

Axis Counter Attack in Tunisia Crushed by Allies

'Hay Fever' Acting Honors Go to Mary Elaine Childs

By Jack Bush

Michigan State's first attempt to portray Noel Coward's comedy farce proved to be a hilarious success last night in Fairchild theater, as the amateur actors displayed professional ability in the all-college fall term production, "Hay Fever." The performance will be repeated today at 8:15 p. m.

Although each thespian was outstanding in his own particular role, Mary Elaine Childs, L. A. '43, took top honors with her exceptional performance as the sophisticated mother of the quarrelsome English family. Her dramatic exits and entrances along with her talented and natural display of comedy throughout the entire show captivated the audience.

Playing opposite Miss Childs in the role of David Bliss the father, Fred Tyler, L. A. '45, showed professional art through his calm and unstilted acting as the clear-cut, extremely intelligent Englishman. His solid stem of humor gave the show its educated atmosphere and kept each scene moving at a high pitch.

In his first major college production, Tad Ashby, L. A. '46, portraying a suave English diplomat and week-end guest of the Bliss family, provided the farce with the hilarity and amusement that was so delicately written by Coward. His unusual interpretation of the character role constantly kept the audience in hysterics.

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Today's Campus

... 'Marry' Christmas

War-tuned wedding bells will ring merrily for Michigan State college coeds during the Christmas season, predicts Dean of Women Elizabeth W. Conrad.

She said there were indications the coming holiday will bring a "good many marriages," climaxing a trend which developed after war broke out a year ago. Dean Conrad said many coeds who married recently or who are planning to marry expect to remain with their husbands until separated by the war and then return to college.

Vera Deaner, president of the Associated Women Students, reported there were "a lot of engagements, many more than usual."

... To the Editor

I wish to take exception to a statement published in today's News and erroneously attributed to me. The item referred to is in connection with the damage done to the ROTC colors recently and mentions that I wish the return of the fringes with "no questions asked."

Damage to or theft of government property is a federal offense.

This department does not compromise with vandals or thieves. If the guilty party is apprehended he will be dealt with just as any other thief and lots of questions will be asked.

Yours very truly,
STUART McLEOD,
Colonel, F. A.
P. M. S. & T.

Russians Slam Central Front; Gain at Rzhev

MOSCOW, Thursday, Dec. 3 (AP)—The Red army punched more holes in the German lines between Velikie Luki and Rzhev on the central front yesterday and captured a strategic height southwest of Stalingrad in a continuing joint offensive that left more than 3,800 dead Nazis in its wake, the Russians announced today.

The toll of Nazi killed and captured in two weeks has mounted to more than 166,000 on the basis of Russian announcements. Hundreds of tanks have been knocked out, and vast piles of equipment captured in drives that slackened somewhat in some sectors so the Russians could consolidate their positions on the snow-covered steppes.

The newspaper Red Star said that Yuzhnaya height southwest of Stalingrad had fallen to the Russians. That hill had dominated the southern approaches to Stalingrad and the Germans had used it for weeks both for valuable artillery and observation posts.

The German radio acknowledged the loss.
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Christmas Packages Must Be in Mail by This Week—Purdum

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the postoffices this week if deliveries on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, second assistant postmaster general.

Unprecedented wartime demands on the postal and transportation systems, plus a prospective record volume of Christmas mailings, were cited by Purdum as necessitating earlier mailings than ever before.

"It is physically impossible for the railroads and air lines, burdened with vitally important war materials, to handle Christmas mailings as rapidly as in normal times," Purdum said. "If the bulk of parcels and greeting cards are held back until the usual time—the period of about December 15 to 23—they simply cannot be distributed in time, and thousands of gifts will reach their destinations after Christmas."

Point System to Make Steak Worth More Than Hamburg in Meat Ration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—New ration books will be issued to the American public early next year, filled with prettily colored red and blue coupons by which OPA will guide and limit the kinds and quantities of meat sold.

There will be red coupons stamped A-1, A-2, and so on, and others marked B-1, B-2 and on up the scale. The whole alphabet will be used. This is to be repeated with a set of similarly lettered and numbered blue coupons.

