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# TUNIS-PONT DU FAHS ROAD THREATENED

STRIKES THREATEN SOFT COAL INDUSTRY

A Veteran at 21



MARINE CORPORAL Clyde Brewster, Marine COPRAL Clyde Brewsfer, 21, of Berwind, West Va., joined the Marines to see action at the age of 18. He lost his left leg while de-feruing Henderson Field on Guad-alcanal against the Japs. He is shown at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. U. S. Nsvy photo. (International)

# Liberators Raid Italy

Big Load of Bombs Dropped on Airdrome In Southern Italy By U. S. Fliers

Cairo, April 27.— (AP)—A heavy concentration of Ameri-can Liberators dropped a quar-ter-million pounds of high ex-plosives yesterday on the nazi nucleoner. andremes in southern Italy, a key assembly point for axis air-

"I would be surprised if a single plane was left infact on the ground," a bombardier of one of the bombers and Dari is 50 miles north of the into naval base and is on the

A communique today said litts were scored on hangers and ground-ed ancraft. Pilots said the raid was

detailabling.

The Liberators made up the largest math air force formation to raid

(No comparison was given, how-(No comparison was given, now-ever, with raids strong against flaty from French North Africa, including one by some 100 Flying Fortresses,) and aroun their said they saw tre-mendous explosions and black smoke rose thousands of feet into the air,

#### **Duke Gifts** Increased

Charlotte, April 27—(AP)—Trus-ce of the Duke Endowment intee: of the Dake Endowment in-creased to \$736,143 the institution's 1913 benefications to 133 hospitals in North Carolina and South Carolina when they approved at their month-by meeting here today additional ap-propriations totaling \$98,356 to 23 hospitals.

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nospitals.

The boait's annot becoment explained that the applications for assistance for these 28 hospitals were incomplete at the trustees' March meeting.

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The hospitals included Woodard-Herring hospial, Wilson, \$2,662.

#### Stock Sellers Are Timid

New York, April 27.—(AP)— timidity was pronounced in today's stock market. Selected railway bonds were high-

Selected railway bonds were higher, commodities mixed.
Stocks in the minus column included Southern Railway, U. S. Steel, Bethichem, General Motors, Chryster, Goodyear, Sears Rocebuck, Angeorda and Standard Oil of N. J. American Telephone was an exception, registering a new 1943 fop. Resisting were Western Union, American Can, DuPont and Johns-Man-ville.

# Sends Plea To Unions

Labor Policies Enter Crucial Stage; UMW Listrict Leaders In Policy Meet

Washington, April 27-(AP) More than 50 mines were shut lown today in the spread of a trike which held the possibility of halting production of soft

The war labor board appealed to the miners' patriotism not to walk out, saying in messages to President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and other UMW leaders that "a nation at war" needs uninterrupted production.

However, in Pennsylvania, 26 mines were shut down with 14,-760 men idle. The production lot there thus increased to more

100 men idle. The production lot t there thus increased to more than 88,000 tons a day, on the basis of six tons a man.

About 4,000 men were idle in Kentucky and 7,500 in Alabama. In Ohio, a UMW district president said "if there is not a contract between operators and the union by Friday there won't be any coal miners go into coal mines. Saturday."

UMW district leaders met in New York for a policy meeting but Lewis still was silent. He has flatly opposed the turning over of the wage dispate between mines and the operators to the WLB.

Although UMW spokesmen said no strikes had been authorized, they pointed out that Lewis had not forbidden them, and the number of idle miners was estimated at more than 13,000 in the Pittsburgh and Birmingham areas.

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In addition, a New York source close to the UMW officials said hun-dreds of telegrams were arriving at UMW headquarters, urging the union

dreds of telegrams were arriving at UMW headquarters, urging the union negotiators to stand firm and informing them that miners were ready to strike at a moment's notice.

Most of the Pittsburgh and Birmingham operations are captive mines whose total output is used by the steel companies that own them. At least two commercial mines in Permsylvania, however, were hit by walkouts as several thousand southeastern Kentucky coal miners quit work, while elsewhere in the state those who continued work were described by both operators and union leaders as "restless."

Bituminous operators in Alabama, Illinois and Indiana have received notice that the miners will not work after midnight Friday. These states do not come under the Appalachian agreement now in dispute before the WLB, but this dispute is the key to the situation generally.

# Father Kills And Self

Bay City, Mich., April 27—(AP)

-Barricaded in his home and despite efforts of police to oust him with tear gas, the father of six children went berserk with a shotgun this morning, killed two small daugh-

basement and shot himself.

A five-year-old daughter, Vivian, died shortly after being brought to died shortly after being brought to Mercy hospital, Later Kahlleen, two, also died. Geraldine, ten, was in a critical condition, and Bernice, eight, was shot but was not believed seriously injured.

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

No decided change in temperature, but slightly warmer in north portion tonight, Some like-lihood of showers in mountains.

