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Study of Program For Negro Schools Asked by Governor

Detailed Report Is
Requested for Next
Term of Legislature

Raleigh, Dec. 9—(AP)—Governor Broughton recommended to the State School Board today that it begin study of a long-term program to consolidate Negro schools and afford Negroes a well-rounded opportunity to obtain agricultural and vocational training.

He asked that the board name a committee to consider the problem and that the next legislature be given a detailed report of its study.

"North Carolina far more than any Southern state has recognized the justice of equal pay for white and Negro teachers," the Governor said, "and in another year such equalization will be equalized."

"Now," he continued, "we need to consider the consolidation of Negro schools. In only about one-fourth of the counties has this been done. There are too many small and inefficient Negro schools in the State. We must consider a program of statewide consolidation and of better physical equipment for Negroes."

Not only are such steps necessary from a point of justice, he said, but to insure continued racial harmony.

He said that in his study of individual parole and clemency cases, he had reached one conclusion.

Caste among Negroes is bred in

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Sinatra Declared Unfit for Service

Newark, N. J., Dec. 9—(AP)—Women and girls can continue to get supplies for the United States Army today declared Frankie (The Voice) Sinatra, 4-F, physically unfit for military service.

Expressing disappointment, the crooner himself announced the outcome of his selective service pre-induction examination today at the Newark induction station.

"I got a hole in my left ear," said Sinatra, whose singing on the radio and theatre stage is the instant rage of the feminine sex.

**Hearing Charges
Inefficiency of
Fairchild Plant**

Washington, Dec. 9—(AP)—Charges of "general wastage, inefficiency and extravagance" in operating the Fairchild Aircraft Plant at Burlington, N. C., were laid before a special House Military Affairs subcommittee yesterday.

W. T. Blackburn, a committee investigator, testified that more than \$12,000,000 had been spent at the plant, but only one accepted plane had been produced since the last contract was awarded it October 31, 1941.

Cotton Is Down at Noon

New York, Dec. 9—(AP)—Cotton futures opened ten cents a bale higher, to five cents lower.

Now values were 25 to 30 cents a bale higher, March 19, '28, May 19, '06 and July 13, '35.

Previous close Open
December 19.41 19.45
March 19.33 19.35
May 19.11 19.16
July 13.91 13.91
October (new) 13.70 13.69

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Statement Expected On Policy of Turkey

Ankara, Dec. 9—(AP)—President Ismet Inonu's return from the Cairo conference with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill evoked the hope today that an armistice statement might be forthcoming shortly which would shed new light on the historic talks and show just where Turkey stands in the war.

The Turkish executive arrived in Ankara yesterday to find an enthusiastic welcome awaiting him. From his special train he stepped down upon a red carpet. A waiting crowd cheered and waved wildly.

Observers who had seen the president at many public functions said they never had seen such a broad smile on his face.

Inside the station Inonu shook hands one by one with a long line of diplomats, deputies and officers and

Bliss in a Foxhole



The most pleasant moment he ever spent in a foxhole being enjoyed here by Pvt. Don Finholm of Lettington, Mich. This photo, which just arrived, shows him eating a turkey leg in Italy on Thanksgiving Day. His knees serve as a table for his mess kit plate. (International)

Magistrates Restricted By Opinion

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

Raleigh, Dec. 9—Most significant in a batch of a dozen opinions given by the attorney general during recent weeks and released to the press Thursday, was one further limiting jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Judges of the peace, according to Attorney General Harry McMullan, have no authority to try a person accused of violating a proclamation of the governor under his war powers, unless the proclamation expressly provides that the punishment for a violation is within the jurisdiction to a J.P. to-wit: A fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

Another opinion declares that juvenile courts do have jurisdiction in cases where juveniles under 16 years of age are charged with theft of automobile. This ruling is based on the sound principle that larceny of an automobile is a violation of the general criminal statutes, and not specifically of the motor vehicle laws.

There is no such thing as automatic divorce under North Carolina laws. Some one had queried the attorney general to know if seven years separation automatically gave divorce. Divorces are granted in this state only in civil actions in courts of proper jurisdiction, wrote McMullan.

Ad valorem taxes do not constitute a lien on personal property in absence of a levy. If the owner of personal property transfers it by

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Changteh Recaptured By Chinese

Strategic City Fell To Japs December 3 After Hard Fighting

Chungking, Dec. 9—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces had recaptured the strategically important city of Changteh in Huan province, which fell to the Japanese December 3 after many days of bloody fighting.