The numbers represent

President Hannah Explains New Enlistment Plans

It has been the policy of the Army and Navy to require all freshman and sophomore students who have not completed the required six terms of Basic ROTC to enlist in the Army Enlisted Reserve, including those wishing to serve ultimately in the Marines, Coast Guard, and the Navy.

Under this policy freshmen and sophomores have enlisted in the Army Reserve, stating a preference for the service desired, with the understanding that upon the completion of six terms of Basic ROTC their enlistment in the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Navy could be completed.

Men interested in Naval Aviation have been told by the enlisting agencies that it would be necessary for them to withdraw from college to enlist in Navy V-5, or enlist in the Army Reserve and then at some later date ask for active status and meet the requirements for Naval Aviation at that time.

A telegram received by Colonel McLeod Wednesday permits freshmen and sophomores to enlist directly in Navy V-1 or V-5, in the Marine Reserve, or the Coast Guard Reserve. Men enlisting directly in these reserves will be permitted to stay in college and will complete the Basic ROTC requirements.

The only men directly concerned by this new statement are those desiring service in Naval Aviation. Such men can now complete their enlistment in this service, and the proper letter required by the naval recruiting authorities will be furnished by the President's office.

Men who have already enlisted in the Army Enlisted Reserve with the Navy or Marine preference are not affected by this new policy, and men who are in the process of so enlisting should complete that enlistment. Their status will be equivalent to those enlisting directly in Navy V-1, Marine Corps Reserve, or the Coast Guard Reserve.

Men desiring to enlist in Navy V-5 who have not completed enlistment through the Army Reserve should under the present policy enlist directly with the Naval Aviation enlisting authorities in the Book Building, Detroit. All such enlistees are assured of an opportunity of completing the present college year before starting their aviation training.

JOHN A. HANNAH,
President.

Party Problem Is Brought to Head; Dancers May Donate War Stamps

The question of the moment in social circles on campus—whether or not to ban student parties in Lansing next term—will probably be decided next Wednesday at 5 p. m. when Student council meets in session with an invited member of the faculty-student Social committee.

A special meeting of Student council was called last night when a lengthy discussion of the matter brought a desire for faculty sentiment on it.

Transportation Is Problem

Hotly bandied about in two meetings of the Social committee and social chairmen of all campus Greek organizations early this week, the debate settles around the availability of transportation, the council concluded.

With taxicabs out of the question, two solutions remain, buses and private cars. A Lansing bus company gave indication of its willingness to try to handle an increased load, but added, "We'd rather not try," a council member said.

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Henderson to Play for Varsity Ball



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A football autographed by the members of this year's football team and coaches will be given as a door prize at the Varsity ball Saturday night, according to Al Milne, general chairman of the dance.

Featuring Fletcher Henderson and his all-colored band, the semi-formal dance will be held in Jenison gym beginning at 9 p. m.

House Committee Favors Tariff Powers for FDR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—A measure giving President Roosevelt wartime powers to suspend tariff regulations successfully weathered a death-sentence test in the house ways and means committee today, but there were mounting signs that stiff opposition from the congressional farm bloc lay ahead.

U.S. Aircraft Slug Nazis; Hints Come of Naval Action

8th Army at El Agheila Set to Mop Up Rest of Desert Forces

By BLAKE SULLIVAN
LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Allied armies have shattered and hurled back the heaviest German counter-attack of the Tunisian campaign and front-line reports tonight indicated the decisive battle for Bizerte and Tunis had been joined.

The Allies met the biggest German counter-attack they have so far encountered in Tunisia north of the rail junction of Tebourba and within 35 miles of Bizerte.

Allied headquarters announced that the Germans suffered "heavy losses."

Tanks Blasted

In the continuing action, United States P38 pursuit planes were reported to have knocked out a number of German tanks in the Bjeida area near Tunis.

There also were reports of heavy action around Mateur, 12 miles southwest of Bizerte, as the Allied column drove on toward the coast to cleave the naval base from Tunis, the capital.

A hint that the British navy soon would be heard from in the

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Late Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Fighting through the jungle on Guadalcanal, American troops are carrying on a mopping up operation against scattered Jap groups, the navy reported today.

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 2 (AP)—French chief of government Pierre Laval has arrived in Berlin for discussions on formation of a new Vichy government, a Swiss dispatch from Milan, Italy, said tonight.

