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...Comfortable Night... Spent By Churchill... LONDON—Prime Minister... Churchill, confined to his bed since... last week by acute gastritis, had... a comfortable night and his condi... tion is about the same.

...Cooley Says Decoy Soldiers And... Decoy Guns "Protect" Congress... WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep... resentative Cooley, Democrat... North Carolina, said on the... House floor today that anti-air... craft guns mounted on the... roof of Congressional office... buildings are being used to... expect to attract enemy planes... and that the soldiers stationed... there are "dummies."

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## DANGEROUS ROMMEL MUST BE STOPPED

### ALLIES PUSH CLOSER TO BLACK SEA PORT

### Offensives Pressed in Other Areas By Soviets

LONDON—(AP)— Russian troops pushing down the railroad from Krasnodar toward the Black Sea port of Novorossiisk have advanced through Khomskskaya into the village of Akhtyrskaya, only 25 miles from the railroad, the Russians announced today.

The early communication recorded by the Soviet Radio Monitor here said the Red Army was pressing its offensive west of Rostov southwest of Voroshilovgrad and in the Krasnodar area in the Donetz Basin, and east of Kursk.

It was the third successive communication which omitted mention of the Soviet offensive aimed at the Dnieper River from recaptured Krasnodar and Pavlograd, both southwest of Kharkov and within striking distance of major industrial objectives in the Dnieper Valley.

CAPTURE TROSTYNEC In the area west of Kursk the communists listed the capture of Trostynets, only 32 miles south of Sums and a path on the railroad toward another important German base at Konopki.

Through the latter city passes the main railway from Moscow to Kiev, which is a major German base on the Upper Dnieper River.

The Russian war bulletin said that in one sector west of Kursk eighteen tanks supported a German infantry column in a counter attack which was thrown back with heavy loss to the enemy in men and machinery. In another sector it said that from a number of towns were taken, it was declared.

The advance bearing on Novorossiisk tended further to compress the remnants of the German Army in the Caucasus against a narrow passage through the German-held Crimea. It is the only avenue of escape left to these forces.

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GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 21b. 14oz. 23 pbs.	TOMATO JUICE 21b. 14oz. 32 pbs.	PINEAPPLE JUICE 21b. 14oz. 32 pbs.	TOMATO JUICE 11b. 7oz. 17 pbs.	GRAPE JUICE 2 lbs. 15 pbs.	SOUP 10 1/2 oz. 6 pbs.

WHAT YOU CAN BUY IN MARCH—This chart released by the Office of Price Administration shows what you'll be able to buy in March under the point rationing system.

### German And Jap Submarines Sunk

#### Destroyer Gets Nazi Craft While Jap Vessel Falls to Cargo Ship Gunners

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy announced today the sinking of a German submarine in the Atlantic and a Japanese submarine in the Pacific and Secretary Knox said every available weapon is being used to bring the Atlantic U-boat menace under control.

Know said a press conference that generally speaking losses of United Nations merchant ships in the Atlantic have been much lower in the last three months but the submarine, he declared, "most emphatically still is a very grave menace."

The two sinkings announced today, the Secretary said, are not isolated cases, but of other subs believed to have been successfully attacked at least a percentage "probably sunk." The Navy still declines to issue the total number of enemy subs destroyed or believed to be destroyed for security reasons.

The Secretary said he is sure that while the U-boats being destroyed the Germans are still building them faster than they are losing them. In the present situation he added, "there is nothing on which to predicate any sanguine hopes for an early stoppage or cure of the menace."

MUST PRESS HARD "We need to press just as hard as ever for construction of destroyers and escort vessels," he said. The Secretary also said that the cooperative use of planes and surface ships is "one of the very effective against submarine warfare." He said he was confident that the Navy and the Army are familiar with which would help reduce the submarine menace. "I am confident there is no foolish feeling of complacency about this situation."

### F. R. Warns Long, Hard War Road Lies Ahead

Combats Wave Of Optimism WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt's flat warning that the American people "still face reverses and misfortunes" in war today re-echoed against the grim sounding-board of a record sea disaster and new food regulations on the home front.

Seeking to puncture what he saw as a bubble of optimistic reaction to Russian victories, the President in a Washington birthday address on Tuesday cautioned the nation to remember that it still is "at war" and that it cannot count on miracles to achieve victory.

SEA DISASTER His warning followed by only a few hours the Navy's announcement that more than 80 lives were lost in the torpedoing of two passenger ships early this month in the Indian Ocean east of Australia in the North Atlantic war.

The Presidential admonitions were preceded here by news of an emergency price freeze on five previously uncontrolled "soft" vegetables, clamped on by the Office of Price Administration to "avert further sharp speculative price advances" caused by the "shortage of canned goods rationing."

While likening enthusiasm over Soviet victories to that following the American Revolutionary war triumph over General Burgoyne's army at Saratoga in 1777, the President did not minimize the Russian wins.

On the contrary, less than two hours before the broadcast to the nation, Mr. Roosevelt sent a message to Joseph Stalin expressing America's "profound admiration for the Red Army's magnificent achievements, unsurpassed in all history."

TRIBUTE TO REDS And in this commemorating the Red Army's 25th anniversary, the President paid tribute to the "unbelievable sacrifice of the Russian people from whom the Red Army springs, and upon whom it is dependent for its men, women and supplies."



