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## WAR ON TUNIS ALLIED FOR GOING ON PULLICK WILL NOT

### Judge Also Definitely Out of Race For Senate

Will Not Enter  
1944 Contest

NEWTON—Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton in a statement today said he has decided not to be a candidate for Governor of North Carolina next year.

Several weeks ago Judge Warlick had issued an announcement to the effect that he would seek the nomination in the Democratic primary next Spring. Since that time two other aspirants, Dr. Ralph McDonald of the University of North Carolina Extension Department, and Gregg Cherry, Gastonia attorney, have formally announced their candidacies.

When questioned as to whether there is anything in reports that he might withdraw from the gubernatorial race to run for the United States Senate, now that former Governor O. Max Gardner has decided not to oppose Senator Robert R. Reynolds for re-election, Judge Warlick replied very definitely in the negative.

"I shall not run for Governor next year and neither shall I be a candidate for United States Senator," he said firmly.

### AVOIDS SECOND PRIMARY

Judge Warlick, in his statement, pointed out that with three in the forthcoming race a second primary would become almost a certainty. He said that at the time of emergency like the present it is desirable to prevent a long-drawn political fight for the Governorship, if possible.

"The two gentlemen now in the contest certainly will, in my opinion, afford the voters of our State the opportunity of determining a choice, and the questions involved can be decided in one primary," Judge Warlick declared.

In his announcement made previously, Judge Warlick had emphasized the desirability of limiting the campaign period to a few weeks prior to the primary in order that the thought and energies of Tar Heel citizens might be directed toward the war effort. He said that the winning of the struggle against the Axis is of far greater importance than who is the next Governor of North Carolina.

### HIS STATEMENT

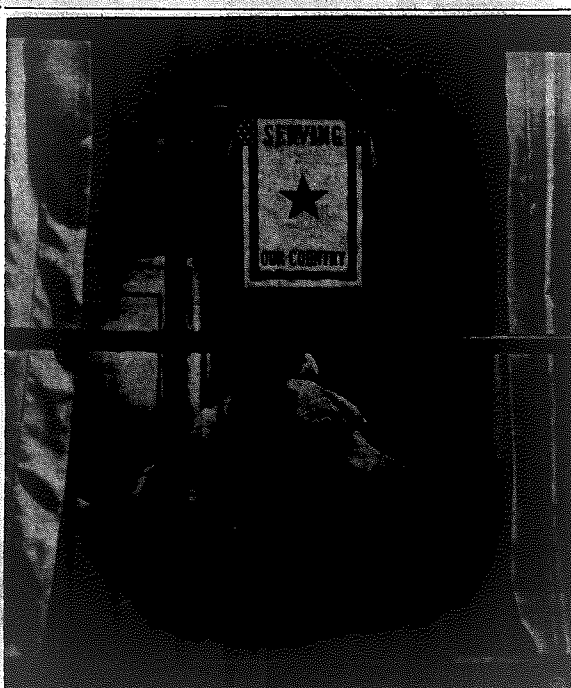
The complete statement in which he withdrew his name from further consideration as an aspirant, is as follows:

"I will not be a candidate for Governor in the primary next year, and having come to that decision I am making no announcement now so that alliances which are forming among the people of our State will not be affected so far as to affect the friends of the several candidates."

Without having reached this decision without any reluctance, as I feel that by so doing I am following a course which in the end is best for our State.

"Naturally, I appreciate the fact that the Governorship of our State is the highest honor and the gift of the people of North Carolina."

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HIS MASTER SERVES—In lonely vigil at the window, Arrow, 13-year-old police dog, dreams of the day when his master will come back from war to his home in Sunnyside, N. Y.

### Allies Threaten Jap Guinea Base

Troops Occupy Hilltop Positions  
Not Far From Salamaua

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—Australian and American troops now hold hilltop positions overlooking the village and airfield of Mubo, New Guinea, which is less than fifteen miles south of the important Japanese base of Salamaua.

This was disclosed today in an elaboration at General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters of a one-sentence account in the noon communiqué.

"Mubo: Our attack planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in support of our ground troops."

