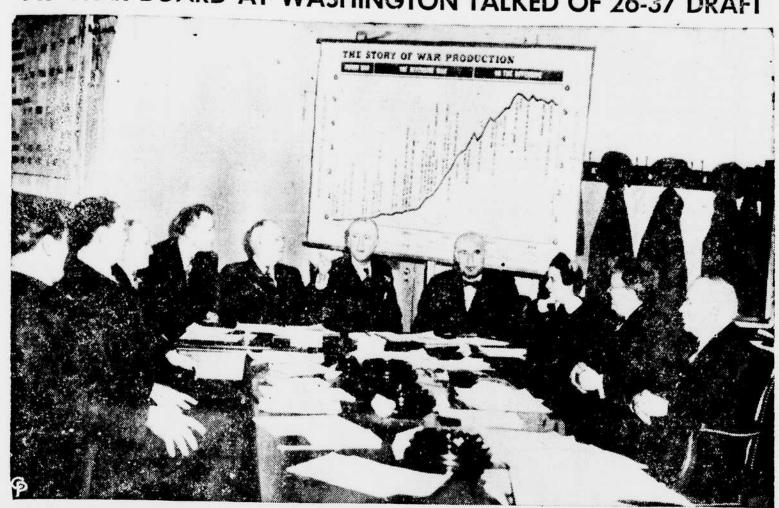
## AS WAR BOARD AT WASHINGTON TALKED OF 26-37 DRAFT



members called into discussion by War Mobilization Director James F. William L. Green, president, American Federation of Labor; Director Byrnes on the work-or-fight edict for men between the ages of 26 and 37. Byrnes; O. Max Gardner, chairman of the committee; Mrs. Anna M. The members shown are (l. to r.) James G. Patton, president, National Rosenberg, regional director, War Manpower Commission; William H.

PICTURED IN SESSION AT THE WHITE HOUSE in Washington are committee | poration; Eric A. Johnston, president, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Farmers Union; Nathaniel Dyke, Jr., special consultant, Smaller War Plants Corporation; George H. Mcad, chairman of the board, Mead Cor- National Grange.

(International Soundphoto)

# Still Fewer Cigarettes During 1945

Army Not Getting Enough Even Now, Senators Are Told

Colonel Fred C. Foy, director of purchases for the army serv- two shrinking pockets after Orice forces, told the Senate war | moc's capture split off the southcommittee anticipated army purchases point to a demand on the eigarette industry "in excess of that being placed upon it currently.

Foy that the carrent shortese in those in part from mercased are

## Stocks Rest On Trading

stock market was inclined to rest today after more than a week of victually uninterrupted ad timee accompanied by heavy volume.

Among pivotals at slightly bette levels were General Electric and Southern Railway. Steels were a bi lower. Other leading proups show



## Japs in Trap



out following the taking of Ormoc on the west coast of Leyte Island, capture of 40,000 Japs appeared imminent. They were trapped in

## Two Trains Stalled In Snow Banks

Leftists In

The word 3,600,000,000—130,000,000
packs—in various foreign waters awaiting discharge.

He estimated that the army will have taken approximately 60 allton characters out of a total 1941 production of 330 hillion, although it could use 77 billion.

"It would seem, however," he testimated to be made at least 1945 will need to be made at least 1945 will need to be made at least 1975 billion—eyear rate established for the last four months of 1944.

For was the first of a number of witnesses an ounced by the countities. Others will include manufactures, distributors and War Food Administration representatives.

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turers, distributors and War Food Carl Air Patrol, to fly over the area

timore & Ohio railroad, which uses the southwest. Wire facilities if the N. Y. C. in Nagoya beasts

## Superforts Hit Japanese Third City

Twenty-First Bomber Command. Saipan. Dec. 13-(AP)-American Superfortresses in large numbers bombed Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, at midafternoon today.

While approaching Nagoya, the planes flew into the wind to reduce their speed, and to provide maximum time for bombing the most concentrated group of tar-

## World Price For Cotton Is Proposed

Clayton Gives View At Hearing Before Senate Committee

Washington, Dec. 13-(AP) William L. Clayton told seniters today he favors a world price for American cotton, with inducement payments to domesthe growers who change to other

State Department's foreign economic execution, blow the gas from the the supply port of last resert for the deviation if his nomination is con-death cell and remove the body.

In response to question by Sen-ter Lakehette, Wisconsin Progress Charlesten, W. Va., Dec. 13 (Ap) that American cotton be permitted to seek it, world price level. Clayton

New York, Dec. 13-(AP)-The dispatching movements between here tration of aircraft and aircraft parts price

## 8 Executions Scheduled On December 29

Turni, son, Bessie Mac Williams and Annie Mac Allison, Negroes, already thus fiving their death dates for

become Relations Committee in the hours for execution are set seet down a 5,000-ton transport of sound day's inquiry into are dehour to removed to complete one ing trail to the Ormoc corridor, is

## Cotton Mart Trend Upward

New York, Dog. E3—(AP)—cot- Leftists In

to locate it, but existing bad weather conditions precluded all flying.

Chief Dispatcher F. P. Fultz expressed belief the passengers are not suffering, because, he said, there were houses in the little village of Elkhurst, where they might find temporary haven.

The train is operated by the Baltimore & Ohio railrond, which uses wire facilities if the N. Y. C. in

## British Labor Avoids Government Criticism

ish Labor party adopted a resolution away from the government solicy oday to take steps to bring about won applicase, but were beaten in that direction. an immediate armistice in Greece, the balloting after Ernest Bevin, min-but avoided any direct denunciation of Prime Minister Churchill's inter-of Prime Minister Churchill's inter-gates that the Laborite ministers in must lay down their arms at once, Red army siege semi-circle, no front the Churchill's interer tion policy.