ALLIED HDQ. IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 3 (AP)—Allied airmen have downed 23 Jap Zeros and driven off a naval convoy which attempted to reinforce the entrapped Japs at Buna on the northeast New Guinea coast, the high command announced today.

Date for Registering 18, 19-Year-Olds Set for All of December

LANSING, Dec. 2 (AP)—Governor Van Wagoner today planned details for the sixth draft registration for 18 and 19 year old youths.

Schedule of registration requires men born between July 1, 1924, and Aug. 31, 1924, to register from Dec. 11 to 17; those born between Sept. 1, 1924, and Oct. 31, 1924, to register between Dec. 18 and 24; those born between Nov. 1, 1924, and Dec. 31, 1924, to register between Dec. 26 and 31; and those born after Jan. 1, 1925, to register on their 18th birthdays.

TIME TABLE

TODAY—
Student Grange, 7:30 p. m.
Room 111, Union annex
A.S.C.E., 8 p. m.
Org. room 2, Union annex
Campus 4-H club, 7 p. m.
Room 401, Ag hall

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ALONG THE WINDING CEDAR

By Len Barnes

WITH the debut of "Hay Fever," all college play for fall term, last night, an era of the stage at Michigan State bowed out and a new one began. For the fine production of the term play came about without the familiar figure of Dr. W. F. Thompson behind the scenes.

Built Fairchild Theater
 Many who knew "Doc," as he was called, only through his plays, didn't even know he was gone till they read publicity on the play this week listing "Don Buell, director."

Two things which became synonymous in the six years that he was here were Doc and all college plays. Few will remember the time when he did not issue the call for actors, moan over the small turnout, and then go on to direct and sometimes even act in what was usually a professionally polished production.

A thin, nervous man, Doc almost single-handedly built up the dramatics department from putting on plays in the Little theater of the Home Ec building to presenting them in the professional atmosphere of Fairchild theater. With his goatie and beret, Thompson epitomized dramatics at State.

Setup Is Ideal
 A tribute to his skill is his pupil-director, Buell, who has made the Studio theater a prolific producer of dramatics of all types. He has taken over a fine setup, and we have a hunch Buell is the kind of man who will succeed in spite of war-produced student apathy toward extra-curricular activities of all types.

A good indication of one thing that will happen to ROTC men at State was announced at the University of Minnesota recently.

"Compulsory physical education will soon be included in the curricula of all ROTC students," according to Col. H. L. King, of the military department there. Plans indicate that the exercise courses will be at least three hours per week for basic and advanced students, in addition to regular drill periods.

A course which embraces hand to hand combat of all types is now being taught under a different name in the physical education department here. Wrestling Coach Fendley Collins has gathered all available literature on the subject. Such a course would be valuable to all men heading for fighting berths with the armed services, especially ROTC.

HAY FEVER

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 Myra Buchholz, L. A. '44, as the sophisticated daughter of the Bliss family, gave an excellent showing in the first night performance.

Supporting the leading characters, Albin Beck, L. A. '45, ably filled the role of a well-mannered quiet gentleman and provided the subtle humor of the Coward production. David Lucas, L. A. '45, as the son, and Jill Jope, L. A. '44, as a guest of the English family, filled the more serious roles of the play with remarkable success.

Peggy Hall, L. A. '45, as another bewildered guest of the Bliss, is also to be commended for her interpretation of a victim of the "dramatic intelligence" of the troublesome family. The part of Clara, the Irish maid, was handled naturally by Flossie Wilkins, L. A. '43.

Major credit for the performance goes to Don Buell, for professional direction and to C. H. Nickle of the dramatics department for his interpretation of a typical English home.

Adventure Series Will Close with 'Swanee River'

"Swanee River," a full length technicolor movie, will replace the previously scheduled explorer-movie feature, "Undersea Wonders," by William Beebe, according to S. E. Crowe, chairman of the World Adventure series.

The motion picture will be presented at 8 p. m. Saturday in the College auditorium. Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds and Al Jolson head the all-star cast. Students will be admitted by activity book.

The originally scheduled movie was postponed when college officials learned that Beebe would be unable to appear here with his film, Crowe said.

