

### Weather Report

Rising temperatures, followed by occasional rains late this afternoon and tonight; increasing winds. Temperatures today—Highest, 45, at 3:45 p.m.; lowest, 31, at 4:35 a.m. Full report on page A-16.

Fuel oil consumption to date should be 70 per cent of allotment for period ending December 31.

Closing N. Y. Markets—Sales, Page 19.

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# ALLIED TROOPS DRIVE TO COAST OF TUNISIA

## Joint Committee Probes Flood of Federal Questionnaires

### All U. S. Offices Will Be Asked For Reports

#### Vandenberg Calls Paper Work Burden Menace to Morale

By JAMES E. CHINN.  
The Joint Committee Investigating Nonessential Federal Expenditures decided this afternoon to call on every Government department and agency in Washington for copies of the hundreds of questionnaires they sent out in the last year and follow through with a checkup to find out what use has been made of the returns.

"The committee," announced Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, the chairman, "is determined to make every Federal department and agency show what it has done with the reports."

Decision of the committee followed denunciations by representatives of several of the country's large drug manufacturers and general contractors of the numerous reports demanded by the Office of Price Administration and other Government agencies, and a charge by Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, that the "burden of paper work" imposed on American business and the public "is a deadly menace to national morale."

### U. S. Subs Sink 5 Jap Vessels

By the Associated Press.  
The Navy announced today that United States submarines in the Pacific have sunk a Japanese destroyer, a tanker and three cargo ships, and damaged two other enemy cargo carriers.

The total merchant tonnage sunk or damaged totaled 43,300 tons, the Navy said.

A communique reporting these submarine successes also said that on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons there was only routine American patrol activity on Monday, Guadalcanal time, and that this was supported by artillery fire and fighter planes.

The communique reported that in addition to the destroyer, which was unidentified as to class and size, United States submarines have sent to the bottom of the Pacific one 9,000-ton tanker, one 8,000-ton cargo ship, one 6,300-ton cargo ship and one 2,000-ton cargo ship. A 12,000-ton cargo vessel was described as damaged and believed sunk and a 6,000-ton cargo carrier damaged.

These raised to 148 the grand total of enemy ships of all types announced sunk or damaged by American underwater action in the Pacific including 98 sunk, 22 probably sunk and 28 damaged.

The communique was issued only a few hours after Navy Secretary Knox had told a press conference that American subs were "doing a swell job" in their operations against Japan.

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### Boston License Body Puts All Night Spots In City Under Ban

#### More Than 1,000 Places Affected as Edict Follows Club Fire

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)  
By the Associated Press.  
BOSTON, Dec. 1.—The Boston License Commission today imposed a complete ban on all entertainment in Boston hotels, restaurants, cafes, taverns and night clubs as an aftermath of the Cocoanut Grove club fire that cost 449 lives and injured 172.

The ban will stand until such time as inspections are completed and the building and fire departments have given assurance that no dangerous conditions exist, the commission said.

It was explained that the emergency edict means there will be no dancing by the public in places where liquor and food are served, as well as no floor shows or other similar entertainment. Affected were 35 hotels, 682 restaurants and 293 taverns.

"Act First," Says Governor.  
The order came a short time after the members held a conference with Gov. Saltonstall at the State House, at which he laid down an ultimatum and said he "told them they should act first and let some one question their authority afterward."

During the day it was revealed that a prominent Boston attorney had written a letter in January, 1939, to a Cocoanut Grove employee, saying, in part:

"There are several things you ought to give particular attention to. Your exits are very bad. You have a tinder box construction. It should be in absolute conformity with the building rules."

The letter was turned over to Assistant District Attorney P. T. Doyle, who is conducting a closed-door inquiry into the disaster.

Survivor Takes Stand.  
Meanwhile, as testimony continued today before a board of inquiry, a press said the Cocoanut Grove night club was packed.

(See FIRE, Page 2-X.)

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Earlier Results, Selections and Entries for Tomorrow, Page 2-X.

