

ALLIES CLOSING TUNISIAN VISE

Reds Crush Nazi Efforts To Cross Donets River

Drive Toward Smolensk Is Continuing

Heavy Fighting As Germans Bring Up Stronger Force
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British Whirlwind fighter-bombers also blasted railway targets in Brittany during the night's operations, which cost the loss of one plane, an air ministry communiqué said.

Steel Official Says Unaware Of Fake Tests

Woman Testifies That Specifications Met With Pencil Only
WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—J. Lester Perry, president of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation, replied to employ testimony that fake tests were made on steel ordered for navy and lend-lease use today by telling senate investigators the "regrettable" occurrences were not known by "the higher management."

Irene T. Pasternak, who said she had charge of a book recording heat analyses at the company's Irwin (Pa.) works, testified that where analyses failed to come within specifications, "we supply a pencil analysis which meets the specification." She said the pencil analyses were fakes.



Tunisian Showdown Nears—The British Eighth army (arrow, lower right) was "on the move" in southern Tunisia while other Allied forces developed a "squeeze" on Marshal Rommel's U. S. troops (arrows) as other British forces advanced in the north (arrows). Allied planes (plane symbol) beat at the Mareth Line. Black areas represent ground, lost to axis, which has been regained by Allies, while shaded area represents deepest Allied penetration. Broken line is battle front.

BRITISH INSIDE OF FAMED MARETH LINE

LONDON, March 23 (AP)—A Reuters report from Allied headquarters in North Africa said today the British First army had recaptured Nefza station, 47 miles west of Bizerte and two miles from the important hill position of Djebel Abiod. It was disclosed only yesterday that the British had lost the station.

While the Americans, under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., stabbed to within less than 34 miles of the Gulf of Gabes, continuing east past Maknassy, other forces of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth army swung a mighty frontal blow at Marshal Erwin Rommel's Mareth Line.

700 Japanese Are Killed In New Guinea

American and Australian jungle fighters were officially credited today with killing at least 700 Japanese troops, capturing more than 100 prisoners and clearing the enemy from the entire Mambare river valley on the northeast coast of New Guinea.

Texas Plants More Acreage

AUSTIN, March 23 (AP)—Texas farmers will convert six per cent more acreage to crops during 1943 if the weather, farm labor and machinery supplies permit.

Army Bombers Attack Kiska

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The navy reported today that army bombers raided the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians twice Sunday, starting a large fire.

Died Fighting—

Crew members at a U. S. bomber station in England told how Bombardier Jack Mathia (above), 20, of San Angelo, Tex., his right side pierced by flak and his arms nearly torn off, struggled back to his bomb sight and released the bomb load from the fortress "Duchess" on Nazi submarines yards near Bremen being dived.

Abilene Man Billed On Driving Count

Charges of driving while intoxicated were filed in county court Tuesday by members of the sheriff's department against T. M. Carter of Abilene, Ed Lee Sullivan owner of the car, also of Abilene, was charged with having no driver's license and no car license.

Wemple Confirmed By State Senate

AUSTIN, March 23 (AP)—The senate today rejected Gov. Coke R. Stevenson's appointment of M. A. Childers of San Antonio to be a member of the state board of education.

Viereck Billed As Axis Agent

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—George Sylvester Viereck of New York, a German propagandist, was indicted today on six counts charging violation of the foreign agent registration act, specifically, that he failed to disclose that he was acting for the Nazi foreign office in this country.

Officer Arrives

Lieut. Josiah D. Davidson of Gatesville, arrived Monday morning for assignment at the Big Spring Bombardier School, according to announcement by public relations office at the post today.

Work Continuation Offered By Miners Pending Contract

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—The United Mine Workers union offered northern Appalachian coal mine operators again today an agreement by which all mines in the Appalachian coal producing area would remain in operation for 30 days after April 1 under the existing contract, provided that any wage increases or improvement in hours later agreed upon shall be made retroactive to that time.

New Fight On Farm Prices

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—A two-front congressional assault on the administration's farm price structure gathered momentum today, raising prospects of an early showdown with the White House over anti-inflation.

Draws Liquor Fine

Texas Liquor Control Board inspectors apprehended J. W. Ivey in Dawson county Monday on charges of transporting liquor in a dry area. On a plea of guilty, Ivey was fined \$100 and costs amounting to a total of \$128.60. He was transporting a quantity of assorted liquors.

Burks Executed For Slaying

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 23 (AP)—Horace Finnon Burks, co-slayer of a Texas salesman in the St. Valentine's Day, 1940, rice field murder here, was electrocuted today at 12:19 p. m. in the state's portable electric chair.

Garden City Road Talked With State Highway Officials

Members of the county commissioner's court have returned from Austin where they met with the state highway engineer to discuss possibility of a road to Garden City and also a lateral road. Commissioners reported that they received no definite assurance from the engineer concerning the roads due to scarcity of materials.

Kennedy Honors Soldiers

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, March 23 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific area, has awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to eight more officers and men credited with "extraordinary achievement in aerial flights."

