

# INDIANS DEMAND FREEDOM AS WAR PRICE



MASKED MEN OF THE TANKERS—Crews of British tankers are now provided with asbestos protective clothing so they may take to boats and row to safety even if sea is covered with blazing fuel. Photo shows Chinese members of crew of a British tanker practicing lifeboat drill in asbestos suits. Passed by British censor.

## U. S. Bombers In Attack On Convoy

### Heavy American Planes Hit One Ship in Mediterranean

LONDON.—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the United States Army Air Forces hit one ship during an attack on an escorted enemy convoy in the Mediterranean yesterday, RAF Middle East news service said today.

The action was part of increased aerial activity over the North African battle areas and the sea lanes of supply to the Axis forces.

The news service said Tobruk Harbor was raided heavily the night of Aug. 3-4, in which a direct bomb hit on one vessel touched off a fire that could be seen for 30 miles. Another ship also was reported as aflame.

The news service did not specify whether United States planes participated in this raid.

## Ruhr Valley Targets Hit

LONDON.—(AP)—British bombers attacked targets in Germany's Ruhr Valley last night while fighter command planes raided railroads and other objectives in occupied territory, the Air Ministry announced today.

Two RAF planes—a bomber and a fighter—were lost in the night operations.

Fighters and fighter-bombers, following up the night raids, made a morning sweep over the English Channel in clear weather.

The Germans sent small forces of raiders against south and southeast England and south Wales overnight and six enemy bombers were destroyed, the British announced officially, indicating a high score for Britain's secret new anti-aircraft defenses.

It was reported reliably that the Germans were dropping fire bombs with a new type metal container, details of which were not disclosed. Some of the new type incendiaries have been turned over to civil defense personnel so that studies may be made in how to deal with them.

## Claim Russian Cruiser Sunk

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts).—(AP)—The High Command said today that a Russian cruiser had been sunk by Italian motor torpedo boats.

"In waters off Podestria in the Crimea a daring night attack was carried out against a Soviet naval formation by squadron of our motorboats which torpedoed and sank a 5,500-ton cruiser of the Red Crimea type," the regular communist press stated.

"Our units, in spite of enemy action, all returned to their base."

## "Trojan Horse" Tactics Used By Nazis In Effort To Get Leningrad

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Commissar of State Security P. Kubitsin asserted today that the German blunders of Leningrad have resorted to a wide assortment of ruses, including the "Trojan horse" tactics in their vain efforts to break the defenses of Russia's northern metropolis.

Writing in the Leningrad Pravda, Kubitsin related how a wounded man in a Russian uniform, picked up in the field and taken to a hospital, tried to get information on supplies from the Red Army soldiers. He was tried by a court-martial as a spy.

The Commissar said the Germans also were using peasant garb to try to get behind the Red

## Resolution Asks End Of British Authority

### Then Aggression Would Be Fought

LONDON.—(AP)—The Working Committee of the All-India Congress Party adopted a 1,200-word resolution today, demanding "withdrawal of British power so as to enable Indians to secure an ally of the United Nations and fight aggressors." Reuters reported from Bombay.

The resolution, Reuters said, declared "A Free India will be willing to join the world federation which must, at first and for the duration of the war, start with the United Nations," but added that if necessary the Congress was prepared to launch a civil disobedience struggle under the leadership of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

## Recommend Full Authority for Gandhi

BOMBAY.—(AP)—The All-India Congress Party Working Committee drafted today a resolution recommending that Mohandas K. Gandhi be given full powers to lead a civil disobedience movement if British rejects a demand for Indian independence.

Also presented to the committee was a proposed resolution which, if accepted by both the Working Committee and the whole Congress meeting here Friday, would pledge the party to armed resistance of any Japanese aggression against India.

This draft resolution stated that an independent Government for India "will wholeheartedly and unreservedly declare itself on the side of the United Nations, agreeing to meet the Japanese or any other aggressor with armed resistance."

The new draft was described as designed to meet "reasonable and constructive" criticisms which followed the British disclosure yesterday of the draft of the resolution by Gandhi which stated the first move of an independent government probably would be to negotiate with Japan.

A British broadcast, heard in New York said Gandhi was expected to address the committee for an hour and a half this morning.

## Says U. S. 'Beginning'

### Europe Tired While America Prepares

ISTANBUL.—(AP)—Editor Zekeriya Serel wrote today in the newspaper Tan that "Europe has almost come to the end of her war effort when America is just beginning hers," concentrating every thought on victory.

He said that the whole United States was determined "to strike the enemy a mortal blow," and "While we wait, the general mobilization of American industry and immense preparations for a society on his pre-Pearl Harbor victory record. Five other incumbents won handily and five more were without opposition. Nomination from the seat to be vacated by retirement of veteran Representative Joseph R. Sweeney, Kansas City Democrat, was won by Roger C. Slougher.

## Vice Consul Is Condemned By Turks

ISTANBUL, Turkey.—(AP)—A French vice consul in the southern district of Turkey has been condemned to death for espionage against Turkey, it was disclosed today.

The case now is before an appellate court after being tried by a special tribunal.

The vice consul, whose name was not disclosed, was stationed in Ankara (Ankara), in the Hala District, which borders on Syria and lies close to Cyprus.

## Say Nazi Motorboats Torpedoed 3 Steamers

BERLIN.—(From German Broadcasts).—(AP)—German motorboats torpedoed three steamers totaling 5,000 tons, sinking two of them in the English Channel Monday night, the German High Command reported today. It said the strong defense prevented determining whether the third ship was sunk.

