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INVESTIGATE JEFFERS' ROW WITH MILITARY

Revolt Flares in Marseille

ALLIED SQUEEZE ON TUNISIA IS TIGHTENING UP

London—(P)—Pressing relentlessly westward from Tripoli in pursuit of Marshal Rommel's forces, a vanguard of the British Eighth army has occupied the small coastal town of Zauia about 30 miles west of Tripoli, while a Fighting French column from the African interior has reached Tripoli to join the approaching battle for Tunisia.

60 Miles from Frontier
British spokesmen emphasized that the official communique announcing occupation of Zauia placed the advanced elements of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's pursuing army still over 60 miles from the Tunisian frontier, toward which Rommel's troops were racing under fierce aerial harassment.

Dispatches from Cairo said part of Rommel's forces still were straggling through Zuara, 65 miles west of Tripoli, yesterday, and that a ship in the harbor which was attempting to take off Axis troops was struck by a bomb.

French Reach Tripoli
The Fighting French of Brig. Gen. Jacques LeClerc announced in a communique that they had reached Tripoli to join their British allies after a 1,500-mile drive over the desert from the Lake Chad region of equatorial Africa.

Bad weather restricted activity on the Tunisian front, both on the ground and in the air. The allied headquarters communique reported briefly that "our forces continued to operate toward the north in Ousselasia valley," indicating the allies were maintaining pressure in this region where a recent German thrust has been halted.

The Italians claimed the repulse of an allied attack yesterday and the capture of eight allied trucks with their crews. Between Jan. 18 and 24, the broadcast Italian communique declared, more than 4,000 allied troops and 13 tanks were captured in the Tunisia fighting.

Planes Raid Sicily
Allied planes raided several points on Sicily during the day, the Italians reported.

While it was assumed some of Rommel's forces already had joined von Arnim, the vulnerability of the axis corridor up the east coast of Tunisia was indicated yesterday when American troops broke through to Maknassy, only 85 miles from the coastal road, and seized 80 axis prisoners.

French troops, holding their positions in the important Ousselasia sector of central Tunisia, threw back German attacks in the mountains to the east and with the arrival of U. S. armored troops, strengthened their hold north and northeast of the town, a French communique said.

Delaying Action
Rommel was believed to have sent a sizeable force into the Mareth line but this move was believed by most observers to be only a delaying action against the Eighth army pounding westward toward the line.

Grange Fence Not Deer Proof, State Department Avers

Madison, Wis.—(P)—The state conservation department contended in Dane county circuit court today that the Sand Hill game farm, in Wood county, which is seeking renewal of its license, had failed to maintain a fence that would keep wild deer out of the farm.

The department, through Chief Counsel A. H. Smith and Assistant Attorney General Warren Resch, filed an answer to a suit by Wallace Grange, operator of the farm, directing the state to show cause why the license should not be continued. It expired January 1.

Judge Alvin Reis ordered a hearing on the merits of the complaint and the answer at 9:30 a. m. February 12.

Grange was represented by Attorneys Daniel Grady and Dan O'Connor of Portage. He charged the state illegally had been impounding deer meat shipped from the farm since the first of the year.

Mrs. Edward Sullivan, 67, Dies at Home Here

Mrs. Edward Sullivan, 67, whose home was at 2350 Eighth street south; died there at 1:10 a. m. today after a lingering illness. Funeral arrangements, which are in charge of Baker and Son, will be announced tomorrow in a complete obituary.



HELD IN HOSPITAL SLAYING—A woman identified as Mrs. Pearl Leonard weeps bitterly on the shoulder of Major Rudolph Wehking after she was charged with murder in the hospital room of Victor Caproni, 29, in Cincinnati. O. Caproni's wife, Eleanor, 26, also was charged with murder. Caproni was shot and killed in the hospital a day after he was shot and wounded in a quarrel at home.

Indict Jersey Shipyard for Charging Fraudulent Fees for Repair Work

Washington—(P)—Attorney General Biddle announced today that a federal grand jury at Newark, N. J., had indicted the Marine Maintenance corporation of Bayonne, N. J., and two persons on accusations that they collected more than \$600,000 in overcharges and fraudulent fees in the conversion and repair of 12 ships used in the service to North Africa and Russia.

Name Two Individuals
The individuals were named as Gregory Ferend of New York, president of the company, and Russell W. Michener of Dumont, N. J., former treasurer.

Biddle said the alleged fraud was on contracts with the maritime commission totaling \$2,034,566.

The indictment was in 13 counts, he said, one of which charged conspiracy to present false claims while each of the other 12 dealt with specific charges, involving a single ship.

