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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The verdict of the past week's developments in Russia seems to be that Rommel tried and failed.

He failed because he lacked strength.

It was a bold try—made in line with the best text-book principles. He had strong enemies in his front and in his rear. So, instead of waiting for them to hit him BOTH AT ONCE, he hit ONE of them HARD before the other could get into action.

He concentrated maximum strength at a chosen point and punched through.

Both are sound military rules, well tested by time and experience.

HE punched through twice—once at the Faid pass and again at the Kasserine gap. The country in which the week's fighting has taken place is a series of high valleys separated by ranges of hills—roughly similar to the high desert country of southeastern Oregon and north-eastern California. There are passes through the hills.

Rommel struck first at the Faid pass and broke through into the valley beyond, which was held too lightly by our forces. He drove us out. Thus, quickly reorganizing, he struck again at the Kasserine gap, hopping (one guesses) to penetrate into the wider valley to the west, where, by cutting our communication lines, he could cause all kinds of grief.

HIS momentum carried him through the eight-mile-long (Continued on page 2)

### Roosevelt, Army, Navy Heads Boost Red Cross Drive

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—The American Red Cross begins today the greatest single crusade of mercy in all history. Thus spoke President Roosevelt yesterday in proclaiming the month of March Red Cross month and asking Americans to contribute at least \$125,000,000 "to make sure that every American boy on every fighting front has everything he needs which the Red Cross can supply."

In a message read to the nation by Chairman Norman H. Davis of the Red Cross, Mr. Roosevelt said the organization was "undertaking a task unprecedented—because this war is unprecedented."

"We undertake this greatest of all Red Cross crusades in the name of mercy," he said, "now that we are engaged in a war to decide whether all our concepts of mercy and human decency are strong enough to survive."

"Even our enemies know about the American Red Cross," the president said, "because it has never let international boundaries act as the limits of its mercy."

"Wherever our fighting men are—all over the world—the American Red Cross is by their side, extending always the arm of helpfulness and comfort."

Joining in the broadcast appeal from north Africa, General Eisenhower said: "I cannot possibly describe to you the extent to which all of us, particularly those magnificent soldiers who fill the American units in north Africa, depend upon the American Red Cross."

## ROMMEL'S COUNTERATTACK SCORES MINOR SUCCESS AT TERRIBLE COST; RAF POUNDS NAZIS' SUB-BOAT LAIR

### Flanking Of Allied Lines Aim of Nazis

American, British Units Advance at Other Spots, Occupy City of Feriana

(By the Associated Press) German infantry and tanks, switching a persistent attack to the northern sectors of the Tunisian front, have battered their way a short distance into allied lines northwest of Medjed-El-Bab in an effort to flank that allied forward base, allied headquarters dispatches reported today.

In the central sectors, however, American and British forces were reported moving forward both to the south and northeast from recaptured Kasserine gap after their recovery of the initiative in that sector with the smashing of Marshal Rommel's offensive. The allied advance to the northeast, it was announced officially, was proceeding without meeting opposition.

Axis Pays Heavily Allied headquarters dispatches said the Germans had hammered a path slowly to three miles beyond Sidineir, only 18 miles northeast of the road junction of Beja and 40 miles west of Tunis.

This represented only a slight gain in the face of stubborn opposition by the British first army and a terrific allied air assault which was said to have left a "bloody chaos" in axis ranks.

This gain was reported after an allied communique had announced that the continuing axis attacks at half a dozen points along a 65-mile front in the north had been turned back yesterday. The communique said, however, that a particularly strong assault had been made on the road toward Beja, in an obvious effort to flank Medjed-El-Bab the natural springboard for an eventual allied offensive against Tunis and Bizerte.

Air Raiders Hit Sicily Splitfire and Hurricane pilots (Continued on page 6.)

### 48-Hour Week For Lumber, Mine Industries Fixed

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Regional directors of the war manpower commission have been directed to do an "on the spot" job of hiking the work week up to 48 hours in the nation's 32 labor shortage areas.

Regulations issued by Paul V. McNutt, WMC chairman, authorize area and regional directors of the commission to handle local situations in the field without awaiting detailed instructions from Washington.

The WMC Saturday night ordered a 48-hour week for the lumber industry and for metal mining other than iron throughout the nation. It was the first industry-wide application of the longer-hour program. Labor department estimates indicated it covered about 370,000 workers in lumber and 70,000 in mining.

McNutt's regulations provide that no company which must release workers because of the 48-hour week shall institute the longer hours until the federal employment service finds "suitable" work for the discharged employees.

The regulations specify exemptions from the longer work week. These include businesses employing fewer than eight persons, state and political subdivisions, persons under 16 years and those unavailable for full-time work because of other employment, household duties or physical disabilities.

