



WHILE TWO MOROCCAN SOLDIERS AND AN ARAB watch closely, U. S. Technical Sergeant Bonnard, of Eurbank, Calif., demonstrates the correct technique of dunking. He uses a doughnut and coffee served by an American Red Cross clubmobile crew in a canteen set up at a rail depot somewhere in French Morocco. (International)

Threat of German Coup Figures in Finn Crisis

Final Showdown is Now Expected In Little Nation's Strange War Triangle

Washington, April 24-(AP)-Washington, April 24—(AP)— The threat of a nazi coup in Finland, inspired by Hitler's stowing fears for his "European fortness" and designed to set up a 100 per cent pro-axis govern-nent, was seen in diplomatic quarters here today as one of the tactors behind Helsinki's newest crists. cri-is,

erbis. And it was expected to force a ind showdown in the little nation's trange war triangle. Latest move in the long standing het-corner erists came yesterday that most of the American legation that andlendy left the capital and strict censorship was promptly lamped on all political dispatches will of Finland.

The State department described out of Finland. The State department described the move as "administrative," and declified to throw further light on it; but the capital watched closely by the what bearing it might have

Aimost 5,000 Troops

And 500 Planes Lost In Less Than Week; **Red Airmen Attack**

Moscow, April 24-(AP)-The furious German counter attacks in the Kuban region of the Caucasus, which in the last few days had approached the intensity of an offensive, slackened significantly today as the Germans counted several thousand of their dead in addition to a heavy loss in airplanes, tanks, guns and munitions, Rus-

lanks, guns and munitions, Rus-sian front dispatches said. The dispatches gave no imme-diate explanation for the cessa-ion of the nazi attacks, which had been marked by numerous futile charges against the Rus-wain lines from the Black sea coast near Novorossisk, through the Kuban delta to the coast of the Sea of Azov. The Germans lost almost 5,000 men and almost 200 planes in less than a week-probably far in excess of the losses they had counted on, it was reported.

losses they had counted on, it was reported. Dispatches yesterday had reparted the use of fresh axis reserves in their Caucasus bridgeheads. The fury of the air fights did not stacken in this sector, however. The Red army air forces raided a German air drome, causing a num-ber of explosions and large free. Russian filers also struck one o their biggest blows of the war Feldys night when 200 hombers raided In-sterburg successfully, the fourth raid on East Prussian cities this morth. It began to appear that the Russian and the Brith-American avoide of forces had divided up their military largets and now were working on

a definite plan.

Miners Shun WLB Hearing

Washington. April 24.—(AP)— Neither President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers nor any of his associates showed up today as the war labor board formally be-gan consideration of the union's wage dispute with soft coal operators. The board assembled for a pre-liminary hearing with only the op-critors represented

The pilot, Lieutenant John M. Stingeon of Lexington, Ky., learned of the Tokyo execuin atter his return from the He suggested that the mission. sinking be regarded as a retal-iatory measure the Japanese could understand.

In Offensive In Pacific Area 💪 On the Mend 🦒

8,000-Ton Cargo Ship Sunk in Bismarck Sea; Jap Patrol Wiped Out Close to Salamaua

(By The Associated Press) General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today that allied warplanes pounded five Japanese bases in the is-lands above Australia, carried out 18 strafings attacks on enemy troops in New Guinea, and sank an 8,000-ton ship in the Bismarck sea with a single bull's eye hit from a 500-pound bemb.

Domb. The communique also divelos-ed that allied vanguards wiped out a patrol of 20 Japanese troops within six airline miles of the big enemy base at Sala-maua. New Guinea. Apparently the attack was hit and run, since the main allied forces were last reported some 100 miles below Salamaua, al-thouch patrol fighting had been

