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# WIMMEL LEADS AMERICANS TO HILLS IN ALGERIAN STRUGGLE

## Menace Nazis Retreating From Rostov

### Wedges in Kharkov and Kursk Regions Widened By Russians

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW.—(AP)—The Red Army is smashing westward and widening its wedges in the Kharkov and Kursk regions at the northern end of the active Russian-German battlefield, and its columns have pierced deeper into Donets Basin territory in drives threatening the Germans retreating from Rostov, the Russians announced today.

Some of the actions were described as consisting of the remnants of German strongholds left in the rear of the counter-attacks and so on around them for spectacular gains.

The Germans admitted today the fall of Kharkov, which the Russians announced two days ago.

The city of Kharkov was evacuated by our troops after systematic destruction of its important installations, the High Command's communique said. German panzers dispersed an enemy regiment to the south of the city in the course of the attack. The Luftwaffe attacked enemy as-

## Japs Launch Big Attack On China's Back Door

### Real Effort To Crush China Seen

CHUNGKING.—(AP)—The Japanese have launched a heavy attack against China's southwestern backdoor along the old Burma Road and are pushing a series of offensives in central China which a Chinese Army spokesman said apparently were designed to "dissipate the fighting strength of the Chinese armies."

A High Command communique announced that the Japanese, having brought up at least 10,000 reinforcements from their base at Lashio, in northern Burma, began an offensive against China's lines in southwestern Yunnan Province which has yielded some gains for the enemy.

From these areas these are central Hupeh Province, the occupied section nearest Chungking, northern Hunan, where heavy enemy concentrations are being observed, and preparation for another attempt against Changsha, Province where the Japanese have been compelled to abandon Kiangsi west of Nanchang, the capital, and to retreat to Kwangchow, near the coast.

JAPS REEL BACK  
An Army spokesman said heavy fighting is going on in Kwangtung, in the far south, but there, he said, Japanese columns which have tried to advance to the rear around Canton had been stopped and sent reeling back.

He added, however, that fighting in central Hupeh Province, where the Japanese have been attacking since the end of 1941, has been going on in intensity.

The spokesman said the Japanese have penetrated closest to Chungking, the invaders apparently are preparing a carefully prepared operation with eight columns which have made a dash for the city, but the Chinese have recovered some of the points lost.



MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN WASHINGTON.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of China's generalissimo, is greeted upon arrival at Washington by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt (left). At right, the President waits in a car.

## Mme. Chiang Asks Blow At Japan

### Washington Legislators Hear Wife of China's Generalissimo

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Silken-clad, petite Mme. Chiang Kai-shek told Congress today that China and the United States were fighting for the same cause of freedom and called for the destruction of Japanese military might to remove "its threat to civilization."

The wife of China's Generalissimo told a jammed House chamber that despite prevailing views that Hitler's defeat was of the first importance, it was contrary to the interests of the United States to allow Japan to continue, not only as a vital potential threat but as the waiting sword of Damocles, ready to descend at a moment's notice.

Separately, the graceful champion of China's cause addressed first the Senate and then House. She emphatically repeated her appeal, made she explained, at the Vice-President Wallace's request—she emphasized the crescendo when she said that the Japanese, clad in a flowing black Chinese dress, raised a clenched fist to emphasize that the freedoms proclaimed by President Roosevelt to the United Nations and the death-knell to their aggressors.

In the House, where she was escorted to Speaker Rayburn's desk by party leaders, Mme. Chiang brought to the members to their feet when she said that Japan must not be regarded as an opponent of relative unimportance.

Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied her to the Capitol and sat in the crowded galleries to hear her speak. Rayburn greeted Mme. Chiang as "one of the outstanding women of all the earth—the brightest and co-sister of one of the outstanding figures in all the world."

After the two addresses, Mme. Chiang was the guest at a luncheon spread on the big oval table of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee room.

Mme. Chiang was dressed in a long, form-fitting black gown with a slit skirt. Black sequins glistened at her collar and green ear rings glittered below her oddly waved hair. Women filled the Senate and House galleries and there were audible gasps as she entered when the visitor entered.

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## Withdraw To Hills Below Algerian Town

### U. S. Tankmen Apparently Decisively Defeated but Help Expected

### By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.—(AP)—American armored formations withdrew today into the mountains below Tebessa, in Algeria, after receiving a severe mauling at the hands of Marshal Erwin Rommel's expert desert tankmen who occupied the towns of Sbeitla, Kasserine and Fariana in a 65-mile advance since Sunday from Faid Pass in central Tunisia.

