

## Patterson Asserts 3,500,000 4-F Men Must Give Service



**LT. IRA C. KEFFORD, 21, Mecklenburg, Mich., former Northwestern University football star, is credited with downing 16 Jap planes, twice scoring four kills in a single action. He is a member of the famous "Skull and Crossbones" squadron, U. S. Navy pilot. (Internationally)**

### War Official Lists Plans for Calling Draft Deferments

Washington, March 29 (AP)—Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson told the House Military Committee today the time had arrived for 3,500,000 4-F's between the ages of 18 and 37 to be assigned to essential industry or to be inducted into the Army in labor battalions.

One method to utilize the 4-F's he explained, will be by enactment of national service legislation applicable to men between 18 and 37 who have been classified as physically disqualified to perform military service. He said assignment of such men to essential activities could be under control of a director of national service.

As the need for additional workers in an essential activity became evident, he explained, the men assigned to the selected reserve would be directed by local boards to take part in such activities, retaining their civilian status and receiving the wages and "other ordinary incidents of civilian employment."

### Dr. Meadows' Retirement Not Enough

BY LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Edmund Meadows, president of the American Medical Association, said today that his retirement from the practice of medicine is not enough to meet the needs of the country. He said that the medical profession must continue to work for the betterment of the public health.

## Postwar Military Policy Procedure Being Shaped

Washington, March 29 (AP)—A committee of the House of Representatives today announced that it has begun to shape postwar military policy. The committee is studying the needs of the country after the war and is working to develop a plan for the future of the military.

### Reported Executed



ACCORDING to an unconfirmed British press dispatch, Victor Orlando, 43, former Italian prisoner and one of the Allied "four" at the Verona conference, was among the 207 Italians executed in Rome. The report adds that the executions were carried out by the Nazis in reprisal for a bomb attack in Rome in which 24 Gestapo officers were killed. (Internationally)

## Locals Will Decide Farm Deferments

Hatchey Modifies Procedure Due to Senate Pressure

Washington, March 29 (AP)—The War Relocation Authority today announced that it will allow local boards to decide on farm deferments. This change is being made in response to pressure from the Senate.

## Vote Of Confidence U. S. Planes Asked By Churchill Hit Japs At Dozen Bases

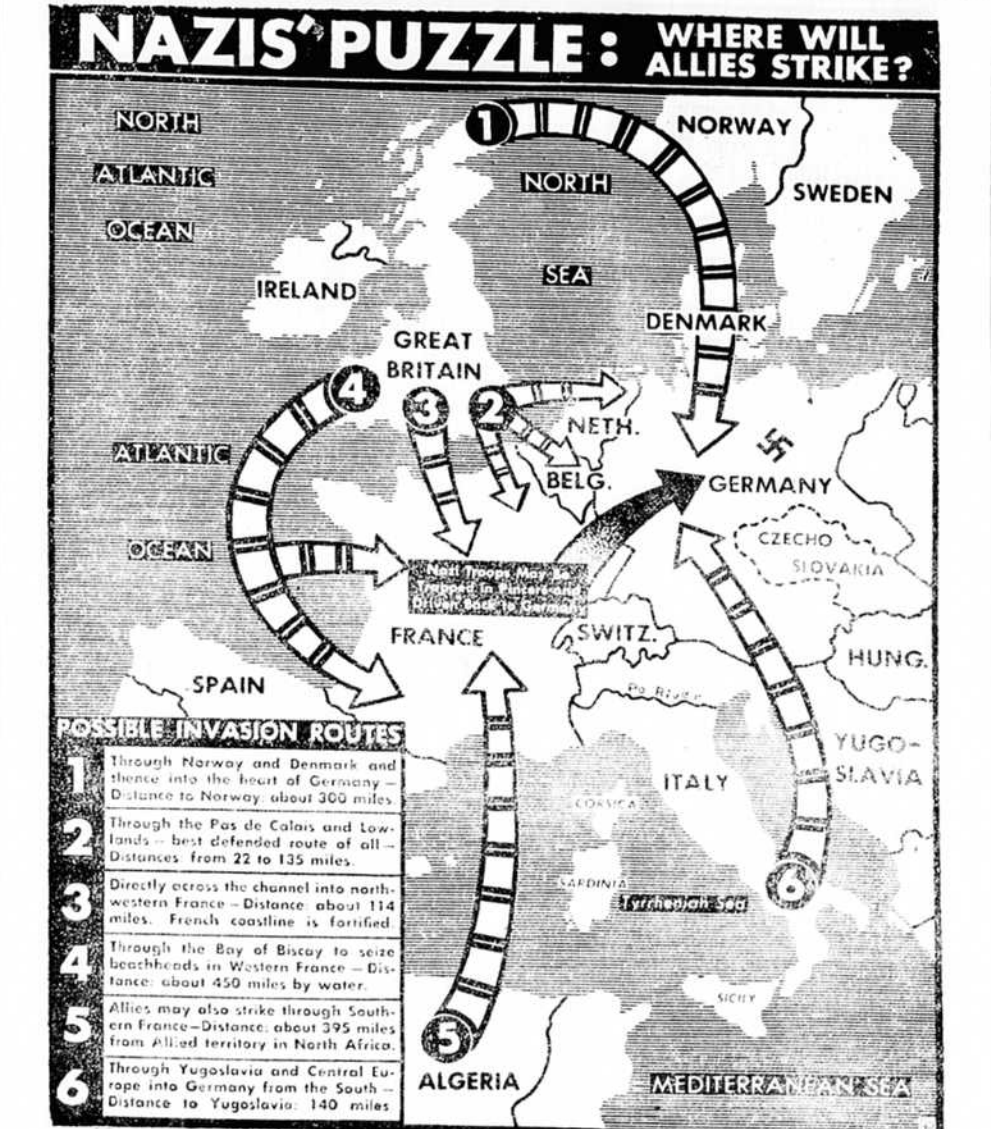
Support All Down Line Demanded in Commons; Education Amendment Vote Basis for Stand

