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WLB Panel Resumes Hearings

PLANNING GROUP

In its closing session Wednesday afternoon the Wood county board meeting here, turned to the matter of post-war planning-turned to that subject through devious passages leading through the Rowland building, the old red brick courthouse and the county jail at which state inspectors perenially lift their eyebrows.

After inspecting the Rowland ward the Black sea port. building yesterday afternoon the board heard Supervisor Frank D. visors I. C. Dow, town of Hiles, and in a drive gaining daily momentum. Edmund Zettler, town of Richfield, Mow Down Enemy questioned desirability of more than ject be tabled.

Would Build Up Fund

Romeo Plenge, Nekoosa supervisor, said "I'd still like to see Frank get his new courthouse. Why not put \$25,000 to \$30,000 in the budget the public property committee make a study of this. Sooner or later we've got to face this building prob-

this problem." Supervisor A. E. Bennett, town of Cranmoor, pointed out that "the county now has only \$70,000 indebtedness left and that can be cleaned up this year. We've heep making appeal levice of \$50. 000 to pay on indebtedness, and we should keep on levying this \$50,000 even after we have no debt, place that in a building fund." Bennett agreed with the others that "we might as well realize we'll have to build a new courthouse in the near

Suggests Road Program Plenge suggested that a road pro-

ming for Wood county. Kilp advocated that a special urban-rural raided Kotka, on the Gulf of Fincement to have representation land east of Helsinki.) from towns, cities, villages and various parts of the county study all phases of post-war planning. Abel reviewed the proposed county See-COUNTY BOARD-Page 11

Local Convention of Metal Workers

With election of officers and selection of a 1944 convention city or despoil the great rice crop now scheduled for this afternoon, the International Council of Fabricated Metal and Enamelware Workers Chinese said. Again yesterday the neared the close of its four-day convention in this city. Scheduled for action at this after-

for appointment of a committee to meet with the American Federation of Labor executive council for the purpose of requesting an international charter and defining the union's jurisdiction.

ton, D. C., addressed the morning lowed. session, discussing the Connally antistrike bill which was passed Wednesday by the United States sen- Jap Installations

At the convention banquet Wed- in Toungoo Bombed nesday evening, Dwight Teas of this city acted as toastmaster, and musical entertainment was provided by heavy bombers dropped more than the Sackett Sisters of Marshfield. 30 tons of bombs yesterday on Jap- had advised him that the laws "vio-Following the banquet, a team of anese installations in Toungoo, late both state and federal constieastern delegates defeated delegates Burma, blasting the enemy headfrom the west in a bowling match quarters there and causing great Texas. Arkansas, South Dakota.

by a margin of 72 pins. Minn., are bidding for selection as forces announced today. the union's 1944 convention site.

Corregidor Symbolizes "Honor of a Nation"

Allied Headquarters in Australia munique said. -(P)-Corregidor, which fell to the Japanese just a year ago, was described by General Douglas Mac- ations. Arthur today as symbolizing "that priceless, deathless thing-the honor of a nation."

The fortress in Manila bay to which a few United States forces re- It'll Be Dignified treated after the fall of Bataan "intrinsically is but a barren war-worn lock, hallowed as so many other that Italy might succumb to an al- Meet Monday Night places by death and disaster," he

said, in a statement, adding: that priceless, deathless thing-the Fascist dignitaries in Rome.

before almighty God. "There lies our holy grail,"

Russian Army Captures HOPE EXPRESSED FORMS POST-WAR Krymskaya; Continues Drive on Novorossisk

London—(A)—The red army has advanced "far beyond" Krymskaya in the Caucasus and now is storming new German fortifications, the Moscow radio reported today in a broadcast recorded here by the Soviet Monitor.

Moscow — (P) — The red army, hammering today at the United Mine Workers officials northeast approaches of Novorossisk, has taken a dozen more would change their minds and devillages in the area in addition to Krymskaya and nine other towns cide to attend. which the Soviets announced they captured yesterday in smashing through the Kuban delta bulge to-

Worker Dies

went on to his own home.

investigation or inquest.