It was pointed out that these planes, Boston, twice raided the enemy Monday ahead of ridge positions held by the Allies, mostly Australians, and that their fire was directed particularly at a group of Japanese entrenchments on a hill only a mile and a quarter northeast of Mubo.

Since organized Japanese resistance ceased last Jan. 23 on the Papuan Peninsula at a point roughly 150 miles from Salamaua, information has been meager concerning exact positions of the Allies on the north coastal approaches to the Hiten Gulf. Patrols have moved near to Salamaua, one announced in 1940.

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### Italy Under Heavy Raids

Americans Make Long  
Flight From Africa

LONDON—(AP)—Italy was brought under unprecedented aerial bombardment yesterday as Flying Fortress made their longest flight from North Africa to bomb the unscathed Grosseto Airfield 80 miles northwest of Rome and U. S. Liberator from the Middle East devastated the Bari airbase on the Southern Adriatic with 25,000 pounds of explosives.

Other planes from Malta and Tunisia were reported to have kindled fires on bomb-bombed Sicily and Sardinia, the large Italian Islands southwest and west of the Italian Peninsula.

Spectacular though the raid on Grosseto was, it was viewed as but a hint to Premier Mussolini of the aerial blows that are imminent.

Hailing Grosseto entailed a roundtrip flight of at least 500 miles for the Fortresses capable of far greater distances. It laid bare a new set of Italian targets between Rome and the charred ruins of cities of the north such as Milan, Genoa, Savona, Turin and Spezia.

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### Over 26,000 Miners Idle In Spreading Coal Strike

More Than 50  
Mines Shut Down

WASHINGTON—(AP)—More than 50 mines were shut down today in the spread of a strike which held the possibility of halting production of soft coal by Saturday.

More than 26,000 of an estimated total of 430,000 soft coal miners were reported to have left their work by mid-day.

The War Labor Board appealed to the miners' patriotism not to walk out, saying in messages to President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and other UMW leaders that "a nation at war" needs uninterrupted production.

However, in Pennsylvania 26 mines were shut down by Friday. The production loss there thus increased to more than 88,000 tons a day, on the basis of six tons a man.

About 4,000 men were idle in Kentucky and 2,500 in Indiana. Only a UMW district president said there is no a strike between operators and the union by Friday there won't be any coal miners no into coal mines Saturday.

UMW district leaders met in New York for a policy meeting but Lewis still was silent. He has flatly opposed the turning over of the wage dispute between miners and the operators to the WLB.

Mod. Pittsburgh and Birmingham operations are captive mines whose total output is used by the steel companies that own them. At least two commercial mines in Pennsylvania, however, were hit by walkouts and several thousand southeastern Kentucky coal miners quit work while elsewhere in the state those who continued work were described by both operators and union leaders as "scabs."

Bimonthly operators in Alabama, Illinois and Indiana have received notice that the miners will not work after midnight Friday. These states do not come under Appalachian agreement which would require for the WLB, but this dispute is generally.

The Board announced that a panel which is to begin consideration of the issues tomorrow will be headed by Morris C. Cooke, Philadelphia engineer who is administrator of the national electrification program as the public's representative, Cooke is the past chairman.

Representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

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### Chinese Admit Jap Successes

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Japanese successes in the battle for the Tachung Mountains line of Tachung, an important Chinese stronghold in North China, were admitted in a Chinese communiqué today which said the invaders had entered the Honan Province town of Linshien from the west in a series of attacks.

Pushing from the west in a series of attacks, the Japanese also took four towns, the communiqué said. Outnumbered two to one, the Chinese evacuated the important town of Linshien after seven days of fighting, and began an attempt to counter attack from the rear.

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MINE SWEETER—To hunt the deadly land mines sown by the enemy, British soldiers use this device demonstrated by P. J. Jones, British of Philadelphia while training in England.

### Soviet Air Power Slashing At Nazis

Aviation Activity Reaches  
New Peak of Intensity

MOSCOW—(AP)—Aviation activity had reached a new fury on the Soviet-German front today as Russians, with increased air strength, continued to blast Nazi forward and rear positions and communications.