Start Recovery Action
The justice department already has instituted proceedings to recover all of the money alleged to have been fraudulently obtained, Biddle said.

"It is charged," the department said in a statement, "that the Marine Maintenance corporation, engaged exclusively in work for the maritime commission, altered, changed and rewrote time sheets, labor journal sheets, material journal sheets; made fictitious material requisitions, duplicated time charges and charged to the maritime commission labor and materials properly chargeable to other persons and corporations. Most of these record changes, the indictment alleges, were made after the vessels had left the shipyard and were en route in convoys for foreign ports."

Brother Sues Brother for \$10,000 Damages

Trial of a civil damages action brought by a Marshfield man against his brother, in which the plaintiff seeks damages of \$10,000 for personal injuries, opened this morning before Judge Frank W. Calkins and a county court jury of one woman and 11 men.

The plaintiff is Edward Krieg. He is suing Herbert Krieg to recover damages as the result of an alleged assault committed on him by Herbert at Marshfield last May 31. Testimony for the plaintiff began this morning and the action continued following a recess at noon.

Edward Krieg alleges that his brother assaulted him causing injuries which kept him in a hospital about a month. Herbert Krieg, in his answer to his brother's charge, asserts that he only defended himself. The plaintiff is represented by Atty Hugh Haight, Neillsville, and the defendant by Atty. Charles M. Pore, Marshfield.

72 Enroll in New Gas, Fire Defense Class

The largest gas and fire defense class to be organized thus far—72 members—began the required civilian defense course Monday night at the city hall under Chief of Police R. J. Exner. The course is being conducted for air-raid wardens and firewatchers, and personnel from all zones of the city made up the class.

VICHY INVOKES STATE OF SIEGE; 250 EXECUTED

London—(P)—Reuters, quoting a dispatch published by a Swiss newspaper, reported today that 170 men and 80 women have been shot at Marseille, where a state of siege was imposed after angry Frenchmen fired on German soldiers.

The dispatch, in the Journal de Geneve, implied that the 250 persons were shot as violators of the Vichy-ordered state of siege, under which anyone entering the forbidden zone of the old port area of Marseille was liable to execution.

Vichy authorities proclaimed the state of siege in Marseille, the Vichy radio reported today, after dispatches from Switzerland told of angry Frenchmen fortifying their homes in the old port district of the city and firing on German soldiers ordered to evacuate the district.

The German news agency DNB said in dispatches to Madrid and Lisbon that 40,000 persons had been arrested in the city. The Vichy radio, which placed the number of arrested at 6,000, was making an obvious effort to minimize difficulties in the second largest city in France.

Shortly after reporting the state of siege proclamation, the radio asserted that Marseille was calm and the evacuation of the old port district had taken place without difficulty. Earlier it had reported that anyone disobeying an order or attempting to shoot would be sentenced to death.

House-to-House Fighting
A Reuters dispatch from Zurich said the Germans had brought up artillery to shell Frenchmen into submission if necessary and that house-to-house fighting was in progress.

German occupation authorities had ordered evacuation and razing of the district, apparently as a defense measure against possible allied invasion from North Africa.

German dispatches reporting the arrest of 40,000 persons said the move was "absolutely necessary because there were among them many criminals whose activities were against the security and interest of the state."

Marshall Man Killed in Action in North Africa

Marshfield, Wis.—Death in action in the North African theater of Master Sgt. Linus G. Leonard, 25, was announced by the war department in a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Leonard, Marshfield, at noon today.

Sergeant Leonard's death occurred January 7, according to the telegram. His death brought to 15 the number of Marshfield men killed in action. He joined the air forces of the army on October 24, 1939, and had been overseas since last July. He was a member of a bomber squadron.

Drinking Driver Pays Fine of \$25 and Costs

Arthur E. Sommerfeldt, 29, Wisconsin Rapids, R. 2, was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor by Justice George C. Jacobson Monday. Sommerfeldt's driver license was revoked, but an occupational license to drive was approved by the justice. The defendant was arrested Sunday by Patrolman Wilfred Gloden, who made the complaint.

Goodland Declares Defense Council Bill "Too Drastic"

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Acting Governor Walter S. Goodland declared at a press conference today that the Republican steering committee's bill creating a new state council of defense delegated too much power to the council and that some changes should be made before the measure is enacted.

Goodland commented specifically on the provision that any state and local regulations could be suspended if they conflicted with civilian defense orders issued by the council and disclosed he had asked Attorney General John E. Martin to study the bill with the view of offering amendments.

