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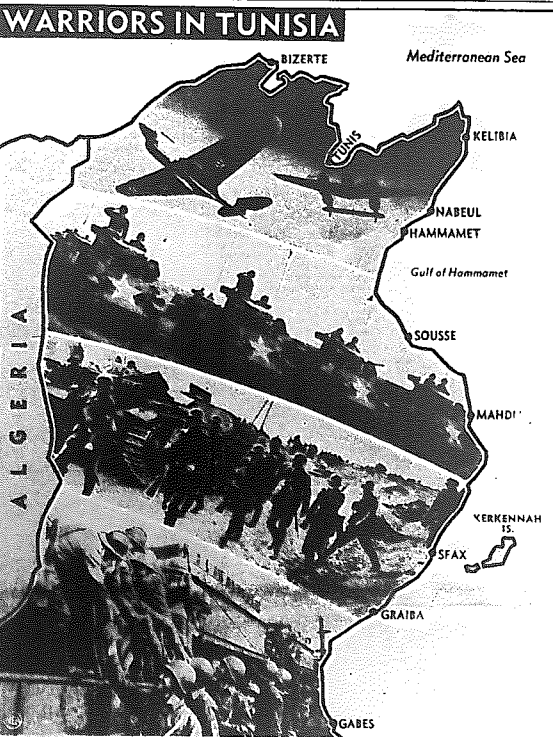
First Signs of Warmer Appear in Rostov Area

MOSCOW — (AP) Thrusting forward everywhere along the southern Russian front, the Red Army is expanding its gains in the northern sectors about Kharkov and Kursk, aiming both at the German-held Dnieper industrial valley, the Russians said today.
New gains were hammered out in the Donets Basin and along the Sea of Azov shore west of Rostov against a stubborn counter-attack for it was announced, and in the lower Kuban Valley of the Western Caucasus a communique told of capturing five more towns in the drive to force German remnants of the Caucasus Army into the tiny Taman Peninsula.
The first signs of warmer weather were noted today in the Rostov area, the Red Star, the Red Army newspaper, re-

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Stand Taken By House Body

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The House Military Affairs Committee today went on record—apparently for the benefit of local draft boards—as opposed to general drafting of family men, and termed such a policy injurious to the nation's welfare.
In a formal report of the reasons why it approved the Kilday Bill to give family men draft deferment priorities and to put draft quotas on a state-wide basis, the committee expressed belief that "it would be injurious to the welfare of our country to have local draft boards feel that men with families can be freely inducted into the armed services."
The report asserted that "many local boards throughout the country, due to confusion and difference of opinion in the construction of the laws and regulations adopted by the (Selective Service) Bureau have been inducting large numbers of men who are otherwise eligible for military service with little regard for the number of dependents, particularly those in families who are the heads of families."
"SOCIAL REASON"
The committee reiterated its adherence to "the fundamental principle that there is certainly a genuine social reason for preserving established families." It said that "established families should not be indiscriminately uprooted and torn from their moorings solely because of the fact that their financial needs have been taken care of by previously enacted legislation."
The report emphasized that the Kilday Bill "does not, in any way, take into account heads of families, but does provide that based on the degree of dependency, single men without dependents, and single men with collateral dependents, as well as men without children, shall be inducted into the service under proper title and date of induction of heads of families with one or more dependents."
Written by Chairman Max Baucus, Democrat, and Representative Kilday, Democrat, Texas—sponsor of the bill—the report commended the War Department and other "branches of our military effort" and disclaimed any intention to interfere with their work.
The committee held that enactment of the legislation would be "highly beneficial to the armed forces and much to the protection of the officers, who at the same time maintain and preserve the institutions of the American home, as well as the home front, which are so vital to our success in this war."
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First great American-German battle of World War II is underway in Tunisia where our troops, along with British and French forces, fight to drive the Axis out of Africa. The pictures show American warplanes—the P-40 Warhawk and P-38 twin-tailed Lightning—which help gain Allied air control over Tunisia; American tanks, which may soon see action against the Nazis; German soldiers and a tank soldiers with American troops.

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"Tide Has Turned"—Axis Expected To Do No More Than Jab Now

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP)—United States and British troops guarding a stabilized mountain line in central Tunisia have crushed an attempt by Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces to thrust again toward the Algerian base of Tebessa through passes above Sheitla and Kasserine, it was announced today.
A strong German patrol lost six tanks and six self-propelled guns when it clashed with an Allied brigade near Sbilha, twenty miles north of Sheitla, and Nazi losses were even heavier in an attack against American combat troops at the Kasserine Gap, a spokesman said.
As a result of the two setbacks to Rommel's forces, military authorities here agreed that the "tide had turned" and that the Axis' Tunisian offensive probably would be limited hereafter to tentative jabs at the Allies' new mountain line in a search for weak spots.
The campaign as a whole, however, was still in the hands of the Allies.
It was announced that General Sir Harold Alexander, former commander of the British Eighth Army in the Near East, had assumed personal command of all Allied ground forces in Tunisia under the supreme leadership of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and had begun shaping his plans for the expected Allied offensive.
Loss of American equipment in the past week was expected to "throw the Allies' timetable off schedule somewhat because of the difficulty in bringing up supplies, but the loss of most of central Tunisia was regarded here as an "incident" in the campaign as a whole.
Bad weather, meanwhile, curtailed all air operations as snow, rain and high winds swept most of the day.
An Allied communique revealed that all American British and French troops had withdrawn from forward positions in the Ouedjina Valley, running between mountain chains extending 50 miles southeast of the Axis base at Pont Du Fels.
The Germans launched their infantry and armored attack on the Kasserine Gap early Thursday morning, but met strong resistance from American units on both sides of the pass.
The Germans made some small gains early in the fighting, but by nightfall they had been completely wiped out and the attacking forces retired in confusion to the west of Kasserine.
Further to the north what was reported to be a "minor" engagement was reported to have taken place.
The significance of the surface bombardment of Attu was underlined by naval authorities here who said they could not comment on it because of additional information.
FOG INDICATED
The fact that results were not taken as an indication that the warship raid was carried out under cover of a fog. Aerial reconnaissance when the fog lifted may show the extent of damage inflicted.
One of the main questions unanswered by the communique was the size of the American force involved.
U. S. Jap Planes In Fierce Fight