The most intense action still was in the Kuban region of the Caucasus.

Red Star, the army newspaper, said that following great air losses, the German air activity in the Kuban dropped after April 22, but Russian activity increased.

The dispatch related that the Germans concentrated masses of bombers and fighters, mostly Pöckel-Wulf 190's and Messerschmitt 109's in the Taman Peninsula, the Crimea and Kerch Strait airbases.

These and land troops made a series of attacks against the Red Army lines in the Kuban Valley last week, it was said.

Observers asserted that the Red Air Force had struck the German Air arm such a sudden and heavy blow in the Kuban that Hitler's whole plan of air support for the Kuban counter attack has been seriously shaken.

Soviet airmen made raid after raid on the German airbases and the enemy was reported to have lost hundreds of planes.

Land fighting in the Kuban region was continuing currently to artillery duels and sniping.

Fighting on the other fronts also was in a lull, with artillery except.

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### Two Young Frenchmen Executed For Sabotage

BERN—(AP)—Dispatches from Vichy said today two young Frenchmen had been executed for sabotage against the railroads and violence against the authorities.

First Army's offensive started rolling last Thursday, the Germans were abandoned vital, defensible high ground without a fight.

For the first time since the outbreak of the action, stated that the British again were at the threshold in the Tunis plain.

Another British success at Tebourba would split the Axis forces and precipitate their retreatment to two pockets.

French troops on the northern

### 80 Nazi Tanks Destroyed In Major Battle

British, French Apparently Within  
23 Miles of Bizerte and Tunis

By WES GALLAGHER  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Allied armored forces have driven to within four miles of the Tunis-Pont Du Fahs road and have destroyed 80 German tanks in the big-scale battle which has raged since Sunday, Allied quarters announced today.

Further north, the British First Army infantry cleared eleven miles of the road from Medjed-el-Bab to Tebourba and reached Touni Railroad station, only 23 miles west of Tunis, front line dispatches reported, and for the first time since last November the Allies were again on the threshold to the Tunis plain.

The same reports said the French had penetrated to within six miles of Lake Achkel, which almost adjoins Lake Bizerte. (Apparently this placed the British and French within 23 miles of both the twin cities of Bizerte and Tunis.)

In the sector between Medjed-el-Bab and the Mediterranean, the Americans of Lieut.-Gen. George S. Patton Jr. continued to advance so rapidly that German rearwards were unable to bury

their dead and assaulted the two strategic knobs, Green Hill and Bald Hill, the most heavily fortified mountains in the northern sector.

These Allied thrusts accompanied gains all along the 140-mile front in fighting which the Allied Headquarters communique characterized as "unstable ferocity." They were participated in an offensive which was an "uninterrupted" of "increasing intensity."

Armored spearheads of the British jabbing southeast of Ouedine threatened to cut off the big supply base of Pont Du Fahs, 36 miles southwest of Tunis, and already was menaced by the much-feared Moroccan Goumiers and driven to within four miles of the Tunisian dorsal to a hill overlooking the town.

The Goumiers "went like smoke" in their push on Pont Du Fahs from the southwest yesterday, front line dispatches said, and were within two miles of the objective.

The tank battle here, which appeared to be the key to the great fight raging all along the front, had cost the Germans 80 heavy tanks in the last 24 hours.

In the wild and deadly action First Army armored columns had reached four miles from the supply road running

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### Japs Worried About Raids

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The Japanese radio reported today a strong counter-attack by United States bomber and fighter squadrons in Alaska and the Aleutians, which caused the Japanese to be worried about coming attacks to light-heartedly, but it also prepared mentally and materially to frustrate these American attempts.

"The Japanese should not take American boasts about coming attacks too lightly, but it should prepare mentally and materially to frustrate these American attempts."

Russian and Spanish Republicans Arrested  
BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—A dispatch from the Swiss stated that today that all the Russians and Spaniards who have been arrested in Vichy since the armistice and been cared for by representatives of the Mexican Government.

### WEATHER

No decided change in temperature.

Today's Temp.: H. 83; L. 61  
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