CONNALLY BILL

bound war plants.

enough.

attacking them.

Will Comply With Valid Laws

pose serious injury upon the labor

Patman made his argument be-

fore a judiciary subcommittee. He

yesterday 63 to 16.

Community Club to

Provides Stiff Penalties

Patman proposed expanding the

Connally bill to impose a fine up

to \$5,000 or imprisonment up to

five years for conspiring to prevent,

One of the villages is about nine Trampled by miles northeast of Novorossisk in Abel, Wisconsin Rapids, start dis- the hilly marsh country through cussion of rental and eventual purchase of the building. When Supering the Germans toward the sea in a drive cairing deliver to the sea in a driver cairing deliver to the sea in a

Massive artillery barrages paved temporary rental of the building, the way for new thrusts and mowed Abel quickly moved that the sub- down hundreds of German and Rumanian soldiers in the front lines employed on the Ole Boson farm in el decided, with the approval of the and in deeply-fortified positions. Soviet bombing planes sprayed in the Boson barn this morning. the axis troops with bombs and cannon fire as they tried to cling to

each year to build up a fund? Have fighter planes also continued to in the latter's car. Erickson left the UMW. pound the German-held railways be- Carlson off at the Boson farm and hind the front lines. Prisoners poured back to the Soviet rear. The loss of 7,000 dead and of num-

Russians south of Novorossisk. The tal death seemed very plain and that broadcast was recorded by the As- there seemed no reason for further

(Far to the north, the Finns reported in their communique as funeral home in Marshfield. Efforts broadcast by the Berlin radio and to locate any relatives of the dead gram should go into post-war plan- recorded by the Associated Press man so far have proved fruitless. ming for Wood county. Kilp advo- that Russian planes in two waves

Japs Begin Offensive **Against Chinese Army**

Chungking -(A)- A new Japabowl" of China in north Hunan and launched by a force of between senate bill to give official blessing business advisory council, depart-7,000 and 8,000 troops with heavy to government seizure of strike-Union Nears Close aerial support, a Chinese commuique said today.

The southward push below the Yangtze, probably designed to seize ripening in the region, opened on Tuesday but was thrown back, the Japanese surged to the attack, supported by more than 20 planes which bombed in relays, and fierce noon's session is a resolution calling fighting was reported to be in pro-

A Chinese spokesman told a press conference today that Japan was preparing to "make an important move"-with China the most probable objective. Announcement of President Paul J. Smith, Washing- the attack on the "rice bowl" fol-

New Delhi - (AP) - American damage to other buildings, a com- Idaho, Kansas and Colorado. Charleston, W. Va., and St. Paul, munique of the U. S. army air

> The attack on Toungoo was accompanied by a raid by B-25 me- with valid laws, but is convinced dium bombers on railway installa- that compliance with measures it tions at Nyngyan, west of Mandalay, where hits were registered on rupt normal labor relations and imtracks and storage sheds and a turntable was demolished, the com-

All aircraft were reported to have returned from these and other oper-

If Italy Gives In

lied invasion was acknowledged today by Carlo Scorza, secretary of "Yet it symbolizes within itse!f the Fascist party, in a speech to sin Rapids Community club will be the coal wage dispute.

honor of a nation. Until we lift our In his address, broadcast by the Gate on Highway 13, preceded by a tion last week by bituminous opflag from its last gaunt garrison, we Rome radio and recorded by the 6:30 dinner at which wives of the erators brought a charge from can but stand, humble supplicants, Associated Press, Scorza said: members will be guests. Special en-"Should we fall, we must fall with tertainment has been arranged for that the operators had taken which the Japanese are making to honor and dignity." the occasion.

Washington — (AP)—A war labor board panel started a public hearing on the soft coal wage dispute today with the expressed hope that President John L. Lewis and other

"The latchstring," said Panel Chairman Morris L. Cooke, "is on the outside of the door."