forces were last reported some 100 miles below Salamata, al-though patrol fighting had been noted in the Mubo sector twelve miles below the enemy base. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Church-ill said in a message to General H. H. Arnold, U. S. air force com-mander, that Briti-h fliers "carnest-ly look forward to the day when they will be able to fly side by side with their American comrades to attack Tokyo and other cities of Japan." Churchill denounced Japan's ex-ceution of American aviators cap-tured after the raid on Tokyo last year as "barbarons" and declared the allies would "strip this cruel and greedy nation of their power to molest the civilized world". On the Burma front, Briti-h head-quarters reported that Fleid Mar-shal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces in flieted casualties on the Japanese in renewed cla-hes along the Bay of Bengal coast. A communique said the general ing as an advanced sniper on Guad-alcanal, he killed from 75 to 100 Japs singlehanded before he was wounded. This is an official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Bengal const. A communique said the general situation remained unchanged in the constal area, where the Japanese have thrust toward the Burnighudia frontier while the British dug in to await the imminent approach of the monsoon rains.

Celanese Corp. Union Given Until Monday Noon to Begin Work **AUTO MISHAPS CLAIM Picketing Continues TWO PERSONS' LIVES**

Washington, April 24.--(AP) —President Roosevelt today or-dered strikers at the Celenese Corp. of America, at Newark, N. J., to return to work immediate-ly and gave them until noon Monday to comply. Non-compliance by them, he send, will result in government steps to see to it that the plant is re-opened.

ASSIGNED TO DUTY outside a goverament building in Algiers, the Spahi above is typical of the color-ful French colonial cavalrymen who are fighting side by side with our boys in Africa. (International)

U.S. Troops

Are Praised

Alexander Lauds American Staff For Efficiency

In Moving Troops Allied Headquarters in North Africa. April 2i - (AP)-American the southern to the north-can troops have been transferred from the southern to the north-ern sector of Tonisia for the final drive against the naziz and faselists in north Africa. It was disclosed today in an announce-ment from General Sir Harold Alexander's ground troop head-matters. The announcement praised the hourd can staff work particularly for the speed and secrety in moving troops from one sector of the Tu-disclosed to an decrety in moving troops from one sector of the Tu-disclosed the speed and secrety in moving troops from one sector of the Tu-disclosed the speed and secrety in moving troops from one sector of the Tu-disclosed the final phase that will be (Continued on Page Six) In Moving Troops

Transferred From South

U. S. Troops Score Gains Toward Mateur As British Advance **On Other Fronts**

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 24 - (AP) -American troops, transferred from the southern Tunisian front to the north, have ad-vanced six miles toward Ma-teur, 18 miles southwest of Bi-zerte, and the British first army has taken strategic Long Stop has taken strategic Long Stop hill, 28 miles west of Tunis, dispatches from the front said today.

Another U. S. Army unit hacked its way for seven miles through stiff enemy fire northeast of Beja and to the north of the Beja-Mateur road, fight-

of the Bela-Matche road, fight ing its way hill by hill. While Americans nounded for-ward in the most difficult coun-try of all Tanisian and parried violent enemy counter attacks, British first army units extend-ed the allied advances to prac-tically all the axis western flank by hammering out a gain of six or seven miles in the Arada sector.

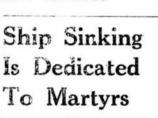
or seven miles in the Arada sector. Allied air forces bombers and lighters yesterday flew a "record number of sorties in collaborating with the allied ground thrusts," an official statement said. Despite the fact these sorties nam-bered 1.500, only six alliest aircraft were lost against the diminishing

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TEN AXIS VESSELS DAMAGED BY SUBS

London, April 24—(AP)—The ad-miralty announced today that ten-more axis ships had been destroyed or domaged by British submarines operating against e-cary supply lines in the Mediterraneon. Among the damaged ships, the ad-

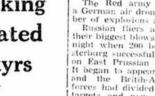
Among the damaged ships mirally said, were a crust tanker. Counter measures over and a new by the tanker. Counter measures by the convoy prevented direct observation of the result of the tornedo hits on these two vecsels, the roused, but breaking up no



To Martyrs

Somewhere in New Guinca, $\Delta p.f^{+} = 24 - (\Delta P) - A$ Liberator bonder desiroyed an 8,000-ton Japanese merehantman today in the war area's first according blow denisated to the memory of the American actions executed in Televo. Tekyo.