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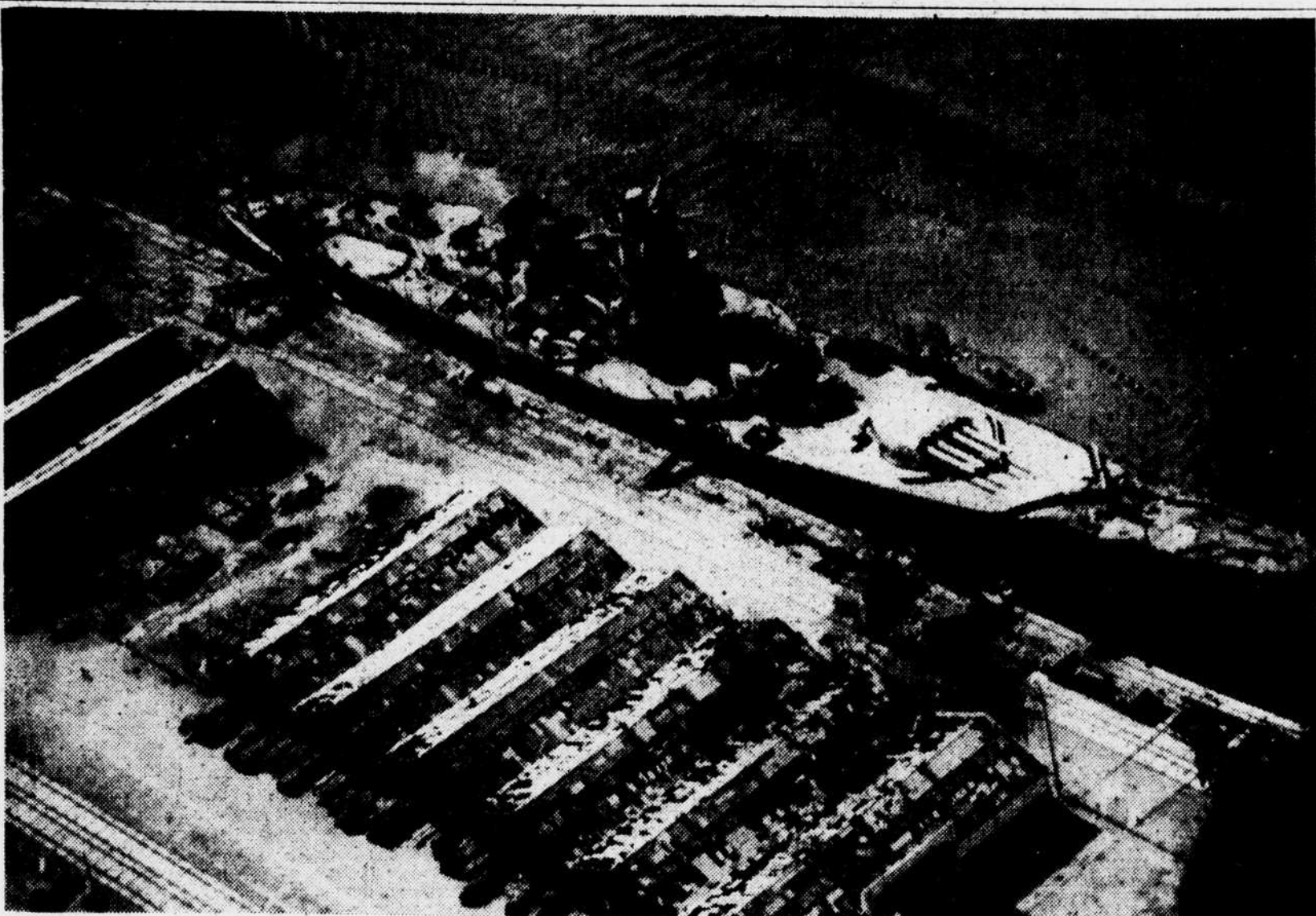
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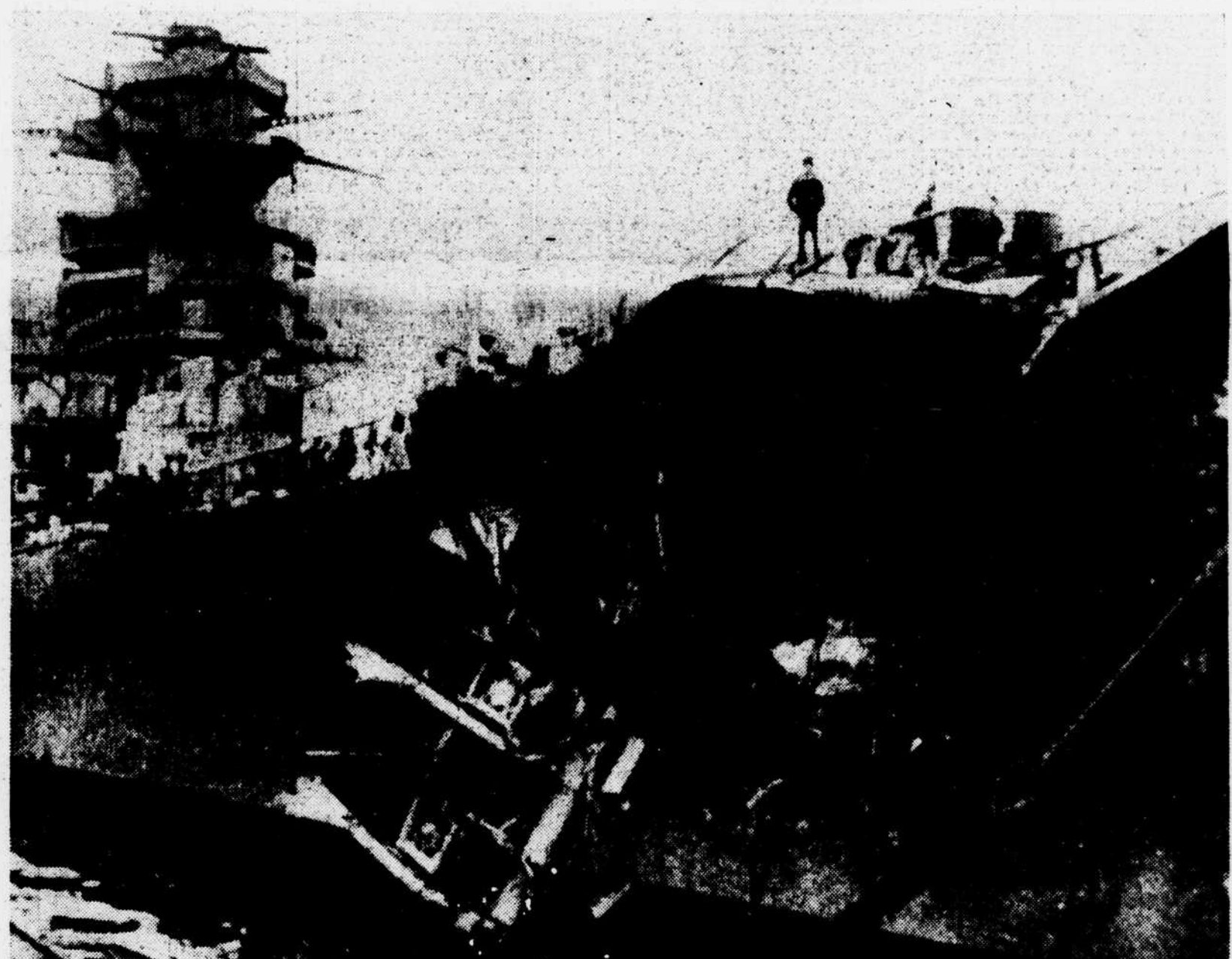
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CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO.—AS UNITED STATES TOOK OVER.—The French battleship Jean Bart, torn and battered by bombardment from United States Navy ships and

