

French Sink 62 Warships To Cheat Axis

Gas Curtailment To Be Nationwide

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(UP)—Heroic French sailors, many dying at their post, scuttled the bulk of the French fleet in a mighty upheaval of smoke and flame at Toulon today when Axis forces swept down on the naval base to prevent the warships from joining the Allies. In the midst of a fierce waterfront battle, three battleships, including the modern Strasbourg and Dunkerque, at least seven valuable cruisers, a seaplane tender, 25 destroyers and 27 submarines were ripped asunder or sunk in the greatest mass scuttling since German crews opened the sea-cocks of their Grand Fleet at Scapa Flow in 1919.

Western Congressmen Halt Opposition to Rationing

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(UP)—The last vestige of organized Congressional opposition to nation-wide gasoline rationing vanished today, when hostile Westerners conceded their failure to muster enough strength to prevent the program from beginning December 1 as scheduled.

American Troops Squeeze Buna Defenders into Trap

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HDQ., Australia, Saturday, Nov. 28.—(UP)—American and Australian troops have pressed the Japanese defenders of Buna on the Northeastern New Guinea coast into an area of only a few square miles, front line dispatches reported today as the raging jungle battle entered its third week.

The Japs, reinforced since the first of this month with special forces of shock troops, were staging a Bataan-like defense from foxholes, trenches and pillboxes. There were no sharply-drawn battle lines and the situation admittedly was confused.

French Fleet Cornered At Toulon by Blockade

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(UP)—The now-scuttled French fleet couldn't have escaped from Toulon even if it tried because it was hemmed in by Axis forces which had blockaded the narrow harbour exit for some time, a high ranking naval spokesman revealed tonight.

American Tanks, Planes Spearhead Tunis Attack

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(UP)—American tanks and planes wrecked 41 Axis planes on the ground in Tunisia yesterday and American pilots downed 11 others.

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Moser Calls Chest Drive 'A Failure'

With the \$10,000 Carolina War Chest drive only two days from its official closing, Bernard Moser, chest co-chairman, yesterday termed the fund campaign to date "a failure."

Backing up Moser's statement, Harry Comer, executive committee member, released figures showing that only \$1,000 in cash and pledges, or one-tenth of the \$10,000 goal, had been received.

This small total was reached even after the \$175 raised by Sound and Fury's War Chest Follies was added in.

In an effort to salvage some portion of success and give all students a chance to get into the drive, Moser and Comer decided to extend it for an unlimited time.

Comer made it clear that he did not feel that any unwillingness on the part of dormitory men to contribute was hurting the drive. On the contrary, he said that all boys who took the initiative and gave their contributions to the YMCA office had given consistently high sums.

Most of the boys, though, following the procedure outlined in the DAILY TAR HEEL, have waited to be approached by their dormitory War Chest representative. According to Comer and Moser, "these workers have not done their job with the result that dormitory boys have not been entirely canvassed."

No contributions have been received from War Chest workers in the dormitories. Instead of the \$3-per-man average expected from this source, the totals have been small.

In direct contrast to this dismal picture has been the efforts of the woman's section, under Sarah Sutton, and town canvassing headed by Barry Colby and Ditzzi Buice.

Contributions from dormitories and sororities that have been canvassed range from \$50 to \$100.

Orchestra Schedules Important Rehearsals

Important rehearsals will be held by the University Symphony Orchestra this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock and tomorrow afternoon at the same time in Hill music hall. All members of the orchestra must be present.

Special Exams Slated For Drafted Students

Students who have definite orders from their draft boards to report before the end of this quarter will be given special examinations for graduation credit, announced Dean R. B. House yesterday.

These examinations will be given only to students who must leave school before December 16 and will not be extended to the general student body.

New Type Size Cuts Tar Heel By 3 Columns

10 Point Adopted To Meet Budget

Campus news coverage by the DAILY TAR HEEL is reduced by approximately three columns today due to the Publications Union board's ruling calling for ten-point type to be used for the duration.

