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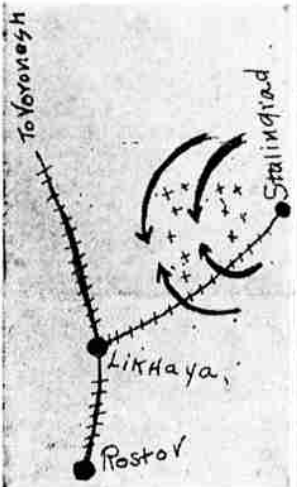
In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russian dispatches are non-spectacular, telling of just plain, heavy fighting all along the 1000-mile front from the Caucasus to Velikie Luki—as you must tirelessly wash and dry a shirt before you iron it beautifully for admiring inspection.

We can't have smash news from Russia every day—although we've been getting a lot of it.

THERE'S an interesting report, however, from the Don bend area west of Stalingrad, where the Russians seem to be using a DOUBLE pincer pushing AHEAD of the other. As nearly as one can judge from the dispatches, it works something like this:



In this rough doodle sketch, the pincer drives are shown by the arrows and the encircled Germans by the small crosses.

The interesting point is that such a movement, to be successful, would have to have GREAT STRENGTH behind it.

We're beginning to suspect that the Russians have just that.

THERE'S even a faint note of German panic in the news. Reports reaching London assert that Hitler has ordered his armies in the Caucasus to hold their position AT ALL COSTS—even to a last-ditch stand if the Russians close the Rostov gap.

This story (unconfirmed) says the German plan in that event would be to supply the Caucasus

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Synthetic Rubber Program Needs Priority Go-Ahead to Avoid Disaster In Transportation, Jeffers Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers said today the synthetic rubber program needs a clear priority go-ahead on at least 65 to 70 per cent of its plant construction to avoid a "disaster" in military and industrial transport.

Right now the delayed program is in such precarious balance, he said, that "a few bad breaks would spell catastrophe."

Nevertheless, Jeffers said that he did not believe the new east coast ban on pleasure driving—necessitated by the petroleum shortage—should now be extended to the rest of the country to save tires.

While asserting that this opinion might have to be revised next summer "when people start driving to the ball parks and beaches and places," the rubber chief said he thought people generally would "cooperate without coercion" in keeping the wear to a minimum.

If possible, he said, he would like to preserve such freedom of movement as is now permitted under mileage rationing, in areas where the petroleum supply makes this feasible. Moreover, he added, passenger cars can use re-

Nazis Admit Reverses as Russians Smash Through Wall of Resistance

Soviet Tide Gets Nearer Rostov Goal

West Germany, Sicily's Port of Palermo Raided By Allied Air Fleets

(By the Associated Press)

Russia's victorious armies, ripping through a wall of German resistance with tanks and planes, were reported to have advanced today, within 65 miles of the great German base at Rostov, on the lower Don river, and for the first time Berlin admitted Nazi reverses in the bitter struggle.

The fall of Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus, would cut off German forces unofficially estimated at between 500,000 and 1,000,000 troops.

At the same time, a British broadcast said the Germans had announced the evacuation of the civilian population of Rzhhev, key Nazi citadel 130 miles northwest of Moscow, as "a precautionary measure."

This suggested that Rzhhev, a vital link in the German defense system on the central front, was dangerously threatened by Soviet troops who have been storming its approaches for weeks.

Dispatches from Moscow said Russian forces sweeping along both banks of the lower Don river, supported by planes blasting a path for their tanks, had smashed an attempt by hard-pressed German troops to form a new defense line and were driving ahead toward Rostov.

The thrust to a point only 65

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Federal Plan Assures Ample Labor for Farms

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The farm labor situation will improve in 1943, thanks to hard-boiled federal plans.

L. C. Stoll, area director for the war manpower commission, made that promise to the Northwest Canniers association last night.

"Only negligible losses were incurred by growers as the result of labor shortages during 1942," he said, "and the outlook for 1943 is even better as the result of hard-boiled plans to provide adequate labor to sow, cultivate and harvest crops in every section of the state."

The manpower commission and U. S. employment service will locate workers through occupational questionnaires, he said, and make appeals for volunteers unnecessary this year.