planes, lies wrecked at her pier here after the successful American landing. Note also the sheds and pier damage as result of the bombing and shell fire. —United States Navy Photo.



A close-up of the Jean Bart showing a great hole in her hull. This picture is from a newsreel that has just reached the United States. (Another Picture on Page A-3.) —A. P. Wirephoto.

### Appeal Court Upholds Conviction of Ewing In Assault Case

#### Ex-Democratic Aide Claims Rules at Trial Were Violated

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NEW DELHI, Dec. 1.—American heavy bombers flew hundreds of miles across the Bay of Bengal yesterday to assault the Japanese-occupied Andaman Islands for the first time since enemy warships there dealt a punishing blow by Flying Fortresses on April 3.

Coupled with this heavy assault, made by daylight, was a fiery raid last night on the docks and warehouses at Rangoon, the Burmese port.

One of the attacking bombers failed to return from these operations.

The Andaman raid was concentrated against Port Blair, where a 250-foot naval auxiliary was hit.

In the previous American raid on the Andamans, Fortresses under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, now in the Middle East, set a Japanese cruiser and troopship afire and probably damaged other ships, shortly after the Japanese had seized the islands.

### Arrive at Sea Between Sfax And Gabes

#### Planes Batter Tunis And Bizerte in 24-Hour Assault

BULLETIN.  
LONDON (P).—The Morocco radio reported tonight that Allied troops had reached the Tunisian coast between Sfax and Gabes.

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

By WES GALLAGHER.

Associated Press War Correspondent.  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 1.—American Flying Fortresses and light and medium bombers battered the Axis-held Tunisian coastal bases of Bizerte, Tunis and Gabes today in the greatest 24-hour air assault of the North African campaign, and an authoritative source declared the battle for Tunisia is "in the critical stage."

Reuters reported that the terrific Allied aerial pounding had made the Bizerte airfield virtually untenable and that there were signs that the harassed Axis air force was withdrawing to air bases in Sicily.

The Axis, facing entrapment at Bizerte and Tunis by Allied spearheads approaching the coast, were reported trying to establish a new beach head at Gabes, more than 200 miles south of Tunis, on their last remaining land escape route towards Tripoli.

Strong Pressure Put on Axis.  
American and British forces are "maintaining strong pressure" against Axis positions in the vicinity of Mateur, rail junction south of Bizerte, and Djedeida, 12 miles northwest of Tunis, an Allied communique said. In the southeast numerous Allied patrols, including French units, spread havoc among enemy installations.

(A communique issued at the War Department in Washington also described this action.)  
The Allies were in contact with the enemy at several points in the rugged mountains between Mateur and Djedeida. "These towns are about 20 air lines miles apart, but the railroad linking them winds over considerably greater distance."

Flying Fortresses scored hit after hit yesterday in a high-level precision bombardment of the Bizerte docks while medium American bombers set great fires roaring in rail yards and hangars.

Then light American bombers returned to blast Tunis airfield this morning.

Bombs Rained on Bizerte.  
Throughout the night RAF medium bombers rained explosives on Bizerte, keeping the Allied attack going without pause.

American P-38s, twin-motored Lockheed Lightning fighters, escorted the United States bombers on all their missions and then went hunting on their own, shooting down two of what were believed to be the latest type of Germany's Messerschmitt 109-Gs and damaged others against the loss of one P-38. American and RAF spokesmen said the Germans, trying frantically to gain air superiority over Tunisia now were using Pocke Wulf 190s and Messerschmitt 109-Gs on this front.

An authoritative source said the Axis had been trying to establish a secondary bridgehead at Gabes "apparently in order to keep communications open along the coast between Tripoli and Bizerte and at the same time have a place to fight if the capital (Tunis) and naval base (Bizerte) fell."

Axis Fours in More Trouble.  
It was estimated unofficially that the Germans and Italians had 20,000 combat troops and many thousands of communications and air force men in Tunisia and still were pouring them in.

The continued dispatch of such forces to Tunisia, it was said, provided ample indications that Adolf Hitler was determined to hang on in North Africa and make a fight of it as long as he could.

After giving Gabes a going over, it was believed officially, Allied bombers landed Sfax, some 80 miles up the curving Gulf of Gabes coast.

### Amezaga Is Elected President of Uruguay

By the Associated Press.  
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 1.—Juan Jose Amezaga, administration-backed attorney, was elected President of Uruguay for the 1943-47 term on the basis of returns today from Sunday's general election.

With the counting of ballots almost completed, Amezaga had 207,472 votes to 110,440 for Luis Alberto Herrera, an isolationist and his closest opponent in the five-man race.

### Late News Bulletin

Navy Ousts Martin  
SAN FRANCISCO (P).—Tony Martin, former radio singer and more recently a chief specialist in the Navy, has been discharged for "unfitness," the 12th Naval District said today. He was ordered to report to his draft board.



PEARL HARBOR—WATCHED JAP RACES FROM SUB.—Lt. Comdr. Thomas B. Klakring of Annapolis, Md., commander of a United States submarine, was to receive the Navy Cross from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz here for the sinking of eight Jap cargo ships and damaging four others. His sub was so close to Japan that its crew could "watch the pony races at a big city track."

—A. P. Wirephoto.