

U. S. TROOPS RAID ROMMEL'S FLIGHT LINE

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Nazi Taunt Answered By Swift Onset

Hitler Press Prepares Germany for News of Axis Collapse in Russia

(By the Associated Press) Striking swiftly across southern Tunisia, American troops have raided an axis position near Maknassy, only 33 miles from the coastal road along the gulf of Gabes, weak link in Marshal Rommel's line of withdrawal to merge forces with Col. Gen. Von Arnim.

An allied headquarters communique, which announced that the Americans took 80 prisoners, did not indicate how near the coast the American striking force was based, but the penetration was the closest yet made to the coastal road which the Germans must hold open if Rommel is to be saved.

A military spokesman said the raid, obviously in force, answered the taunt of a note the Nazis dropped on U. S. lines, saying: "Why won't the Americans come out and fight?"

Allied lines held firm in the Ouesseltia valley, more than 100 miles to the north, where the Germans gained ground last week, and allied fliers bombed a ship in Sousse harbor and an airfield near the Tripolitanian border.

Tightening up on the axis' last African stand, the fighting French announced officially tonight that Brig. Gen. LeClerc's troops from the south are now operating southwest of Tripoli and have only 50 miles more to go to reach the Mediterranean.

"The fleeing enemy is being pursued without respite," the French communique declared. The British swept on beyond captured Tripoli, their vanguards perhaps already across the Tunisian border, as American forces hurled the weight of their tanks, guns and planes into the fight from the west to bolster the hard-pressed French middle-front.

Red Tide Unchecked. Hitler, who lost his return bout with the Russian winter, and Mussolini, who lost his African empire, had the bleak prospect of further unmeasured reverses today as the red army rolled relentlessly westward on a 500-mile front and merging allied armies squeezed axis troops into a vise in Tunisia.

The Russians reported closing in steadily upon the key German bases of Rostov and Kharkov, announced the whole eastern and central Caucasus cleared of invaders, and captured three more towns in thrusts threatening to flank the Malkop oilfields and cut the Germans' road of retreat.

Hard reality apparently was coming home to roost in Berlin too plain to be concealed. "The German communique said today, 'the bridgehead of Voronezh' on the upper Don, had been evacuated by the axis 'in order to shorten the front.'"

That ended months of pretense by Hitler's high command that Voronezh was in German hands. The Russians said it never had been captured, and from it they based their present assault into the Donets and against Kharkov from the northeast.

Germany Due for Shock. Berlin dispatches to Stockholm indicated that the Nazi press was preparing the German people for news of a great defeat on the Russian front. Editorials sought to stiffen morale with reminders that "weakness on the home front forced Germany to capitulate" in 1918, and with the grim comment that "a lost war is a lost fortune."

The Russians smashed through German resistance in the north Caucasus to the rolling plains of (Continued on page 6.)

Tax Program Drafting Task Begun by Oregon Legislators

Hearings Set To Consider Various Bills

Sale of Natural Wines Over Bar to Aid Berry Trade Voted by House

SALEM, Jan. 25—(AP)—The house voted 41 to 17 today to permit sale over the bar of natural wines containing not more than 14 per cent alcohol by volume. The bill now goes to the senate.

Rep. H. R. Jones, Salem, author of the bill, said it would stimulate Oregon's fruit and berry industry by opening up a new market.

Jones said that the bill now is more important than it was two years ago, when the legislature killed a similar measure.

"The farmers don't want sympathy," he said. "They want markets. The state of Washington has tried this thing out, and it has obtained \$194,000 tax income from it at 10 cents a gallon."

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25—(AP)—The house taxation and revenue committee rolled up its sleeves today and went to work on its taxation problems, hoping to introduce a correlated tax program within two weeks.

The committee, said Giles L. French, Moro, chairman, will meet every afternoon this week, discussing a different phase of the problem each day.

After disposing of the tax measures and appropriations, the legislature will be ready to adjourn, many members said today.

This afternoon's meeting was devoted to discussion of the bill giving surplus income tax revenues to school districts to reduce property taxes. The bill clarifies an initiative measure passed at the November election.

