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## ROMMEL'S ARMY SPLIT; LARGE FORCE TRAPPED

### Darlan Pledges French Navy to Fight Axis British Bottle Up Retreating Units, Exact Heavy Toll

#### Army and Navy Disclose Plan to Provide College Training for 250,000 Men in Uniform

Washington—(P)—The army and navy announced plans today to contract for college facilities at which qualified young men estimated to number 250,000 will be detailed for training in a uniform-and-pay system which gradually is to supplant the college reservist arrangement.

The 250,000 figure, which is an estimate of qualified persons who can not be quoted by name, would represent nearly a third of the nation's presently shrinking male college population.

##### Drawn from the Ranks

Training for specialist assignments or as officers will be provided in these institutions, a joint announcement said. Candidates for the training so far as the army is concerned must come from the enlisted ranks or existing reserves, while youths in civilian life may be enrolled under the navy's phase of the program.

Generally, said War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox, the program is designed to maintain a steady flow of young men suitable for specialized education technical training for the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard.

##### U. W. TO PARTICIPATE

Madison, Wis.—(P)—President Clarence Dykstra, of the University of Wisconsin, said today that the university undoubtedly would be called upon to participate in the army-navy program for training of college men in uniform-and-pay system.

Wisconsin students who are enlisted as reserves were called to a convocation at the Memorial Union theater at 4:30 p. m. today and Dykstra said he would explain the plan at that time.

age to 18 years will eliminate the principal source of men college students in the colleges' normal way of functioning.

##### Schools Not Yet Chosen

Contracts for the training program, the statement said, will be entered with colleges and universities not yet selected. It was emphasized, however, that existing agreements with educational institutions for training programs will not be affected. Regulations for selection of the institutions will be drafted by the chairman of the war manpower commission, Paul V. McNutt.

All the men assigned to the college training courses will be uniformed and will receive the pay and be under the military discipline of the regular army, navy, marine corps or coast guard.

##### Objective Stated

The joint statement, summarizing the army's training program, said:

"The objective of this plan is to meet the need of the army for the specialized technical training of soldiers on active duty for certain army tasks for which their own training facilities are insufficient in extent or character."

It added that the plan would provide for "selection for this training of qualified young men on a broad democratic basis without regard to financial resources."

To Defer Some Students  
Meanwhile, it was learned that Manpower Commissioner McNutt has informed college presidents that selective service boards would be given instructions possibly this week, for deferment of college students who are preparing for "critical occupations."

It was indicated that the men to receive deferment in preparation for critical occupations would be, principally, those studying medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and engineering.

**6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**  
Bought your Christmas seals?  
Buy Christmas Seals

#### American Educational System Upset—Stimson

Washington—(P)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that the plan announced by the army and navy to use American colleges and universities for specialized training of enlisted men would temporarily upset the American system of liberal education.

The immediate necessity of winning the war means that all education that is not technical must give way to military demands, he said, adding that the problem of reestablishing liberal education after the war already is under study.

In a statement, Stimson asked the question "Does not the army educational plan go a long way to destroy liberal education in

America?" and supplied the following answer:

"Temporarily, yes, so far as the able bodied men of college age are concerned, but in the long run, emphatically no. The immediate necessity is to win this war and unless we do that there is no hope for liberal education in this country."

"To win this war and win it as quickly as possible, we must have large numbers of young men in the army. We must now use every opportunity to train our soldiers for the immediate task ahead. The army college program is designed for that purpose and for that purpose alone. This training is, of necessity, primarily technical and other training must remain in abeyance."

#### Federal Judge to Ask FBI Investigation of Frank Lloyd Wright

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Federal Judge Patrick T. Stone announced from the bench today he would ask the FBI to investigate Frank Lloyd Wright, expressing belief that the famous architect, who conducts a private school at Spring Green, Wis., was "obstructing the war."

Judge Stone made his statement in passing upon the case of Marcus Earl Weston, 27, of Spring Green, an apprentice of Wright who was charged with refusing to appear for induction into the army. He allowed Weston until January 12 to "think it over," urging him to leave the Wright school and to return to the home of his parents.

Repeating to repeated questions from the court, Weston denied that the architect had advised his apprentices to escape military service by representing themselves as conscientious objectors. After he had pleaded guilty, however, Judge Stone said:

"I think you boys are living under a bad influence with that man Wright. I'm afraid he is poisoning your minds."