Knives Collected for Japanese



San Francisco is collecting "souvenirs" for the Japs—hunting knives, ancient swords, bolos and just plain old "load stabbers." Marion Leopold, above, exhibits a few of the knives that will go to U. S. soldiers to help them fight the Japs in the South Pacific.

Canadian Plane With Six Persons Aboard Missing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Faith in the flying skill of a veteran Alaskan "bush" pilot sustained hope today in a widespread aerial search along the British Columbia coast for a missing private plane with six persons aboard.

The plane has been unreported since Pilot Harold Gillam took off at Seattle Tuesday on a flight to Alaska. Airmen said there was a chance the ship's radio was knocked out in an emergency landing.

Listed as passengers with Gillam on the Morrison-Knudsen Construction company plane were Robert Gebo of Seattle, general superintendent of the M-K Company in Alaska; Dewey Metzger, superintendent of hotels and the commissary for the Alaska Railroad, owner of the Anchorage hotel and an Anchorage civic leader; Joseph T. Tipple, civil aeronautics authority mechanical maintenance unit employee here; Susan Balzer, also a CAA employee, and Percy Cutting, an M-K company mechanic in Alaska who was returning from a holiday vacation trip to his home in California.

C. R. Shinn, Alaska manager for the Morrison-Knudsen Company, said the plane was stocked with camping equipment and emergency rations in the event of a forced landing.

Shinn said Canadian reports told of a plane resembling the missing craft having been seen flying east and later west over the southern sector of Vancouver island.

From Vancouver, B. C., came information that aircraft from all Royal Canadian Air force bases on the British Columbia coast have joined in the search for the transport.

Highway Stretch Around Shasta Dam Opens Today

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 8.—(AP)—A new section of the Pacific highway rebuilt around the Shasta dam site was scheduled to open for traffic today with the California state guard patrolling the vital Pit river bridge link.

The new section is 15 and one-half miles long. The big bridge within the area was formerly guarded by regular army units, but the state took over the job as part of its obligation in operating the span's upper deck for the highway.

Trio of Suspects Held in Series Of Local Crimes

Three men, roommates at a local hotel were in custody today while officers continued investigation into a number of recent crimes, with which the trio, individually and collectively, are believed by authorities to be connected. District Attorney J. V. Long reported today. Conducting the investigation are members of the state police force and the sheriff and his deputies, aided by city police.

Lewis C. Stone, 26, and Walter Browning, 28, both residents of Marshfield, are being held on charges of vagrancy and larceny in a dwelling, respectively, while Earl Simms, 31, of Illinois, is accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and obtaining money by false pretenses.

Officers are questioning the men concerning the recent robbery at the Chocolate shop, 229 North Jackson street, which was burglarized with a loss of approximately \$80. Stone, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported, has admitted knowing of the robbery and receiving part of the loot, which was used to pay room rent. He told officers, however, that the actual robbery was made by Browning, a charge denied by the latter. Browning was arrested on a complaint charging theft of a camera from a room in the hotel where the trio stayed.

Simms, in addition to the morals charge, is accused of passing a forged \$10 check, thereby obtaining money by false pretenses, the officers stated, but was reported by Morgan to have told the authorities that the check was written by Browning. Investigation of the forgery charge is still in progress.

Prison, Fine Meted to Gas Ration Violator

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Alvin Milton, president of the Quality Service, Inc., a filling station, was sentenced to serve one year in prison and he and the company he heads were fined \$2,000 today by Justice Proctor for violating gasoline rationing regulations.

In another development here in the government crack-down on alleged gasoline rationing violations, Samuel M. Sowder, 29, a former clerk of district ration board 30, pleaded innocent when arraigned before a U. S. commissioner on charges of illegal transfer of ration coupons.

Specifically Sowder was charged with unlawfully transferring or assigning six B gasoline ration coupons "to Carl Jones, said coupons having been issued to Samuel M. Sowder."

Annual Meet Of Roseburg Chamber Set

Six New Directors Will Be Elected; Tax League Proposal Is Discussed

The annual meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, at which time six new directors will be elected, was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 26, at a meeting of the board last night. Final program arrangements will be referred to a committee.

