



# First Army Smashes Nazi Lines

## BOMBERS BATTER JAP SURFACE FORCES

### TOMMIES' VICTORY SMILES



STILL SMILING, even though battered and patched, are these British Tommies, members of the British Eighth Army. They were photographed just after the victorious assault on the Mareth Line in Tunisia. This photo was radioed from Cairo to New York. (International)

## Politics Boils to Top Of Legislative Dispute

### Fourth Term Tax And Reciprocal Trade Issues in Spotlight Of Capitol Stage

Washington, April 2—(AP)—Politics boiled to the top of the Capitol cauldron today on fourth term, tax and trade agreement issues—with hot legislative undercurrents concerning labor leaders and war brokers—but the heat was temporarily turned off by manpower draft legislation.

### Mosquito Planes Raid Nazi Cities

London, April 2—(AP)—Speedy RAF Mosquito bombers swooped down over Trier and Ehrang in western Germany yesterday, dropping deluge bombs from as low as 50 feet and splashing water 50 yards in the air.

### Nine Nations Accept Bids To Conference

Washington, April 2—(AP)—Nine countries, including Soviet Russia, already have accepted the United States invitation to a

## Revenue Receipts for March Justify Legislative Optimism

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By LYNN NISBET Raleigh, April 2—With sales tax collections up \$350,000 or about 25 per cent, and income yielding \$6,570,000 or 43 per cent more than in March last year, the monthly report of the State revenue department would seem to support the optimism of Governor Broughton and a majority of the legislators as expressed in nearly every action except refusal to lower the sales tax rate.

Items can never be estimated. They are just guessed. Total gross and net receipts for March reached the phenomenal sum of \$25,596,927.64, an increase of \$7,151,874.26 over March of last year, a jump of 39.79 per cent. For the nine months of the current fiscal year ending March 31, the total take was \$23,096,639.50, eleven and a half million dollars, or 21.05 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year.

## Fighters Shoot Down 16 Zeros

### Results of Attack On Ships Not Noted; Japan's Air Losses Mount to 902 Planes

Washington, April 2—(AP)—American bombers battered a Japanese force of five destroyers southwest of Kolombangara while almost at the same time fighter planes were engaging 30 to 40 Japanese Zero fighters and shooting down 16 of the enemy planes, the Navy reported today.

In the Solomon islands engagements, six United States planes were lost in the aerial combat, fought northwest of Guadalcanal island, but two of the pilots were rescued.

Results of the attack by bombers on the Japanese surface force were not observed, the Navy reported in communique No. 332 which told also of two more attacks on the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians.

## Missing Pigs Are Mystery

Chicago, April 2—(AP)—The mystery of the missing pigs remained unsolved today as hog prices reached peaks unparallelled previously since October, 1929.

There was a record breaking 1942 spring pig crop and buyers at the market have awaited an expected flood of porkers daily since the first of the year.

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## Jap Convoy Survivors Captured

London, April 2—(AP)—Reuters in dispatch from an advanced allied base in New Guinea, reported today that special Australian patrol on Goodenough and the Trobriand islands had captured hundreds of Japanese survivors from smashed convoys in the Bismark sea.

## President Vetoes Bankhead Measure As 'Inflationary'

### Bill to Exclude AAA Benefit Payments From Parity Formula Returned to Senate

Washington, April 2—(AP)—Branding it inflationary and dangerous, President Roosevelt vetoed today the Bankhead bill to increase farm prices by excluding payments in figuring the farm parity price formula.

Returning the measure unsigned to the Senate, Mr. Roosevelt said in a message: "I am compelled to this action by the deep conviction that this measure is inflationary in character. It breaks down the barriers we have erected and which we must maintain in order to avoid all the disasters of inflation."

It takes a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate to override the President and make a vetoed bill law. The Bankhead measure originally passed the Senate by a vote of 78-2. The House showed a standing vote in its favor of 119 to 40. Few opposed it in debate in either chamber.

## Reds Join Food Parley

Washington, April 2—(AP)—The Soviet Union has accepted an invitation from the United States to send representatives to a United Nations conference on post-war food questions, it was announced today.

President Roosevelt announced plans for the conference several weeks ago in Washington, indicating that it would be limited strictly to executive sessions.

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## 19 CAMP DAVIS MEN ARE MADE CITIZENS

Washington, April 2—(AP)—Nineteen enlisted men from nearby Camp Davis were naturalized in superior court here, Judge John J. Burney administered the oath of citizenship.