The victorious Chinese stroke provided another decisive turn in the fortunes of war in the bitter battles in which China's vast and important "rice bowl" area is a major prize. Loss of Changteh last week had opened the prospect of an enemy drive on Changsha, capital of the province.

The recapture of Changteh was particularly satisfying to the Chinese in that, by official calculation, only a few more than 300 men of the 55th division survived when the city was abandoned to the Japanese after a 15-day siege.

By holding Changteh, the Japanese controlled the "rice bowl" region and stood astride the Huan-Szechuan supply line, one of the Chinese army's principal sources of supply.

A special Chinese communiqué this morning announced recapture of the city.

"News has just been received," it said, "that Chinese troops in northern Huan recaptured Changteh at 4 o'clock this morning. They crossed the Yuan river last evening and broke into the city through its east and west gates early this morning."

American aircraft, which played a strong part in the defense of the city, were said to have had a hand in its recapture. During the long siege while the 57th Chinese division was fighting to the last ditch the Yankee fliers on several occasions dropped food and ammunition and dispersed enemy planes.

Smith Favors New Party Of Democrats

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Washington, Dec. 9—(AP)—With the assertion that "now it's time for us to do some purging," Senator Ellison D. (Colton Ed.) Smith sought speaking time in the Senate today to wave anew the banner of an independent Southern Democratic party.

The South Carolina Democrat, dean of the Senate by virtue of his 35 years' service, told a reporter he thinks the South is "ripe" for the formation of a new political party of its own—a threat voiced earlier in the week by Senator Bailey (D., N. C.).

"The South is sick and tired of being kicked around in the Democratic party," Smith said. "I believe Senator Bailey has hit the nail on the head when he says we could form our own Democratic party and hold the balance of power in the electoral college."

Smith, one of several senators the administration unsuccessfully marked for defeat in the 1938 primary elections, said he thought it was time some changes were made in the controlling faction of the Democratic party.

"Harry Hopkins seems to be the chief cook and bottle-washer of the party and I don't like his cooking," Smith declared.

Denson Is Given Life Sentence for Shotgun Slaying

Raleigh, Dec. 9—(AP)—Romulus S. Denson, 29, of Raleigh, pleaded guilty today to accessory before the fact in connection with the shotgun slaying September 26 of Calvin Lester Edwards, Jr., of Newport News, Va., and Judge W. C. Harris sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Solicitor William Y. Bickett said he accepted the plea because evidence indicated the slaying was committed by a mentally incapable person and not by a cold-blooded murderer.

The grand jury indicted Denson on October 5. Later Judge Harris authorized Solicitor Bickett to have Denson examined by a psychiatrist when court sessions showed he previously had been an inmate of the state hospital for the insane here.

Bickett said the examination had been made but he did not make public its findings.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Pretty cloudy and mild this afternoon and Friday.

In London, however, British commentators made it clear that Turkey's change from a benevolent non-belligerency to outright aggression against Yugoslavia.

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Clark's Troops Take Heights In Advance Toward Capital

PLANE BREAKS IN TWO AFTER TARAWA ATTACK



THE CRASH CREW aboard a U. S. carrier clears away the wreckage of a plane that had crashed in two on the flight deck. The craft, piloted by Lt. Charles L. Mountenot, Edgewater, N. J., was hit by fire while attacking Tarawa and the hydraulic system was shattered. As it was set down on the carrier deck on one wheel the landing hook caught and the plane tore into two sections. (International)

Russians Threaten Encirclement Of Nazis On Dnieper

Reds Outflank Rail Center of Znamenka And Sever Railroad

Moscow, Dec. 9—(AP)—Smashing Red army gains which outflanked the strategic Dnieper bend rail center of Znamenka and severed the important Znamenka-Nikolaev railroad threatened the encirclement today of tens of thousands of Germans concentrated on the west bank of the lower Dnieper river.

Russian tank forces spearheading infantry columns outflanked Znamenka by capturing the town of Sharocka, 15 miles to the south, after a swift 15-mile advance from Pantayevka, a Soviet commissar announced. Soviet troops also cut a branch of the Znamenka-Nikolaev road running eastward to the iron and manganese center of Kirov Bog, which the Germans have been tenaciously holding for weeks against repeated Russian thrusts.

The Germans held that lone rail escape route from Znamenka, a line running west of Kirovograd, and this was threatened by yesterday's capture of Elizavetgrad, 13 miles northeast of Znamenka and five north of the Kirovograd span.

Against these Red army successes, gained in the bitter cold of the Russian winter, troops of General Nikolai Vatutin's first Ukrainian army in a swift 15-mile advance from Chernyavka were falling back before a mighty German drive which front dispatches said was powered by upwards of 20,000 heavy tanks. It was the second Russian retreat in this sector in two days.