Hold Brief Closed Session

Only the coal operators and their representatives and reporters were present as the hearing was opened to the public after a brief closed sess.on. Cooke explained that normally panel hearings are open only to the contestants. But, he added, finding Apparently trampled to death by a horse, John Carlson, 68, bachelor only one side represented, "the panthe town of Lincoln, was found dead board, to open the hearings to the press so that the public and the ab-Carlson had left the Rocky Run sent contestant may be advised of tavern in the town of Lincoln about our day to day proceedings." In adtheir defense points against the 11 p. m. Wednesday night in the dition, the chairman said, a verbat-

"My colleagues on the panel," said Cooke, "join me in expressing When Boson went to the barn this regret that Mr. Lewis and the other morning to start chores he found officers of the United Mine Work-Chairman F. G. Kilp, amending erous men captured in the last few Carlson's badly mangled body, the ers have not been able to attend." Plenge's views, said "No, what we reed is a special post-war planning but their strength probably remains this problem." Supervisor A. E. has been bringing up tanks and often slept in the last few Carlson's badly mangled body, the ers have not been able to attend." He stressed that the dispute is being handled in accordance with the procedure laid down by President often slept in the barn, had fumbled.

man forces had frustrated heavy and Deputy Coroner R. H. Wink, have the United Mine Workers join Russian attacks in the Kuban both of Marshfield, investigated the us, and we hope they will see the bridgehead, destroying 20 Soviet accident scene early today and re- advantage of doing so. To use an tanks, and that they had halted sev- ported to Sheriff Henry Becker that old Quaker expression the latcheral sporadic thrusts made by the circumstances of the man's acciden- string is on the outside of the door."

> Anthracite Operators to Appear tors, who have been continuing con-Carlson's body was taken to a

last week by the bituminous opera- to abate 1942 tax liabilities.

'French leave" of the negotiations. Labor is represented on the panel Washington— (AP)— Punishment | the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fire- | and the house bill distribute the canas criminals for those who conspire men and Enginemen, which, like the nese offensive against the "rice to delay production in any war plant UMW, is an independent union. The was urged today by Rep. Patman employer member is Walter White, Paul said. south Hupeh provinces has been (D-Tex.) as the house received the assistant to the chairman of the

that the operators had taken

Retracing some of the ground it covered in a brief session last week, The senate bill, by Senator Conthe panel announced it was acceptnally (D-Tex.), provides stiff penalties for instigating work stop-Cmonth's negotiations in New York. Chailes O'Neill began the pages in plants that have been takpresentation of the case for the en over by the government, Patman argued that it does not go far northern Appalachian operators.

OWI Represented

During the closed session a memper of the staff of the office of war See-STRIKES-Page 11

stop, hinder or interrupt any work essential to the war effort, in in-Kiwanis Club Hears dustry or in a government opera-Paratrooper, Collector Meanwhile it was disclosed that

AFL President William Green had Members of the Kiwanis club directed labor union groups in six heard about the training of parastates to refrain from complying troops from Pfc. Robert Kahoun, with certain recently enacted labor of Biron, and about collection of Inlaws in those states until the AFL dian relics from Clyde Spear at the has exhausted every legal right of regular weekly meeting of the club at the Hotel Witter today. Green, in a circular letter said

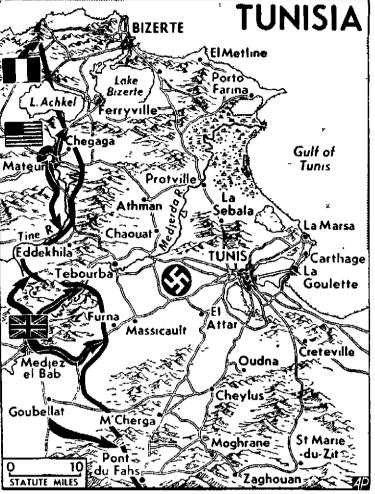
Pfc. Kahoun, who is home on fur-Joseph A. Padway, AFL counsel, lough, told of the rugged training which is given to the parachute troops and answered many questutions." The states named are tions. He is stationed at McCall field, North Carolina. He told of having jumped in a demonstration for President Roosevelt recently Premier Tojo Promises Green's letter said the AFL has when the president toured the camp no intention of refusing to comply Mr. Spear, whose collection of Indian relics has been gathered from various parts of the country, considers unconstitutional will dis-

stated his belief that every one should have some sort of hobby for relaxation. He showed a number of pieces from his collection and told of their origin.