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### New Turmoil at Tulelake Jails 12 More Japanese

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—Additional arrests of evacuees at the Tulelake war relocation project were made over the weekend, and today it was disclosed that two beatings had occurred on the project in connection with trouble over registration of evacuees for job clearance and military service.

Twelve men, described as suspected ring-leaders of the agitation against registration, were brought to the county jail here Sunday.

John D. Cook, reports officer of the project, said that in the group were men believed responsible for two beatings, administered on loyal evacuees who were outspoken in urging other evacuees to register.

The men arrested Sunday are Kibel, evacuees who were born in this country but returned to Japan for education. Cook said they are accused of attempting intimidation of other evacuees in opposing the registration program.

Twenty-two evacuees who were removed from the project last week to the jail here were moved out of the jail to an undisclosed destination by WRA officials Saturday night.

### Deadline on Credit Fuel Buying Extended

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—The office of price administration today extended the deadline for "coupon credit" buying of fuel oil in Washington and Oregon from today to March 15.

In making the extension OPA said some fuel oil rations had not yet been distributed in the two states.

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### Oregon Fuel Dealers Soon to List Supplies

SEATTLE, March 1.—(AP)—Fuel dealers in Washington, Oregon and ten counties in Idaho will have to register supplies with the OPA soon under ration order No. 14, which covers all firewood from kindling to sawdust, James C. Scully, regional rationing representative, announced Saturday.

Under the new registration, first of its kind in the country, nearly 4,000 fuel dealers will furnish monthly data to the OPA. Date for the registration has not been set. Scully said the orders would not mean rationing of the wood, but gives Pacific coast OPA administrators the power to ration if necessary.

### Pay Raise Delay Protest Halts Work on Bombers



Protesting war labor board's delay in granting them desired pay increases, this throng of Seattle, Wash., Boeing aircraft workers is shown crowding into an auditorium to stage a mass meeting. The meeting and subsequent parade through downtown streets brought a half-shift shut-down of the bomber factory.

### State Pension Hike Asked Of Legislature

Snell's Proposal Given Committee O. K.; Fire Hazard Ban Now Law

SALEM, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—Oregon's average old age pension will be raised to \$38 a month by June, 1945, if liquor sales continue at a brisk pace.

The joint legislative ways and means committee voted 8 to 4 in favor of Governor Snell's recommendation that the pension budget for the next two years be increased from \$16,880,000 to \$20,000,000, to make a \$38 pension possible.

The cost to the state would be only \$1,500,000, since the federal government would contribute an equal amount.

The committee said the increased pension would be possible even if liquor sales drop 25 per cent.

However, should the federal government decide to ration dwindling liquor stocks, the increase would be out of the question.

The present average pension is \$25 a month, but the budget, prepared by former Gov. Sprague, would have increased it to \$34 by June, 1945. Snell's request increases it another \$4.

The only hope for increasing the amount available for pensions would be passage of the bill by Representative Steelhammer to levy annual taxes of \$50 on pinball games and \$10 on coin-operated phonographs. This bill passed the house, but was defeated 17-13 by the senate. A move to reconsider the bill will be made this week.

The bill would raise about \$2,000,000 during the next biennium, and probably would guarantee \$38 monthly pensions by the end of the biennium.

3-Man Tax Board Target Governor Snell resumed his war on the three members of the state tax commission today, asking the house committee on (Continued on page 6.)

### Kellogg District Buys \$4,050 Worth of Bonds

Residents of the Kellogg district bought \$4,050 worth of war savings bonds at a community program Friday night, setting a new record for rural purchases. H. C. Berg, vice chairman of the county war savings staff announced today. The bond sale was conducted by Mr. Berg in connection with a turkey dinner sponsored Friday night by the Kellogg grange as a means of raising funds for 4-H club scholarships. E. A. Britton, county club agent, was present and exhibited motion pictures. Mr. Berg spoke briefly on war savings bonds and conducted the sale, which was the largest so far recorded at any single community meeting.

### Famed Peanut Vendor at National Capital Dies

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Steve Vasilakos, 58, who was known to seven presidents and a host of other dignitaries as the man who sold peanuts in front of the White House, died of heart disease yesterday after an illness of several months.

A native of Greece, Vasilakos first wheeled his peanut wagon to a corner near the executive mansion more than 30 years ago. One of the highlights of his career was when he met King George II of Greece during the latter's visit here last summer.

Before his final illness, Vasilakos, who became a naturalized citizen, sold \$50,000 worth of war bonds with his peanuts and popcorn.