The blg tour-engined bomber caught the ship in the Bismarck sea while on a recommaisance mission between Kavieng and Rabad and set it aftre with a string of bombs, one of which exploded on the bow.





RESIING in the Oak Knoll Naval

Hospital, Orkland, Cal., is Marine Pvt. Lloyd David Gunnels. Serv-

FDR Orders

Strike's End

on the question whether Finland is to the up still more closely to Ger-mony or attempt to separate herself from Hitler's war against Russin.

Irom Hitler's war against Russia. It was seen in some quarters here and abroad as another American move in a "war of nerves" almed at prying Finland losse from her nazi associates. Another view, however, was that mounting nazi pressure and the menace of a German-inspired coup called for precautionary evac-vation of all but a skeleten legation staff. It was recalled that about 150 Americans, diplomats and others, fell into German hands when the fell into German hands when the Germans occupied all of France last November and the Vieldy govern-ment broke relations with the United States States

Locked at from the point of view German strategy, Finland's situation seemed an integral part of the crisis facing Hitler's "fortress of Eu-rope."

WALLACE RETURNS TO UNITED STATES

Barranquilla, Colombia, April 2-Darbingunia, Colombia, Aprill 24—(AP)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace left by Pan-Anter-bon Airways at 7:30 a. m today For Miami, ending his Latin Air-tritem tour. He is due in Miami this evening. Colombian government repre-sentatives and local authorities

sentatives and local authorities bade the Wallace party farcwell at the airport.

Sturgeon and as crew return to a warm welcome from Lieu-tenant General George C. Ken-ney, southwest Pacific air force commander, who immediately awarded them air medals for

Martieri das achievement. Sturgeon's crew included Staff Sergeant Earl S. Sasser, Mt. Olive, N. C., a gunner.

Bond Drive

ators represented. No UMW official had made an ar-

No UMW official had made an ap-pearance as the board began the hearing called for the announced purpose of getting a summary state-ment of the issues and to arrange procedure and timing for conduct-ing the case. In New York, K. C. Adams, press representative for Lewis, said he was in New York city and "has no plans to go to Washington today."

'Warlick for Senate' Boom Develops

is re-opened.

Is re-opened. Acting on the recommendation of the war labor board, whose repeated appeals to the workers, members of was

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Wilmington, April 24.— $(AP)^{-}$ Au-tomobile accidents in this area in the last two days claimed the lives of two persons, with a third seriousty

Injured. Clara Edens, nine, was fatally ininred when the bicycle on which stee and her sister. Betty, were riding was in collision with a truck as Scotts Hill. Betty suffered a broken

arm and other injuries. Howard Hewitt, 36, of the Maple

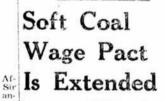
Hill community of Pender county, was killen on the highway a mile south of Burgaw when struck by a truck.

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saulted er Bay, a se bel island.



to Senator Reynolds. Warner is reached by a process of elimination, and by fitting into the picture puz-zle a few cagnant pices. First to be cummated—and it can-mot be easily done—is Clyde R. Yeev, for forty years a Democratic Kir-horse and the most opopular man to leave the governor's office since Zeb Vance quit to go to the Senate Ar years ago. It is almost unanimously conced-ed that if licey had entered the rise of the Bih army group said. A deciment, dated March 19, re-charation as virtually to close the in the care about going to Washington and personally doesn't want to go now. There is every reason to believe that (Continued on Page Six)

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In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By LYNN NISBET

was immediated so early is greatly to Gardner's credit and for the inter-ests of the date. There is no reason to question complete sincerity in the reason assigned for Gardner's leav-ing the community. More to the reason

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reason assigned for Gardner's leav-ing the campaign. Nor is there any apparent reason to think he is a sick man, or that he will not continue to exert treamendous influence on North Carolina politics. Main question before the voters now is "where do we go from here?" There is evidence that a consider-able number of politically minded are turning toward Judge Wilson



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Occasional light rain in east portion and near the coast this afternoon and tonight.