Wednesday Last Day For Trustee Filing

Wednesday is the last day for filing as a candidate for trustee in the Big Spring Independent School district.

Many Misunderstandings On The 'B' Classifications

By CHARLES MOLONY
WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Who's in B-E in the draft? In a recent appeal to the president from a 1-A draft classification, a baker's helper earning \$30 a week was reclassified to B-E. Nobody contended he was a necessary individual. The B-E classification was given him simply because he had dependents and his job, although not essential in itself, was an essential activity.

But the regulations provide other sums. Here's the way Selective Service Chief Lewis B. Hershey summed up the rule that has been in effect since last August 15: "In considering the classification of registrants with dependents, it is not necessary to determine whether or not the registrant is a necessary man but only to determine whether or not he is engaged in an essential activity. If he is not, he is classified in class 3-A; if he is, then he is classified in class 3-B."

Men with wives only, but who are engaged in an essential activity. (Class 3-B.) Men with wives and children or children alone, but who are not engaged in an essential activity. (Class 3-A.) Men with wives and children or children alone who are engaged in an essential activity. (Class 3-B.)

FOPE CONFINED
LONDON, March 23 (AP)—The Rome radio said today that Pope Pius XII was confined to his room after suffering a slight attack of influenza but his condition was giving no cause for anxiety. It said both private and public audiences for today and tomorrow had been cancelled.

Editorial -- Sharing Machinery On Road Projects

Keeping highways in condition with machinery manufacture being reduced and repairs difficult and sometimes impossible to get, is a problem that the War Production Board suggests might be solved to an extent by a state pooling its resources of machinery, using it in such places as it may be most needed, regardless of what section it may have been bought to serve.

Capital Comment Allred Nomination To Bring Fight On The Senate Floor

By GEORGE STIMPSON Herald Washington Correspondent Lanky, good-natured, energetic, able Tom Clark, of Dallas, steps into shoes of Thurman Arnold as assistant attorney general in charge of Justice department's anti-trust division; full name Thomas Campbell Clark, born Dallas 43 years ago, son of William H. and Jennie (Falls) Clark; educated Virginia Military Institute and University of Texas; in 1924 married Mary Jane Ramsey, has son and daughter, Ramsey and Mildred; practiced law in Dallas with father and brother, William H. Clark, Jr., till 1927; civil district attorney Dallas county 1927 to 1932, when resigned to reenter private practice; joined in partnership with J. M. Starnes, oil litigation; practiced law again as partner of Bill McCraw and alone till 1937 when became special assistant to U. S. attorney general; chief West Coast anti-trust division; since last summer head war frauds unit; helped set up war relocation organization under which Japanese aliens and citizens moved from strategic coastal areas to inland camps; handled investigations of wire-making, shell loading and aircraft plants; expected to keep supervision of war frauds unit along with new job, good lawyer, good man, good appointment.

Washington Daybook -- US Women Fliers Making Remarkable War Record

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON -- Before and after Pearl Harbor, I wrote several stories about what women pilots were going to do in this war. When the Civil Aeronautics Administration was forced to abandon its training of women pilots, I received a number of letters to which there was no answer. The ladies had been grounded and told to go home and tend to their knitting. Congress (through its powers of appropriation, but with the recommendation from other quarters) had decreed that the CAA had better expend all its energies and funds training men who might be useful to the Army and Navy air forces.

Hollywood -- How To Keep An Actor Out Of A Movie Role

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD -- Here's the tale of a producer with sledge-hammered finances. His studio wanted a certain actor to play opposite Betty Grable in "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" but the producer wanted another. He told the studio: "I'll talk to your man and sell him on the part."

That has a familiar sound, but one not too much to be relied upon. In view of what has gone before. Nevertheless, in spite of all the secrecy about women aviators in the war effort, the girls in the CAP, CAA, and Air Transport Command have a remarkable record. It may be that the wall is finally breaking down.

Along the airways: "WAVES," defined Charlie McCarthy, "are sailors who go down to the sea in slips." Red Skelton: "My tires are worn so thin the air is showing." McCarthy to Carmen: "I'm a Brazilian but you usually wear—the one with all the stuff on it?" Carmen: "Well, pineapple is hard to get now."

Crossword Puzzle section with grid and clues for Across and Down words.

For all that, the strongest anti-Nazi film yet is "The Moon Is Down," in which the Nazi characters, while never admirable, are still projected in shades of black-and-white. They are people, and believable people. "The Moon Is Down" is the John Steinbeck work for which 20th Century-Fox paid a then record price of \$300,000, only to have the stage version collapse within days after the movie's sale.

Isolation Island

Chapter 15 "Maria! Maria! Maria!" The old Indian woman ran along the dusky hall and in through Linda's bedroom to the adjoining bathroom, her face wrinkled into a happy grin.



At the front door sounded. Maria hurried through to open the door. At the sound of the voices outside, Don stiffened. He said quietly, "I'll send them away."

McCullough's smile tightened. "The little lady here is the only one among you who seemed to have a glimmering of what we were talking about..."

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