

U. S. TROOPS BLAST JAPANESE

British Drive Deeper Into Axis Defenses In Egypt

27 KILLED BY TORNADO IN MISSISSIPPI

Steady Allied Air Offensive Pounds Rear

U. S. Pilots Alone Have Shot Down 22 Enemy Planes in Five Days

By DON WHITEHEAD CAIRO. — (AP) — Britain's Eighth Army has driven deeper into the Axis' El Alamein line defenses in conjunction with a ceaseless Allied air offensive taking steadily heavier toll in the enemy's rear, official reports from the front announced today.

Russian Tanks Win Critical Struggle

Stalingrad Defense Lines Maintained; Caucasus Height Regained

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW. (AP) — Red Army tanks won a battle of more forces to maintain Stalingrad's defense lines and Soviet troops regained another height in the west Caucasus, numerically superior invaders compelled a retreat in Nalchik sector for the second successive day, the Russians said today.

Expected Attack

Central Front Winter Offensive Seen

By FRANK M. BRUTTO ST. LOUIS. — (AP) — German troops are continuing to press forward from Berlin said the Russian "Red Star" newspaper in a "Northwest of Stalingrad" communication said, "A Soviet unit broke through the enemy defenses, engaging the enemy with hand grenades and in hand-to-hand fighting. They killed 130 of the enemy and captured an ammunition dump, as well as other booty."

Stowe's Story

Soviet Wounded Make Date To Meet Yanks In Berlin

This is the seventh of a series of articles in the Red Star newspaper written about the date they will spend in Berlin with the American soldiers of the Red Army at the front.

More Than 200 Injured When Storm Hits Town

Fires Break Out To Delay Rescues

BERRYVILLE, Ark. — (AP) — At least 27 persons were killed and more than 200 injured, many critically when a tornado leveled more than half of this Ozark Mountain town late last night.

Registration Of Women Studied

Compulsory Listing Aimed at Locating Available Supply of Workers

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — President Roosevelt informed a press conference today that no decision had been reached yet on the issue of national service legislation but he added that the possibility of compulsory registration of women was under consideration.

F. R. Urges All To Vote

President Hopes People To Flock to Polls

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Declaring the United States was now engaged in an all-out war to keep democracy alive, President Roosevelt today urged all citizens to vote next Tuesday.

Fire Destroys College Building

LORETO, Pa. — (AP) — Fire destroyed the "old main" building, consisting of dormitory, chapel and administration offices at St. Francis College early today with loss that Father Ambrose Burke, librarian, estimated in excess of \$100,000.

WEATHER

Warmer tonight. Today's Temp.: H. 74; L. 48. Sunset Today. 6:31. Sunrise Tomorrow. 7:43. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 8.



CLOSE ACTION AS BRITISH ADVANCE IN EGYPT—A British Army truck loaded with troops barely escapes a heavy explosion as it races through shellfire from the front during the newly started Allied drive against Rommel in Egypt. (Photo was transmitted via radio to New York from Cairo.)

Rule Lepke Must Die

Industrial Racketeer Hailed for Chair

ALBANY, N. Y. — (AP) — New York's highest court decreed today Louis Lepke, racketeer, one-time New York City industrial racketeer, must die in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison for a 1936 slaying he is accused of ordering.

Guide to Good Reading

BARBER PINS FAITH IN SINKWICH & CO. Sport Editor Herb Barber of the Associated Press who peers into the griddle future and guesses on Friday's football game, says that Tech will take the measure of Duke's Blue Devils. For their choice see our selection table in page 2-B.

Carrier Mortality Rate May Put Battleship In Ascendancy Again

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — War's high mortality rate of aircraft carriers, the destructive darts upon modern fleet engagements—fueled today the possibility that the heavily armed battleship would regain temporarily its place as monarch of the seas.

Torpedo Hit Scored Upon Jap Destroyer

Enemy Vessel Engaged in Reinforcing Lines on Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The Navy announced today that American troops on Guadalcanal had destroyed twelve Japanese light tanks in the last week and that in the last two days torpedoes had scored a torpedo hit on a Japanese destroyer which was engaged in reinforcing enemy troops on the island.

U. S. Troops In Liberia

Airports Constructed In African Republic

LONDON. — (AP) — A Reuters dispatch from Monrovia said today it was officially announced that American troops in Liberia, Negro units, had been in the air since July. It said two airports had been constructed.

Eden Says War In New Phase

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declared in a speech here today that Britain now is shifting away from a defensive.

RAF Flight Reported

London. — Reuters recorded a DNB broadcast today reporting the RAF was over a German coastal district, Hirtland, flight and occupied Continental territory last night.

PLAN LISTING

See PLAN LISTING on page 8.

Continuation of various news items and advertisements on the right edge of the page.