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Army Unfits Deployed By Broughton

Cannot Progress With Population Only Two-Thirds Fit, Governor Tells Doctors

Raleigh, May 11.—(AP)—Governor Broughton, in a welcoming address today to the 450 members of the North Carolina Medical Society at its convention here, deplored the fact that a third of North Carolinians called for military service have been rejected.

"From the standpoint of the nation's safety, we cannot progress with a population only two-thirds fit," he said.

He also termed "deplorable" the prevalence of venereal disease, "especially among the Negro population."

"We can't have a healthy North Carolina by having simply a healthy white population," he said.

The medical profession, public health, the schools and the home all must cooperate to remedy this situation, the governor added.

Earlier Dr. Donald S. Cobb, of Goldsboro, president of the medical society, said in his annual president's address that "the practice of medicine as we have known it is undergoing profound changes."

"There is talk of the establishment of a peacetime federalized program that would tend to destroy the practice of specialized medicine in this and other states," he added.

Axis Planes To Dispute Sea Lanes

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox, commenting on the Allied victory in Tunisia, said today that the German air force undoubtedly would try to keep Allied shipping from using the Mediterranean route eastward, but "they won't be able to prevent us."

Knox, talking at a press conference, declined to estimate how long it would be after the final clean-up in Tunisia before the Mediterranean route could be thrown open with supply ships operating under an Allied umbrella from the northern end of Africa. He said, however, that the opening obviously would be of "irreversible advantage" because of the shortening of the route to the Middle East, which he estimated would average about 5,000 miles.

Asked whether German planes from the continent and from such places as Sardinia and Sicily would try to keep the great inland sea closed to Allied shipping, Knox said that they "will attempt to, undoubtedly, but they won't be able to."

So long as the Axis holds Sicily, the big island at the toe of Italy, the enemy air threat to convoys will remain fairly high, Knox indicated, and he said that "possession of Sicily by the Allies obviously would be a tremendous asset."

Rulings By Atty-Gen'l On Statutes

Raleigh, May 11.—(AP)—Attorney General Harrell McMillan ruled today that "notwithstanding the fact that the filing time for candidates in a municipal election has expired, the voters may write in the name of any person for whom they desire to vote unless such practice is prohibited by a local act."

In another opinion, also intended to answer questions that arose in recent primaries and elections, McMillan held that a "person must be a registered voter in a town to hold the office of mayor of the town."

The powers and duties of constables are co-extensive with the limits of the county in which they are appointed.

A soldier who is sent to a military camp in North Carolina for training would not be a resident of North Carolina within the meaning of the divorce laws of North Carolina. Of course, if the soldier lived off the reservation and intended to make North Carolina his home, he would be a resident.

A justice of the peace does not have jurisdiction of a case of speeding upon the highways.

STORM WARNINGS UP ON ATLANTIC COAST

Jacksonville, Fla., May 11.—(AP)—The Jacksonville weather bureau issued the following warning today:

"Small craft warnings are displayed south of Hatteras to Fernandina, Fla., and from St. Marks to Tampa Bay."

LED BIZERTE PUSH



In the final drive on Bizerte, American troops were under the command of Maj. Gen. Omar Bradley, infantry and artillery specialist. Here he is shortly after his soldiers entered the city. This U. S. Army Signal Corps radio-telephone has just been received from Africa. (International Soundphoto.)

GOP Fights Clipping Of WPB Powers

Claim Plan Opposed Would Merely Set Up Another Agency To Increase Confusion

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Legislation to strip the War Production Board of its authority over civilian supplies landed in a brambly patch of Republican opposition today when it was lobbied over to the House by the Senate.

Representative Wolcott, Republican, Michigan, ranking minority member of the House Banking Committee, which gives first consideration to the measure, expressed the opinion that it "sets up another agency which is bound to confuse the whole set-up," and declared:

"Unless a lot of restrictions are written into it, it will encounter still opposition in the House."

Wolcott said he construed the legislation as an attempt to settle by congressional action friction between the War Production Board and the armed forces over priorities sought by both the armed forces and civilian agencies.

The bill would empower an administrator appointed by the President to determine the needs for rationing and to ascertain the types and quantities of material, manpower and other services necessary to keep the civilian population "healthy and functioning effectively."

The new agency would replace the office of civilian requirements recently organized by WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson.

Mr. Churchill Adds Own Felicitations To Gen. Eisenhower

London, May 11.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a congratulatory message to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, said today that the "simultaneous advance of the British and American armies, side by side into Tunisia and Bizerte gives an augury full of hope for the future of the world."

"Let me add my heartfelt congratulations to those which have been sent you by His Majesty and the war cabinet on the brilliant result of the North African campaign by the armies under your supreme direction."

Churchill also sent congratulations to General Alexander, Tunisian ground chief, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, air commander. He asked Sir Arthur to relay his message to Major General James H. Doolittle, Lieutenant Carl Spatz, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Cunningham and Air Vice Marshal Harry Broadhurst. They commanded various air forces in the Tunisian campaign.

General Eisenhower replied to King George's message expressing "profound appreciation."