cold newsmen later that if his bill were law, it would affect the case Mine Operators of John L. Lewis, mine workers Take Case to WLB president, in the recent coal strike. Connally's bill passed the senate

The May meeting of the Wisconwar labor board panel considering plebiscite on May 14, 1935.

held Monday evening at the Golden Acceptance of a similar invita-John L. Lewis, UMW president, indicated the strenuous efforts "French leave" of the negotiations. consolidate their position there,



YANKS, FRENCH THRUST TOWARD BIZERTE-Arrows indicate allied drives in northern Tunisia, where U.S. forces have fanned out toward Bizerte and Tebourba from Mateur. French and American forces near the coast pressed closer to Bizerte and the British made slight gains 10 miles north of Medjez El Bab. Americans were also pushing toward Ferryville on the road to Bizerte and had driven southeastward from Mateur to a point about 10 miles from Tebourba. Solid line is approximate battle front.

Treasury Favors Ways Over House Bill

Washington -(P) The treasury told the senate finance committee today that while there is "little room for choice"

rejected ways and means committract negotiations there with the tee measure and the Carlson-Ruml UMW, announced they would ap-plan, Randolph Paul, treasury genpear here tomorrow before the pan- eral counsel, said that any choice between the three measures must Acceptance of a similar invitation be based primarily on the proposals tors brought a charge from Lewis Both Work on Fair Basis

> that the ways and means committee bill possesses a definite advantage over the house bill," he added. "Little Room for Choice"

> In the important aspects of collection at the source and the cuiient tax payment provision, Paul said "the treasury believes there is little room for choice between the

"All three provide for the fundamental change in tax payment methods which is necessary in our tax law," he added.

Rebuffed by the house, Republican Rumlites enlisted some Democratic support and carried to the senate finance committee today a fight for abatement of a full year's levies in the new current-collection tax bill.

Philippines Freedom

(By the Associated Press)

The Tokyo radio quoted Premier General Hideki Tojo today as saying in an address at Manila that the Philippines would be granted their independence "as soon as the

This vague promise, reported a broadcast heard by the Associat-New York-(P)-Anthracite on Filipinos, who would have received erators, who have been continuing full sovereignty from the United negotiations here with the United States in 1946 under the Tydings-Mine Workers for a new contract, McDuffie act, the provisions of announced today they would appear which were ratified overwhelmingly tomorrow in Washington before the by the Philippine electorate in a

Means Committee

between three plans for current collection of taxes, the abatement of revenues proposed under the Carlson-Ruml measure advocated unsuccessfully by Republicans in the house "is thoroughly inequitable and unfair."

"Insofar as the distribution of forgiveness is concerned, the treasury department believes that both by David B. Robertson, president of the ways and means committee bill cellation of the 1942 tax on a reasonably equitable and fair basis,"

He added that the smaller amount of cancellation provided under the ways and means bill "results in a substantial increase in the revenue collections in the next few years at tion is not entirely satisfactory, a time when such an increase is vitally necessary."

three major bills."

Minority Leader McNaiy of Oregon said a move to substitute a modified version of the Ruml "skip a year" plan of putting income taxes i See-INCOME TAX-Page 9

Filipinos are in a position really to collaborate with Japan."

