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Hitler Girds For "Battle Of Germany" For "Battle Of Germany"

Fuehrer Moves Headquarters From the East to the West

LONDON — (AP) — The impending "battle for Germany" sharply focused by Prime Minister Churchill's conference in Washington with President Roosevelt, found Axis propaganda agencies attempting to present an outward front of calm confidence today.

After fighting yesterday for news of the whereabouts of British Prime Minister in broadcasts asserting he was in Cairo, the Berlin radio said today that "Churchill's arrival in Washington could be a surprise in Berlin."

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U. S. Has Enough Plants And Tools

Contracts for Factories and Machines To Be Canceled as Peak Is Reached

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Because the nation now has the plants and tools needed "to build production to beat the Axis," the War Production Board today ordered a sweeping cut-back in new war plant construction and machine tool contracts.

An estimated \$4,000,000,000 worth of approved Government-financed plant projects and machine tool contracts will be reviewed by the WPB, and in every case those existing plants or machines can do the job, the contracts are to be canceled.

Signaling the final breaking of the machine tool market, WPB said a number of tool makers would go out of that business and direct production of munitions.

Push Anti-Strike Bill To Take Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Evidently the May 19 expiration of the truce in the coal labor controversy, the House Military Committee pressed today for prompt action on the most stringent anti-strike legislation to emerge from a Congressional committee since Pearl Harbor.

Embedding all major provisions of the Smith bill passed by the House Dec. 2, 1941, in new features of the Current Bill passed by the Senate last Wednesday, the measure, among other things, would:

- Strengthen the War Labor Board power to decide disputes by giving it authority to appoint witnesses and recorders;
- Repeal the 3-day "cooling off" period before a strike or lockout could become effective;
- Require certification of a strike vote by the Secretary of Labor; Provide maximum penalties of \$5,000 for each day of violation.

Allies Ponder What To Do About Big Italian Tunisian Population

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Perhaps the most important question facing the Allies following the liberation of Tunisia, and one which may enter into the current talks between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, is what to do about the large Italian population in that French protectorate.

The Office of War Information issued a reminder today that the Administration of the "first major bloc of enemy people to come under the purview of American military authority" involves many problems aside from the elementary ones of relief and rehabilitation.

It said the matter was indicated by the news of American troops in Tunisia, Italy in countries where they are almost as many as the French, or the Italian, and the French are not yet in a position to take three-way political quarrel involving Italians, Frenchmen and Arabs.

OWI merely sketched the situation without suggesting answers or even suggesting that Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill would discuss the matter.

However, other Government officials were known to be pondering whether the economic rehabilitation of North Africa should be administered by Herbert H. Lehman and other members of the War Relocation Authority, or by the North African Economic Board under Robert Murphy, Minister to French North Africa. In either case, more definite assignment of responsibilities would have to be made.

The Tunisian family quarrel which the Allies are now faced with is complicated by the fact that there are almost as many Italian as French in the area. They numbered about 34,000 in the 1933 census, compared with 168,000 French, and have been used, OWI said, as the tools of Fascist and Nationalist propaganda from Italy.

An aspect of the Tunisian-Italian question which appears to come to the fore particularly since the war—partly owing, probably, to the Italian occupation—is the anti-Italian feeling among the Arabs in the south of Tunisia, due to the proximity of Arab Libya, the border and the indignation of the Arabs over the harsh treatment meted out by the Italians to their fellow Moslems in Libya. Moreover, the Italian immigrant, who is hard-working but poor, compares with and displaces native labor, where French colonialists create enterprises which give employment to native labor.

Expect Much Emphasis To Be Put On War On Japs

Allies Poised for New Blows

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are holding another council of war today with the trumpets of the Tunisian victory still sounding and the Allies poised to pound the Axis in both Europe and the Pacific.

The communing British chief of staff arrived last night on his third war trip to Washington, accompanied by a staff of military and naval experts.

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Senate Gets Tax Bill

Start of Debate on Skip-Year Measure

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate today began its debate on the Revenue Act of 1943, a bill which would raise the top rate of income tax from 63 to 94 percent.

The bill, which was introduced by Sen. Charles McNary, R-Ore., would also raise the top rate of gift tax from 50 to 75 percent.

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Entire Russian Front Erupting

New Activity From Leningrad Area To Novorossiok on the Black Sea

MOSCOW — (AP) — More than 1,000 German troops have been sent to the Leningrad front in the last 24 hours, Russian dispatches said today, as the German offensive surged with new activity from that northern sector to the continuing struggle around Novorossiok, on the Black Sea.

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British Round Up Thousands Of Prisoners

Enemy Troops Freely Surrendered Allied Forces Overrun Peninsula

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP) — German resistance has melted away on Cap Bon and British armor, after making a complete circuit of the peninsula to its tip, is stabling inland and rounding up thousands of freely surrendering enemy troops, from dispatches said today.

Only one center of Axis fighting spirit existed in North Africa today, and that was a fifteen-mile-wide strip of the peninsula where Allied armor troops and planes were attacking from all sides.

Streams of meek Germans, driving their own trucks, moved bumper to bumper in miles-long lines from Cap Bon, bringing prison camps in the rear, from lists accounts of Allied forces.

Flash

LONDON — (AP) — British forces reported today that they had captured a large number of German prisoners in the Tunisian desert.

The report came from the Tunisian front, where British armor troops and planes were attacking from all sides.

Hitler's Once-Proud Troops Drive Themselves To Prison

The Mighty Have Fallen

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MEDJES-EL-BAB, Tunisia — (AP) — Africa's strangest procession moved in the pre-dawn darkness today for 20 miles from the tip of Cap Bon Peninsula to the bomb-scarred hamlet of Medjes-El-Bab, 24 miles west of captured Tunis.

The picture: Adolf Hitler's invincible Wehrmacht, shattered, unarmored, to Allied prison pens.

German and Italian soldiers, crowded into every kind of receptacle for their armies' equipment, were being driven to the prison pens.

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This correspondent, attempting to bring back a dispatch to a plane for inland, got caught in the traffic jam of enemy transport wagons, and his orderly half from curious Allied service troops far behind the front line.

French, inactive-born Italian and Arabians stared open-mouthed at this parade which seemed endless and continued all night.

The procession, moving through Tunis itself along streets where enemy homes proudly flew their Wehrmacht flags, seemed almost to be a joke.

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More Coffee Expected

Prospects Good for Increase in Rations

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Prospects are bright for an increase in coffee rations, OPA officials said today, but no decision is expected for at least a week.

Recalling Price Administrator Francis M. Brown's recent statement that an increase was likely if the coffee harvest had been good, OPA officials said today that the present ration of one pound a month for each person is a "conservative" estimate.

Officials explained that present stocks of coffee on hand are sufficient for a larger ration to be given to the military and to those in the service of the government.

The situation, it was learned, is that the coffee harvest in Java is expected to be good, and further studies were ordered.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS

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