm Bloc Demands Immediate Action By Executive Order To Boost Production

Washington, March 6—(AP)—Growing alarm over potential food shortages today set off a congressional race for remedial manpower legislation and brought a farm bloc demand for immediate executive action on the production program.

Concern over feeding and equipping armed forces, as well as civilians, was displayed in numerous aspects of the problem, producing parallel appeals for prompt action on bills to accomplish these ends, on the farms and to mobilize a non-combatant army of conscription men and women for war production.

At the same time, an unofficial farm bloc organization composed of one representative from each state planned to take to the White House a demand that government agency heads dealing with farm problems be required to reach quick decision on a coordinated food production program.

Representative Fulmer of South Carolina, who appointed head of a House committee of 13 to draft a farm program when the organization met last night. He said the broad war powers, subsidy and farm machinery problems had the entire agriculture picture mixed up, and that there must be a decision as to whether production was to be increased by a general rise in price or incentive payments.

The increasing troops also brought up the development:

1. Expressed determination by Senator Bankhead of Alabama, Senate vote Tuesday on his proposal for a "blanket" deferment of farm workers. He predicted passage.

2. Submission of a no-strike measure to defer only farm labor in the armed forces, considered essential to the stability of farming.

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Improvements Recommended For Capitol

Raleigh, March 6—(AP)—A special building committee reported to the legislature today that the capitol should be modernized, an elevator put in and that the offices of the State treasurer, auditor and secretary of state should be housed in a new building.

[illegible] recommendations that [illegible] be carried out [illegible]

[illegible] Representative McDonald of Mecklenburg offered a resolution, which [illegible] to continue the commission.

[illegible] Representative Bullock of Anson, [illegible] the commission, said [illegible] the capitol [illegible] that the governor's [illegible] be enlarged and other [illegible] offices placed elsewhere and that a new prison should [illegible] new quarters for the [illegible] and historical [illegible].

[illegible] bill authorizing the commission to [illegible] from [illegible] to $6,000 [illegible] a bill by Representative Rhyne of Lincoln to authorize the commissioner to [illegible] in the other state [illegible] Gov. [illegible]

TWO PERSONS DEAD IN TEXAS TORNADO

San Augustine, Tex., March 6—(AP)—Two persons were killed, two injured and [illegible] per cent of business houses and many homes were damaged by a tornado which swept this east Texas town yesterday afternoon.

Damage was estimated at $1,000,000.

War Powers Bill Passes

Measure Is Approved Despite Charges Of Making Dictator Of Chief Executive

Raleigh, March 6—(AP)—Governor Broughton's war powers bill awaited only ratification today to become law after being passed by the house 60 to 24 in the face of charges that it would make the State's chief executive "dictator of North Carolina."

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Aircrafts Lead Stock Rally

New York, March 6—(AP)—Aircraft issues led a rally in the stock market today, with many of them [illegible] to new highs for the year. [illegible] rallying and closing of account [illegible] managed to [illegible] into the red [illegible] for the year up [illegible] peared, although there were a few [illegible] to [illegible] point [illegible] close. Volume for the short session swelled to [illegible] the more active issues in low priced [illegible] was evident Friday, with [illegible] the neighborhood of 500,000 shares.

Probe Asked Into Charges Against AP

Washington, March 6—(AP)—Representative Harness, Indiana Republican, asked the rules committee today for elimination of his resolution calling for a House committee investigation of circumstances surrounding the government suit against the Associated Press, charging violation of anti-trust laws.

Harness, who is a member of the rules committee, said he wrote Chairman Sabath, Illinois Democrat, of the rules committee that circumstances in the action "so directly touched the constitutional guarantee of a free press that they should quite properly be investigated immediately."

The government suit, charging that the Associated Press was a monopoly, is scheduled on order directing it to cease the alleged violations of the anti-trust laws, but the prospect is that it will be delayed by adhering to [illegible]

Brazilian Ships Sunk

Rio de Janeiro, March 6—(AP)—The government announced today the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer [illegible] off the coast of Alagoas [illegible] Bahia [illegible] Friday night, [illegible] Navy announcement today, when a fleet of [illegible] attempted to break up a convoy [illegible] commencement of [illegible] in the central Solomon Islands.

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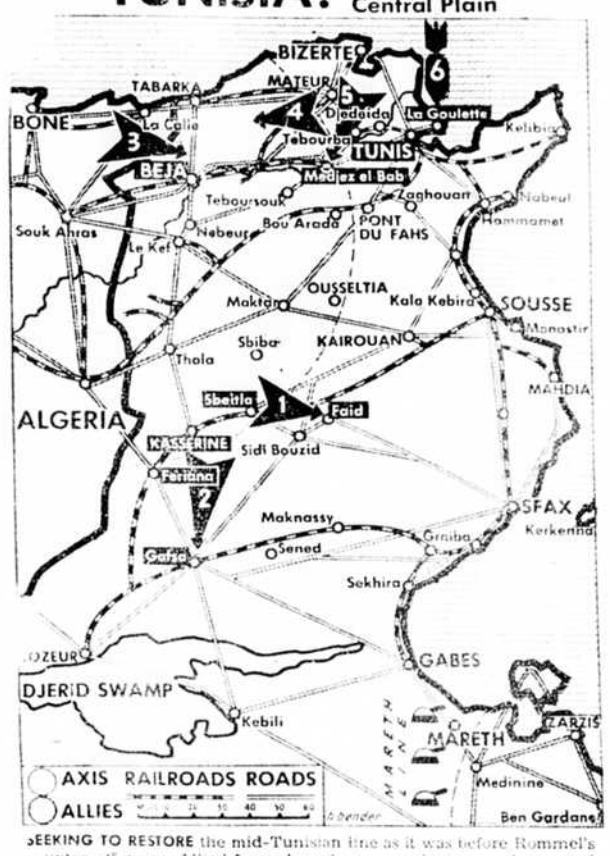
TUNISIA: Allies Sweep Central Plain