The Axis troops had wrested 4,000 square miles of territory from U. S. armored forces in four days and sent their vanguards almost to the border of Algeria.

(Tebessa is about twelve miles inside Algeria from the Tunisian frontier, and is the next communications center after withdrawal from the three towns along the Tunisian frontier.)

In their first all-out armored battle of this war against the Germans, forward field reports indicated American tank formations have suffered a decisive defeat which observers here likened to that received by the British Eighth Army at Ain El Gazala, west of Tobruk last Summer when Rommel began his advance into



GENERAL KRUEGER

## Krueger in Australia To Command New Sixth Field Army

### Washington Legislators Hear

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The arrival of Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger in Australia to take command of a new field army of American troops, the Sixth Army, to be formed of units already in the Southwest Pacific, was announced today by Secretary of War Stimson.

Krueger, formerly commander of the Third Army with headquarters at San Antonio, Texas, was sent to Australia at the request of General Douglas MacArthur, Stimson said, because the Southwest Pacific forces in the Southwest Pacific has reached such proportions that their organization of a field army here appeared desirable.

Krueger retains his post as commander-in-chief of the Third Army, but apparently was intended only as a liaison officer between the Southwest Pacific and the Southwest Pacific, and Stimson said also that Krueger's new assignment would not affect the status of Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, the Secretary said, is a corps commander.

"GALLANT RECORD"  
Stimson added that he has had a very colorful record in the field command of troops during the Pappan campaign in New Guinea.

Krueger is succeeded in the Third Army command by Major Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, who became commander-in-chief of the

## MacKenzie Sees 1943 Nazi Defeat

### Associated Press Writer Believes Japs Will Be Beaten By End of 1944

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—DeWitt MacKenzie, Associated Press writer whose column about world events is published in more than 800 newspapers, has returned from a lengthy tour abroad with the strengthened conviction that Germany will be beaten in 1944.

"I am sure that never before," he is quoted as saying here after a four and a half month tour which took him as far east as Chungking, China, "that Hitler's back is broken as a matter of fact it was broken last Fall when he failed to smash through into the lower Caucasus, and that we ought to be able to dispose of the Nazi alibi by the end of this year."

"Most observers and military people with whom I have talked feel that Japan should fall by the end of 1944, if not sooner."

MacKenzie, an analyst and foreign correspondent for the New York Post and Times, and far across the North Atlantic Ireland the spent the week ending last week in London and down the west coast of Africa. Flying across the Atlantic to Cairo, he remained here for a week, and then went to Palestine and in India. After three weeks in India, on the return route, he visited Iran and Iraq.

He made the aerial journey from Basra, Iraq, to Chungking, he said, in a matter of five and one half days, arriving here yesterday.

"One of the things that impressed me," he said in an interview here, "is the terrific striking power piled up by the United States, Great Britain and the other Allies, and the rapidly with which it is growing."

"There could be no doubt in the mind of any one who had seen the way these Allied resources are mobilizing, that victory by the United Nations is a certainty."

He found a healthy respect for the Super-tanker proposal had met strong opposition in Congress even before the House Committee met.

## Tax Move Ignored

### No Cognizance Taken Of FR Request

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Chairman Douglas, Democrat, North Carolina, said today the House Ways and Means Committee had taken no cognizance of a President Roosevelt request for a war-time super-tax on income and that the committee apparently would simply ignore the bill to pay salaries above \$25,000 at their present Harbor levels.

President Roosevelt yesterday recommended that a super-tax be imposed to bring war-time income tax revenue to \$5,000 for single persons and \$3,000 for married couples after they were paid.

While Douglas said the matter had been disposed of so far as the committee was concerned by approval of the ceiling on pre-World War I levels, Representative McGraw, Democrat, Pennsylvania, said news men he expected the salary issue would be reopened before the committee.

The committee today simply voted unanimously to stipulate that the report on the salary limit be written by Representative Dickey, Democrat, Oklahoma, author of the proposal to pay salaries at the Pearl Harbor level.

Douglas said the President's letter asking a super-tax was not discussed.

The super-tax proposal had met strong opposition in Congress even before the House Committee met.

## Winchell 'Inactive'

### Will Be Taken Out Of Navy Uniform

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox informed the House Naval Committee today that he had ordered Walter Winchell, newspaper columnist and a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, placed on inactive duty.