"I think he should be investigated and if he is obstructing the war he should be indicted. And you can take that back to Mr. Wright. I'm going to ask the federal bureau of investigation to investigate him and if there is any evidence I'll see that it gets before the grand jury. There are too many fine boys that are being spoiled out there."

"Think of Your Obligation"  
"You should give this serious consideration," Judge Stone told Weston. "Take sober thought about it. Leave Wright's plantation, or farm, and go home to your father and mother. Think of your obligation to this government and see if in some small measure you don't owe some duty to your country. Then come back here before me January 12."

"I want to warn you now, though, that if I impose sentence I'll see to it that it's long enough to keep you away from Wright."

Informed of the court's remarks, Wright said at his Spring Green headquarters:

"Welcome to Investigate"  
"As far as I'm concerned, Judge Stone is entitled to his opinion and welcome to make any investigation which he as a patriot feels he is entitled to make or have made."

He denied he had advised his apprentices to avoid military service by representing themselves as conscientious objectors.

"Of course I would not do such a thing," he added. "Who would be so foolish? The judge seems to be exceedingly credulous."

"I think every boy who came here would deny it."

#### Ordered to Report for WAAC Training

Dorothy Raffel is the second of the city's three enlisted WAACs to receive her call for active duty. She will leave January 29 to report at the training station at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Helen Farnstahl, received her orders Tuesday to report at Daytona Beach. Mary Hubbard, third of the WAACs, has not yet been notified to report.

#### Death Takes Mrs. W. J. McGrogan Sr., 71; Rites Saturday

Mrs. W. J. McGrogan sr., 71, wife of Alderman McGrogan of the eighth ward, died at the family residence at 2881 Second avenue south at 5:10 p. m. Wednesday after a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter and Paul Catholic church, the Rev. Joseph L. Brake officiating, and burial in Calvary cemetery. The body will be taken to the home Friday morning, and prayers will be said there Friday at 7:30 p. m. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Baker & Son.

Mrs. McGrogan was born Elizabeth McCarthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, early residents of this community, in the town of Grand Rapids on November 20, 1871. She was a resident of this vicinity all her life, and was married here July 28, 1897.

Surviving are her husband and two sons, Adrian of Milwaukee and Capt. W. J. McGrogan jr., Camp Custer, Mich. One son, Russell, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Snider, and an infant daughter preceded their mother in death.

Also surviving are five grandchildren; three brothers, Marcel and Emmett McCarthy of Wisconsin Rapids, and George, Milwaukee, and one sister, Mrs. Paul Gray, Milwaukee. Three brothers and four sisters are dead.

#### Two Minor Traffic Accidents in City

Two minor traffic accidents, both at icy street intersections, were reported by the police department today. Fenders, bumpers and grill work were damaged.

A car driven by Walter Glassmer, Wausau, going south on Ninth avenue, collided with a car driven by Charles Shearier, going east on Gardner street, at 1 p. m. Wednesday. The other accident occurred at 11:30 p. m., when a car driven north on Market street by Joe E. Nash, city, collided with a car driven west on Avon street by Donald Wipfli, city.

#### Information on Rationing

The war price and rationing board said today that coupon No. 10 in the sugar rationing book is now effective and will be good until January 31. The stamp permits purchase of three pounds.

#### DENIES SEEKING PERSONAL GAIN FROM NEW ROLE

BY WES GALLAGHER  
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Allied Headquarters in North Africa—Admiral Jean Darlan flatly declared today that formidable French fleet units at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports would join the British and United States fleets on the high seas to fight the axis.

Makes Bid for Unity  
In an exclusive statement to this correspondent, the former commander of all of Vichy's armed forces, now recognized by Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as high commissioner of French Africa, gave reasons for his dealings with the Germans in Vichy the past two years and, in answer to a question regarding General Charles De Gaulle, Fighting French leader, expressed the hope that "all Frenchmen who are able to fight the axis will do it in close union."

The pipe-smoking admiral made a written reply to questions presented by this correspondent shortly after

##### MIXED REACTIONS

London—(P)—Admiral Jean Darlan's statement in North Africa disavowing personal ambitions as his motive for joining the allies brought mixed reactions today from the British.

Editorial comment on the whole was cool but the Times said his disavowal of personal ambitions beyond the liberation of France was welcome news.

A fighting French spokesman asserted Darlan's "whole career has proved that his only motives are personal motives."

he held his first conference with the allied press since the fall of France.

Disavows Personal Ambitions  
In that conference he made the formal statement that "French Africa, with the allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy" and he disavowed personal ambitions as his motive for joining the allies.