Tomorrow the committee will take up the state income tax, which some legislators, but not (Continued on page 6.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AFTER our recent feast, we have a near famine of big news as this is written.

It usually works that way. Big military campaigns don't move forward at a UNIFORM pace. They LEAP ahead as carefully prepared attacks are successfully carried out, and then pause while new blows are organized.

But the news we have is good.

THE Russians pour across the Manyeh, east of Rostov, at TWO points. They're heading obviously for the Baku-Rostov railroad, hoping to cut off the Germans remaining in the lower Caucasus.

A new Russian pincer movement is reported against Kharkov. They are said also to be organizing (and perhaps already carrying out) a new sweep through the southeastern Ukraine designed to get in behind Rostov.

Russian tactics all winter have been aimed at getting in behind the Germans.

THE Germans remaining before Stalingrad are in much the same position as the Japs at Buna, and apparently the same fate awaits them.

Someway one guesses these Germans will surrender when they finally see their situation is hopeless.

It looks as if the Japs are going to fight to the last man.

IN northern Africa, General LeClerc's column coming up from the south JOINED Montgomery's (Continued on page 2)

Noted Figure In Political Field Of Britain Dies



LONDON, Jan. 25—(AP)—Snowy-bearded John Burns, 84, a candle factory worker who became the first working man ever to be a British cabinet minister, died yesterday.

He left the cabinet post of president of the board of trade in 1914 in protest against Britain's entry into world war I and retired from the house of commons in 1918 after 26 years' service.

In November, 1887, he was sentenced to six weeks in jail for resisting police who broke up a meeting in Trafalgar square. Years later, on the 21st anniversary of the "town planning act," which he pushed through parliament in 1905, he said: "Having slept in both Windsor castle and Pentonville jail, I consider that I am a most competent authority on housing."

Forum Planned At Banquet Of Roseburg C. of C.

The advance sale of tickets for the annual membership meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce was in progress today and the progress of the sale indicated a large attendance. The dinner meeting will be held at the Umpqua hotel at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday and will be open to all men and women interested in the work of the chamber.

The principal speaker will be Richard G. Montgomery, state administrator of the office of price administration, who will present a most timely address on the subject of rationing in connection with the war program. He has announced that he will conduct a forum through the question-and-answer method, but will not discuss individual problems; he will endeavor to answer any questions regarding the general phases of the program.

The membership also will be called upon to vote on proposed changes in the by-laws, and will hear reports of the past year's activities, together with a discussion of projects proposed for the coming year.

Starvation Threatens Deer; Killing Advocated

PORTLAND, Jan. 25—(AP)—The state game commission learned today that between 15,000 and 30,000 mule deer in Grant county are threatened with starvation this winter.

The report was made by Jim Eiler, Malheur National forest supervisor, who said farmers favor reduction of the herds to a point where existing food supplies will be adequate.

Killing of the deer now while they are in good condition would alleviate the state's meat shortage, the farmers said.

Deep snows in the Blue mountains forced the herds down to concentration areas a month earlier than usual, Eiler said, and surveys indicate browse will be 50 per cent short of the herds' needs. A hay shortage in the John Day valley prevents its use to tide the animals over, he said.

Train Killing Still Veiled In Mystery

No Motive Found For Slaying of Mrs. James; Men Held Give No Clue

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25—(AP)—The slaying of comely Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21, whose throat was slit as she lay in lower berth 13 of a California-bound train, grew more mystifying today.

Clues abound, but police in their third day of investigating the strange death of a navy ensign's bride said they could determine no motive and could find no suspects.

They held two men for questioning, at Klamath Falls, Marine Private Harold R. Wilson, 22, Buckley, Wash., who slept in upper 13, and John Funches, 30, Oakland, Calif., negro dining car waiter on the train, but emphasized there was no evidence to connect them with the crime.

They issued a John Doe warrant for the arrest of a third man, an unidentified negro, who was believed to have been a passenger, although trainmen could find no record of him.