The resolution, put forward by accepted full responsibility with the ELAS must undertake to obey Brithe full of the Hungarian capital be-

# U.S. First Army Opens NewDriveUponNazis; Japs Drown Off Leyte

# U.S. Planes Destroy Nine Of 11 Ships

Terrific Defense Of Jap Air Units Proves Unavailing

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 13-(AP)—More thousands of Japanese troops were drowned off western Leyte Monday and Tuesday in Philippines inland seas, which have claimed far in excess of 30,000 Nipponese soldiers, spilled to their death from bomb-blasted reinforce-

The latest losses occurred as American planes, attacking for 36 hours, accounted for five transports and four destroyers of an 11-ship convoy, despite the terrific battle put up covering Nipponese fighter at boats blasted a sixth transport, leading only a destroyer of the conveto get away unscathed.

General MacArthur, whose previously communique accounts of the devastation wrought on eight other convoys estimated at least 30,000 enemy soldiers perished, said today today concerning the ninth convoy:

"Enemy troop losses by drownings are believed to have been

The six transports and five de-stroyers were spotted Monday at dawn off northwest Levte. During the day army and marine ounty and an- planes, being through swarms of

At least one That city, connected by a poor wind-

Still plagued by rains, Yank ground forces on west Leyte made pressure on Japanese defenders below Limon in the north sector of the Ormoc corridor. At the south end, captors of Ormoc port organized the base for further operations."

attacks against the center of Athens during the night, even while their leaders were debating British orders to cease lighting.

The Nazi purty already has conceptrated food and ammunition in the front, or of civilians killed in air raids, have been given to SS to cease lighting.

The strongest assault was aimed on to

General Scobie, British commanbread, however, is not af-der in Greece, still awaited a reply \_\_ to his cease-fire terms to the ELAS. and there were indications the leftist leaders were wavering in the light to force the resignation of Premier

George Prepanderou. Scobie's terms were presented yesterday to Miltiades Porthyregenis, representative of the EAM (national Mescow, Dec. 13-(AP)-Russian tropole

resents a union of known member- ment of the Balkan situation as a ed here to seek a speedy end to the dug in apparently determined to hold northeast Hungary.

## **New Fleet Chief**



THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY announced the formation of a new British Pacific Fleet to operate in the Far East and which will be commanded by Admiral Sir Bruce A. Fraser, who has been commander in chief of the Eastern Fleet based at Cey-Ion. London claims the new fleet is capable of challenging the entire navy of Japan. (International)

## Nazis Plan Underground War 5 Years

Himmler's Program Calls for Hideouts For His Guerillas

Aldsdorf, Germany, Dec. 15-Nipponese fighters, sank three de- (AP)-Information from inside Germany indicates that Hiller's Von warfare against the Allies after

two months of 1943, and these plans acrial device, silvery balls floating in now are being carried out inside the air. Their purpose was not im-

The plans are threefold, embracing open warfare directed from Hitler's mountain headquarters; sabotage and guerilla activity conducted by partisan bands organized by districts; and prepaganda wariare to be carried on by some 200,000 Nazi fellowers in Europe and else-

eve been established in underground. In order to hinder Allied police trongholds and hospitals in the Ba- in running down party members arian and Alpine area and it is the during the occupation. Himmler has plan of Noza leaders to flee to that in the past few months instituted a Athens, Dec. 13—(AP)—ELAS troops staged strong but unsuccessful attacks against the center of Athens during the wilds the strongheds.

The first troops that in the past few months instituted a widespread program to establish double identities for his henchmen. The first troops will be allowed to enter the strongheds.

> SS men and party leaders unable to reach the Alpine strongholds would be assigned to directing activities from such places as the Black Forest or outof-the-way villages. Himmler academies now are training both

# is Achieved

Best Nazi Troops Facing Americans On Cologne Plain

Paris, Dec. 13-(AP)-The southern wing of the U.S. first army sprang into action before dawn teday, sloshing eastward oward the Rhine city of Bonn n an attack beyond the Hurtgen forest, southwest of besieg-

In less than three hours, Genral Hodges' riflemen had adanced more than a mile and entered the village of Rollesbroich, 13 miles southwest of Duren and 35 west of Bonn.

The advance was between the Hertgen and Moschau forests, and

The first army was drawn up to the swift and high Roer on both sides of Duren. In the center of the western front, the United States seventh army trained its artillery on large soctions of the German defenses inside the Bavarian palatinate, while the third army tought stowly deeper into the Siegfried line inside the industrial Saar-

The last infested cellars west of the Keer were being cleared Germans during the night filtered back into the suburbs of Duren, and these were being blasted from the cold mud, one

mediately clear.

Swift advances by the United States first army in the Karlsruhe corner brought the German frontier within sight at many points and placed great sections of the Siegfried line works within short artillery range. Vanguards were within 15 miles of Karlsruhe.

men and wemen in sabotage tactics.

Fair and continued rather cold tonight and Thursday; lowest temperatures tonight in east por-

## Capture Of Budapest By Russians Believed Near

liberation front), and former minister of labor in Papanderou's cabinet, who was brought to British head-quarters in a British armored velocities as said forces pointed toward Buda-pest today from newly captured Go-dello ripped a wide pest today from newly capture up in close formation at the northern bastion controlling approaches from

out until full destruction of the me-

the party's executive committee, carried by a card vote of 2,445,000 to
137,000. These votes were by about
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