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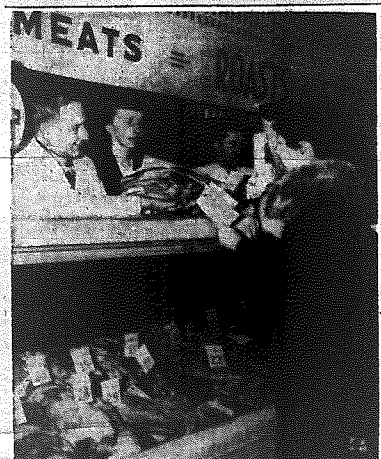
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AMERICANS I SURPRISE NEW

NAZIS STRIKE FOR DONETS BREAK-THROUGH



TYPICAL HOUSEWIFE GIVES ADVICE — Mrs. Philip Crowie of Huron, S. D., OPA's "typical housewife," (behind counter), explains to Mrs. W. D. Britton of Washington (right), the new art of buying meat wisely under point rationing.

Nation-Wide Rush Made For Meat

By Associated Press. Long lines of would-be meat shoppers formed in today's predawn darkness in some cities to lead a virtually nationwide rush for the dwindling supplies remaining before rationing control is imposed next Monday.

Duisburg Attacked

Strong RAF Bomber Force In Assault. LONDON.—(AP)—A strong force of RAF bombers attacked Duisburg and other targets in the Ruhr last night, the Air Ministry communique said today. Four bombers are missing.

U. S. Bombers Strike Far From Guadalcanal, Damage Jap Base. WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that Liberator bombers striking far out from their base on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons have heavily damaged a Japanese base on Nauru Island in the mandated area of the South Pacific just west of the Gilbert group.

Desperate Drive Made To Crack Red Lines

But Russians Push On Smolensk

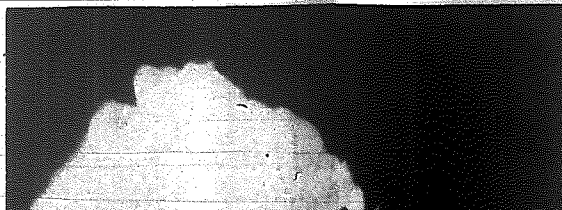
By EDDY GILMORE. MOSCOW (AP)—The German Army, in a desperate drive to crack stubborn Soviet defenses on the Donets River north of Chuguev, has massed fresh troops, a big force of artillery and a heavy concentration of air power against the Russian lines there, it was officially reported today.

Catroux & Giraud Talk

Common French Front Against Axis Sought. BY DANIEL DE LUCE. ALGERIES.—General Henri Giraud and General Georges Catroux, both seeking a formula for merger of the forces of General Charles de Gaulle with the North African French in a common front against the Axis, conferred this morning and then hushed together at the Government Mansion.

Put In Norway

Report Large Number Of U. S. Troops At Aden. LONDON.—(AP)—A German broadcast recorded by the Associated Press today that a great number of United States troops were being moved to Aden, the British-garrisoned outpost across the mouth of the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden.



EIGHTH ARMY GUNS BLAST AWAY AT MARETH LINE—Medium guns (4.5) of the British Eighth Army may into action as General Montgomery's troops bombard the Mareth line in Tunisia. This photo, reduced from Cairo to New York, is the first British action against the Mareth Line.

Declares Congress Has Power To Handle Taxes As It Sees Fit. WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Representative Carlson, Republican, Kansas, author of a tax bill embracing the Ruml ship-a-year plan, told the House today that its opponents, having no real facts upon which to base their opposition, are resorting to pure demagogues.

Carlson Argues For Tax Plan

Make Wide Burma Raids. BRITISH STRIKE AT RAIL STATION. NEW DELHI.—(AP)—RAF bombers struck twice yesterday at the railway station and other objectives of Mawlaik, 60 miles west of Mandalay, in the course of wide-ranging attacks in Central and Southern Burma and on the Mayu Peninsula, an Allied communique said today.

Mareth Line Battle: First-Hand Account Of Start Of British Offensive Arrives

Editor's Note: A first hand account of the Mareth battle that opened the battle of the Mareth Line is contained in the following delayed dispatch from the front, which was first received during the night of March 21 and published in the Wall Telegram was subsequently lost before reaching this office. It is a gripping and dramatic account of the battle of the Mareth Line, which was fought on the night of March 21 and 22.

British Make Mareth Line Area Advance

Threat To Port Of Sousse Raised By Offensive Of U. S. Troops

By Associated Press. American troops were reported making "good headway" in a surprise new offensive toward Fondouk in upper central Tunisia today, and Allied Headquarters announced that the British Eighth Army had struck against the Mareth line in a successful attack.

Boston Cops Under Fire

Officials Indicted For Gaming Conspiracy. BOSTON.—(AP)—Seven Boston police officials, including Commissioner Joseph P. Timilty and Superintendent Edward W. Fallon, were indicted today by a special Suffolk county grand jury on charges of conspiracy to permit the operation of gaming houses and the registration of bets.

General Looks For Invasion

CINCINNATI.—(AP)—Major Gen. Edwin Campbell, chief of ordnance, today predicted invasion of the European continent as soon as the Allies controlled the African situation and added that Germany would be out of the war within two years, followed shortly by Japan.

WEATHER

Occasional showers and cooler tonight. Tonight's Temp: H. 69; L. 57. Sunset Today 7:15. Sunrise Tomorrow 6:15.

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