Giving the first definite word of plans for the French naval units whose aid will give a great boost to allied naval power, Darlan replied "Yes, definitely" to the question "Does Mr. Darlan plan to use the French fleet that is left at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports against the axis?"

(Demobilized at Alexandria are the 22,189-ton battleship Lorraine, four cruisers and at least one submarine. At Dakar are the 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu, damaged in 1940; three 7,600-ton cruisers, the Gloire, Montcalm and Georges Leygues; three destroyers; eight to 12 submarines; and the submarine Sec—ADMIRAL DARLAN—Page 9

#### Report Mussolini Has Cancer of Stomach

London—(P)—Premier Mussolini of Italy has cancer of the stomach in an advanced stage, an unofficial but usually reliable London source with good connections on the continent said today.

The diagnosis was said to have been made by Adolf Hitler's own specialists, who went to Italy on orders of the Fuehrer after persistent rumors that Mussolini was ill.

The informant, who insisted on anonymity, said that Il Duce's stomach ailment manifested itself about four years ago.

#### New England's Oil Supply Shrinks as Cold Wave Hits

Boston—(P)—As the coldest weather here in nearly eight years—three degrees below zero—cut in New England's waning stocks of fuel oil today, Mayor Maurice J. Tobin proceeded with a plan to utilize school houses as shelters if fuel supplies in home became exhausted.

Set Up Plan as Safeguard  
While no immediate likelihood of such a contingency was in prospect, city officials said the plan was being set up chiefly as a safeguard for families who use kerosene or range oil for heating purposes and keep a comparatively limited supply of the fuel on hand. State officials, meanwhile, moved with other plans for moving families out of their homes and doubling-up if the shortage grows acute within coming weeks, as oil men have predicted it may.

State Conservator Thomas F. Sullivan, representative of Governor

#### 3 Marshfield Soldiers Die in New Guinea

Marshfield, Wis.—Three Marshfield soldiers died in action against the Japanese in New Guinea last month, families of the three were notified in telegrams from the U. S. war department reaching them late Wednesday.

The three were Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney, 27; First Sgt. Ruben J. (Mose) Steger, 25, and Pfc. George S. Bores, 30. They died in the fighting in the Buna-Gona area in New Guinea. Private Bores was killed November 19 and the others the day after, the telegrams said.

All were members of the National Guard infantry unit from Marshfield which was inducted into federal service in October, 1940.

Sergeant Cherney leaves his wife and mother, Mrs. Ida Cherney, both of Marshfield. Sergeant Steger's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Steger. Sergeant Bores' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gust Bores.

#### WAR CHEST NEAR \$36,000 MARK

The South Wood County Community-War Chest, with but a few hours left of the drive period, today stood at \$35,232.62 and enough last-minute subscriptions were expected to be received this afternoon to put the final figure beyond \$36,000.

Headquarters Close Tonight  
Chest headquarters will close tonight, and subscriptions are to be sent directly hereafter to Norbert M. Daly, secretary-treasurer.

Chest President Ralph R. Cole today announced that expenses of the campaign, entirely for necessary expenses approved by the board of directors, totaled \$625.97. Of that amount, \$569.07 was for printing of forms and pamphlets, purchase of promotional supplies and telephone costs.

Included in the \$569 sum was the cost of film trailers which were exhibited at local theaters. The trailers cost \$44.42, the theater management making no charge for showing them.

Newspaper advertising was donated entirely by public spirited firms and municipalities, the only cost to the Chest being \$5.85 for illustrative material carried by the advertisements.

The total cost of pamphlets, subscription blanks, gold star award cards and stationery supplies and purchase of posters and seals was \$498.13. Publishing of the legal notice for the Chest annual meeting was \$6.

In addition to the printing and promotional cost, the expenses included \$50 for the cost of the secretary-treasurer's bond, and \$6.90 for secretarial supplies.

All Work Donated  
All work, including the clerical and auditing supervision of the Chest funds, was donated. Only actual out-of-pocket expenses are approved by the board of directors.

"On behalf of the Community-War Chest, I want to express thanks and appreciation for the generous contributions of those who made our newspaper advertising possible, and for the cooperation of the theaters in displaying without charge the film trailers," Mr. Cole said.

