

ALLIES WIN TUNISIAN AIR RULE

Burke Case Climaxed With Arrest Of Dale And Wilson

REFS CHECK STAGRAD AREA ATTACKS

Nazis Seize Offensive For Moment In Sector

Soviets Roll on Farther North

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW — (AP)—With dive-bombers, tanks and infantry attacks sprung out of a rolling fog, the Germans have seized the offensive momentarily southwest of Stalingrad, but the Russians declared today that the attacks which cost the Nazis 1,600 men were checked after in-

Japs Suffer Heavy Blows But Manage Guinea Landings

Allied Airmen Prevent Buna Reinforcing but Enemy Gets Ashore Up Coast

By DEAN SCHEIDLER SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA — (AP)—Allied air-planes have foiled a seventh attempt by air-covered Japanese naval forces to reinforce the trapped garrisons along Buna Bay, but failed to prevent some landings 20 to 40 miles farther up the New Guinea coast toward Lae.

Judge Issues Order, Sets Both Bonds At \$2,500

Fourteen Others Under Arrest

By STANLEY MOORE Charlotte Special Writer MORGANTON — Ex-Sheriff Paul Dale and former Policeman Wilburn Wilson were arrested here about noon today after Judge Zab V. Neidayer after Judge Zab V. Neidayer had sworn out bench warrants charging them with "nonfeasance, malfeasance and misfeasance of office; conspiracy to violate the law in respect to the operation of slot machines; and violation of the prohibition law."



CAPTAIN JOHN WILKES... Pacific submarine hero

Naval Hero Home From Pacific War

Captain John Wilkes Decorated With Distinguished Service Medal

By TOM FESPERMAN Charlotte News Staff Writer Captain John Wilkes of Charlotte, possessor of a new Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy officer who had the spinning-top job of selecting which men and women should be shipped out of the Philippines by submarine after the fall of Luzon, was home today before taking over command of a brand-new cruiser.

Calling Turn In Battle Of North Africa

Planes Over Tunis for Four Hours—Rommel Continues To Retreat

LONDON — (AP)—Allied air power, grown to such strength that bombers coursed over Tunis for four hours, was tipping the scales against the Axis today in the Battle of North Africa as Marshal Rommel's Libyan Army retreated from the Gulf of Sirte coast in Central Libya.

Plane With Nearly 20 Aboard Missing

Western Air Line Passenger Liner Lost on Flight From Salt Lake City

LOS ANGELES — (AP)—Western Airlines announced today that a passenger liner with nearly 20 occupants was missing on a flight here from Salt Lake City.

Eisenhower Critics Hit

Policy Regarding Darlan Defended

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, spoke out today against "some of our unofficial advisers at home" who have criticized Gen. Charles D. Eisenhower for accepting the collaboration of French Admiral Jean Darlan in North Africa.

INQUIRY INTERRUPTED

Judge Nettles interrupted the inquiry in the second day, as it appeared to be drawing near a close. Another line of witnesses was started this morning before the jury, who had set himself up as a committee to hear the case.

World's Biggest "Doughnut"

Great Pentagon Building Will Be Army Activity Nerve Center

WASHINGTON — The world's biggest structural doughnut—a mile around, 368 feet thick, four stories high and with a six-acre hole in the center—will be humming with activity by 40,000 war workers.

Troopship Loss Probed

Knox Asked Whether Ship Hit U. S. Mine

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that a board of inquiry was making a "very thorough investigation" into the loss of the 21,200-ton former liner President Coolidge while it was operating as an Army transport in the Solomon Islands area recently.

Guide to Good Reading

HANDY GUIDE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS: If you're short of time and have only a few days remaining until Christmas, Charlotte merchants are offering many worthwhile suggestions in their advertisements in today's News.

A WORD TO OUR DOUBTING THOMASES

There are thousands of Americans who, by their carrying criticism of every Government program, are doing nothing to help us win the war.

WEATHER

Warmer tonight, but starting an occasional light rain. Today's Temp. H. 67. L. 45. Sunset Today. Sunrise Tomorrow.

The Eagle's Shadow

Americans Should Be Able To Open Great Drives Late Next Summer

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON — American air, sea and land forces, according to all available indications, will be ready to begin the next summer the weapons to begin a series of powerful drives against the Axis.

All French Ships Sunk at Toulon

LONDON — Vice Admiral Emile Muselier, former commander of the Fighting French forces, said today that all French ships in Toulon harbor had been destroyed.

Shopping Days till Christmas

This picture of war in the making comes from recent official disclosures on the production of giant planes, aircraft carriers, and battleships and other formidable new weapons of improved types of old ones.