NEW MARSHAL Greensboro, April 2—(AP)—Major Eddy Ridge of Greensboro today took over the duties of U. S. marshal for the middle district of North Carolina following his official appointment yesterday by Judge Johnson J. Hayes.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Colder tonight.

### Finds \$13,901



ON THE LOOKOUT for metal scraps in a junk yard in New York City, little Frank Kominsky, 13, came across a wooden box. Inside the box was a tobacco tin containing \$13,901.31. Frankie turned it over to the police. If the money isn't claimed in six months, it will be returned to the boy. (International)

## Sales Agent Under Fire

### Navy Asks Congress To Aid in Crackdown On Representatives Infesting Capital

Washington, April 2—(AP)—The Navy officially asked Congress today for aid in cracking down on manufacturers' representatives who "have their offices in their hats" and sales agents "of little ability" receiving "outrageous fees" for producing war contracts.

By introducing a proposed legislative bill, the navy's chief, Joseph E. Daniels, requested that the under-secretary of the Navy and a former Danville representative from Ohio, told the House naval committee: "Demanding that an agent should be compensated simply for introducing a new and untried article to the government, he should not receive enormous fees during the emergency and solely for the fact that subsequent orders, to secure which he is obliged to turn a larger, swell his pockets with astronomical figures."

## Nazis in Africa Expected To Fight to Last Man

London, April 2—(AP)—The smashing 100-plane Flying Fortress raid on Sardinia was interpreted here today as defining the possible route and probable fate of any axis attempt to duplicate Dunkerque in a retreat from Tunisia, but unofficial observers suggested it was more likely the nazis would fight to the death under orders from Adolph Hitler to buy more time for defense of the continent.

## Anderson's Army Drives Near Mateur

### German 'Dunkerque Escape' Threatened By Gains; Americans Join Eighth Army

(By The Associated Press) British first army troops have smashed deep into the vital German defense zone in north Tunisia, an Algiers broadcast said today, and are storming toward Mateur, only 18 miles south of the enemy's potential "Dunkerque escape" port at Bizerte.

The radio said Lieutenant General Anderson's forces were now "pressing on the retreating Germans in the vicinity of Mateur" after a thrust from Sedjenane, 25 miles to the west.

A bulletin from allied headquarters gave no details of the first army advance, but declared: "Our troops continued to push northward and eastward beyond Sedjenane."

British vanguards, spearheaded by fierce tribal warriors of French Morocco, were reported to have driven six miles east of Sedjenane two days ago, and yesterday's allied communique said General Anderson's offensive was making "good progress."

Field dispatches said Marshal Ewin Rommel was flying in fresh troops and battling for every foot of his dwindling north African holdings.

In the south, an Algiers broadcast declared that U. S. troops driving eastward to the sea from Gafsa had met the British eighth army as General Montgomery pursued Rommel northward along the coastal highway some 44 miles above the Mareth line.

"Junction between American and British forces is now complete," the radio said.

In the skies, allied warplanes swept in waves over Rommel's line of retreat along the Gulf of Gabes coast, inflicting havoc on his armored columns and spreading death among axis troops.

In the Russian campaign, Soviet headquarters said the Red armies of the Caucasus had captured three more villages on the approaches to Germanheld Novorossisk, Black Sea naval base, but elsewhere on the front battle line the mud and slush of spring bogged down operations.

Dispatches said the entire front, extending from Leningrad to the Black sea, resembled "a great slushy lake," with transportation drivers working night and day to keep supply lines open.

MURRAY CHARGES Washington, April 2—(AP)—President Philip Murray charged today that lives of American and allied fighting men "are being endangered and lost because of insufficient supplies, or delays in supplies reaching the armed forces."

In a statement on overseas shipping, Murray said "waste, confusion and lack of planning are holding down the efficient use of our available shipping resources to an alarming degree."

Korps would be dictated by these necessities: 1. An attempt to delay the allied mopping up of north Africa to the last minute, taking the heaviest toll in the hope of gaining time against the inevitable invasion of the continent.

2. The need to husband what is left of the Italian war fleet against invasion day, rather than risk the extreme losses that powerful allied air and sea concentrations might inflict on covering vessels as well as any evacuation fleet.

Reports reaching here from Bern indicate that Hitler already may have given Marshal Rommel orders to hold to the last man, but Rommel probably will not be sacrificed. These reports indicated Rommel would be named commander in chief of the whole southern European coast and would direct defenses from the Italian shore to Spain.