

NAZIS FLEEING IN SANDSTORM

Main Axis Force in Libya Seeks to Escape in Retreat to West.

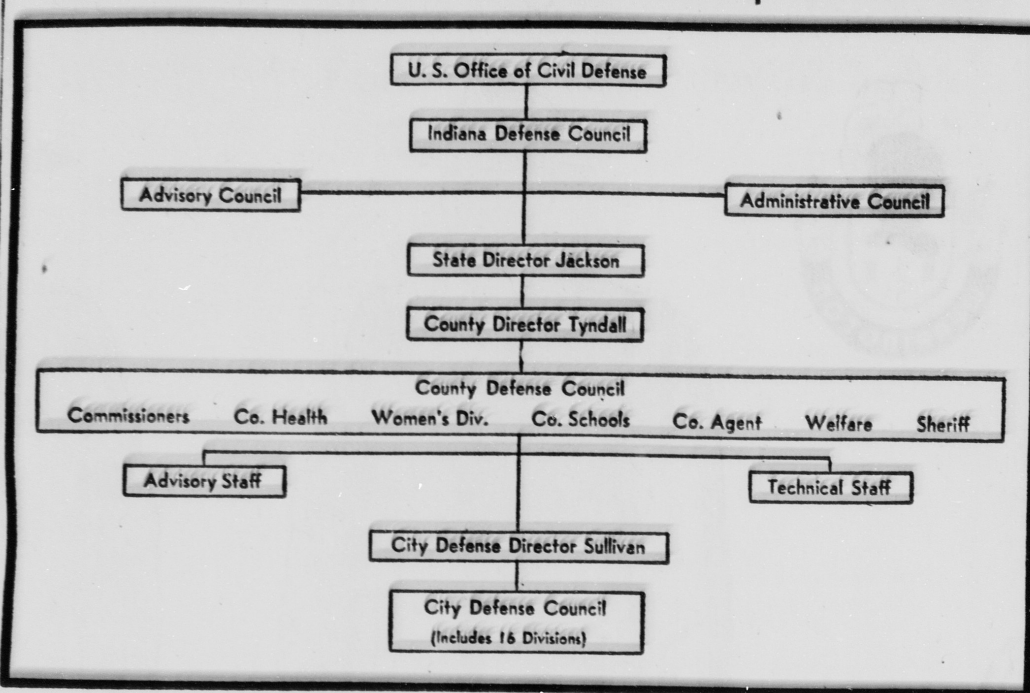
CAIRO, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—Imperial troops pursued the main Axis forces in north Africa today after Gen. Erwin Rommel abandoned his last hold in Cyrenaica and under cover of a dense sandstorm retreated into Tripolitania, leaving rear guards and mine fields to protect his withdrawal.

Gen. Rommel, his Afrika Korps and tattered remnants of a defeated Italian army were moving from Agadabia, 80 miles south of Benghazi, into territory already penetrated by British Imperial, British General Headquarters for the Middle East said in a communiqué.

The withdrawal of the Axis troops started the British on the second lap of a drive which, it was hoped, would carry them through to the Tunisian border before Gen. Rommel again can make a stand.

Military experts believed that even more important than Gen. Rommel's abandonment of his Agadabia position was the fact that the British again had the main Axis forces on the move.

Local Civilian Defense Setup Charted



This is the chart of the Indianapolis-Marion County Civil Defense organizations, as it stems from the U. S. Office of Civil Defense and the Indiana Defense Council. Details of community-wide defense organization are now being filled in by the City and County Defense Councils.

TEXAS PLANS CENTENNIAL
AUSTIN, Tex. (U. P.).—Texans already are making plans for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Texas statehood in 1945. The 47th

Texas Legislature authorized A. Garland Adair, historian and curator of the University of Texas museum, to be commissioner for the statehood celebrations.

3 YANK FLIERS FIGHT 108 JAPS

Looks Like Rowboat Attack On Spanish Armada, but Americans Win Out.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—(Via Government radio)—Further details of the Christmas day air battle over Rangoon, Burma, in which American fliers gave Japanese airmen their worst defeat of the war reached here today.

When a fleet of 108 Japanese planes—54 bombers and 54 fighters—swept over the Burmese capital, three pilots of the American volunteer group took to the air at once to challenge them.

Something happened and their comrades did not join them at once. The three Americans raced unhesitatingly into the Japanese fleet.

Other British and American planes joined in later and when it was all over 31 Japanese planes had been downed.