He said the king's congratulations were conveyed to all ranks.

WESTERN CAROLINA FORESTS REOPENED

Atlanta, May 11.—(AP)—National forest lands in Western North Carolina were reopened to public use today by order of Regional Forester Joseph C. Kueber, U. S. Forest Service, after five days closure due to fire hazards. Weather conditions during the past two days have reduced fire hazards to a point where normal use of the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forest can be resumed, he said.

CAP BON CLOSED TO GERMANS

JAPS NOW THREATENING INDIA

Wavell Is Pushed Back Near Border

U. S. Air Forces Blow Up Seven Jap Locomotives and Four River Boats in Indo China

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—A Tokyo broadcast asserted today that Japanese troops rolling back Field Marshal Archibald C. Wavell's British forces, had advanced within twelve miles of the India-Burma frontier in the gravest threat of invasion yet to confront India's 390,000,000.

The locale of the thrust was not disclosed, and confirmation was lacking from any Allied source.

British headquarters acknowledged three days ago, however, that Marshal Wavell's legions had been withdrawn from Bithandang, sixty miles north of the big Japanese base at Akyah, under pressure by enemy infiltration forces.

Other Pacific war developments saw 14 U. S. air force planes blow up seven locomotives and blast four river boats in two days of strafing sweeps over Japanese occupied Indo-China, which adjoins Burma in the north.

In the southwest Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that Allied bombers left 20 fires raging in an assault on the Japanese base at Babo, Dutch New Guinea.

CIO Textile Assails Ban On Strikes

New York, May 11.—(AP)—Some hundred delegates to the third biennial convention of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) have adopted unanimously a resolution denouncing the Senate-approved Connally bill to make it a crime to foment strikes in wartime in industries taken over by the government.

George Balzani, union executive vice president, introduced the resolution approved by the delegates yesterday.

The resolution charged that the bill introduced by Senator Tom Connally, Texas, was "a move toward outlawing the right of the unions."

The measure, the resolution continued, would "curb the decision of the National War Labor Board in court reviews of the option of recalcitrant employers."

The Connally bill now is before the military affairs committee of the House.

Heavy Day Raids On Continent Made By Allied Bombers

London, May 11.—(AP)—The sky over the English channel was filled today with two-way traffic during a day of sharp activity in which Allied bombers battered the continent anew and the Germans raided an East Anglian town where girls were killed when an inn was hit.

Big Allied formations swung across the channel soon after noon, and for some time many more squadrons headed toward France.

The raiders began streaming back across the channel from the direction of Boulogne shortly after noon.

Arcrafting the air activity was a short burst of shelling by German big guns on the channel between Boulogne and Calais.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Slightly cooler tonight; scattered showers and thunderstorms over east and central portions tonight.

AXIS PRISONERS TAKEN IN TUNIS



Made in Tunis just after it fell to Allied forces, this photo shows some of the many Axis prisoners that were taken captive. An American-made tank passes the prisoners as it rolls into the Tunisian capital. This is an official British photo just received in the U. S. from the Army Signal Corps via radio photo. (International Soundphoto.)

Reds Battling Nazis In Novorossisk Defenses

Fighting Bloodiest Since Stalingrad; Soviets Charge German Lines

Moscow, May 11.—(AP)—Red Army troops, crawling forward yard by yard in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Russian-German war since the days of Stalingrad, battled furiously today within the German defense lines at Novorossisk, but it was reported they were meeting stiffening Axis resistance.

The Red Army, meanwhile, took up a long and arduous series of attacks against the German army lines, all along the front but apparently most successful in halting the flow of supplies and reinforcements the Germans pushed into sections of the front to fend their nervous retreat attacks.

Tanks, anti-aircraft, motorized artillery and heavy field pieces were reported to have been brought in by the Germans.

The German communiqué told how a Red Army detachment slipped into the German trenches in the Novorossisk defenses, killing many of the enemy. It was also an Axis counter attack in another section of the battle zone, 200 Germans were killed.

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Ten Killed In Blast in Alabama Mine

Birmingham, Ala., May 11.—(AP)—Ten men were killed and five others seriously burned today in an explosion at Puro coal mine No. 10, of the Alabama By Products Corporation, twenty miles west of here.

F. H. Neal, manager of the mine and hospital department of the company, said the ten bodies were found by rescue crews shortly after 10 p. m.

Previously, twelve of the 22 men underground when the explosion occurred had been brought out, five of them severely burned.

EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE IN WEST VIRGINIA SHAFT

Charleston, W. Va., May 11.—(AP)—An explosion, followed by flames and smoke, occurred in the Home Laid unit of the Cascade and Carbon Chemicals Corporation shafts here today.

The extent of the blast was not immediately disclosed by company officials, and there was no information as to injuries.

Japs Planning For Attacks by Air On American Mainland

(By The Associated Press.) Lieutenant General Ashinari Uchida, in a Tokyo broadcast reported by the OWI, admitted today that the Japanese air force is inferior in technical knowledge, but claimed Japanese "spiritual strength" is superior to that of the Americans.