### Ensign Carl Lee Reported Missing

#### On Naval Minesweeper Lost in Heavy Seas Off Coast of Oregon

The wreck of a storm-tossed Naval minesweeper on the Oregon coast Saturday came poignantly home to Charlotte today with the official announcement that among the missing was Ensign Arthur Carl Lee Jr., USNR, one of this City's best-known, most-beloved young men.

He was the son of A. C. Lee Sr., contractor and engineer, and a nephew of the late W. S. Lee, of the Duke Power Co.

The circumstances of the capsizing were published before it was known here that Ensign Lee was involved. As soon as the families of the dead and missing crew members were notified, their names were announced by the Navy Department this morning. The minesweeper Saturday afternoon was returning to Coos Bay on the southern coast of Oregon, on patrol.

Stormy conditions gave the small craft difficulty, and an approaching the harbor entrance a huge comb swamped it. Later it righted itself and was headed against the beach. A fishing craft attempted rescue, but the seas were too strong. A Coast Guard cutter, the minesweeper had rescued sixteen of the twenty-nine men, but was unable to make shore for twenty-four hours and five of these died of wounds and exposure.

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### Struggle Still Undecided But Nazis Punished

#### Axis Marshal May Have To Abandon Drive and Fight in Kasserine Pass

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—British and American tanks and infantry in the hills north of the Kasserine Gap had stopped Marshal Erwin Rommel's most dangerous thrust within four miles of Thala today, while Allied troops with strong American air support had beaten back his attack toward the west in central Tunisia.

One of the bitterest battles of the Tunisian war still raged near Thala, 25 miles north of Kasserine and the gateway to the strategically located Kremass Plateau near the Tunisian-Algerian frontier, where British tanks and American gunners stubbornly held off desperate Nazi attempts to gain the Thala Road junction and crack the Allied front.

Making another stab from Kasserine Pass toward Tebessa, 12 miles west of the Tunisian-Algerian border, a Nazi column of 40 tanks, motorized infantry and mobile guns ran into a murderous American fire on the road winding past the Djebel Hamma.

Bombed by continuous shells of American warplanes and shelled by American guns, this column late yesterday turned back toward the east only after suffering a "considerable" number of casualties and losing many tanks.

FORCE INCREASED "The employment of 40 tanks in this job represented a two-fold increase of the force which Rommel first was reported to have launched the attack toward Tebessa."

United States Twelfth Air Force fighters and bombers attacked the Kasserine bottleneck all day yesterday, participating in more than 20 missions. Boston bombers destroyed at least six Nazi tanks and 18 trucks and left many other vehicles blazing, while a large formation of British fighters rained fire through the twisting valley to reinforce Rommel's spearheads.

Airacros also were thrown into the heavy air counter offensive. A vital bridge near the gap also was attacked by a formation of Mitchell twin-motored bombers but floods prevented observation of the results.

Although the outcome of the battle still was undecided the fact that the Nazis were being punished more severely than ever before in Tunisia made some observers believe that the Axis Marshal might have to abandon his daring drive.

### 850 Die in 2 Sinkings

#### Americans Perish in U-Boat Assaults

WASHINGTON—(AP)—America's worst loss-of-life sea disaster of the war left the nation today grimly counting as "known dead or missing" more than 850 persons—all of whom presumably perished in the torpedo-sinking of two passenger-cargo ships in the North Atlantic early this month.

The Navy's story yesterday of how the two American ships, carrying military personnel and civilians war workers overseas, were sunk in a four-day period left little hope that those unaccounted for could have survived the seasonally stormy North Atlantic gales.

Although no mention of the announcement, there was speculation that violent February seas might have hindered the launching of lifeboats. The heavy loss of life also was attributed in part to the speed with which each ship was said to have sunk—within 30 minutes of the attack time.

Most of the casualties were Army and Navy officers and men, or members of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Striking under cover of night in the heavy seas, some observers claimed more than 600 killed or missing in "first" torpedoing a ship with a loss of 500 aboard, including the crew. About 300 were aboard the ship attacked four days later, which was lost with 250 were listed as lost.

### Lift Wheat Mart Quotas

#### Move To Assure Food Supplies

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard suspended AAA marketing quotas on wheat today in a move he said was designed to insure adequate wartime supplies of the cereal for human food and livestock feed.

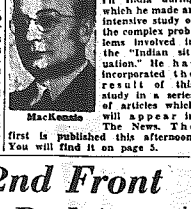
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Wickard also made a change in the 1943 farm program to allow farmers to increase their plantings of wheat, sorghum, flax, dry beans and peas, potatoes and grain sorghums—may overplant their 1943 wheat allotments, and were eligible for benefit payments on wheat plantings.

### The Indian Problem

#### DWIGHT MacKenzie, widely-known soldier officer, authority on foreign affairs, has just returned from a six-week stay in India during which he made an intensive study of the complex problems involved in the "Indian situation."



MacKenzie said that the first is published this afternoon. You will find it on page 3.

Hundreds of Bodies Sighted in Water CLEVELAND—(AP)—Many persons who escaped to lifeboats in one of the torpedo-sinkings of two U.S. Navy ships in the North Atlantic early this month were found close to death the next morning. Robert Walkart, twenty-year-old Navy signalman, said today that he was aboard the ship that was struck the sinking.

### WEATHER

Slightly warmer tonight. Today's Temp. H. 70; L. 48. Sunset Today. Sunrise Tomorrow.