# Labor Board Allies Close In on Salamaua

DESTROYING A KO'D ENEMY TANK



### Judge Warlick Withdraws From Gubernatorial Race

Cherry Says Contest Is Two-Man Affair; Hoey to Decide On Senate Race

Raleigh, April 27—Ac)—Advised here today that Judge Wilson Warlick had publicly announced he would not be a candidate for governor, R. Greag Cherry of Gastonia said that the books apparently were closed and the gubernatorial race would be between him and Dr. Raiph McDonald.

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Cherry admitted that he was not surprised that Warbek had with-drawn from that and the U. S. Sen-ate race, and nidicated the matter was

discussed at a lunen on he had wit Warlick in Gastosin had week.

Also in Raleigh today was Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, former governor whose name is being mentioned prominently in the Senate race against the incum-bent, Robert R. Reynolds, Hoey's name appeared in the picture la-t week after O. Max Gardner, his brother-in-law and al-o a former governor, withdrew from the race, ascribing his reason to-ill health.

health.

Hoey said today that he world
make a definite announcement within a few days. He did not elaborate.
But Capitol Square believes he will

dren went observed the dear words of the solution once was a candidate for the passement and shot himself.

Wentle police fired tear gas into the home after vain efforts to caim the mar. Cecil J. Lisk, 44, turned a shotton on his daughters in an upstairs bedroom, then dashed into the basement and shot himself.

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#### House Group Favors Pacts

Washington, April 27.—(AP)— The House ways and means commutate voted 14 to 11 today approved of the administration's reciproca-

#### McDonald and Cherry Left as Candidates; Warlick Will Not Oppose Reynolds

Newton. April 27.—(AP)—
Wison Warlick in a statement
here totay said he had decided
tot to be a candidate for goverror in the Democratic primary
mest year.
Several weeks ago Judge Warlick had bested an announcement
of his intention to seek the nomination. Since that time two other as pirants. Dr. Ralph McDonald of Chapel Hill and Gregg
Cherry. Gastonia attorney, have
formally announced they would
enter the gubernatorial race.
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Warfick's statement said: 'I will not be a candidate for govprimary next year, and

bomber raid on Cologne last May afreet the friends of the . . . . candidates."

When questioned about the possibility of his entering the race for the U. S. Senate now that former Gevernor O. Max Gardner has decided not to oppose Senator Robert R. Reynolds. Warlick said firmly:

"I. . shall not be a candidate for the United States Senate."

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The committee accepted one
change offered by Representative
Dewey, Republican, Illinois, that
would include as a reason for susponding trade with another nation
evidence that the country dealt with
international cardets.

Chairman Dougation, Derocrat of
North Carolina, said the measure, renewing for three years the State department's authority to negotiate reciprocal parts with other nations.

May 20.11, July 19.97
and October 19.91.

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Washington, April 27.—(AP)... Chairman Dougaion, Derpocrat of the House ways and means competed to the uninstration's reciprocal trade agreement program essentially as it was requested by the State department after rejecting a series of the House after the tax problem has been settled.

Close Close May 20.02 May 19.03 May 19.03 Republican amendments.

### CommandHills Overlooking Mubo Village

Washington, April 27—(AP) —General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed coday that American and Australian troops now command hills over-looking Mubo village, only twelve miles south of the big Japa-nese base at Salamana. New Guinea, and allied patrols have penetrated within six miles of

the base itseif.

Details of the allied advance were lacking, and it was not

were lacking, and it was not immediately clear whether General MacArthur's forces were preparing a new offensive.

Observers noted, however, that recent communiques have stressed the incessant aerial pounding of Japanese troops below Salamaua—frequently the prelude to an offensive—and dispatches from allied headquarters today said United States airmen were making ten to 20 low strating sweeps over the enemy daily.

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mg sweeps over the enemy daily. The last sizeable action occurred early in February near Wan, 30 miles couthwest of Salamana, when the Japanese lost 1,000 troops. At that time, the enemy was reported falling beck toward Mubo.

On the Burma front, British headquarters said Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's troops beat off a new Japanese, attack south of Buthedaung, and inflicted "considerable" casualties on the enemy.

ble" casualties on the enemy. In the skies, British and American warplanes continued widespread at warplanes continued widespread at tacks on Japane e river transport airdromes, railways and other tar

# RAF Raids Duisburg

Bombing Described As One of Heaviest Of War; 17 Bombers Missing From Raid

London, April 27.—(AP)—Britain's biggest bombers blasted the great German inland port of Duisburg last night in "one of the heaviest raids" ever carried out against the reich, an official British announcement declared today.

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Seventeen bombers were reported missing from the attack, which an air ministry communique described as highly concentrated.

Last night's raid was the first time that British heavy bombers had been active since the sweeping assuit on Stettir. Rostock and Berlin last Tuesday night.