The chamber of commerce by-laws provide for a board of 12 directors. Each director is elected for two years, but six are chosen annually, changing half the personnel each year. After serving a two-year term, a director is not eligible to be nominated for another term until after the laps of one year.

The directors whose terms expire this month are H. O. Pargeter, V. V. Harpham, George Smith, Fred Lockwood, Wm. Adair and Harris Ellsworth. The board has named 12 nominees. Members will have an opportunity at the annual meeting to make further nominations, if desired, prior to the election at

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Tuna Price Included in Newly Fixed Ceilings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Because canners' individual March, 1942, price ceilings showed a wide variance, the Office of Price Administration yesterday set specific uniform, dollar-and-cents ceiling prices at packers levels for tuna, bonito and yellow tail fish, caught primarily in Pacific waters.

The OPA said the order, effective Jan. 13, probably will not affect the general level of retail tuna prices, although it may result in a reduction by some high-price sellers whose costs will be lowered.

As an example of the new canners' prices, the OPA said the new ceiling on fancy light meat tuna in one pound containers will be \$28 a case of 48 cans, while the ceiling prices during March ranged from \$20 to \$28 a case.

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Security Act Broadening Live Issue

Roosevelt to Give Data To Congress; Pay-as-Go Tax Idea Partly O. K.'d

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he expected to submit some data and facts to congress on the social security question but he said he did not know whether he would recommend any specific legislation to the legislators soon.

He made the disclosure at a press conference in which he gave qualified endorsement to the idea of putting income taxes on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The real problem in all such tax plans, he said, is whether the government will forgive a part or all of current taxes due.

If this is done, he said, the poor old treasury would be out of pocket that much.

There was a lengthy discussion on whether the treasury would be out immediately, or whether its loss would be spread over a period of years, and the chief executive finally agreed that probably the loss would extend over the lives of all present taxpayers.

Unless a portion or all of current taxes were cancelled upon a shift to a pay-as-you-go tax plan, Mr. Roosevelt said a taxpayer would be confronted with the difficulty of paying present taxes and also saving ahead for next year's taxes.

Mr. Roosevelt also told questioners that he hoped for a united nations victory in 1944 and had intended to convey that hope in his message to congress yesterday.

As for social security, he suggested to the reporters that they wait and see what he does.

In his message to congress yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt said the young men and women of the country want assurance against all major economic hazards from the cradle to the grave and that the government can and must provide it. He said he trusted the subject would not be regarded as an issue, but as a task for every-

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Noted Inventor Of Electrical Systems Passes



Nikola Tesla

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Nikola Tesla, 86, an electrical inventor noted for his development of systems of alternating current power transmission and distribution of electrical energy, died last night.

He was born in Austria-Hungary, and began his career in Budapest in 1881, when he invented a telephone repeater. Since 1884 he had lived in this country.

Among the inventions credited to Tesla was a system of air lighting, the Tesla motor, a system of alternating current power transmission, a system of electrical conversion and distribution of oscillatory discharges, the Tesla coil or transformer, and generators of high frequency currents. He conducted researches and discoveries in radiations, material streams and emanations.

Victory Program Listed for Jan. 12

Souvenirs from the battleship Oregon will be given purchasers of war savings bonds at the Victory program to be held Jan. 12, it was announced today by H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff. Bond purchasers at the booth at the high school gymnasium tonight and tomorrow also will be entitled to souvenirs, it was reported.

Roseburg will be visited Jan. 12 by the navy cruiser, which will be on the streets all day conducting bond sales. The cruiser is a double trailer, nine feet wide and 50 feet long. It is equipped with a public address system and motion picture equipment. Originally used for recruiting purposes, the cruiser has been loaned to the Oregon war savings staff for a month.

An evening program will be held at the junior high school building, at which time motion pictures, dealing with war activities, will be shown by the navy department. Music will be furnished by the Roseburg municipal band. There also will be a number of skits by local entertainers. Sponsored by the Rotary club, the program arrangements are in charge of Bruce A. Mellis and Mrs. Iris Helliwell.