SEEKING TO RESTORE the mid-Tunisian line as it was before Rommel's counter-offensive, Allied forces have been sweeping across the central plain, headed for Faid Pass (1), doorway to the Axis coastal corridor, while other forces worked toward Gafsa (2). Northeast of Beja (3) the 1st Army launched an artillery barrage, driving back Nazis in the Hunt's Gap area. At Sedjenane (4) Nazi paratroopers were contesting the same as Rommel unleashed two unsuccessful infantry attacks at Medjez el Bab (5). Meanwhile, two waves of Fortresses bombed (6) harbors at Tunis and La Goulette, hitting vital installations. (*International*)

Jap Convoy Destroyed Utterly, MacArthur Says

Scarcely a Survivor Remains From 15,000 Jap Troops; Allied Planes Blast Lae

(By The Associated Press)

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters painted a vivid picture today of utter destruction inflicted upon a 22-ship Japanese convoy in which more than 15,000 enemy troops lost their lives in the waters of the Bismarck sea.

[illegible]

Four large allied transfers and freighters swept the entire area Saturday, completing a total mopup of barges, lifeboats and rafts from stalled ships, and General MacArthur announced. "There was scarcely a survivor so far as was known."

There was no further information on the progress of General MacArthur's ground forces in their drive toward Salamaua, New Guinea, but allied planes machine gunned Japanese positions to the south in the Waria river sector.

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QUINTEN ROOSEVELT WOUNDED IN ACTION

With the U. S. Army in Tunisia, March 6—(AP)—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, 20, son of Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, has been wounded in action on the Tunisian front.

Young Roosevelt, a graduate of Groton and an student at Harvard, [illegible] 1943, and [illegible] Pacific theater. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., [illegible] 56, is [illegible] and [illegible] leading [illegible] in Sicily and Normandy. [illegible] and so leading [illegible] Mediterranean [illegible] military and [illegible] more decorated plum, leading [illegible] in Sicily.

Tenth Night Raids Made

'Very Heavy' Attack Made on Essen Last Night; New Typhoon Planes in Combat

London, March 6—(AP)—Royal air force bombers made a "very heavy and concentrated" attack on the great German industrial center of Essen last night in the tenth consecutive night of assaults against targets either in Germany or nazi-held Europe, the air ministry announced today.

The German high command reported that explosive and incendiary bombs "caused great damage in residential quarters and in important industries" in Essen and that the population suffered.

Fourteen of the attacking bombers failed to return from the raid, which was another [illegible] lasting 500 planes [illegible]

Soon after the bombers crossed the channel, fighter planes were seen from the British side in the direction of the French coast. Explosions rattled windows in the British coast towns.

The RAF's new Typhoon planes teamed up with Spitfires yesterday for a daylight raid over the Netherland coast. The small enemy torpedo boat [illegible] and two others heavily [illegible].

The Typhoon [illegible] on the secret list [illegible] for [illegible] today.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA:

Rain this afternoon ending by early tonight. Much colder tonight and Sunday.

Vast German Withdrawal Developing

Russian Forces Drive Down Old 'Escape Corridor;' Allies In Tunisia Advance

(By The Associated Press)

Russian [illegible] offensive which [illegible] with the recapture of more than 144 towns and villages in two days and a vast new German retreat appeared to be developing on the western front as the Red army [illegible] down the old "escape corridor" of Napoleon [illegible] to Smolensk.

Cutting southward from Velikie Luki, the Russians were reported to have retaken the rail town of Gorodok and driven within 15 miles of the German stronghold of Gzhatsk, 100 miles west of Moscow on the highway to Smolensk.

[illegible]

On the Tunisian front, allied troops were officially reported to have occupied the city of Pichon, about 55 miles southwest of the Gulf port of Sousse, while in the north the British first army abandoned Sedjenane and fell back seven miles to higher ground at Tamera.

[illegible]

Sub Killers In Production

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Cotton Prices Trend Higher

New York, March 6—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 50 cents a bale higher.

February closed 5 cents a bale lower to 10 cents higher.

	Open	Close
March	20.25	20.10
May	20.20	20.17
July	19.95	19.95
October	19.71	19.74
December	19.58	19.67
January	19.65	19.62

Middling spot 21.06.