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AMERICAN BOMBERS BLAST ROME

Russians Move Into Outer Suburbs Of Kharkov Japanese Destroyers Blasted In Solomons

Nazis Admit Soviet Forces Have Gained Whole German Defense System in South Russia Seen as Buckling

LONDON—(AP)—The German High Command announced today that Russian forces had entered the outer suburbs of Kharkov. Its broadcast communique, recorded here by the Associated Press, said there was fighting in the city's suburbs in which twenty Soviet tanks were destroyed.

2 American War Vessels Sunk During Hot Fighting Japanese Plane Losses High

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Fifteen Japanese ships including twelve destroyers were sunk or damaged, and two American warships, including the heavy cruiser Chicago, were lost in a week of furious sea-air fighting in the Solomon Islands area beginning Jan. 29, the Navy announced today.



Nazis Hurlled Back In Tunisian Clash Gains Made in Faid Area but Americans and French Forced to Evacuate Gafsa, 60 Miles to the Southwest

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—American tank combat teams smashed back at Marsa Elwein Rommels veteran armored troops under an umbrella of American fighter planes and the Germans' backline miles in the Faid area of central Tunisia in the first big armament battle of North Africa.

Legislature Sets Up New Hospital Board Creates Control To Eradicate Conditions Exposed at Morganton

RALEIGH—(AP)—The House passed and ordered enacted into law today a measure creating a Unified Board of Control for the State's mental hospitals at Morganton, Goldsboro and Raleigh and Gaston Training School.

Americans Hit Rabaul Second Successive Night Assault

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Feb. 15—(Delayed)—The American portion of General Douglas MacArthur's air force employed the full force of its combat branches today in dealing further smashing blows at the Japanese, most severe of which was a second successive night assault on Rabaul.

BATTLE FOR TUNISIA—American and German forces were locked in combat in Tunisia today with results far from conclusive.

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Tax Plan Offered By U. S. Chamber New Version of Pay-As-You-Go Income Levy System Introduced

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Eberstadt Kicked Out By Nelson Wilson Named as Top Vice Chairman in WPB Setup

WASHINGTON—(AP)—WPB Chairman Donald W. Nelson today asked Ferdinand E. Eberstadt, program vice chairman of the War Production Board, for his resignation, and named Charles E. Wilson as executive vice chairman "in charge of all WPB programs."

New Escort Ships Rolled Out Fast To Wage War On U-Boats

BOSTON—(AP)—Fast, new-type escort vessels which the United States Navy believes will prove "part of the answer to enemy submarine attacks are rolling down the ways of Massachusetts shipyards far ahead of production schedules and soon will go into action on America's far-flung convoy routes.

Work-Fight Move Starts Aim at Absenteeism On Navy Yards

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congressional action intended to halt absenteeism among civilian Navy employees—a step described by Representative Johnson, Democrat, Texas, its sponsor, as a "work or fight" order—was initiated today by the House Naval Committee.

Curfew for Young Girls Ordered in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—An 11 P. M. curfew for girls in downtown Philadelphia for girls sixteen years old or younger was ordered today by Acting Mayor Bernard Samuel.

Loan Drive Plans Made To Be Concentrated in Smaller Communities

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Treasury Secretary Morgenthau today began conferences with Federal Reserve Board officials on plans for the next victory loan drive in April—when more of the campaign will be concentrated on the nation's smaller communities.

Rommel Reported Ill in Germany

LONDON—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Allied Headquarters in North Africa today quoted a well-informed source as reporting without confirmation that Field Marshal Rommel was seriously ill in Germany, having been flown from Tunisia to Berlin.

Justice Murphy Taken From Plane to Hospital

DALLAS, Tex.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy was removed from a plane here today while en route to San Francisco to visit his injured brother, and taken to a hospital.

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Allied Losses Under 2 Per Cent In Moving 780 Ships To Africa

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Admiral Sir Andrew B. Cunningham, new commander in chief of the Allied Mediterranean naval forces, announced today that American and British shipping losses had been less than two per cent in bringing 780 ships totaling 5,500,000 tons to North Africa since Nov. 8.

Weather

Today's Temp: H 83 S 70. Wind: S 10-15. Sun: Partly Sunny. Sunrise Tomorrow. WEATHER: Slightly cooler tonight.