Wolverine Pix

7:15	Quartermaster Corp
7:30	Coast Artillery
7:45	Field Artillery
8 p. m.	Signal Corps
8:30	Scalp and Blade
8:45	Infantry
9 p. m.	Varsity Club

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COUNCIL - Grin and Bear It

By Lichty

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 ber explained. War workers coming off shifts at the hours when the crowds would return to East Lansing might be inconvenienced, it was felt.

All sororities and most fraternities have gone ahead on the basis of having parties in East Lansing, a faculty member of the social committee said yesterday.

Party Locations Limited
 "The IFC decided last week not to ban parties in Lansing," Frank Izzo said at the meeting. Several council members felt that men with only six months of school left before entrance into the armed services should have parties where they want them.

With only the Union and Little theater of the Home Ec building available, all winter term dances could not be scheduled on campus, it was brought out. "If several organizations worked on a cooperative basis, College auditorium would also be a possible dance location," a faculty social committee member said.

Dancers May Give Stamps
 The probability also looms that 10 cents will be added to the price of tickets on all open parties, with 90 per cent of profits to go into war bonds from such parties in the future. Action on the plan will be held up till the meeting Wednesday pending the fixing of a definite use for the money after the war.

A committee composed of Jack Weaver, Ag. '43, chairman, Averil McLean, L. A. '44 and Len Barnes, L. A. '43, will submit plans for its use next week.

Two-Night J-Hop?
 The possibility of a two-night J-Hop next term was brought up by Junior Class President Hal Neumann, Eng.

"That may be the only strictly formal party of the year," he said, after a discussion of student and faculty sentiment on the enlarged J-Hop.

Student council also lifted its ban on hayrides on campus. The ban was placed two years ago because of the danger involved with auto traffic. With decreased use of autos, and regulation of routes by the faculty social committee, the council felt such danger does not exist today.

A Denver, Colo., grill offered a free hamburger for each five pounds of scrap brought in by customers.



"It's getting too darn easy to find work these days, Gu..."

FDR Declares Ickes Final Authority Over Petroleum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) —President Roosevelt gave Secretary Ickes sweeping new powers over the petroleum industry today, plus special authority to control oil and gasoline rationing in areas where there is a shortage of those supplies.

The announcement apparently signaled the final abandonment of any plans to shift Ickes to the labor department and make him administrator of manpower.

Remaining as Secretary of the Interior, he will also have the title of petroleum administrator. Explaining the President's order, Ickes said he would have power to issue and enforce necessary orders and directives regulating all operations of the vast petroleum industry.

Fall Term Graduates Cancel Plans for Commencement

Original plans to have fall term commencement exercises for the 75 seniors graduating from Michigan State in December were cancelled when only a small minority announced that they would be able to attend. Jack Bush, senior class president, announced today.

Many of the graduating seniors have already left or will leave shortly for army duty. Bush stated, and with the few remaining, it seemed impractical to have the exercises. However they will be carried off next term if enough students express such a desire, he added.

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HERMIE SAYS —

Two months ago the Michigan State football squad had just completed its pre-season practice and was ready to open its season. Everybody was wondering what kind of a club Coach Charley Bachman would put on the field when the Spartans took on their traditional rivals, the University of Michigan Wolverines.

After State had absorbed a 20 to 0 beating, fans thought they knew the Spartans' caliber for 1942. It looked like a very dismal season for the East Lansing boys.

Although they breezed by Wayne, 46 to 6, followers were still of the opinion that the Spartans weren't too hot and contended the victory to be the result of a weak Tartar aggregation.

Conclusive Proof?

Marquette moved in and added what the pessimistic rooters thought was conclusive proof when the Hilltoppers pushed State around for a 28 to 7 count.

When it was time for State to take on the heavily favored Great Lakes Bluejackets the dopests didn't even give the Spartans the smallest chance to

hold the Sailors down to one or two scores, let alone beat them. However, this was the point for the State gridders to show what they had. Twice the Spartans pushed the pigskin past the payoff line while holding the favorites scoreless.

Too Much Travel

Hitting the road the State lads found that they couldn't travel for almost five days and still put on their best performance. A tie with Temple and a loss to powerful Washington State all occurred in two weeks in which time the "S" footballers traveled from coast to coast.

