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## British Beat Off Axis Attacks

### Colorado Governor Halts Induction Of Farmers

#### Says Action Taken Under Draft Power

#### Colorado Executive Recently Declared Farm Workers Needed To Meet Crop Goals

Denver, March 25.—(AP)—Governor John C. Vivian ordered today an immediate halt to the induction of Colorado farm workers into the armed forces. The governor, who recently asserted that Colorado war crop goals could not be attained unless workers were permitted to stay on the farms, announced his action in a letter to Brigadier General Harold H. Richardson, state director of selective service.

Governor Vivian said he was taking the action "under the power and authority to administer the selective service system within my state under section 603.11 of the regulations governing this agency."

The governor told newsmen he had just received word that a quota of 58 men, inducted in Delta county in western Colorado recently, 22 were farmers "who in the opinion of the county agent are essential to the operation of the farms from which they were taken and will need to be replaced."

General Richardson was not available for comment immediately.

#### Stimson Sees Heavy Losses

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson today predicted favorable progress in the Tunisian campaign, but said it would be paid for with heavy casualties.

He attributed successes in the Tunisian campaign in part to the series of heavy day and night bombing attacks on Germany and German-occupied territory. These attacks, he told a press conference, make it necessary for Germany to keep large numbers of fighting planes at home.

The German people, Stimson said, are "dreading greater fighting plane protection" against American and British bombing raids. And since Germany does not know where we will strike next, she is forced to disperse these planes throughout the entire country and occupied territory.

The War secretary referred specifically to two recent raids on Vegesack, near Bremen, and on Wilhelmshaven as "remarkably successful."

#### Other States Pass New Laws To Meet Wartime Problems

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the War Matter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, March 25.—Forty-two state legislatures convened in January of this year, a number of them being still in session. The record therefore is not complete, but information supplied by the Council of State Governments contains a partial list of doling with respect to taxes and surplus funds. At least four states—North Carolina, California, Connecticut and Vermont—granted the governor far-reaching war time powers. Nine states had previously adopted similar legislation, and since the available report was compiled others may have done so.

Five states—Iowa, Maryland, New York, West Virginia and Wisconsin—looked definite steps to alleviate war-time tax burdens on their citizens by reducing various levels. Arkansas, Nevada and Vermont made substantial reductions and concessions in taxes due by service men, while Montana granted until six months after the war for payment of income tax by men in the armed services. Vermont went even further and voted a \$10 a month bonus for Green Mountain boys in the Army.

CAME OUT ON TOP 19 TIMES



COUNT THE FLAGS on the side of this Grumman Wildcat as it stands on Henderson Field on Guadalcanal. Those 19 Jap flags represent 19 Zeros knocked out of the sky. The score was made by a number of different pilots. Plane captain, Technical Sergeant R. W. Greenwood, from Jamesport, Mo., is in the cockpit. Navy photo. (International)

#### Army Lists 434 Missing In North Africa Action

#### Scrap Leaf Sells At Peak

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—An average price of \$309 for scrap tobacco in 1942 was the highest on record, W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, said today. Scrap sales were the smallest in recent years, 7,692,771 pounds, and Hedrick said this was caused by the fact that good prices were paid for even the lower grades of tobacco and everything that would "hold a leaf" was kept out of the scrap pile.

#### FLEETS NOW LARGER, CHURCHILL DECLARES

London, March 25.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today that the United Nations "have allied substantially larger fleets than they had at the worst moment in the U-boat war and this improvement is continuing."

#### North Carolinians Among Casualties Announced by War Department

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—The War Department today made public the names of 433 U. S. Army personnel missing in action in North Africa. The list included for North Carolina: Sergeant Roney W. Bailey, son of John H. Bailey, route 1, Bailey. Private James C. Bayton, son of Mrs. Bessie E. Bayton, route 1, Bailey. Private First Class C. L. Barry, whose wife, Mrs. Virginia C. Barry, lives on route 2, Nashville. Corporal Elmer E. Connor, son of Mrs. Bessie P. Connor, Kinston. Private L. E. Adams, Jr., whose stepmother, Mrs. L. E. Adams, lives on route 1, Smithfield. Private First Class George E. Langston, of Goldsboro. His mother, Mrs. George Langston, lives at 704 West Walnut street, Goldsboro. Corporal James D. Harsh, whose wife, Mrs. Dubelie Harsh, lives in St. Paul. Corporal Robert L. Helwig, whose father, Harvey G. Helwig, lives at Fair Bluff. Private Richard L. Jefferson, son of Mrs. Bessie Jefferson of Fountain. Private Edward H. Judas, son of Mrs. Nora Judas, route 2, Rosehill. Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth C. Lauer, son of Robert M. Lauer, Beaufort. Private John W. Layton, son of Mrs. Bertha Layton, route 1, Clinton. Private First Class Frank K. Layton, son of Frank L. Layton, route 2, Spring Hope. Private First Class Stephen C. Long, son of James M. Long, route 2, Roxboro. Technician Fifth Grade Fred L. Menchum, son of Mrs. Ruth Menchum of 111 East Pollock street, Mt. Olive. Sergeant James W. Purvis, whose wife, Mrs. Marjorie Purvis, lives at Four Oaks. Private First Class Carl E. Riddle, son of Mrs. Jessie G. Riddle, route 2, St. Paul. Private First Class Tom D. Smith, son of Mrs. Mattie D. Smith, route 3, Statesboro. Private Harvey L. Spivey, son of Mrs. Lizzie Spivey, route 1, Taber City. Sergeant Carl G. Strickland, brother of Archie L. Strickland, route 1, Smithfield. Technician Fifth Grade Glen M. Stroud, son of Barry Stroud, route 1, Seven Springs.

