

# AMERICANS STRIKE IN NORTHERN TUNISIA

## GERMAN ATTACKS SLACKEN IN KUBAN

### DUNKING TIPS FOR AFRICANS



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

### Nazis Count Heavy Loss In Offensive

Almost 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, Russian front dispatches said.

The dispatches gave no immediate explanation for the cessation of the Nazi attacks, which had been marked by numerous futile charges against the Russian 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.

Dispatches yesterday had reported the use of fresh axis reserves in their Caucasus bridgehead. The fury of the air fights did not slacken in this sector, however.

The Red army air forces raided a German air base, causing a number of explosions and large fires.

Russian fliers also struck one of their biggest blows of the war Friday night when 200 bombers raided East Prussian cities this month. It began to appear that the Russian and the British-American aviation forces had divided up their military targets and now were working on a definite plan.

### Allied Warplanes Pound Jap Bases In Pacific Area

On the Mend



RESTING in the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, Cal., is Marine Pvt. Lloyd David Gunnels. Serving as an advanced sniper on Guadalcanal, he killed from 75 to 100 Japs singly before he was wounded. This is an official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

### 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 islands above Australia, carried out 18 strafing 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 bomb.

The communique also disclosed that allied vanguards wiped out a patrol of 20 Japanese troops within six airline miles of the big enemy base at Salamaua, New Guinea.

Apparently the attack was hit and run, since the main allied forces were last reported some 100 miles below Salamaua, although patrol fighting had been noted in the Mubo sector twelve miles below the enemy base.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Churchill said in a message to General H. H. Arnold, U. S. air force commander, that British fliers "earnestly 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 execution of American aviators captured after the raid on Tokyo last year as "barbarous" and declared the allies would "strip this cruel and greedy nation of their power to molest the civilized world."

On the Burma front, British headquarters reported that Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces inflicted casualties on the Japanese in renewed clashes along the Bay of Bengal coast.

A communique said the general situation remained unchanged in the coastal area, where the Japanese have thrust toward the Burma-India frontier while the British dug in to await the imminent approach of the monsoon rains.

### AUTO MISHAPS CLAIM TWO PERSONS' LIVES

Wilmington, April 24—(AP)—Automobile accidents in this area in the last two days claimed the lives of two persons, with a third seriously injured.

Clara Edens, nine, was fatally injured when the bicycle on which she and her sister, Betty, were riding was in collision with a truck at Scots Hill. Betty suffered a broken arm and other injuries.

Howard Hewitt, 36, of the Maple Hill community of Pender county, was killed on the highway a mile south of Burgaw when struck by a truck.

### French Cavalryman



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

### French Units 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 advanced six miles toward Mateur, 18 miles southwest of Bizerte, and the British first army 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 north-east of Beja and to the north of the Beja-Mateur road, fighting its way hill by hill.

While Americans pounded forward in the most difficult country of all Tunisia and parried violent enemy counter attacks, British first army units extended the allied advances to practically all the axis western flank by hammering out a gain of six or seven miles in the Arada sector.

Allied air forces bombers and fighters yesterday flew a "record number of sorties" in collaboration with the allied ground thrusts," an official statement said.

Despite the fact these sorties numbered 1,500, only six allied aircraft were lost against the diminishing

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### Threat of German Coup Figures in Finn Crisis

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

Washington, April 24—(AP)—The threat of a Nazi coup in Finland, inspired by Hitler's growing fears for his "European fortress" and designed to set up a 100 per cent pro-axis government, was seen in diplomatic quarters here today as one of the factors behind Helsinki's newest crisis.

And it was expected to force a final showdown in the little nation's strange war triangle.

Latest move in the long standing three-corner crisis came yesterday when most of the American legation staff suddenly left the capital and a strict censorship was promptly imposed on all political dispatches out of Finland.

The State department described the move as "administrative" and declined to throw further light on it; but the capital watched closely to see what bearing it might have on the question whether Finland is to tip still more closely to Germany or attempt to separate herself from Hitler's war against Russia.

It was seen in some quarters here and abroad as another American move in a "war of nerves" aimed at keeping Finland loose from her Nazi associates. Another view, however, was that mounting Nazi pressure and the menace of a German-inspired coup called for precautionary evacuation of all but a skeleton legation staff. It was recalled that about 150 Americans, diplomats and others, fell into German hands when the Germans occupied all of France last November and the Vichy government broke relations with the United States.

Looked at from the point of view of German strategy, Finland's situation seemed an integral part of the crisis facing Hitler's "fortress of Europe."

### WALLACE RETURNS TO UNITED STATES

Baranquilla, Colombia, April 24—(AP)—President Henry A. Wallace left by Pan-American Airways at 7:30 a. m. today for Miami, ending his Latin American tour. He is due in Miami this evening.

Colombian government representatives and local authorities bade the Wallace party farewell at the airport.

### Ship Sinking Is Dedicated To Martyrs

Somewhere in New Guinea, April 24—(AP)—A Liberator bomber destroyed an 8,000-ton Japanese merchantman today in the war area's first avenging blow dedicated to the memory of the American airmen executed in Tokyo.