Map Fight Against Meat Markets

Institute Cites "Desperate Situation" in Chicago District

CHICAGO — (AP)—Federal officials moved today to institute criminal and additional civil actions in their efforts to wipe out black market operations in meat in the Chicago area, center of the nation's livestock trade.

Deny Nelson Ouster Move

White House Says Statement Untrue

WASHINGTON — (AP)—A published statement that three close advisers had "urged" President Roosevelt to ouster James A. Nelson as chairman of the War Production Board was termed "absolutely untrue" today by the White House.
William D. Hasselt, one of the White House aides, told reporters: "I am authorized to say that the published statement that Justice Byrnes, Judge Rosenman and Harry Hopkins have urged the president to remove Donald Nelson as chairman of the War Production Board is absolutely untrue."
Hasselt referred to James P. Byrnes, economic stabilization director; Judge Samuel J. Rosenman of the New York State Supreme Court; a Presidential commission on production, war and government reorganizations; and Hopkins, chairman of the War Relocation Authority.
The Associated Press in reporting circulation of reports that the three named noted that it lacked confirmation of the three and that the War Production Board would continue Nelson in office.
The quarters have reported that some Army and Navy officials had urged the president to ouster Nelson.
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Many War Stamps Sold By Badin

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Fight For Rum Plan

Supporters Battle For Tax Cancellation

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Defeated in the House Ways and Means Committee, but apparently undiminished, supporters of the Rum plan today battled for cancellation of a year's individual income tax obligations.
After three weeks of stalling, the committee yesterday voted down all proposals before it for current tax collections, and set up a subcommittee to draft an acceptable compromise.
A modified version of the plan submitted by Beardsley Rum, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was among the proposals rejected, but its opponents in the committee, Representative Raymond D. Knicker, Democrat, Ohio, would continue to press for that kind of bill.
The committee's action, said the House Democratic Caucus, would not indicate a let-up in the effort to devise a long-range collection system for the 44,000,000 income taxpayers in addition, there were definite signs that some pay-as-you-go system with a substantial amount of one year taxes would be approved.
The five-man subcommittee headed by Representative Cooper, Democrat, Tennessee, was instructed to report on the bill by Feb. 25. The committee's report would include the example of pay-as-you-go and collection at the source.
Other plans voted down by the committee included two suggested by DuPont and one by Representative Robert C. Bennett, Democrat, Virginia.
Under Robertson's proposal, the plan would require that 10 percent of the total income of each taxpayer be collected at the source.

Nazi Naval Base Again Attacked

Heavy Load of Bombs Dropped By British On German Target

LONDON — (AP)—Royal Air Force squadrons dropped another heavy load of bombs on the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven and other objectives in western Germany last night, the Air Ministry announced today.
At the same time Army cooperation command planes attacked electric transformer stations in France.
Eleven bombers and three Army Cooperation Command planes were lost.
It was the second night raid in a row on Wilhelmshaven, where 14-bay facilities and shipyards are prime targets, and the thirteenth night attack on Germany this month.
"One enemy fighter was destroyed by our bombers," the communique said.
A DND dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio said that 26 persons were killed and a great number injured during RAF raids over occupied territories in the last 48 hours.
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Stamp Fraud Charges Filed

NEW YORK — (AP)—Seven stamp dealers and a printer accused of having defrauded philatelists by selling stamps doctored in respectable rate prices have been named by a Federal Court complaint charging them with possessing and counterfeiting stamps and internal revenue stamps.

Hits Scored On Jap Ships

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA — (AP)—Heavy and medium Allied bombers scored hits with 500-pound bombs on four Japanese ships totaling 27,000 tons in a night raid on enemy shipping at Buin in the Solomon Islands, an Allied communique said today.

Stricken Cruiser Chicago Never Had A Chance In Second Attack

CHICAGO, already powerless from two torpedo hits the night before and being towed slowly, never had a chance as Japanese torpedo bombers attacked again the afternoon of Jan. 30.

Mother Slain Battling Officers In Behalf Of Two Deserter Sons

LEXINGTON — (AP)—Mrs. Alex Ann Owens, 47, was shot and killed today by a sheriff's deputy when a group of officers early today sought arrest two of Mrs. Owens' sons at their home near here as alleged Army deserters.

Weather

Slightly warmer with scattered showers. Today's Temp.: H. 65; L. 40

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