

## TROOPS BATTLE TO SUBDUE 'OLD MAN RIVER'



TROOPS FROM SLOTT FIELD, ILL., pile sandbags against the crumbling banks of the Mississippi River at nearby Hajo in an endeavor to save the town from the rain-swollen river, now at its highest level in 100 years. The total acreage flooded by "Old Man River," the Illinois and Missouri is estimated at 1,212,000. Forecasts of more rain have prompted calls for more men to raise the levees. (International Sunshoto)

## Fathers Beyond 26 Not Likely To Be Called During 1944

## Roosevelt's Backers Win In Elections

Pepper and Hill In South, Guernsey In West, Victors

(By The Associated Press)

Administration forces had their Democratic critics in Florida and Alabama senatorial primaries, while Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York patterned more conviction support today for the Republican presidential nomination.

In Florida, Billy DeLoach, who is re-elected in Alabama, and Senator Claude A. Pepper, who is elected in Alabama, were the only Democratic candidates to win their respective primaries.

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In New York, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, who is re-elected, and Senator J. Morgan Kousser, who is elected, were the only Democratic candidates to win their respective primaries.

Support of the President today was strong in an election which is being held in South Dakota, where Dewey picked up 11 additional electoral votes. A state victory by Dewey would give him 222 electoral votes, enough to win the White House.

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## Mississippi Is Receding; Menace Grows Elsewhere

(By The Associated Press)

Flood waters of the swollen Mississippi river were receding today in parts of Cape Girardeau, Mo., but elsewhere in the midwest and southwest the threat of high water was mounting.

In central and eastern Texas, the full had risen to eight feet, 33 reported and one missing, following the Newberry flood and heavy rains. Three miles in east Texas was three miles in some places.

Government forecasters say that serious flood conditions are expected along the Trinity, Brazos and Sabie rivers and numerous minor

## Veteran at 16



THE FLYING DAYS of Bill Dettles A. (left) in the service of the U. S. Army. He was a pilot in the 48th Central Postal Directory, England, and was only 16 years old. Officials have decided to send him home. (International)

## Fresh Buying Among Stocks

Stocks were bought in a fresh buying spree today as investors sought to take advantage of a market rally. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.5 points to 122.50.

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## Most Meats Are Ordered Ration Free

The Office of Price Administration today ordered that most meats, except beef, pork, lamb and mutton, all beef except the fresh and roasts, all kinds of poultry, game, venison, rabbit, and other meats, be rationed free.

The removal of ration points on these meats is part of a new program to ease the meat shortage. The OPA also announced that households would have to make their red points last twice as long, and that over a four-week period, the amount of red points would be reduced by 25 percent.

## Some Advance For Cotton

New York, May 3.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 cents a bale higher to five cents lower. Noon values were unchanged to 30 cents a bale higher. May 20-22, 20.02; October 19.90.

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# AIR WAR IS CONTINUED

## Staggering Blows Hit Japs

## Navy Hurls Might Upon Strongholds

American Forces Are Unchallenged By Nippon Units

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, May 3.—(AP)—Staggering blows dealt more than 1,000 miles apart at Hollandia and Truk during an almost relentless series of battleships, cruisers and aircraft attacks today by the sustained striking power of the Pacific fleet far from its home base.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said today that the two main forces which supported the Hollandia and Truk operations were the Japanese 11th and 12th Air Fleets, plus the 11th and 12th Air Groups. The 11th Air Fleet was based at Truk and the 12th Air Fleet was based at Hollandia.

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## ARENAS OF ZERO HOUR BLASTS



While France is reported scheduled for some of the heaviest zero-hour raids, the British Isles are given particular attention by invasion preparations. The list of the cities includes the area where airplane plants have been a favorite target of our bombers.

## 5,275 Jap Ships Sunk In Pacific In 2 Years, Gen. MacArthur States

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, May 3.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in a special statement today, claimed 5,275 Japanese coastal vessels, barges, and schooners have been sunk, and 2,518 damaged since April, 1942.

The statement was made in a report to the War Relocation Authority. The report stated that the Japanese shipping fleet has been almost completely destroyed. The report also stated that the Japanese shipping fleet has been almost completely destroyed.

## State Bankers Will Open Convention at Raleigh On Friday

Bankers from across the state will convene in Raleigh today for the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association. The convention will be held at the Raleigh Hotel and will last for three days.

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## State To Receive 100,000 Bushels of Oats as New Feed

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## Huge Bombs Dropped On Nazi Plants

Chemical Center Largely Smashed; Italy Cities Hit

London, May 3.—(AP)—RAF bombers taking over the western phase of the European air war, made a dramatic attack on the German chemical center of Leverkusen on last night, while Italy-based bombers blasted Genoa and communication centers in northern Italy.

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## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Mostly cloudy and continued mild tonight and Thursday, with scattered thundershowers Thursday.

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