Crime Is Narrated. Police said this was the story: Mrs. James, daughter of a prominent Norfolk, Va., family, was following her husband of four months, Ensign Richard F. James, also of a prominent Virginia family, after a routine navy transfer from Seattle.

About 4 a. m. Saturday as the train neared Tangent, Ore., two men in berths near Mrs. James heard a woman exclaim, "I can't take this any longer," and then, "my God, this man is killing me." A scream followed.

One of the men, Eugene Norton, Daly City, Calif., looked into the train aisle immediately. He said he saw Private Wilson lifting Mrs. James, who had sprawled into the aisle.

Blood spurted from a neck wound, and Norton said, "it looked to me the wound was made by a gouge."

Norton also thought he saw a man running down the aisle, but it was dark and "it might have been a curtain fluttering."

Wilson said the scream awakened him and he looked out in time to see a heavyset man running away. The man was dressed in a brown pin-point suit. Wilson said he pulled on his pants and shoes as fast as possible and jumped down. He pro-

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Volunteer Farm Work Army Plan Of Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25—(AP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt and Food Administrator Wickard announced today they would seek to mobilize a "land army" of about 3,500,000 to volunteer for seasonal farm work this year.

Together they told a press conference that persons doing work not connected directly with the war effort would be enrolled in both rural and urban communities and asked to shift temporarily to planting and harvesting work whenever needed to save crops.

Such persons—they gave clerks in stores as an example of the type worker they had in mind—would not be asked to work without pay, but would be asked to accept regular farm wages, even if below the pay of their normal jobs, as a contribution to the war effort.

Workers in rural communities would be enrolled as to ability and willingness to perform farm work through questionnaires sent out by the agriculture department's extension service, which would follow up with recruitment drives.

He's Author Of Pay-as-You-Go Income Tax Plan



Author and proponent of the nationally famous pay-as-you-go income tax plan is Beardsley Ruml, above, department store executive of New York City. The system, which is receiving earnest consideration in congress would boost income tax collections to the highest possible level and cut defaults to a minimum, Ruml declares.

Fire Destroys Astoria Apartment House; 5 Hurt

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 25—(AP)—Damage in an Astoria apartment house fire yesterday, in which five persons were injured, was estimated today at \$18,000 by Mrs. Inez Green, the building's owner.

The injured, none of whom were hurt seriously, included one of the firemen who rescued several persons from second and third-story windows with ladders.

The blaze, starting in a garage can on an enclosed porch, virtually destroyed the 30-year-old structure.

British Subs Bag Five More Axis Supply Ships

LONDON, Jan. 25—(AP)—British submarines have sunk five more enemy supply ships in the central Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

Reuters said a DNB broadcast reported today that British commandos carried out a raid at Larvik, on the Norwegian coast, between Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Guadalcanal Places Taken From Nippons

U. S. Forces Also Erase Nearby Island Base by Air and Sea Onslaught

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25—(AP)—American forces on a general offensive in the Solomon Islands were reported by the navy today to have won seven important positions from the enemy on Guadalcanal, to have killed 201 Jap soldiers and captured 40, and to have virtually wiped out an enemy island base 190 miles to the northwest by sea and air attack.

The places captured, a communique said, were six important elevations west of the American air field on Guadalcanal and the coastal village of Kolumbana, where quantities of stores and equipment were seized.

This meant that the American front lines had been advanced about two to three miles beyond previously-held Point Cruz, which had been the farthest known point of advance on the coast.

The front apparently is being pushed forward in an effort to bottle up and eventually wipe out dwindling Japanese forces on the northwestern end of the island. The enemy still holds about 16 miles of coastline on the northern side of Guadalcanal.

The heavy attacks against the Japanese island base were delivered by both airplanes and warships on Saturday and Sunday, the communique said. The island attacked was Kolombangara in the Munda area of the New Georgia group.

"The operations were successfully completed," the communique said, "and fires from explosions of fuel and ammunition dumps indicated that the enemy (Continued on page 6.)

Legal Advice Free to Service Men's Families

PORTLAND, Jan. 25—(AP)—Dependents of men in service will be given free legal advice by members of the Oregon State Bar association, the committee on war work announced Saturday.