"I think the Secretary did the proper thing," said Representative Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, committee chairman, in disclosing the action. He reported the order was effective as of yesterday.

Beyond the bare announcement, there was no explanation, but Representative Hoffman, Republican, Michigan, recently charged Winchell on the House floor with making "slandering" and "defamatory" statements in connection with the Navy's operations.

The Navy Secretary's action will take Winchell out of uniform.

Vinson's announcement came after the committee had been in executive session with Knox and Admiral Goehrels in a session which lasted more than an hour.

Hoffman, in one of his four questions of Winchell, asserted that the committee had been misled by "certain Representatives in the House" who had been misled more than an hour.

In an earlier reply, Knox wrote the committee that remarks which Hoffman attributed to Winchell were not considered "scandalous" or "defamatory" because of the destruction of good morals.

## Goehrels Says 'We Must Act'

### New York—(AP)—

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goehrels told German people today that he had to tell them "the unvarnished truth" regarding Germany's situation on the Eastern Front, said a Berlin broadcast recorded by the Associated Press.

"It is not the moment for asking questions how it happens," Goehrels said in a speech described by the Berlin radio as important. "There is no time for useless discussions. We must act, and this immediately and thoroughly."

## Again Bomb In Germany

### LONDON.—(AP)—Royal Air Force bombers renewed their aerial offensive over the continent last night with an attack on undisclosed targets in western Germany, the Air Ministry announced today. "None of our aircraft is missing," the communique said.

## Wait Until Censor's Bail Is Turned

### SAL LAKE CITY.—(AP)—University authorities disliked the cover procedure for unique student magazine as a "union" couple in an ardent embrace.

## Committee Approves Bill Giving Fathers Draft Deferment Priority

### WASHINGTON.—(AP)—By a 21 to 2 vote, the House Military Affairs committee approved today the Kilday bill to give men with children draft deferment priority and to put Selective Service draft quotas on a state-wide instead of a local board basis.

## Reverse Described As 'Local Setback'

### Stimson Warns Especially Against Exaggeration of Action Importance

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that American forces in central Tunisia had suffered a "serious local setback" which "should not be minimized, but still loss should be exaggerated."

Reports are incomplete, the Secretary said in a press conference, but the American forces apparently have suffered rather heavy casualties, both personnel and equipment, with a number of tanks destroyed by German dive bombers in the fighting of the last four days.

Stimson said the Axis attack against the relatively lightly-held American lines in central Tunisia came while the British Eighth Army in Tunisia was occupied with its reorganization and the First Army in northern Tunisia was "mud bound," but apparently was intended only as a wedge between the American forces in northern and southern Tunisia and was not the beginning of any large scale offensive by the Axis forces.

Stimson began his weekly review of the war in its theaters with the statement that "a most unexpected development has occurred in the theater where our forces have suffered a sharp reverse."

In four days of heavy fighting, he announced, units engaged on both sides, the Germans succeeded in forcing the American back about 15 miles from their most advanced positions, he said, adding that the Americans also had to suffer heavy losses in tanks and other fighting equipment.

The attack launched Sunday by a German armored division involving forward in two columns with the support of fighter planes and dive bombers, Stimson said, quickly captured the central Tunisia positions and cut off some of our artillery and infantry units. Counter attacks delayed the advance, he said, while the Americans evacuated the Gafsa Oasis and their other "most vulnerable" positions.

"On Monday," he continued, "we were fighting a series of running engagements, during it and out of the fire of Nazi guns and the medium Mark IV tanks, the doughy little American armored force resisted without the loss of a single man. Its only casualties were one light tank which was overtaken by a quick and a tiny scout car."

"We buffeted them" was the staid explanation of Captain Edgar Probst of Verona, Mo., who commanded the company.

## Panama Canal Seems To Vanish In Thick Smokescreen Defense

### By CHANDLER DEHLL

U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL ZONE.—(AP)—A smokescreen of defense is being built in the Panama Canal and its vital areas in a very few minutes—has become a primary line of defense in the protection of this strategic waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The smokescreen has been built development for months and at present is reaching its maximum effectiveness.

Today, for the first time, con-

## Smokescreen Defense

### about this new line of Canal defense—although many important details naturally still remain secret.

The smoke blots the Canal from view more quickly than one would imagine.

At the first sign of danger sirens sound. The men assigned to the smoke generators rush from their alert huts with flaming torches in hand. They touch off the devices which are set out in patterns suited to the terrain and air currents.

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