Back in East Lansing, the Spartans celebrated with a 19 to 6 win over Purdue. This game, incidentally, was the first and only one in which the regular team was able to rest for almost half the contest.

Rugged West Virginia came next and State added its fourth victory, dropping the Mountaineers 7 to 0. At last the Spartans were on their way—except that by this point of the season three regulars had been lost because of injuries. Two others were badly bruised and their play was greatly hampered.

Oregon Tough

When the opponents' records were checked it was found that the three opponents that held decisions over the Spartans had teams that rated with the best of the respective schools. Both Michigan and Washington State rate with the best elevens in the nation, while Marquette put a club on the field the like of which hasn't been seen around Milwaukee in some time.

Sigma Nu Keglers Take Fraternity Bowling Crown

Last year the Sigma Nu bowlers were edged out of the fraternity championship by seven pins and had to be satisfied with the runner-up spot, but Tuesday evening they hit the maples for a 2486 count, 150 better than any other entrant in the inter frat finals.

With Capt. Jack Gale leading the ZN's with a score of 571, his high game being 227, the new crown holders finished well ahead of the Alpha Gamma Rho keggers. Kappa Sigma finished third and Lambda Chi Alpha wound up in fourth place.

Besides Gale on the Sigma Nu club were Bill Loomis (Rod Wasmuth, Bucky Walsh, and Bill Schodders. Bob Carrier, who rolled as a substitute in several of the loop games, was the number six man.

Alger Conner Is State's Iron Man

By The Associated Press
Michigan State's claim to "iron man" football honors this fall was borne out today in "combat" records for the Spartans' nine-game campaign.

Five players saw more than 400 minutes of action out of a possible total of 540, with Sophomore Tackle Alger Conner's aggregate of 465 topping the squad. Conner, who last fall played high school football at Pontiac, had an average of 51.6 minutes per game for all nine contests.

Playing time leaders:

Player	Time	Avg.
Conner	465	51.6
Mangrum	452	50
LeClair	432	48
Kieppe	412	46
Roskopp	403	45
Radulescu	370	41.1

Scoring:

Player	TD	EP	Tot.
Kieppe	4	0	24
Gingrass	4	0	24
Pawlowski	1	7	13
Stark	2	0	12
Mroz	2	0	12

Intramural Wrestling Tournament to Enter Second Day of Competition

By JOHN MARRS

With the preliminary matches over, the intramural wrestling tournament moves into its second day and the semi-finals in the eight different weight divisions this afternoon in the varsity wrestling room.

Thirty-two men will meet in today's bouts in the fight for a place in the finals scheduled for Friday afternoon.

Mike Schelb made his debut in his try for honors in the third varsity sport in his varied athletic career by winning an easy decision in his first match of the meet in the heavyweight division.

Schelb plans to use his last term of eligibility in college as a member of the Spartan grapple squad and is using this tournament as an opportunity to gain experience. In the past Mike has won varsity letters in football and track.

Other outstanding performers in early rounds were Burl Broing, 165-pounder, and Leger Stecker, 155 pounds. Both boys won their first matches with little trouble. They are among the newest additions to the Spartan squad from the Sooner state.

This afternoon's matches will begin at 4:15, according to Coach Fendley Collins, director of the tournament.

State's Schedule Has Open Dates

When Iowa Naval pre-flight decided not to form a basketball team this winter, Coach Ben VanAlstyne and his Michigan State cagers were out two more games. Just yesterday the Spartans were forced to drop Indiana because the Hooster tilt would occur during finals.

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Dakar on Verge of Becoming Allied Anti-Submarine Base


LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Allies appeared tonight to be on the verge of acquiring Dakar without bloodshed for use as an anti-submarine base and of obtaining a valuable part of the French fleet there on the bulge of West Africa, which once was considered a potential dagger pointed at Brazil.

The decision throwing Dakar open to Allied use was expected to come out of conferences in Algiers among Pierre Boisson, the one-legged governor-general of French West Africa, Admiral Jean Darlan, and the Allied army and navy commands in French Africa.