Free service to members of the armed forces was announced recently. The drawing of wills and power of attorney are included in the free advice, the committee disclosed. However, a reasonable sum will be charged for legal services not connected with war contracts.

Lieut. Col. John W. Bonner, judge advocate of the 104th division at Camp Adair, praised the program and promised full cooperation.

Fiery Crash Of Bomber Fatal To Nine

Search Continues in California Region for Missing Seaplane

ORDWAY, Colo., Jan. 25—(AP)—A four-motored army bomber crashed and burned 18 miles north of this southeast Colorado town late last night. Undersheriff J. J. O'Connell reported, and all persons aboard were killed.

O'Connell said he did not know how many were aboard, but that ranchers in the area placed the toll "at between nine and eleven dead." He said ambulances from the La Junta army air base, southeast of here, reached the crash scene early this morning.

It was learned that the bomber was from Rapid City, S. D., but was temporarily based at the Pueblo army air base about 50 miles west of Ordway.

At Pueblo, the air base public relations office said details of the crash were meager. The number of men aboard the ship was not immediately known there.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 25—(AP)—Three Will Rogers field soldiers were killed Saturday when their light bomber crashed near here.

The victims included: Sgt. Hewitt A. Maloy, 21, gunner. He was the son of Mrs. Mildred Maloy, Port Orford, Ore.

SEARCH FOR SEAPLANE, 19 ABOARD, CONTINUES

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Jan. 26—(AP)—An energetic search was pressed today for a huge navy transport—a seaplane—carrying nineteen persons, which may have crashed in the hilly, wooded country north of here.

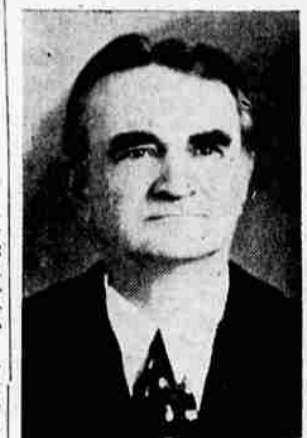
On the ship were an admiral and other navy officers, en route from Honolulu to San Francisco. The plane has been missing since (Continued on page 6.)

Parole Breaker Taken Back to Penitentiary

Ingolf Soliem, on parole from the state penitentiary from a sentence imposed in Lane county on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, was in custody here today. He was arrested Sunday at Reedsport, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported, upon instructions from the state parole board which ordered revocation of his parole.

Sollem was taken to the state penitentiary this afternoon, together with Walter Browning, recently sentenced to terms totalling three years after pleading guilty to charges of forgery and receiving stolen property.

Former Printer Of News-Review Passes Away



Member of the printing profession for nearly 40 years, that embraced service in Roseburg and other cities in Oregon, as well as cities in Washington, W. Dale Strange, above, died at his home in Roseburg Sunday. A musician by avocation, he was a former director of the Roseburg Municipal band.

W. Dale Strange, Roseburg Printer, Taken by Death

W. Dale Strange, 61, for more than 30 years employed as a printer with the Evening News and the Roseburg News-Review, died at his home here Sunday following a long illness.

He was born in Roseburg Feb. 22, 1881, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Strange and a member of a family prominently identified with education in Oregon. Among surviving aunts and uncles are Dr. Arthur C. Strange, a professor at Southern Oregon School of Education, Ashland; Miss Mary Strange, retired, long active in the Portland schools; Mrs. Mattie Strange Fisher, now in British Columbia, who was a teacher in various schools in Oregon; and Walter Strange, Portland contractor. An uncle, Rev. Ferdinand G. Strange, was one of the prominent Presbyterian ministers of Oregon.

Dale Strange was educated in elementary schools in Roseburg, Pendleton and Spokane, and was a graduate in civil engineering at Albany college and Pacific university.