Passed by the board as a last effort to meet the \$5,000 budget slash, the new type size will mark the return of the campus daily to the style used in 1940.

Editor's policy under the new ruling will follow a more careful weighing of news value so that the DTH may continue to give students complete news coverage. Although outside news-casts have been strictly curtailed and last-minute pictures almost discontinued, Bob Hoke, managing editor, said that every effort will be made to meet the needs of a war campus.

No further action is expected to be taken by the board until next year at which time it is probable that additional reductions will be needed to offset the enrollment.

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Anderson Wants Mass Production Of Army Drama

Within 20 days after the printed copies of Maxwell Anderson's "The Eve of St. Mark" were ready for distribution, 44 school and community theaters had gained permission to produce the play. Close on their heels, the Carolina Playmakers contracted to produce the show here from December 2 through 5.

Tired of seeing new plays monopolized for years on Broadway, Anderson arranged with the National Theatre Conference for simultaneous release of production rights to Broadway and community theatres all over the nation.

Life magazine in the issue of October 19 described this action as "an experiment which is new to theatre." Mass production came first, however, with the formation of Federal Theatre units a few years ago. "It Can't Happen Here" followed by Saroyan's "Jim Dandy" were the first two plays to be produced simultaneously in many parts of the country.

"The Eve of St. Mark" was written by Anderson in answer to a request by Paul Green that he write a play for the National Theatre Conference. This organization's New Play Project, undertaken as the result of Saroyan's interest in the non-commercial theatre, is picking up where the Federal Theatre left off with the release of Anderson's new war drama.

Investigators of Local Officers Expected to Question Levin

Journalist Tucker Prefers 'Off the Record Speeches'

By Jimmy Wallace
Ray Tucker, "National Whirligig" author, will appear in Memorial hall Saturday, December 5 at 8:15 p.m. to deliver an "off the record" speech from a Carolina Political Union platform.

Declaring that "off the record is the way I like to talk," Tucker said in a letter to Dick Railey, CPU chairman, "I'm glad you're going to have an open forum after the speech, because I find the question and answer period to be more informative to the audience."

Date for the speech was originally set for November 20 but due to conflicts here and in Washington both the CPU and

Tucker agreed on December 5. Giving his reasons, Tucker said, "by then the elections will be over and something definite will have happened in Europe." Since his letter the African front has been opened and the Red Army is now pushing the Germans back.

Tucker's column, the "National Whirligig," is written on events that happen in the nation's capitol and is nationally syndicated. The North Carolina paper which carries it is the Charlotte Observer. Tucker will arrive in Raleigh by train next Friday afternoon to be met by CPU officials and brought to

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Wettach Says Inquiry Runs On Schedule

By Sam Whitehall
Dean R. H. Wettach, head of the Law School, hinted yesterday that Robert Levin, DTH reporter who conducted the probe of alleged mistreatment of prisoners by Chapel Hill policemen, will be called up before the investigation committee sometime next week.

This was disclosed in an interview with Wettach when he said that the "investigation was proceeding according to schedule," and that "Levin would have to be called up if it was to be complete and impartial."

Wettach Explains
When asked what "according to schedule" meant, Wettach replied that both Police Commissioner P. L. Burch and he had interviewed the officers charged with misconduct and have also questioned the prisoners who claim violence.

"Naturally there are conflicting reports cropping up," said Wettach, "as there are in all investigations of this type."

Wettach expressed the hope that the matter would be completed by December 14 so that the board of aldermen could review the committee's findings over the holidays and present a verdict to the town at the beginning of next year.

No further statement was made by Wettach who is not at complete liberty to make an announcement unless his committee-member is consulted.

Smith to Run Benefit Show

Proceeds to Go For Scholarship

The second in the series of midnight shows for the benefit of the Carolina Scholarship fund will be presented in the new Carolina theater Friday, December 4, at 11:15 p.m.