The language of the communique

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**Red Army Chief** 



AN OFFICIAL REPORT from the So-An OFFICIAL REPORT from the So-vict news agency Tass, indicated that the new chief of the Russian Army general staff is Marshal A. M. Vassilevsky. He was recently awarded the Order of Suvorov, 1st grade, by U. S. Soviet Republics President Kalinin. (International)

### Red Planes **Blast Nazis**

Aerial War Reaches New Peak of Fur; Fiercest Fighting On Kuban Front

Moscow, April 27.—(AP)-Aviation activity had reached a new fury on the Soviet-German front today as Russians, with in-creased air strength, continued to blast nazi forward and rea-positions and communications. The most intensive action still was in the Kuban region of the Caucasus

was in the Kuban region of the Caucasus.
Red Star, the army newspaper, said that following great air losses, the German air activity in the Kuban slackened after April 22 but Rossian activity increased.
The dispatch related that the Germas c neceivated mosses of bombers and fighters, mostly Focke Wulf 190s and Messerschmitt 190s in the Teman peninsula, and the Crimen

190s and Messerschmitt 190s in the Teman peninsula, and the Crimea and Keren strait area nirdromes.

These and land troops made a series of futile attacks against the Red army lines in the Kuban valley hat week, it was said.

Observers asserted that the Red air force had struck the German air arm such a sudden and heavy blow in the Kuban that Hitter's whole plan of air support for the Kuban counter attack has collapsed, at least for the present.

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Societ airmen made raid after raid on the German orienous and the enemy was reported to have lost anniveds of planes.

Land lighting in the Kuban region was confined engrently to artiflery duels and simpling.

Fighting on other fronts also was as a full, with artillery exchanges doing the Donels river line and west of Rostov.

### German Map Shows Loss Of Novgorod

(By The Associated Press.)

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# **Allied Armor** Closes Trap On Germans

Eighty German Tanks Destroyed in Battle Raging Since Sunday; Americans Advance

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 27—(AP)—Al-lied armored forces have driven to within four miles of the Tunis-Pont du Fahs road and have destroyed 80 German tanks in the big scale battle which has raged since Sunday, allied quarters announced today.

Farther north, the British Farther north, the British first army infantry cleared eleven miles of road from Medjezel-Bab to Teboarba and reached Toum railroad station, only 23 miles west of Tunis, front line dispatches reported, and for the first time since November the allies were region. vember the allies were again on the threshold to the Tunis plain.

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The same report said the French skirting the Mediterrancian had penetrated to within six miles of Lake Achkel, which almost adjoins Lake Bizerte. (Apparently this placed the British and French within 23 males of both the twin arises of Bizerte and Tunis.)

In the sector between Medica and Tunis.)

In the sector between Medica Company the Mediterrancian, the Americans of Licute and General George S. Patter, Jr., continued an advance so rapid that German rear guards were unable to busy tacir dead and assaulted two strategic knobs, Green Hill and E.dd Hill, the most heavily fortified mountains in the northern sector.

With the U. S. Army in North-

with the U. S. Army in Northern Tunisia, April 27, 9:29 a. m.

—5:29 a. m. EWT—(AP)—American infantry attacked Djebel el Azzog, ten miles west of Lake Achkel, today, but pulled back under heavy counter fire.

The enemy's position is north of strongly fortified Jefna.

South of Jefna, the Americans succeeded, hawever, in occupying Djebel el Ajred.

These allied turn-ts accompanied gains all along the 140-mile front in fighting which the allied bradduarters communique characterized as of "unabated ferueity." They were participated in by allied air forces which flew more than 1,000 sortics in an air offensive which the announcement said was of "increasing intensity."

Armored spearheads of the British jabbing southwest of Goubellat threatened to cut off the big supply base of Pont du Fahs. 34 miles southwest of Tunis, which already was menaced by the much feared Morocean goumiers who had driven northeast along the Tunisha desail. east along the Tunisian dorsal

east along the Tunisian dorsal to a hill overlooking the town. The gounders "went like smoke" in their push on Pont du Fahs from the southeast yesterday, from time to patches said, and were within two miles of the objective.

The taint battle here, which appeared to be the key to the great gild had a gall along the front, had reat the Germans 20 tanks in the last 24 hours.

In the wild and deadly action first army armored columns had reached me point only four inites from the supply touc raining northeast of Pont du Fahs, and a second column had battered its way to within six miles of the actory.

The day's most spectacular air blow was struck by Flying Fortresses which made their longest flight of the north African campaign and hombed Grosseto flying field. 90 miles northwest of Rome, to give II Duce a hint of bombings to come.

Loosing hundreds of fragmentation bombs in two waves over the airdrome, the Fortresses scattered destruction among parked planes, and smashed buildings at the reserve German air force base.

In unison with British first army and American advances, the British eighth army infantry too made slight advances' in difficult hill lighting, a spokesman said.

But the main theatres were on the axis western flank where British Churchill tanks had been used in some cases to climb peaks 2,000 feet high and support the infantry.

The American advance in the Jefma area, too, was against "extremely difficult resistance," with the German rear guards leaving heavy mine fields behind to ever their general The day's most spectacular air