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# FLIERS IN TUNISIAN TRIUM

Russians Still Sweeping On In Steamroller Fashion ANDREWS MADE U. S.

> Collapse Of Hitler's

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Forces Near

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Important Cities

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW — (AP) — The
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## Successor To Eisenhower In Theater

Veteran Ready To Lead Bombing Assault; Eisenhower Stays in Africa

LONDON — (AP) — Lieut.-Gen. Frank M. Andrews assumed command of United States forces in the European theater today and announced that 'my first job is to increase and intensify the bombing of the enemy.'

General Andrews came to London from the Middle East, where he was in command of United States forces. 10 succeed Lieut.-Gen. 10 succeed Lieut.-Gen. 10 succeed Lieut.-Gen. 10 succeed Lieut.-Gen.

#### Ruml Plan Attacked

Michigan Legislator Opposes Tax Progran

WASHINGTON - 45 - Vigor-naly opposing the Ruml plan epitesentative Crawford, Republi-in, Michigan, told the House fays and Means Committee to-

#### Flynn Case Goes to Jury

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## Large Jap Fleet Near Guadalcanal

Aerial Observers Give First Word of Approach of Enemy Naval Units

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

First word of a large Japanese sea-borne force bearing wn on Guadalcanal Island came in delayed diseatche mit be South Seas battlefront today as official secrecutinued to shroud developments in an expected show wn battle between the American and Japanese fleets of the Technology of the Pasy year.

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REUNION IN SOUTH PACIFIC JUNGLE—Sergeant Bem Price (left), Marine Corps combat correspondent, and Joe Vance, Navy pharmacist mate, reporters together several years ago on the Birmingham News-Age Herald, meet again as they prepare to go into action against the Japanese somewhere in the South Pacific. Price was an Associated Press writer in the Atlanta Bureau when he joined the Marines six months ago. His mother, Mrs. Bem Price, lives in Nashville, Tenn. Vance quit the drug business in Birmingham to join the Navy.

#### Bill For Hospital Board Introduced

Measure To Control Morganton And Others Goes Before Assembly

RALEIGH—(AP)—Bills were introduced in the Legislature today to set up the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control to supervise the Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsborn hospitals and Caswell Training School.

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Suggests Possibility

British Fleet Correspondent Fatally Hurt

## Destroyed, 26 Others Struck

But American Ground Forces Withdraw From Sened Railway Station

LONDON—(AP)—News of a smashing aerial victory which American Flying Fortress bombers and Lightning thers destroyed 26 enemy planes and damaged another with a loss of only ten of their own number was tempered newhat today by the disclosure that United States are different and withdrawn from the Sened railway station central Tunisia, 65 miles northwest of Gabes.

Only "patrol activity" was reported from the Tunisian-ovan border area where the British Eighth Army is foling Marshal Rommels rearguards into Tunisia. It planes scored their most dere triumph of the Tunisian Patrol State of the State of the service of the

The Luftwaffe's failure to break up the Flying Fortress operations by mass intercep-tions with Messerschmitt 1003 and Focke Wulf 1903 was re-garded by officers in Africa as a heartening development of the Tunisian campaign.

An Allied spokesman said the American forces withdrew from Sened, which was captured las Tuesday, after "accomplishing the purpose of their mission."

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