Inspiring Victory
American and British planes losses were "surprisingly small."

Details of the battle, made it plain that it had been an inspiring victory for a heavily outnumbered Allied force, and one witness who watched from the ground while the first three Americans went into the Japanese fleet with the guns of their planes spitting said:

"It looked like a fleet of rowboats attacking the Spanish Armada." It was believed that several, at least, of the 71 Japanese planes crashed into the sea before they could reach their base in occupied Thailand.

Americans Outnumbered
The American part of the victory was won by the pilots of the now famous "AVG," the little American volunteer group which came to China under Col. Claire L. Chennault a few months ago to defend the Burma Road, China's life line of supply, from Japanese bombing planes.

They are engaged now in a great war in which they are always outnumbered, in which they face ever-increasing odds as bigger and bigger Japanese fleets are sent to oppose them.

'SUPPLY MINISTRY' BACKED BY WALLACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—Efforts to co-ordinate defense production and supply under a single responsible head—"an American Lord Beaverbrook"—have received the support of Vice President Henry A. Wallace, it was learned today.

Mr. Wallace, who now has charge of a considerable part of the defense effort as chairman of the supply priorities and allocations board and of the Economic Warfare Board, has discussed with some Congressional leaders the advisability of concentrating control of Army and Navy procurement as well as production in a setup similar to Great Britain's.

A program such as the Army's cantonment construction program would be handled by a civilian organization which also would manage war production.

Senator Harry S. Truman's defense investigating committee heard numerous charges of waste and inefficiency in the cantonment program and is understood to be planning a recommendation in a forthcoming report for establishment of a "Ministry of Supply" that would have an all-inclusive war production task.

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FSA READY FOR FARM EXODUS

Plans to Assist Evacuation Of 500 Families From Camp Site.

The Farm Security Administration today announced plans for its sixth relocation project in Indiana—evacuation of the 500 to 600 farm families from the site of the 52,000-acre Army camp to be constructed in Bartholomew, Johnson and Brown Counties.

Dr. E. H. Shideler, State Director, said that a branch office of the FSA would be established at Edinburgh shortly to assist evacuees. The office will:

1. Serve as an information clearing-house for farmers seeking land available in other parts of the State or wanting facts regarding transportation or storage of animals and equipment.

2. Supply needed cash for downpayments on new farms, for transportation and other necessary expenses.

Dr. Shideler said that FSA grants up to \$100 were permitted to those lacking funds for transportation or immediate living expenses, and that loans up to \$300 could be made with FSA taking a lien on part of the

Government's check for the farmer's equity as security.

Many of the evacuated families are expected to move into Knox, Benton and adjoining counties where a FSA sponsored corporation has purchased 21,000 acres of farm land from estates, insurance companies and absentee owners to be subdivided and sold to displaced families.

Local Contractors Can Offer Bids

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 8 (U. P.).—The \$25,000,000 army cantonment in Bartholomew, Johnson and Brown Counties will house between 30,000 and 45,000 soldiers and officers, and will be constructed under negotiated contracts, according to information received here from Rep. Earl Wilson, Ninth District Indiana Congressman.

Rep. Wilson said he was informed by the War Department that a list of probable bidders was being sent to the Louisville, Ky., district office of the Army Engineers Corps. Any local contractor will be privileged to bid on any part of the contract, he said.

ITALY CUTS DOWN PAPERS

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—(Official broadcast recorded by the United Press in New York)—Dispatches from Rome today confirmed that Italian newspapers had been limited to four

TRAFFIC HEAD IRKED BY SIGN VANDALS

Vandals who have been defacing and destroying traffic department signs are going to face a determined police drive, according to Capt. Leo Troutman, city traffic chief.

Grown men—not children—recently have removed "no parking" signs, destroyed stop signs at several dangerous crossings and even used paint to black out speed limits and no left turn signs, Capt. Troutman said. Men in cars, some of whom the police have descriptions, have been seen committing such vandalism, according to informants.

AUTO KILLS AGED MAN

ELKHART, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—Guy C. Lemon, 88, Elkhart, was killed yesterday at a local street intersection when he was struck by an automobile driven by Leo T. Clipp of Elkhart. Mr. Clipp was not held.

PICKETS CUSTOMERS
ST. LOUIS (U. P.).—William Flori, tavern operator, pickets his customers in an effort to get them to pay the Missouri old age pension sales tax.

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Jumbo size 20x40-inch Turkish bath towels. They're heavy weight and very absorbent. Your choice of colorful block plaids.
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