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BATAAN LIBYANS HAVE LINES BACK Axis Forces Reported In Motion Across Libyan Desert GENERAL MARSHALL ARRIVES IN LONDON

U.S. Chief Travels as Invasion Is Being Talked Say U. S. Forces To Hit Europe

By ROBERT E. BUNNELLE LONDON.—(AP)—The United States Army's Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall, and Harry Hopkins, chairman of the British-American Munitions Assignments Board, arrived in London today for talks with Britain's leaders, presumably on the grand strategy of the United Nations' 1942 campaigns.



General Marshall's arrival was reminiscent of that of General John J. Pershing, who reached London on June 8, 1917, two months after the United States entered the first World War.

AEF Will 'Expand'

Marshall Tells of Purpose of Forces LONDON.—The purpose of United States forces in Europe is to "expand" General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, declared tonight.

YMCA To Investigate Prison Camps in Japan

Dr. D. A. Davis said today the Japanese Government has agreed to permit the Young Men's Christian Association to investigate reports of Americans imprisoned by Japan.

F.R. And Nelson Differ Openly On Issue Of War Cash Bonuses

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and his war production chief, Donald M. Nelson, differed openly today on the wisdom of wartime cash bonuses for workers in such a national emergency.

Many RAF Planes Hit Over Channel

FOLKESTONE, England.—(AP)—Squadron after squadron of RAF planes were shot down over the English Channel for a half hour today in the early morning sunlight.

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C'est la Guerre: WPB Fashions

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The War Production Board, turning stern stylist for women, decreed today that, for the duration of the war, dresses can be shorter and shorter, or tighter and tighter—as fashion dictates—but neither longer nor fuller than those now worn.

NOT "FROZEN" Emphasizing that it had no intention of "freezing" present styles, or rendering present wardrobes obsolete, WPB established a complete list of specifications governing future manufacture of women's clothes and ordered such frills as fancy collars, cuffs, pocket covers and patches of wool eliminated entirely.

Russians Smash Across Dnieper

Battle Hard To Pinch Up Bulge Toward Moscow LONDON.—(AP)—Soviet forces have smashed across the upper Dnieper River in a furious final drive to pinch off the Vyasma-Ghatskrzhev bulge toward Moscow, Soviet dispatches relayed by Stockholm said today.

More Sugar In Sections

Defense Areas Given Larger Allowances WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Increased April sugar supplies were approved by the War Production Board today for more than 40 defense areas.

Youths Held for Seizing Weapon

CINCINNATI.—(AP)—Two Chicago youths were held today for seizing a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver from a Federal agent.

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Might Be Opening of Spring Push For Victory

Lash at Malta And Alexandria By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON.—(AP)—Axis forces numbering 125,000 desert-wise troops were reported in motion across the Libyan desert today against British lines in what may be the opening of a Spring drive to conquer Egypt and smash through east of Suez towards Russia's southern flank.

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WEATHER Rain and Cooler tonight.

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