The OWI identified General Uchida director of the aeronautical affairs section of military aviation.

General Uchida, appealing for greater efforts, said Japan must attack the American mainland by air. He said the Pacific war, which he termed the "unparalleled war of years" would soon enter the critical phase and determine whether Japan would eat or be eaten.

Axis Forces Surrendering By Thousands

London, May 11.—(AP)—A French communiqué broadcast from Algeria tonight said German forces in the Zechoun mountains west of Cap Bon, were asked for armistice terms.

The communiqué said the French commander had demanded unconditional surrender and that all war material be handed over in accordance with the Casablanca formula.

(By The Associated Press.) Axis troops, caught in a death trap, were reported surrendering by the thousands as the British First Army slammed the door on perhaps 80,000 German and Italian soldiers huddled on Cap Bon peninsula in Tunisia today.

Front line accounts declared: A fate worse than Dunkirk has overwhelmed Hitler's Afrika Korps.

Daniel Bell, Associated Press correspondent, said Hitler's famed shock troops had become a desperate rabble, running for their lives into the rocky hills of the 40-mile-long peninsula, while off-shore the British fleet smashed Axis ships at tempting to escape.

"The collapse of the once proud German divisions reveals that of their

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Casualties Of British Are Heavy

Commons Given Figures on North African Losses; Contrasted With Prisoners

London, May 11.—(AP)—Clement R. Attlee, deputy prime minister, told the House of Commons today that Britain's first army had suffered 1,200 casualties in the final stage of the advance on Tunis and Bizerte, and a total of 8,100 since April 17.

The eight army's casualties from April 29 to May 3 were just over 2,100, including wounded and missing, he said.

These losses, he said, compared with 40,000 Axis prisoners—mostly Germans—taken since May 5, and the number of Axis prisoners is "continually increasing."

The deputy prime minister gave the government appraisal of the "brilliant defeat" inflicted on the Axis in the first general war statement given in the House since the review, February 14 of the Casablanca and Atlanta conferences.

Attlee opened the statement with praise for the "very practical example of Allied cooperation" between

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U. S. FIGHTERS BOMB JAPANESE AT MUNDA

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that American bombers and fighters had attacked enemy positions at Munda and Vansongau, in the central Solomon Islands, Monday, and started several fires.

GOP Resists Trade Pact

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Republican House members were called into conference by their leaders today amid indications that an attempt would be made to line up the party solidly behind a move to apply congressional veto checks on President Roosevelt's reciprocal trade agreements.

The party meeting, with Republican Leader Joe Martin, of Massachusetts, presiding, was set for the House Chamber prior to opening of the second day of debate on a measure extending the President's trade authority for another three years.

Meanwhile, Democratic leaders tightened their lines in an effort to beat down the "veto" amendment, which they argued would deal a death blow to the whole reciprocity program. The vote is due tomorrow.

British In Flank Move Trap Nazis

Enemy Loses Nerve and Thousands Surrendering; Escape Appears Impossible

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 11.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today that British armor had forced a complete breakthrough on the neck of Cap Bon peninsula, closing that blind alley at its mouth and pocketing enemy forces which still were fighting fiercely to the south and west.

Advancing from the Hamman Liff area on the north side of the neck, the British First Army crossed the base of the peninsula to the outskirts of Hammamet on the south side and took Soliman Gromballia and Menzel Bou Zelfa in the center, the communiqué announced. (A Reuters dispatch from Allied headquarters said the British entered Hammamet early this morning.)

Scorched by Allied fire from land, sea and air, the remnants of the German and Italian armies, which were crowded onto Cap Bon, appeared to have lost their nerve after the bold, swift stroke by British armor and the prospect of a last stand on the mountain-rimmed peninsula were diminishing. The opposition from these troops was slight, and the trapped soldiers were inclined to surrender at the first opportunity as British naval forces scoured nearby waters in what was described as a "mopping up" of small parties attempting a disorganized escape.

Pilots who continued to sweep the beaches reported little activity and said the remaining enemy apparently had recognized the futility of attempting to get away, while huge fires blazing along the roads of the bomb-riddled cape indicated the Germans already were burning their supplies.

More than 5,000 prisoners were taken by the British in their lightning thrust across the peninsula, including 600 members of the crack German Goering regiment which had fought strongly around Hamman Liff from entrenched and buried tanks. This unit appeared to have lost its nerve along with other units who were surrendering in companies, even though their ammunition and supplies were not yet exhausted.

Captured along with the flood of prisoners were messages of encouragement sent to the front lines by both Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. It was not known when the messages were sent, but there was no evidence that they had had any effect on the enemy's resistance.

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Loan Drive Goes Above 18 Billions

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—The Treasury has postponed until September the third war loan drive because of the success of the second—which it described as the greatest government financing campaign in history.

Daniel Bell, under secretary of the treasury, said yesterday that \$5,533,000,000, more than was originally sought, was subscribed in the drive which sold a grand total of \$18,533,000,000 in securities.

As a result, Bell said, another campaign, scheduled to open in August, has been postponed a month.