The big four-engined bomber caught the ship in the Bismarck sea while on a reconnaissance mission between Kavieng and Rabaul and set it afire with a string of bombs, one of which exploded on the bow.

The pilot, Lieutenant John M. Sturgeon of Lexington, Ky., learned of the Tokyo execution after his return from the mission. He suggested that the sinking be regarded as a retaliatory measure the Japanese could understand.

Sturgeon and his crew return to a warm welcome from Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commander of Pacific air force operations, who immediately awarded them air medals for meritorious achievement.

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

### Bond Drive Nears Goal

Richmond, April 24—(AP)—Total bond subscriptions for the fifth federal reserve district's second war loan drive now amount to \$332,896,886, Hugh Leach, chairman of the war finance committee in charge of the campaign, said today.

The figures represent sales of bonds through the close of business Thursday. The district's quota is \$350,000,000.

Leach explained that the figures represent sales to private investors and do not include those to commercial banks and dealers, a matter being handled separately.

### FDR Orders Strike's End

### Celanese Corp. Union Given Until Monday Noon to Begin Work Picketing Continues

Washington, April 24—(AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered strikers at the Celanese Corp. of America, at Newark, N. J., to return to work immediately and gave them until noon Monday to comply.

Non-compliance by them, he said, will result in government steps to see to it that the plant is re-opened.

Acting on the recommendation of the war labor board, whose repeated appeals to the workers, members of

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### 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 began consideration of the union's wage dispute with soft coal operators.

The board assembled for a preliminary hearing with only the operators represented.

No UMW official had made an appearance as the board began the hearing called for the announced purpose of getting a summary statement of the issues and to arrange procedure and timing for conducting 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."

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### 'Warlick for Senate' Boom Develops

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

Raleigh, April 24—The surprise element in Max Gardner's renunciation of candidacy for the United States Senate had been largely discounted for those who have followed the reports from this bureau. Some of the intimations that he would follow through to final determination of the issue in the primary have been so definite as to bring protests from Gardner himself and from his friends. Information upon which these predictions were based came from such reliable sources as to convince this writer the job ahead of Gardner to win the nomination was much more difficult than he first thought.

There is confession of surprise that retirement came so soon. Fact that it was announced so early is greatly to Gardner's credit and for the interests of the state. There is no reason to question complete sincerity in the reason assigned for Gardner's leaving the campaign. Nor is there any apparent reason to think he is a sick man, or that he will not continue to exert tremendous influence on North Carolina politics.

Main question before the voters now is "where do we go from here?" There is evidence that a considerable number of politically minded are turning toward Judge Wilson

Warlick for leadership in opposition to Senator Reynolds. Warlick is reached by a process of elimination, and by fitting into the picture puzzle a few vagrant pieces.

First to be eliminated—and it cannot be easily done—is Clyde R. Urey, for forty years a Democratic Whig and the most popular man to leave the governor's office since Zeb Vance quit to go to the Senate 70 years ago.

It is almost unanimously conceded that if Urey had entered the race at the time Gardner did, he would have received such spontaneous acclamation as virtually to close the lists. Simple fact is, Urey did not care about going to Washington and personally doesn't want to go now. There is every reason to believe that

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### U. S. Troops Are Praised

### Alexander Lauds American Staff For Efficiency In Moving Troops

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 24—(AP)—American troops have been transferred from the southern to the northern sector of Tunisia for the final drive against the Nazi and fascist in north Africa. It was disclosed today in an announcement from General Sir Harold Alexander's ground troop headquarters.

The announcement praised the American staff work particularly for the speed and secrecy in moving troops from one sector of the Tunisian front to another.

"When the El Guejar battle was finished, it was decided to employ some United States Army troops in another sector for the next step toward the final phase that will be

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### TEN AXIS VESSELS DAMAGED BY SUBS

London, April 24—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that ten more axis vessels had been destroyed or damaged by British submarines operating against enemy supply lines in the Mediterranean.

Among the damaged ships, the admiralty said, were a cruiser and a tanker. Counter measures by the convoy prevented direct observation of the result of the torpedo hits on those two vessels, the communique said, but breaking up noises were heard from both.

Four other ships listed as damaged also were believed to have sunk later, the admiralty declared.

### AMERICAN PLANES ATTACK AT MUNDA

Washington, April 24—(AP)—American bombers and fighters attacked the Japanese air base at Munda, in the central Solomon Islands, again Thursday, the Navy reported today, although anti-aircraft weapons and setting fire to three grounded enemy planes.

Other raids were carried out against Vila and Kabil, the latter in the northwest Solomon, while on Friday bombers and fighters assaulted enemy positions at Rekata Bay, a seaplane base at Santa Isabel island.

### Soft Coal Wage Pact Is Extended

Washington, April 24—(AP)—The war labor board today ordered the almost expired wage agreement between Appalachian soft coal operators and the United Mine Workers extended pending settlement of their dispute and decided to proceed with the case with or without the participation of the union.

Ignored by President John L. Lewis and other officers of the UMW at a preliminary hearing today, the board announced it would follow the normal procedure of setting up a three-man panel which is to begin closed sessions next Wednesday.

### WEATHER

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