## WEATHER

Little change in temperature. Light showers and early showers this afternoon and early tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 84; L. 72. Sunset today 8:22. Sunrise tomorrow 6:30.

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 5.



LAST ACT FOR CIRCUS GIRAFFE—A giraffe lies amid embers of the menagerie tent after having been shot by police to ease pains of fatal burns suffered when fire swept the menagerie of Ringling Brothers Circus while showing in Cleveland, Ohio.

## Congressmen Pass Primary Tests

### Voters Give Verdicts in Virginia, Kansas, Missouri, West Virginia

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congressmen in Virginia, Kansas, Missouri and West Virginia successfully weathered renomination tests in yesterday's primary day balloting.

Unofficial tabulations in the contests in which the chief issues were labor and pre-war foreign policies gave victory to Virginia's only two Representatives who faced Democratic opposition; to Senator Arthur Capper, veteran 77-year-old Kansas Republican, and to Governor Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia in his battle with former Governor H. G. Rump for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate.

## Incumbent Victor

Twelve Representatives won renomination in Missouri. Richard M. Duncan, veteran Democratic Congressman, defeating former Circuit Judge Ford M. Frankfort after an early neck and neck race.

Representative Walter C. Ploeser, St. Louis Republican, also had a close contest in beating out six opponents in a campaign based on a society on his pre-Pearl Harbor voting record. Five other incumbents won handily and five more were without opposition. Nomination from the seat to be vacated by retirement of veteran Representative Joseph R. Sweeney, Kansas City Democrat, was won by Roger C. Slougher.

## Report Clashes Among Axis Troops in Russia

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The BBC, in a German-language broadcast heard here, said today: "On the Voronezh front Russian and Hungarian troops were sent into battle to stop the Russian advance. Afterwards there were armed clashes between the Germans, Rumanians and Hungarians which were fought by the forces of the Russians."

BBC gave no source for the report.

## Roosevelt Views On Gas & Rubber May Be Presented By Tomorrow

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is going over the petroleum and rubber situations and may present his views to Congress and the nation by tomorrow.

This probability arose today in the wake of these developments:

1. The President affirmed at his press conference yesterday that he would veto a bill setting up a separate Government agency to make synthetic rubber from grain alcohol.

2. The War Production Board was reported considering, as an alternative to nation-wide gasoline rationing, a plan to limit automobile driving in non-rationed areas by making a periodical check on mileage shown on speedometers.

3. Price Administrator Leon Henderson described the Eastern gasoline shortage as far West as the Mississippi was, being considered, he said, to make more tank cars available for the Atlantic seaboard's petroleum needs.

4. Representative Harley B. Reynolds, New Jersey, declared in a talk that the synthetic rubber program had been delayed by "incompetence and mismanagement" in the Government agencies concerned and by "selfish, powerful, private interests."

President Roosevelt's views were expected to be set forth at some length in the message which he said he hoped to send Congress by which vetoing the grain alcohol agency. At the same time the Chief Executive said he did not think anyone could make an exposition of the rubber situation, remarking there were more experts for rubber than there were for varieties of pickles.

## Nazis Land Parachute Troops and Small Tanks

### Hope To Seize Communications

By EDDY GILMORE  
Moscow, U. S. P.—The Germans were reported landing parachute troops in groups of 100 to 150 and small tanks in the north Caucasus today as the hard-pressed Russians withdrew from the Belaya Chlina area to new defense positions in the face of swarms of German armored units.

The Navy newspaper Red Fleet said Russian warships in the Sea of Azov were frustrating efforts of the Germans to move reinforcements to the battle south of Rostov by sea. Russian patrol guns were reported sinking German ships and shelling German positions along the shore.

## Beasts Given First Aid

CLEVELAND.—(AP)—Scared circus beasts surviving the terror of fire that destroyed 30 animal attractions of the "greatest show on earth" today received first aid in an emergency animal hospital set up in Cleveland's public hall.

While the show under the Ringling Brothers "big top" went on with all its usual glitter and bright lights last night, veterinarians worked to save five animals injured but rescued after a 20-minute fire burned to death or seriously injured 30 of the circus' beasts. Nine others had to be shot to put them out of misery.

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## Circus Carries On Despite Fire Blow

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## Nazis Break Through

PARIS.—(AP)—The Nazis, being landed with machine guns and mine throwers besides small tanks, broke through and forced the Germans, sending word of the breakthrough to the Russians, broke through and forced the Soviet withdrawal. The Germans were sending groups of 60 and 80 tanks smashing into the Russian defenses.

## Guide to Good Reading

### CHARLOTTE IN HOLD-UP ROLE

Guess which one of the Carolinian cities is holding up the scrap steel program? If you think it isn't Charlotte, turn to the editorial page for a new study and review of the abandoned rail story by Burke Davis. Furthermore, crack columnist Raymond Clapper has returned from vacation, ready to go again.

### DEFENSE AGAINST GAS WARFARE

To the civilian mind one of the most terrible possibilities of modern war is attack with gas because of the fact the fear of gas is worse than the effects, provided you know what to do to counteract it. On page 24 you will find a "chatting" guide, authentic information about defense against the types of gas most likely to be used by the enemy. If any should be used at all.

### JUSTICE MURPHY GIVES US NOTORIETY

About as much publicity has been thrown the Corcoran way because of Justice Frank Murphy's having been here on maneuvers as because of the maneuvers. Latest spotlight turned on the state for this reason is in Ray's Weekender. Who knows who you will find on page 24.