"This measure is all together too drastic," he said. "In the last war we had a defense setup that worked out all right but the proposed measure goes far beyond that one. I don't believe Wisconsin citizens want the state council to assume too much authority but at the same time we should have sufficient protection."

Goodland also reiterated his opposition to any changes in existing income tax schedules and said he would outline his views on the tax reduction issue more fully in his budget message to be submitted to the legislature Thursday.

The message will be read by the clerks of both houses and the budget bill, making appropriations for the next two years, will be submitted simultaneously.

AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC TONIGHT AT 9 O'CLOCK, CENTRAL WAR TIME, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION.

Through the combined news sources of station WFHR and the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, central Wisconsin people will hear the announcement, and comment and analysis by experts of the Mutual Broadcasting system.

The half-hour program will begin at 9 o'clock. Commentators to speak include Fulton Lewis Jr., Raymond Clapper, John B. Hughes, and Paul Schubert. Arthur Mann will speak from Algiers, in North Africa.

London Press Foresees Dramatic Announcement on Allied Strategy

London—(P)—A report that Joseph Stalin was fully informed on recent allied consultations, implying that he did not attend them, appeared today in the London Press, which anticipated an official announcement about the talks within the next 24 hours.

Attributed to U. S. Sources
Presumably because of censorship restrictions on premature disclosure of the strategy negotiations, all morning newspapers which mentioned the subject attributed their reports to United States sources, not British. Typical headlines were: Daily Mirror: "America Expects 'Most Dramatic Statement of War' to Be Made Soon."

Daily Mail: "Biggest Talks of War."
Daily Express: "U. S. Expects News to Stir World."

The "Star Man's Diary" in the Star said:

"I understand that Stalin has been kept fully informed of all that has taken place during consultations of supreme importance between the allied nations in the past week. . . . American commentators, I see, are speculating on the formation of an allied war council, but I doubt whether the official statement about to be issued will contain an announcement on this question."

Talks were understood to be part of far-reaching war-winning plans of the allied nations.

Military leaders of the United States and Britain, it was reported, played a part in the talks.

Fighting French sources here had maintained for weeks that any disagreements could be quickly ironed out if representatives of the two French factions met.

Want Vichy Men Ousted
The principal barrier between the DeGaulle and Giraud camps has been the Fighting French charges that Vichy men had not been eliminated entirely from key positions in North Africa.

DeGaulle and Giraud themselves were always understood to have a high regard for each other.

Stalin Exhorts Red Army to Rout Invaders from Russia; Winter Offensive Rolls On

ROUT JAPS FROM KOKUMBONA AREA

Washington—(P)—American forces have consolidated positions in Kokumbona, Japanese headquarters on Guadalcanal, and control the village and beach after killing 293 enemy troops, the navy reported today.

Turn Back Jap Raiders
In a communique the navy told also of a force of Japanese dive bombers being intercepted and turned back by American fighter planes.

The text of the navy's communique, No. 267:
"South Pacific (all dates are east longitude):
"1. On January 25th:
(A) A large force of Japanese dive bombers, twin-engine bombers and fighters, which was headed for Guadalcanal was intercepted and attacked by U. S. aircraft. The enemy planes were driven off and no bombs were dropped on U. S. positions. Four Japanese 'Zeros' were shot down. No U. S. planes were lost."

(B) Two units of U. S. ground forces joined at Kokumbona on Guadalcanal after one unit had entered the village from along the beach to the east and the other had encircled a strong enemy pocket and entered Kokumbona from the south. The maneuver resulted in giving U. S. forces unrestricted use of Kokumbona and the beach to the east. Two hundred ninety-three Japanese were killed and five prisoners were taken during the operation.

Capture Enemy Supplies
(C) Several supply dumps, three six-inch artillery guns, seven 77 mm. guns, two 37 mm. guns, one tank, several trucks, three 40 mm. anti-aircraft guns and various other field pieces and small arms were captured.

"Offensive operations against enemy resistance continue."

CHILD SHOTS SELF

Sodus, N. Y.—(P)—Grieving over the death of her yellow canary, 13-year-old Jennie Lewis took her own life with a shotgun. A stray cat killed the bird.

Moscow—(P)—Urged on by Premier Stalin for the first time signed himself supreme commander of the red army, Russia's fighting forces pushed their battle lines ahead in the Ukraine and the growing German resistance in the lower Don approaches to Rostov.

(The German high command asserted Russian thrusts on a wide part of the eastern front increased in violence yesterday.)

Stalin Sounds Rallying Cry
"Forward for the routing of the German invaders and their expulsion over the boundaries of our motherland," was the premier's rallying cry.