61 North Wood County Selectees Inducted  
Marshfield, Wis.—Included in the 51 men who will comprise the north Wood county selective service quota for December are the following: Wallace E. Revling, Frank S. Klimowski and Donald P. Frederick, of Auburndale; William M. Hamm and Elmer L. Ingle, Lindsey; James J. Wotruba, Milladore; Albert J. Zimmerman, Everett J. Dupree and Donald L. Accola, Pittsville; Harold E. Plummer, Sherry; James E. Pierce and Earl W. Trickey, Vesper, and Lester M. Riss, Rudolph.

Also in the quota is George A. Hoffman, Milladore, a transfer from Pasco, Wash. Others of the quota are from Marshfield.

MARINES' AUXILIARY  
Milwaukee—(P)—Lieut. Frederick E. Jansen, in charge of naval officer procurement here, announced today that the United marines were setting up a women's auxiliary, the members to be known as the marinettes. Details of the plans have not been revealed, he said.

#### HENDERSON TO RESIGN AS OPA CHIEF, REPORT

Washington—(P)—Reports that Leon Henderson would be succeeded as price administrator soon by Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan brought predictions today that one of the immediate results would be a softening of rationing controls to release more supplies to civilians.

See Change in January  
Reliable sources said that unless some hitch developed, Henderson would resign shortly after the first of the year for a four months rest and treatment for a back ailment and Brown, defeated in the November elections, would be named as his successor.

The appointment of Brown was said to have been agreed upon at a White House conference yesterday after the Michigan Democrat previously had declined the post, preferring to return to his private law practice.

If Brown becomes price administrator, friends said there was no doubt that he would move speedily to obliterate some of the irritations that have arisen over the enforcement of rationing programs, such as those entailing nationwide curtailment of gasoline sales.

Thinks Orders Too Harsh  
Brown has made no secret of the fact that he believed some of the rationing orders were too harsh, that more could be accomplished through voluntary agreements than through compulsion.

Henderson has been the object of much criticism in congress and there have been open threats to trim appropriations to a point where it might be impossible for the office of price administration to carry on all of the activities it has undertaken in connection with the original price control act and the subsequent measure providing broad authority over prices, wages and salaries.

As a former member of both the house and senate, a personally well-liked member of congress, Brown would be expected to obtain needed appropriations with far less trouble than Henderson.

Brown's friends believed he would be more inclined to take the public's viewpoint into account and to make concessions where they could be granted without destroying the effectiveness of the program.

Farm Bloc May Balk  
Some opposition to Brown's appointment could be expected in the senate, where farm bloc members feel that he had a hand in what they have attacked as an illegal interpretation of the stabilization act permitting the fixing of agricultural price ceilings at a lower point than they expected.

The Wisconsin Rapids area unit of the Camp McCoy and Hospital Service Council has arranged to collect Christmas trees here to brighten the barracks, hospital and recreation rooms at the camp during the holidays.

Spruce or balsam trees, 5 to 10 feet in height, are wanted for the camp. They may be left at the home of Mrs. Stanton W. Mead, chairman of the local unit, or will be called for if donors contact her.

Saturday noon is the deadline for tree donations. An army truck will pick them up Saturday afternoon. The Camp and Hospital Service Council has asked for about 50 trees from Wisconsin Rapids and vicinity.

To Collect Christmas Trees for Camp McCoy  
Stevens Point, Wis.—Two Nekeosa tavern operators were fined by Judge Herman J. Severson in circuit court here Wednesday afternoon on their pleas of guilty to charges of violating state liquor laws.

Pearl Diesburg was fined \$125 and costs of \$20.52 on a charge of selling liquor to a minor. G. W. Clemons was fined \$75 and the same costs on a charge of selling liquor after the 1 a. m. closing hour.

Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosok of Wood county appeared for the state in the actions.

Snow Blankets State; Cold Wave on the Way  
Milwaukee—(P)—Wisconsin was blanketed by snow today and faced a cold wave that was expected to send mercury below the zero mark.

The weather bureau reported that the snow was general throughout the state and would continue in a moderate to heavy fall in the northeast and east central parts, with a light fall in other sectors.

The forecast was for five below in the northern part and zero to five below in the southern section, with strong winds that probably would result in snow drifting on roads.

Friday Deadline for Turning in Used Toys  
Last call for toys to be repaired by the Wisconsin Rapids firemen for distribution in Christmas baskets here was made today by Robert Mader. Tomorrow is the last day for receiving toys.

Other donations to Christmas baskets for needy families—food, clothing, candy, fruit—may be left at the Elks club, or donors may call Mr. Mader at No. 1753-M.