Printer and Musician. His father, a pioneer dentist was superintendent of schools in Douglas county and was active in republican political circles. He also was an early day editor and publisher in Roseburg and his son chose to follow the printing profession rather than the work of an engineer. He was employed for the greater part of his active life in Roseburg, but worked also on newspapers in Portland, Centralia, Pullman, Tacoma and elsewhere in Oregon and Washington.

An outstanding musician, Dale Strange took an active part with instrumental and vocal music organizations and for a number of years was the director of the Roseburg municipal band.

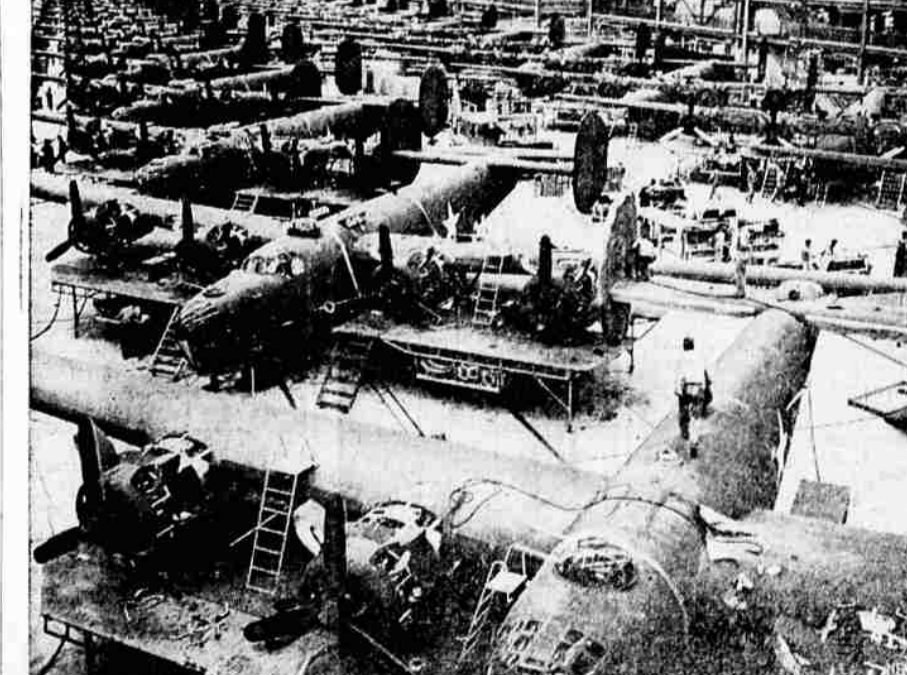
He was married at Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 6, 1924, to Inez Clark. The widow and a daughter, Lou Helen Strange, survive.

He was a member of the Christian church. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Len B. Fishback at the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors at 1 p. m. Tuesday and will be concluded at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Arrest of 7 Boys Clears Thefts of Milk Bottles

Arrest of seven boys, ranging from 12 to 14 years of age, has apparently cleared up the milk bottle thefts which have plagued local distributors for the past few weeks, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported today. Two boys, the sheriff said, were apprehended this morning in the act of stealing bottles from porches in North Roseburg. Questioning led to the apprehension of other youths who have admitted taking bottles to secure money to use in buying candy and attending the movies. The bottles were sold to grocery stores. The cases are to be handled through the juvenile court.

Here's What's Meant by Thousands of Planes Yearly



Have a look, Hitler. Here are some of the thousands of warplanes America is making in 1943 to more than double 1942's production of 48,000 aircraft. The double assembly line of four-motored B-24 Liberator bombers in foreground, and C-87 transports, is at Consolidated's Fort Worth, Tex., plant.

Accident Fatal to Douglas Logger

Alton James Hartless, 25, a resident of Wolf Creek, was killed late Saturday afternoon in an accident which occurred in the Ingham Lumber company logging woods on Quine's creek in southern Douglas county. Hartless was struck by a loading boom and died almost instantly, Harry Stearns, county coroner reported.

Hartless is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Hartless, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred I. Hartless, all residents of Wolf Creek.

The body was removed to the Eberly-Stearns mortuary, Glendale, and is being prepared for shipment to Altus, Okla., where services and interment will take place.