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#### Price Chief Joins Fight On Farm Bills

#### Bankhead and Pace Measure Would End Price Stabilization, Brown Declares

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the creation in the agricultural department of an administration of food production and distribution to be headed by Chester C. Davis, president of the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis and former director of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown asserted today that enactment of the pending Bankhead and Pace farm bills would "end the stabilization of prices" and "stabilization of wages as well." In letters to congressional leaders, Brown expressed "deep opposition" to the two bills and said he hoped they would be rejected by Congress.

The Bankhead bill, passed by the House yesterday and now before the Senate, would eliminate government benefit payments in figuring parity prices for agricultural products, while the Pace bill would increase parity prices through inclusion of farm labor costs in the parity formula. Taken together, Brown said, they would raise the total price of food between 17 and 18 per cent. Increase the annual food budget of consumers by three and three-quarter billion dollars, and cost the government an additional one and one-quarter billion dollars a year.

"We must face the fact that radical change in the cost of food means radical change in the 'little steel formula' as well," Brown wrote. "If Congress requires the one, it must accept the responsibility for the other."

Brown said the U. S. farm price level has already risen 10 per cent since the war broke out in August, 1939, and reached a level 15 per cent above parity in January of this year. "Not only have prices, the farmers received four times as much as prices in 1939," he continued, "but they have also seen four times as much as the rest of production, including the cost of hired labor. The price farmers receive therefore yield to the farmers for his own labor and that of his family, a better return than he has ever before known."

#### ELEVEN PRISONERS ARE GIVEN PAROLES

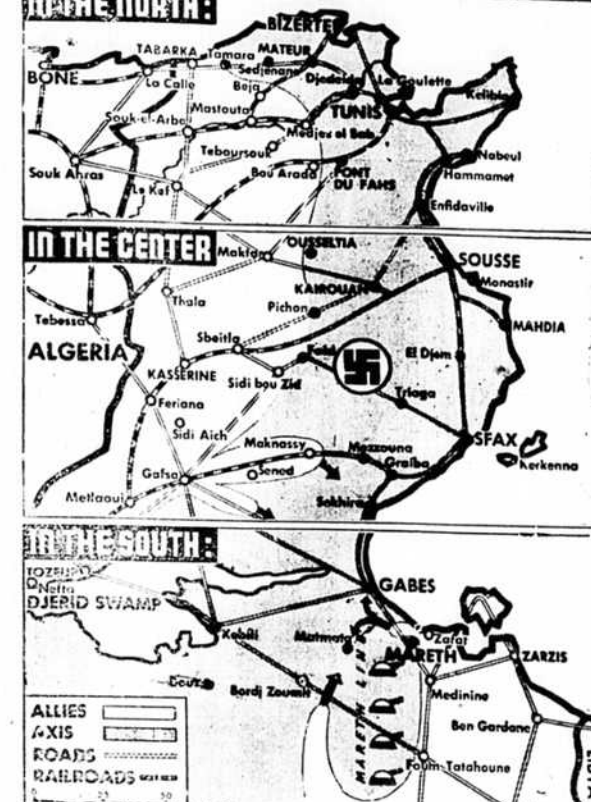
Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Nathan Crowder, arrested in Wayne county in November, 1933, and sentenced to 18 to 24 years for second degree murder, was among eleven prisoners paroled today by Governor Brantley. Also paroled was Chesley Brown, sentenced in Edgecombe to January, 1943, to six months for assault with a deadly weapon.