Conferring with Darlan, as head of the new imperial council set up to rule French Africa, and Boisson as a member, were:

Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, American commander in North Africa; Lieut.-Gen. Mark W. Clark, his second in command; Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, head of the British and Allied naval forces under Eisenhower; Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, and others.

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— THE — WOMAN'S WORLD

By NEVA ACKERMAN

PanHellenic Banquet

Members of the Michigan State's 13 sororities will assemble for the annual PanHellenic banquet at 5:30 p. m. today in the Union ballroom, Pres. Patty Reddy said. Over 500 women are expected to attend the banquet which will feature a talk by Dr. W. Henry McLean of Chicago on "Sorority Paths to Victory."

Epsilon Chi sorority will be awarded the scholarship trophy and Sigma Kappa sorority will receive the homecoming decorations cup at the banquet, Miss Reddy said.

Doris Johnson, Alpha Phi, is the general chairman assisted by Barbara Webb, Zeta Tau Alpha, in charge of menu, and Nancy Grayson, Kappa Alpha Theta, chairman of arrangements. Margaret McDonel, Alpha Xi Delta, is chairman of invitations and Linda Weber, Alpha Gamma Delta, is in charge of tickets.

Delta Gamma Mu

Delta Gamma Mu, fencing honorary, will hold its beginning fencers' tournament at 7 p. m. today in the Women's gym, according to Pres. Connie Riesing, Vet. '44.

Tower Guard

Tower Guard, sophomore women's honorary, will continue to tutor freshmen needing help through the rest of the term, Chairman Anne Eldridge, L. A. '45, announced. The tutoring system will also be conducted next term and any suggestion for additional subjects to be added to the list may be turned in to Miss Eldridge.

Coffee drinkers of southern Louisiana and Mississippi drink two or three times as much coffee as the average in the U. S., many of them from 10 to 15 cups

TUNISIA

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Claim Road Cut
London newspapers published a report, attributed to the Morocco radio and unconfirmed from any other quarter, that the British first army had cut the coastal highway between the strong-points, thus freeing its hand for a drive on Tunis, already less than 12 miles away and within artillery range.

Across Tripolitania at El Aghaila, the reinforced British eighth army gave signs that it was ready to attack Marshal Rommel's strong defense line. The Germans said the British had been reinforced with a tank division and had added fighter planes.

RUSSIANS

(Continued from Page 1) edged "local Russian successes" at Bely, well inside the Velikie-Luki-Rzhev-Vyzma triangle on the central front, and also at Demyansk, southeast of Lake Ilmen. The Germans also suggested another powerful Russian offensive was brewing southeast of Voronezh.

Sigma Chi Notables Due Here Today for Installation Event

Mussolini Coughs Defiance to Allies

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—Premier Mussolini's coughing and labored breathing on the radio today supported recent reports that he is a sick man.

Just how ill the premier is was not, of course, ascertained but obviously he made his long speech with effort.

Coughing and puffing defiance through the 81-minute speech in answer to Prime Minister Churchill's threat to bomb Italy out of the war, Mussolini admitted to his countrymen today that Italy had been forced into the conflict by "the belligerents" but assured the people that they now would fight on to the end.

"I have a vague impression that the Italian people want to hear me," he said.

Then he told them that the Germans "have beaten the Russians," that "victory cannot fail to come to the Axis" and that he "was not surprised by the (Allied) invasion of North Africa."

Taking part in the installation of the Gamma Psi chapter of Sigma Chi will be many noted national officers, Dean F. T. Mitchell, Grand Praetor of the Michigan Sigma Chi province, yesterday.

Dr. William B. Ricks, grand consul, will arrive today to begin preliminaries for installation. Dr. Ricks is a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church South.

Also expected today are Dr. W. Henry McLean, former grand tribune, who will speak tonight at the PanHellenic banquet, J. Dwight Peterson, grand trustee from Indianapolis; Chester W. Cleveland, editor of the Sigma Chi magazine; and J. Russell Easton, executive secretary from Chicago.

Dr. Frederick Scheuch, past grand consul of Sigma Chi and president emeritus of the University of Montana; Evan B. Walker, grand praetor from Indianapolis, Ind., and Thurlow Coon, president of the Coon-De Visser engineering concern of Detroit, will also arrive this week to help install the new chapter.

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