### Fire Destroys Plant Of Albers Milling Co.

OAKLAND, Calif., March 1.—(AP)—Losses running into millions of dollars—one source estimated \$5,500,000—were caused by a fire that destroyed the grain-filled Albers Milling company plant on the Oakland waterfront last night, and set a merchant ship ablaze. The ship fire soon was extinguished.

Cause of the disaster was undetermined. Battalion Chief C. J. Sorrell of the Oakland fire department said his preliminary investigation indicated the fire may have started in a dust explosion on the fourth floor of the 700-foot building.

### Banfield Put On Highway Board; Succeeds Cabell



T. H. Banfield.

SALEM, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—T. H. Banfield, Portland manufacturer, became a member of the state highway commission today, succeeding Henry F. Cabell, Portland, commission chairman.

Cabell resigned to enter the army. He is a former president of the American Association of State Highway Officials, and had served eight years on the Oregon commission.

Banfield, born and educated in Portland, is president of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing company. He was a member of the capitol reconstruction commission.

### Mine Blast Death Toll Probably 69

BEARCREEK, Mont., March 1.—(AP)—Numb, silent relatives of 69 miners imprisoned in the Smith coal mine since an explosion Saturday waited today while rescuers combated deadly gases with an emergency air blower set deep in the Hillside mine.

At least five miners were known dead from the blast. Their bodies were recovered.

Seven other bodies, a source who refused to be quoted said last night, have been located but could not immediately be brought out because of conditions in the tunnels.

Fifty of the highly skilled rescue workers were overcome by fumes before a new power blower was installed late yesterday 5,000 feet inside the mine. The original blower was demolished by the explosion, which occurred 7,000 feet from the entrance.

### Protest Meeting Doesn't Halt Jobs

SEATTLE, March 1.—(AP)—A contemplated round the clock protest meeting of some 20,000 aircraft workers dwindled today into a continuous session of the governing council for AFL workers at Boeing's, maker of Flying Fortress.

The council went into session at 10:30 p. m. last night with the announced intention of continuing to meet until the war labor board acts on the demand of aircraft workers for starting pay comparable to shipyard wages. The board was considering the case in Washington.

Meetings were held there throughout the day and the board arranged for a night session, if necessary, to expedite a decision. Originally the meeting was to have been a 24-hour session of the entire union membership, with members attending on their off-duty hours. The plan was dropped, spokesmen said, to avoid any possibility of work stoppage.

Pacific coast aircraft workers get 6 1/2 cents an hour as beginners. They want 95 cents, the same scale as paid to start in west coast shipyards and similar industries.

### Ships, Planes Observed at Island Bases

U. S. Fleet Ready to Hit Japs' Industrial Heart, Admiral Nimitz Says

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 1.—(AP)—Japan is massing great forces of troops and powerful armadas of ships and planes in island bases north of Australia either for the long-awaited offensive smash at this continent or in anticipation of a large-scale allied assault, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

Allied planes which have been ranging far and wide over the southwest Pacific in recent weeks, hammering at enemy bases from the Solomon Islands in the east to Dutch Timor in the west, have brought back reports of steadily growing Japanese concentrations, it was announced.

General MacArthur's command disclosed this Japanese activity in a communique which told of an allied aerial attack on the Japanese-occupied Penfoel air-drome at Koepang, Timor, in which four enemy bombers and nine fighters were destroyed on the ground and another bomber and eight fighters were either destroyed or seriously damaged. Koepang is about 500 miles northwest of Darwin, Australia.

"Our air reconnaissance over the past weeks reports a constant and growing reinforcement in all categories of enemy strength in the island perimeter enveloping the upper half of Australia," the communique said.

"The enemy seems to be concentrating his main effort in preparation on this front. Such an assemblage of major force indicates he is taking up a position in readiness."

The Japanese string of island bases, hanging threateningly above Australia, stretches for more than 2,000 miles from the Solomons on the east through New Britain, New Guinea and Timor to the Netherlands East Indies.

### Fleet Ready to Strike Vital Blow, Nimitz Says

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—The Pacific fleet is now ready, says its commander in chief, to start a drive toward the industrial heart of Japan itself. Admiral Nimitz's intentions were disclosed in the following statement issued through the navy department:

"We are now at the crossroads of the Pacific campaign. Through the unmatched devotion of the men who held the lines in the trying months of the past year, we have turned back the enemy in the South Pacific. The loss of Guadalcanal marks the first defeat of that kind suffered by (Continued on page 6.)

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Hitler and Mussolini started it three years ago at Brenner pass. The allies began to finish it at Kasserine pass. Eisenhower and manpower, plus the steadfast Moscow-er, are supplying the collective punch to K. O. the career from the Munich "putsch."