#### Mine Cave-In Damages City

Pittsboro, March 25.—(AP)—A rubble mine cave-in—the worst in the eastern Pennsylvania mine fields in several years—struck this mining city of 18,000 last night and the ground is still sinking today from under more than 150 cracked and twisted homes and buildings. The police and fire departments said there was no indication of when the earth-shaking would cease.

Yemenis previous developed in lavas and movement. Houses and trees are tilted and sunk. Water and gas mains snapped. Firemen reported holes 20 to 25 feet deep and estimated the overall sinking at from two to eight feet in various places. A \$300,000 high school building was so badly cracked that firemen feared its walls would collapse.

#### ON THE TUNISIAN BATTLEFRONTS



IN THE NORTH: Units of the British First Army hold the area around Medjez-el-Bab in spite of continued attempts by the Germans to have taken Maknassy and are said to be pushing on toward Maknassy in a two-pronged drive in central Tunisia. These forces will probably try to form a junction with units of the British Eighth Army, which are now flanking the Mareth Line and attacking Matmata, northwest of the strong Axis fortifications in this area. (International)

#### Flying Artillery Bombs Jap Bases

#### NAVY REPORTS RAID ON JAP POSITIONS

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that heavy Army bombers and Navy torpedo planes have attacked Japanese positions at Khudi, on enemy air base in the northern I-chen Solomons. A fire was started by the allied raid which occurred Wednesday.

#### Real Estate In Demand

Babson Predicts Increased Activity And Rising Market For Good Property. By ROGER W. BABSON. Copyright—1943—Publishers Financial Bureau.

Babson, March 25.—(AP)—The war product in hand has given authority to begin residential, agricultural and other types of construction. This is good news for those who build and for those who own. Construction is limited to less than \$200 million under this new regulation.

Real Estate. In most cities and towns, except where war plants have migrated to war production centers, we are greatly under-supplied with single dwellings. This is also true of apartments. Retail business space is plentiful in most instances. Office rentals have not been so hard hit although an oversupply exists in about half our cities. Sales of residential property, particularly of rentable property, have been seriously affected by the OPA's requirements of a one-third cash down payment. Compared with a year ago, the volume of real estate sales in most cities is decidedly lower. The opinion of realtors as to the outlook is mixed. For the country as a whole they are not optimistic. In some suburban communities residential

#### American Guns Shell Nazi Field

#### Heavy Artillery Duel Marks Day's Battle For Mareth Line; Red Gains Continue

(By The Associated Press) General Sir B. L. Montgomery's eighth army troops were reported warding off fierce axis counter attacks in a salient at the upper end of the Mareth line in southern Tunisia today, while farther up the front U. S. long range 155 mm. guns shelled Mezzouma airfield, only 22 miles from the sea.

A bulletin from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said the battle for the Mareth line continued yesterday, marked by heavy artillery dueling.

To the north, the communique said, American patrols scored local gains in the Maknassy area.

"In the Gabes sector, American patrols carried out offensive operations with success," the communique declared, and allied aerial squadrons, attacking by night and day, bombed and shot up axis concentrations along a 20-mile stretch between Mareth and Gabes.

From line dispatches said U. S. troops yesterday won control of the last mountain rampart overlooking the narrowing axis corridor between Maknassy and the sea and pushed on toward Mezzouma under heavy axis bombing attacks.

U. S. patrols clashed with axis forces in an indecisive action at a point twelve miles south of Maknassy. Despite General Montgomery's initial setback, London quarters said there was "no reason for gloom," and added: "We must remember that the enemy has been working for months to strengthen the Mareth line. It took us nine days to get through at El Alamein and I don't think we need to worry over this retreat."

Firing from a range of 20,000 yards, about eleven miles—American "Long Tom" rifles were reported to have knocked out five axis planes and virtually destroyed the Mezzouma field.

The post is now useless to the enemy, a U. S. artillery officer said. In northern Tunisia, Lieutenant (Continued on Page Five)

#### Scott Backs Pace Measure

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott left today for Washington to confer with congressional leaders on the Pace bill, which would include farm wages in figuring the price parity for the agricultural products. Scott was one of the original backers of the Pace bill, which has passed the House and is expected to go to the Senate late today.

Before leaving for Washington he reiterated his desire to "see that the farmers are paid sufficient prices for their products so that they can meet labor costs and increased prices for farm machinery."

don't like our shells landing in their laps." "It was a real emergency and we pooled everybody from kitchen help to truck drivers to stop the nazis. They were all yipping to get in and do something. "At one point tanks were still coming forward us at 2,500 yards and we only had 30 shells left. When the first ammunition truck came in sight the boys ran down and grabbed the shells right off the trucks and lugged them back themselves. They did a really amazing job and they hadn't had any sleep for two nights when the battle started." (Continued on Page Two)

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Slightly warmer tonight.