Seattle Negro Held as Attacker of Woman

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A man, whom police described as a 26-year-old negro employed as a sealer, was held without charge as the confessed rapist who beat an unidentified white woman, found near death on a hillside in the Jackson street district early today. Police said the woman wore a war industry badge and was tentatively identified as Gladys Litty.

As the suspect was taken into the booking office, he exclaimed "did she die?" Then clasped his head in his hands and moaned "I wish somebody would kill me."

The criminal assault climaxed several nights of holdups and sluggings and one attempted attack upon a woman.

Two Douglas Students Advance in ROTC Unit

Carl E. Wimberly, Jr., son of Circuit Judge and Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly of Roseburg, has been appointed as a captain in the University of Oregon ROTC unit. It was announced today at Eugene. Harry A. Cool, a student enrolled from Drain, was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the training unit.

Allies Also Down 18 Of Foe's Planes

MacArthur Announces Completion of Mop-Up Of Nipponese on Papua

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Allied planes battered furiously at the remnants of a 10-ship Japanese convoy off the New Guinea coast today in the violent climax to a 24-hour running battle in which they were reported to have sunk two big transports, one heavily loaded with troops, damaged a third and shot down 18 fighters.

The attacks on the convoy, apparently engaged in an attempt to land reinforcements in northeastern New Guinea, were disclosed in an allied communique, which also announced virtual completion of the Papuan campaign and the annihilation of a Japanese army that once totaled approximately 15,000 men.

To these successes the bulletin added the announcement that 107 enemy warships and merchant vessels were destroyed or severely damaged by General MacArthur's airmen since July 23—two days after the Japanese first landed at Buna.

Jap Troop Loss Heavy
The toll which the Japanese have paid in their desperate efforts to retain a foothold in New Guinea was emphasized by the disclosure that one of the two enemy transports just reported sunk had gone down with her entire load of troops in a night bombing attack. How many men were aboard the ship could only be conjectured from the statement that she was a vessel of 14,000 tons and "heavily loaded."

The second transport, the communique declared, was disabled by a direct hit, set afire and later sunk. The third vessel, reported damaged, was heavily hit by a 500-pound bomb.

Advices from New Guinea said the convoy had been spotted by a reconnoitering Liberator bomber on the morning of Jan. 6 about 30 miles off New Britain, where the Japanese recently have been reported concentrating a great mass of shipping.

The Liberator moved in to attack after fighting off eight intercepting Zeros, probably shooting down one. Details of the running battle which then ensued, with more and more allied planes joining in the assault, were lacking, but an allied spokesman said that Liberators, Consolidated Catalinas, Flying Fortresses, North American Billy Mitchells, Martin Marauders and Lockheed Lightnings all had participated.

In addition to the 18 Japanese fighters definitely reported shot down, five were listed as probably destroyed and four as damaged. Allied losses were said to be relatively small.

Oregon Flyers in Group Winning More Laurels

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The famous 19th bombardment

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Convoy Triumphs Over Nazi Attack

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that an allied convoy had reached north Russian ports without loss or damage after a hot naval action previously reported Dec. 31.

The convoy was attacked by "a greatly superior enemy force thought to consist of one pocket battleship, one cruiser and a number of destroyers off North cape, at the extreme north of Norway," the admiralty said.

The first announcement of the contact Dec. 31 said an enemy cruiser was damaged and forced to withdraw and an enemy destroyer was severely hit and "was last seen in a sinking condition."

The admiralty said a small force of escorting destroyers drove off the enemy's strong forces in a two-hour fight.

Then, it said, more powerful British forces reached the scene and engaged the enemy until his ships escaped in low visibility, fleeing at high speed to the shelter of Norwegian bases.

It listed British casualties as the destroyer Achilles, 1,350-ton sunk, flotilla leader, and H. M. S. Onslow, a new destroyer, damaged. It said there were some casualties.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Seven German raiding planes bombed a southwestern coast town and caused considerable damage today. A hotel was reported hit, but casualties were few.

Four Spitfire fighters broke up the attack. As the enemy fled, smoke poured from one Nazi plane indicating it had been hit by anti-aircraft fire.