London, March 29 (AP)—To the cheer of the House of Commons, Prime Minister Churchill today bluntly demanded that the House support all down line for his government's program and called for a vote of confidence, making his war leadership on the single issue of an amendment to an education bill.

## U. S. Planes Pound Coast Of France

Washington, March 29 (AP)—American and Australian bombers today hit Japanese air bases at more than a dozen points along the coast of France. The attacks were part of a series of operations aimed at disrupting Japanese supply lines.

# Victorious Russians Plunging On Toward Big Port Of Odessa



FOLLOWING WINSTON CHURCHILL'S statement to U. S. troops in England that the day for European freedom is drawing near, this map should prove particularly interesting to the arm chair strategists who think they can point out exactly where the Allied forces will strike. Most of the locations which have been mentioned from time to time in news reports are included. (Internationally)

## Red Troops Are Nearing Czech Line

Troops Cross Bug After Capture of Port of Nikolayev

London, March 29 (AP)—Russia's third Ukrainian army pushed across the south Russian steppe from captured Nikolayev toward the great Black Sea port of Odessa today, while 300 miles to the northwest other Russian forces were reported within 40 miles of the Czernobivokian frontier.

The 400-mile-long advancing on Odessa along a 100-mile front. Further west, in Bessarabia, a Soviet army drove eastward from the north, capturing the town of Tulchyn and the port of Nikolayev. The Russian army is reported to have captured the port of Nikolayev after a three-day battle.

The second Ukrainian army was busy on other sectors of the center, however, driving south to take two strong points not far from the lateral railway into Romania. Other units operating to the north, Moscow said, captured a rail junction fifteen miles southeast of Podolsk, thus narrowing the neck of the sack on large German forces reported cut off in their retreat from the north.

## ROOSEVELT SIGNS MEASURE ON UNRRA

Washington, March 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the bill authorizing United States participation in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The bill provides for the creation of the agency to coordinate and administer relief operations in the world.

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## Many Fruits, Vegetables To Be Freed

Will Be Removed From Ration List Because of Plenty

Washington, March 29 (AP)—The government is expected to remove all frozen fruits and vegetables from the ration lists and to continue present ration values on meats during April. This action on frozen commodities is designed to clear private cold storage facilities for this year's production.

Point values on many fruits and most vegetables produced this year to be removed from the ration list. The government is expected to remove all frozen fruits and vegetables from the ration lists and to continue present ration values on meats during April.

## Texas Child Dies Despite Fight On Chronic Nephritis

Dallas, Texas, March 29 (AP)—Billy Meers, four-year-old victim of chronic nephritis, whose case received nationwide attention in January, died today despite continuous plasma transfusions equivalent to two pints of blood daily.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rite with scattered thunderstorms and moderately cool days and tonight; rain in east portion Thursday afternoon; colder.