London—(P)—The axis' fleeing columns in Libya have been cut in two and part of them, trapped between British forces, have suffered heavy casualties in an effort to break out, the British announced today.

British observers said "a good part of the Africa corps—the cream of Rommel's army"—was believed to have been cut off.

Cut Line of Retreat  
This stroke in the hot chase across the desert was achieved yesterday, the Cairo communique disclosed, when Britain's Eighth army reached Wadi Matratin, about 65 miles west of El Aghelia, and cut inland to the south across Nazi Field Marshal Rommel's retreat line.

Some armored formations were bottled up "and continue to be severely mauled" in an attempt to break out which already has caused them heavy losses, the communique added.

Rommel, who backed out of his defensible line at El Aghelia without a fight, apparently to preserve his remnants as far as possible, thus may have been dealt a crippling blow to any hopes of getting a strong force safely into Tripoli for eventual union with the axis armies in Tunisia.

Mop Up Trapped Troops  
There was no immediate estimate of the number of men and vehicles at the Eighth army's mercy, but observers said they formed a large Nazi force, intended by Rommel for rearguard fighting, and were being methodically mopped up.

Before Rommel withdrew from El Aghelia, his strength was estimated at 50,000 to 60,000 troops and an unknown number of tanks. Most of this army is believed to have retreated well west of the Wadi Matratin, beyond the British wedge.

Besides bringing at least part of the enemy to battle, military commentators in London said, the British now have faced him with the dilemma of leaving his rear forces uncovered or of pulling back more tanks from the line of retreat.

Spills Nazi Propaganda  
The splitting of his forces also has spoiled the German propaganda that he was withdrawing un molested, they said, and there is now overwhelming evidence that he is beaten and in full flight.

On the opposite side of the axis' narrowing last foothold on the south shore of the Mediterranean, ground forces in Tunisia stirred into new action and the allies appeared to be preparing for a new See—WAR IN AFRICA—Page 9

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#### Fight to Last Man, Emperor Orders Japs

Allied Headquarters in Australia—(P)—On land and in the air allied forces strove today to complete domination of the Buna area where Emperor Hirohito's men faithfully obeyed his mandate to hold the New Guinea beachhead to the last man.

"Our pressure on the enemy is slowly increasing," the headquarters communique said succinctly.

But from the Pagan front came reports that United States and Australian soldiers still fought on both sides of their hold on Buna village and a headquarters spokesman said allied planes were bombing and strafing the enemy's positions.

A captured Japanese artilleryman told intelligence officers that his emperor's order was delivered to troops of General Tamatore Horii last Nov. 28 after Hirohito was given word of the pounding his men were getting from General MacArthur's forces.

Allied and Japanese troops were reported to have come to grips northwest of Buna on the Mambare river, where enemy reinforcements moved ashore Sunday night.

#### CRANBERRY MEN FACE SHORTAGES

Wisconsin Cranberry Growers' association members were told today they face dangerous shortages in chemicals and insecticides with which to combat insects and weeds on their marshes by E. L. Chambers, state entomologist, who addressed the annual meeting here Wednesday afternoon. "The Wisconsin department of agriculture will continue to serve the growers in all the former capacities," he said, "and will aim to keep the growers posted as to ways and means of making substitutes for chemicals, now either regarded as critical for the war effort or taken out of use by reason of blockades by enemy countries." He also urged every grower to conserve his machinery and equipment to the utmost.

Elect Officers  
The Wednesday session was the annual meeting of the association and new officers were chosen for the coming year. William F. Huffman was elected president, being advanced from vice president. Bernard C. Brazeau was chosen vice president and Vernon Goldsworthy was reelected secretary and treasurer.

W. F. Bushnell, secretary of the South Wood county war price and rationing board, gave a short talk outlining the manner in which rationing boards functioned and then he answered many questions concerning the gasoline, oil and kerosene rationing, with which the growers were vitally concerned. He said it was his opinion that although there might be reductions in supplies, the growers would not be seriously handicapped and they could expect their local boards to provide rationed supplies on the basis of necessity.

Chairman R. Vehrs, USDA war board chairman for Wood county, made a brief analysis of the many functions of his board, the AAA and other branches of his office. He urged the growers to take part in See—CRANBERRY MEN—Page 9

THE WEATHER  
For Wisconsin: Cold wave tonight with temperature falling to five below in north portion and zero to five below in south portion by Friday forenoon; moderate to heavy snow in northeast and east central portions this afternoon and evening with total fall three to six inches; light snow in remainder of state; strong winds.

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