The statement disclosed the real

significance of Tojo's visit to the Philippines-which was announced by the Tokyo radio last night-and

In New York, anthracite operaover who have been continuous conover who continuous conover who continuous conover who continuous continuous conover who continuous continuous conover who continuous continuous continuous conover who continuous con .ABOR--DAVIS

Washington-(A)-Food Adminstrator Chester C. Davis reported oday the farm labor supply should e "sufficient to produce and harvest a 1943 crop up to the levels of the announced goals"

Reports to Byrnes In a report to Economic Stabili-

zation Director James F Byrnes. Davis said that if the notential labor supply is fully used farm production need not suffer this year from lack of labor While the farm machinery situa-

Davis reported, steps have been taken to improve it. As for fer-"The treasury therefore believes tilizer, he said 100 per cent of requirements was assured for essential war crops and 75 per cent of normal needs for other crops, including corn and cotton. Davis had been asked by Byrne

> to give his immediate attention to the problem of supplying farmers with sufficient labor, machinery and supplies to carry out the government's record crop production pro-

The labor, he said, will come from 6,000,000 farm families, experienced vorkers deferred by selective service, return to farms of men in unessential industry and soldiers over 38, mobilization of a crop corps of and youths in town and cities, and importation of 50,000 laborers from Mexico, 10,000 from Jamaica, and more thousands from the Bahamas Find Labor Locally Except in a few areas of highly

through local efforts.

Massicault Taken By British; Are 17 Miles From Tunis

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(.P)—It was officially announced today that an allied offensive had begun on both the Second U.S. army corps and British First army fronts of Tunisia and a field dispatch said "the payoff battle is under

Massicault, 17 miles southwest of Tunis, was captured by armor-supported First army infantiymen this afternoon and this was but one of a series of victories rolled up by British and American troops on a broad front.

Penetrate Deeply

A special communique announced that enemy positions in the Medjer- Noose Tightening da river valley had been penetrated deeply and a field report from Daniel De Luce, Associated Press correspondent with the British First army, said the British had broken through for four miles along the main road from Jedjez-El-Bab to Tunis after capturing Djebel Bou Aoukaz.

The special headquarters communique issued tonight said: "The first army with the magni-

ficent support of our air forces took the offensive south of the river Medjerda early today. "Infantry and armored units have

penetrated deeply into enemy pos-"The village of Massicult was captured this afternoon. 'Many prisoners from a large

number of different units have been "The Second United States corps in cooperation with the first army

have also advanced on a wide front against strong opposition. "Fighting continues." American and British troops advanced on a broad front against the

axis' final mountain defenses before

Tunis and Bizerte, repeatedly battered by allied aerial bombardments.

French Maintain Pressure Moreover the French detachments on both flanks of the offensive movement maintained their pressure on the German and Italian lines. A French high command communique said operations of the French African corps moving along the Mediterranean coastal sector in the direction of Bizerte were developing faion of Bizerte were developing favorably and in the south, in the Pont Du Fahs sector, "A small enemy at-

tack was repulsed." American infantrymen captured strategic heights both north and south of Lake Achkel in a powerful offensive, supported by tanks, field guns and bombers, aimed at the con-

quest of Bizerte. Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's British First aimy blasted the Germans from blood-stained Djebel Bou Acukaz and moved on toward Tun-19; less than 19 miles away. Detachments of the Second U. S. army corps on the First army's left flank closed upon the western defenses of Chouigui, four miles northwest of l'ebourba, as the British approached Tebourba from the southwest. Allies Hold Edge

In both manpower and weapons,

the allies held the edge Formations of allied planes appeared over the central battle zone at seven-minute intervals. Hundreds of guns and bombers helped the infantry and aimored forces in the effort to drive the enemy to the See-WAR IN AFRICA-Page 9

2,000-Ton-a-Day Scrap State Peak

Milwaukee -(A')- William E Simons, deputy regional director of in the other Hopp and Alvin S. the war production board, said to- Keuhl are plaintiffs. day that an all-time monthly record for industrial scrap metal collect-

seasonal fruit and vegetable produc- of 49,659 tons set in February. He car Stelter and Adolph Arneson; Jonon, the food administrator said, said the mark gave Wisconsin lead-seph J. Kotas vs. Celestine J. Kotas it is believed most of the additional ership over Illinois, Indiana and and Lucille Kotas. labor needed will be found locally lowa, other states in region six of the WPB, for March.