The Germans were paying for their gains, however. The Red army war bulletin said that at least 2,000 Germans were killed and 84 tanks destroyed in yesterday's fighting in this area.

The operation is to continue tomorrow.

It is part of the combined maneuvers of the first Army corps command of the Army Air Forces and the airborne command, which were launched Tuesday night with the largest night airborne invasion maneuver ever conducted in this country.

In a series of glider and paratroop landing of some 6,000 troops Tuesday night, 4,000 more were dropped and ferried into the theatre of operations yesterday.

'Victory' Medal



SO SURE were the Nazis and Puffins that they would march into Alexandria, Egypt, they made thousands of the "Victory" medals shown above. The face (top) depicts an Italian and German soldier pulling the teeth of a crocodile, representing the Nile River country. The reverse side (bottom) shows the swastika and Italian faces flanking the arch Mussolini built near El Agheila to mark Libya's conquest. (International)

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Jap Shore Defenses Are Being Leveled By Heavy Pounding

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters, Dec. 9—(AP)—One of the most sustained air bombardments of the southwest Pacific war is leveling Japanese shore defenses on New Britain island in this very area where it is open to invasion by General Douglas MacArthur's troops on New Guinea.

Since the last week of November, more than 1,300 tons of explosives have rapped off gun positions and supply dumps even at Australian enclaves the potential jumping off place in New Guinea in bad lighting on the Huon peninsula.

The bombardments were opened against Gasmatu, an air base and plantation area on the southwest coast which was hit with more than 100 tons in six raids at a cost of only one raider. It also was shelled by destroyers of Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kincaid.

Then the bombarders switched to the Cape Gloucester area on New Britain's western tip. That base is separated by only 300 miles of water from the Huon peninsula.

Today, headquarters announced that 195 tons were dumped there by Liberators and Mitchells in the latest raid. That made it more than 900 tons reported for that area in communications this month.

In the Huon peninsula campaign, the latest reports told of Aussies extending their hold along the coast south of El Alamein while in the inland jungles overland forces appeared on the verge of capturing the trail junction villages of Wareo.

In the northern Solomons, Amer-

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Fifth Army Captures Mt. Croce

Advance Southwest Of the Break-Through In Mignano Sector

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 9—(AP)—Steadily advancing Fifth Army forces in Italy have captured strategic Mount Croce, a mile from the Garigliano river, in the area near the west coast. It was announced today.

The advance was registered southwest of the important breakthrough of the mountain barrier which Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's troops have driven in the Mignano sector. In that area American and British troops are smashing down the western slopes of Mount Maggiore and Mount Camino and have now cleared all of the latter except one village on the northwestern slope despite several intensive enemy counter-attacks. Allied headquarters said.

At Radio France in Paris, Algiers heard in London by Reuters, said the British Eighth Army set the east coast and the Italian Alpine bridgehead across the Magra river and now stands only eight miles from the important Adriatic port of Poggioreale.

Today's communiqué said General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces were locked in heavy battle in the Orsogna area, some ten miles inland from the Adriatic, and had improved their positions.

The Fifth Army made limited advances on its right flank by sending enemy pillboxes west of Flagstaff and northwest of Venafro.

American heavy bombers took the oft-traveled route to Greece again yesterday, attacking enemy airfields at Elefsis and Tatoi, west and north of Athens, respectively. Both Fortresses and Liberators engaged in the operations.

A smaller Allied bombing force also ranged far northwest to attack harbor installations and shipping at San Stefano, 30 miles northwest of Rome.

The air command said that in both the raids on the Greek airfields and targets were well covered.

Medium bombers, in triple teams, hit the railway center at Otranto, 15 miles above Rome, Clestaceveching, port 45 miles northwest of the Italian capital, and the railway town of Spoleto, 60 miles northwest of Rome. Light aircraft shot up enemy ground positions and商店 in the battle areas.

Four enemy aircraft were destroyed during the day's operations and seven Allied planes are missing.



Japs Lose Six Ships And 72 Planes at Marshalls

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 9—(AP)—Japanese ships hit may and air force, trying to bolster the Marshall Islands against possible invasion by Allied forces on the adjacent Gilbert islands, have lost six more ships and 72 more planes.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced U. S. carrier task forces sank the enemy-held island group last Saturday in a moonlight attack, sank two light carriers, one oil tanker and three cargo transports, downed 72 Japanese planes which rose to intercept the attackers and beat off a desperate 7½-hour assault by heavy torpedo bombers as the task forces