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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 communiqué 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 communiqué 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 communiqué reported briefly that "our forces continued to operate toward the north in Oussel-til 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 communiqué 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 Maktassy, only 35 miles from the coastal road, and seized 80 axis prisoners.

French troops, holding their positions in the important Ousseltil 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 communiqué 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 pound-ing 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 and fraudulent fees in the conversion and repair of 12 ships used in the service to North Africa and Russia.

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

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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 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 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. Pors, 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.

Because of the large number taking the work, Chief Exner announced today the class will be split, with instruction each Monday morning at 10 o'clock and each Monday evening at 7:30. The arrangement will enable better attendance. The classes continue for the next four Mondays. Defense Coordinator L. E. Smith addressed the group at the organization session.

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### 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. 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 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."

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The text of the navy's communiqué, No. 262; "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 village and beach after killing 293 enemy troops, the navy reported yesterday.

"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 communiques which reported the recapture of all 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 SHOOTS 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.

### 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

AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC TO-NIGHT 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

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."

De Gaulle, Giraud in Accord

General Charles De Gaulle, Fighting French leader, and General Henri Honoré Giraud, high commissioner in French North Africa, were reported today to have reached an agreement as a result of mediation by the United States and Great Britain.

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

Moscow—(P)—Urged on by an order of the day in which 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 Caucasus today and battled against 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.

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Washington—(P)—Sen. 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.

### 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.

"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 yesterday by a senate agriculture sub-committee from Leo M. Christensen, in charge of chemistry project at the University of Nebraska.

Chairman Gillette (D-Iowa) read into the record 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.

There was some question whether the correctness of his statement. We should also hear from army and navy officials," Vinson said.

Jeffers has 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 "vitally 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