It was recalled that his words "not a step backward" rang out over the defenses of Stalingrad in its darkest hour last fall, and from that time on the defenders of the battered city braced and held.

The premier's praise of his troops, commanders and workers was contained in an order of the day, broadcast by the Moscow radio at a time when Russia's armies were forging ahead on every front from Leningrad to the Caucasus.

Capture 200,000 Prisoners
Stalin declared the red army had driven forward 245 miles in two months of their second winter offensive, routing 102 enemy divisions and capturing 200,000 prisoners.

"Our troops have won an important victory," he said, and he added: "The offensive of our troops continues."

His order of the day followed special and regular communiqes which reported the recapture of all of Voronezh from the Germans who had held a western section of the city since the summer of 1942, and which announced new gains in the Caucasus and the drive southwest of Voronezh toward the German base at Khar'kov.

The Russians reported the capture of Belaya Glna, 40 miles from the Tikhoretsk rail junction which is 90 miles south of Rostov.

Nazis Tighten Defenses
The Germans were said to be tightening the defenses and resisting fiercely as the Russians squeezed in on Rostov from this section of the north Caucasus, down the Don from the east, and down the rail line across the Donets bend from the north.

A mid-day communique reported the capture of more towns in the Voronezh section, along the southern front and in the Caucasus.

Earlier the Russians said they had driven to within ten miles of Voroshilovgrad on a western tributary of the Donets river roughly midway between Rostov and Khar'kov.

Cold Wave Will End Tonight, Is Forecast

The current cold wave, second within a week for Wisconsin, will end tonight, the weather bureau at Milwaukee predicted today, according to the Associated Press. It will be warmer Wednesday.

The temperature here sank to 22 below zero for minimum during the last 24 hours, but the mercury climbed somewhat during the forenoon. Eau Claire reported -24 for the coldest official reading in the state.

RUBBER CHIEF ASSAILS 'ARMY, NAVY LOAFERS'

Washington—(P)—An investigation into Rubber Administrator William Jeffers' charges that "army and navy loafers" were interfering with war production was ordered today by the house naval committee.

The action was taken at the request of Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) after he read to the committee a newspaper story of Jeffers' remarks before the Council of State Governors at Baltimore yesterday.

"Serious Accusation"
"This is a serious accusation, and we should have an inquiry to give Mr. Jeffers an opportunity to prove

NEW PLANTS IN INDIA?
Washington—(P)—A report that approximately a dozen new alcohol plants would be built in India with American equipment was received today by a senate agriculture subcommittee from Leo M. Christensen, in charge of chemistry project at the University of Nebraska.

Chairman Gillette (D-Iowa) read into the record a letter from Christensen which said "an engineer friend" had advised him "he had learned that 10 or 12 new alcohol plants will be built in India" with American equipment.

the correctness of his statement. We should also hear from army and navy officials," Vinson said.

There was some question whether Jeffers had spoken of "the army and navy loafers" or of "the army and navy loafers."

His secretary, asked by reporters to ask him what his exact words were, later informed them that he said he spoke of "army and navy loafers."

Conflict Over Priority
Jeffers has been contending that the armed services stand in his way with their demands.

Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board told a senate agriculture sub-committee he had given "full cooperation" to Jeffers, but "we can't put one program ahead of all others."

The "synthetic program, he reminded, is competing for priorities on valves, heat exchangers, control equipment and other parts against four other "vital urgent programs." He listed them as the 100-octane aviation gasoline, the airplane, escort vessel and merchant ship programs.

Decision Up to FDR
The conflict between the rubber and military demands appeared headed for a decision by President Roosevelt.

The committee before which Nelson testified is interested particularly in the manufacture of rubber from alcohol derived from farm

Goodland Names Wm. McNally Personal Aide

Madison, Wis.—(P)—William P. McNally, 37, of Madison, was named personal aide to Acting Governor Walter S. Goodland today.

McNally, supervisory employe of the state beverage tax division from 1935 to 1941 and chief investigator for Attorney General John E. Martin during 1942, will be paid \$250 a month.

PLAN 2,220,000-MAN NAVY

Washington—(P)—Senator Chandler (D-K. Y.) said today the navy had informed the senate military committee of plans to have a strength of 2,220,000 by December, 1943, which would make the nation's armed forces total 10,420,000 by the end of this year.

OPPOSE TAX CUT

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Directors of the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture went on record at a meeting here yesterday as opposed to any reduction of income taxes or surtaxes at this time, executive Secretary Milo K. Swanton announced.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Not quite so cold tonight, warmer Wednesday forenoon.



Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 1; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., -22; temperature at 7 a. m., -17.