Liberator Bombers Set Jap

Allied Headquarters in Australia supplies are sent overland to Japa- in northwest and -(A) -Pouncing opportunely upon rese troops southeastward at Lae north central; Wewak, New Guinea, during the and Salamana, on the Huon gulf, near freezing in briefest lift of prolonged stormy now menaced by allied troops mov- southwest pored Press in London, obviously was weather, Liberator bombers set a ing up from their conquest of the tion tonight; oca bid for cooperation from the Japanese ship ablaze and left it Papuan peninsula. sinking, today's noon communique

tercept the Liberators raiding We- tion early to-The account was a delayed one of wak and one of the enemy was dam-inight, becoming mixed a raid which occurred on Tuesday. aged. All the allied bombers got snow late tonight; snow flurries in The ship was listed as a 5,000 ton home. (Spencer's New Guinea eye- extreme north portion Friday forecargo vessel (in a dispatch by Murwitness quoted the pilots as saying noon. lin Spencer from "somewhere in many enemy planes were trapped on New Guinea" dated the day of the the Wewak airdrome, probably acraid, the returning pilots spoke of counting for the weak opposition in hour period ending at 7 a. in, 81; the ship as an 8,000 ton transport). Several direct hits left it blazing ind sinking.

Wewak is a feeder base on New only briefest aerial action for yes- perature at 7 a. m., 58. Precipita-Guinea's north coast from which terday.

Nine Japanese planes tried to in-

Stimson Declares

Around Axis Army Washington — (A)—Secretary of War Stimson declared today that "the noose is tightening around the axis army" in North Africa but "there is every indication" the enemy will continue to fight there.

"There has been no evidence," he told his press conference, "of any attempt to evacuate any considerable portion of the axis army." Stimson had praise for the "almost perfect coordination" of the

ground and air forces and for the British navy in the Mediterranean for its assistance in interrupting the flow of supplies from Italy to the hard-pressed axis troops in Tunisia. In a general war review, the secretary said that in the south Pacific

American, British and French

air operations, but General Douglas MacArthur's fliers have made a number of successful raids. He said two recent raids from Chinese air bases on Japanese posi-

adverse weather is interfering with

the largest yet carried out there. In the Aleutians, he said, "bombing of Japanese positions at Kiska and Attu has been routine proce-

dure on every clear day."

ions were "very successful" and

Term to Open Here Monday

Two criminal cases, both involvng charges of abandonment, are on the calendar for the May term of Wood county court which will conene here at 10 a.m. next Monday, May 10, with Judge Frank W. Calans presiding.

The defendants in the two abandonment cases are Alfred Knutson, now of Minneapolis, and John Sabell. Milwaukee. The calendar of civil cases is like-

wise light for this term of court,

there being two actions for jury trial and seven issues of fact for determination by the court. Civil cases to be tried before juries are Washington National Insurance company vs. Ramona Wilke,

and Wallace Doughty vs. Martin

Bey and Hardware Mutual Casual-

ty company. Among issues of fact for the court are two cases involving Leo A Miller, sole trader doing business as the Wisconsin Phonovision company, as defendant. In one case Charles Hopp is the plantiff, while

Other cases for court determination are: Leo Nikolai, doing busiions in Wisconsin was set during ness as Nik's dairy, vs. Grube Berg; Lucille Rhodes vs. Walter S Simons said the state collected Rhodes; Emil Swanson vs. Walter 60,821 tons of scrap during the Schallock, Guy R Wood vs. Marmonth, surpassing the previous high vell Stelter, William E. Stelter, Os-

THE WEATHER

Cargo Ship Ablaze at Wewak forenoon, freezing temperature casional light

Today's Weather Facts-Maximum temperature for 24 minimum temperature for 24-hour

Today's communique reported period ending at 7 a. m., 51; tem-

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