This will mark the first time E. C. Smith, local theater manager, has allowed the use of the Carolina for a midnight show.

Boston Blackie
The film, regular Saturday feature, will be the latest in the Chester Morris-Boston Blackie series, "Boston Blackie Goes Hollywood."

Last year, Smith set up the theater scholarship fund and agreed to run a group of midnight shows to support it. The running of the Boston Blackie film for the scholarship comes just one year after the initial benefit midnight show.

First Show
The special performance for the fund in 1941 previewed the Gary Cooper film, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife." According to Bernard Moser, student head of the benefit shows, it raised a "considerable sum for the scholarship. This year's showing is expected to bring in as much or even more."

Grail Dance Is Advanced

December 4 Set As Earlier Date

Sam Gambill, exchequer of the Order of the Grail, announced yesterday that the third Grail dance of the year has been moved up one day to December 4.

Gambill effected the move so that University students could have an uninterrupted dancing session which would not have been available on Saturday night due to the White Phantoms pre-season basketball game.

Tickets for the dance will go on sale Monday and may be obtained from any member of the Grail for \$1. Late purchasers can secure ducats at the door for \$1.10.

Tickets
Music for the last dance of the quarter will be provided by Bob Cleavland and his Tophatters from Danville, Va. The signing of this band follows a long established Grail precedence of giving Carolina dancers "maximum dancing enjoyment for a minimum of expense."

Cleavland has recently completed a ten weeks engagement at Merry Gardens, popular Virginia nightclub and has sprinkled his program card with one nighters at Davidson, the University of Virginia and Richmond.

Tanner, University Alumnus, Donates New GHQ to CVTC

The Carolina Volunteer Training Corps will begin its second year of operation in new headquarters when it moves into West house which has been donated to the Corps by Kenneth Tanner, manufacturer and alumnus of the University, for the duration of the war.

With almost a 100 per cent increase in enrollment anticipated in the Corps next quarter, the acquiring of these new quarters is a timely addition to the organization whose headquarters are now located in a small office in the YMCA. The new quarters will be large enough to provide a separate office for the commandant, Colonel W. A. Raborg, and other staff officers. In addition, the building has a large living-room which will probably be

utilized by the Corps as a reception room.

A flagpole will be erected in front of the new headquarters which will be run in regular Army fashion.

West house, which was built several years ago on old Fraternity row behind Smith dormitory, is a result of an idea of Mr. Tanner's that student housing problems could be more satisfactorily solved if they lived five or six to a building in small cottages located over the campus. He built West house as a first experimental unit and since its erection it has served as quarters for his son and other relatives attending the University. As it has been more than ample for his kin, other students have been invited by them to live in the cottage.

Consumers Meet to Analyze Food Rationing, Ceilings

A public meeting will be held by the Consumers Association Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Town hall for the purpose of discussing food rationing and price ceilings.

Dean F. F. Bradshaw, chairman of the Association will preside and Mrs. Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill consumer relations consultant to the Office of Price Administration will talk about anticipated changes in rationing regulations. Mrs. R. H. Wettach, chairman of the local committee on price ceilings, will discuss the problems prominent in that field. Questions from the floor may be asked in the open forum that will follow the talks.

Proposals for action on con-

sumer problems will be presented at 9 p.m. by the following chairmen of the Association's functional committees: Mrs. W. Carson Ryan, information and education; J. M. Lear, consumer defense; and Earl H. Newcomer, cooperative activities.

At 9:30 there will be a short business session for the adoption of a budget, the election of new members, and action on recommendations made by the board of directors consisting of Mr. Bradshaw, chairman; Mrs. Johnson, vice-president; Taul White, treasurer; Mrs. Nathan Rosen, secretary; Sherman Smith, J. C. Andrews, Mrs. Fred Barela, Mrs. M. R. Brownlee, Mr. Lear, Mr. Newcomer, and Mrs. F. D. Tur-nage.