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## DECEPTION SHOWN IN TOULON REPORT

### Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.  
F.R. Would Open Immigration Door  
Tar Banned In Branding Sheep  
Wheat Acreage To Be Reduced

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Dec. 8.—High officials are trying to give the rush act to two pieces of proposed legislation. One is to permit the president to set aside the immigration laws and admit European refugees who are waiting in England, Mexico, Cuba and countries in Latin-America for the opportunity to dash into the United States. The other is a bill, not yet introduced, which would enable Bonneville power administration to buy the Puget Sound Power & Light with "revenue bonds." Sponsors explain that this is the entire intent of this measure, just to take over the Puget Sound private utility and not bother any other private company in the Bonneville Coulee area—Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

It is no secret that the White House is demanding the power to suspend the immigration laws and the tariff act. The White House has insisted on having this legislation passed before January 3, when this session of congress (the 77th) adjourns sine die. The recent resurgence of the Republican party in both branches of congress, the White House apparently believes, would prevent the granting of these additional powers; therefore the present overwhelmingly new deal congress is looked to for accomplishing the job.

Explanation of administration leaders is that suspending the immigration act will simplify the movement of troops in and out of Canada and British Columbia; will facilitate the entry of foreign missions by removing red tape of the immigration service. Republican members do not object to these provisions but insist that these exceptions be

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### CAMP WHITE VETS WILL PLAY HOST

Veterans of the first World War stationed at Camp White are giving a party for veterans and their wives of the Rogue River valley, at Service Club No. 1, Thursday evening, Dec. 10. There are about sixty veterans of World War I at the camp and all local veterans and especially their wives are urged to attend the party which will include music by the 81st Military band, old time music and dancing.

For those not wishing to drive to the camp a bus will leave the Rogue Terminal bus station at 7:30.

### 50 Killed in Blast At Belgian Factory

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The Free Belgian News Agency today reported that 50 workers were killed in an explosion at the La Forcette Powder Works at Baelen, Belgium, and that a new series of fires in Flanders, apparently started by saboteurs, has destroyed more than 1,000,000 francs worth of flax.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTER

Gene Riebe, back from the navy for a short stay, and getting admiring feminine glances for his uniform.

Emma Jane Brewer being accompanied by brother John and June Jarmin who presented an excellent group of numbers for Crater Lake Guild.

And Clara Daniels receiving much applause for her two readings on the same program.

### 25 PER CENT OF FRENCH ARMADA AFLOAT, INTACT

Revelation by Sec'y Knox Indicates German Attempt to Mislead Allies.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—At least 15 French warships, including four submarines under construction, and five tankers fell undamaged into German hands at Toulon despite the dramatic scuttling operations of November 27, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox said today.

Fifty-four warships and one merchant vessel were sunk, damaged or unaccounted for after being previously observed afloat in the harbor, he added.

Seen From Sky  
Knox's disclosures were made possible by aerial reconnaissance over Toulon after the smoke had cleared away following the French fleet's partially successful suicide attempt.

The secretary released a list of surviving ships which showed that Vichy radio accounts of the scuttling had been exaggerated. On November 27, the Vichy radio said that by 10 a. m. that day not a single French warship was afloat in the harbor.

In addition to the vessels which fell undamaged to the Germans, two large battleships—the Dunkerque and Strasbourg—are in salvageable condition, Knox said.

Even though the Germans should be able to make immediate use of the ships which escaped destruction in Toulon, the allied acquisition of Dakar and French vessels in that West African base would more than offset the German gains.

Asked for comment on Dakar, Knox said the agreement with French authorities there "brought with it quite a number of French ships." He said the strategic advantage, however, are "largely negative, in that we can now deny any use of the port to the enemy."

"It's a very good port, however—a good base," he added. Not all ships which survived the Toulon scuttling fell into German hands.

### FRENCH VESSELS IN DAKAR HARBOR ON ALLIES' SIDE

Allied North African Headquarters, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—A sizable portion of the French fleet and the French merchant marine joined the cause of the United Nations today as Pierre Boisson, governor-general of French West Africa came to a definite agreement with Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief.

The agreement turned the strategic port of Dakar, on the western bulge of Africa closest to South America, with its dominance of the south Atlantic, over to the United Nations for naval uses. West African air-dromes were included.

The number of French warships and merchant ships in Dakar harbor was not known here, but they were believed to include the 35,000 ton battleship Richelieu, completed in 1940, three 7,600 ton cruisers, Gloire, Montcalm and Georges Leygues, three 2,560 ton destroyers, Fantasque, Malin and Terrible, 12 submarines, three mine sweepers, 10 corvettes, other light vessels and a large number of merchant ships.

Eisenhower, in announcing the agreement, said the details "involving the future employment" of these formidable fighting and merchant fleets would be worked out in conferences at Dakar.

#### FOREST SUPERVISOR

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Clyde S. Webb, acting regional forester here, announced today the appointment of Clayton S. Crocker as supervisor of the Nez Perce national forest in Idaho.

## Allied Drive From East Planned To Nip Rommel Between Jaws

### LOCAL DEFENSES RECEIVE TEST IN MOCK AIR ATTACK

Air Raid Wardens, Control Center, Medical and Other Branches in Operation.

You probably didn't know it but your air raid wardens, your control center, the medical, public utilities and police services of civilian defense went into operation last night to protect you from a mock attack when these volunteers were called for a partial mobilization in a test raid.

Four incidents, located in four different parts of the city were carried through from beginning to end and those in charge reported today that "everything went along fine." Eighteen "casualties" were reported and these were carefully handled by the stretcher teams, ambulances and hospitals.

Auxiliary police blocked the streets and helped with first aid. The control center went into immediate action.

The public utilities department set about making necessary repairs to keep the community in shape when electrical lines, gas lines, water mains and telephone wires were "put out of commission."

Both hospitals were completely blacked-out for the mobilization and patients were transferred from the ambulances to the operating rooms, were given immediate attention by doctors, x-rayed if necessary and put to bed by nurses. Those in charge reported today that both hospitals cooperated 100 per cent and worked in complete coordination. First aid had been given the "patients," who were tagged with their supposed injuries, and doctors reported that the first aid treatment showed ability and a fine understanding of first aid fundamentals.

Working on the test were Shelby Tuttle, commander of the protection division; Bob Norris, control center; Claude Haggard, first aid; medical, Dr. L. D. Inskeep; utilities, John Boyle; police, Syd Brown; wardens in the various districts; George Field, executive officer at the control center, and others.

Leonard Mayfield, Ward Hammond, Guy Davis and Earl Yorkley were each stationed at one of the incidents and made a full report on the manner in which it was handled. Also present was Lieut. Stokely, liaison officer from Camp White.

Delays occurred as expected in the test mobilization those in charge stated, but on the whole it was handled in record time.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Albert Kahn, noted industrial architect who has designed hundreds of factories, including Henry Ford's high Willow Run bomber plant, died today. He was 73.

### Rationing Board Asks Public To Help Ease Flood

Despite the fact that rationing boards throughout the country are closing their doors for several days in order to catch up on their work, the local war price and rationing board is remaining open, board members stated today. It was thought by the members that the board could best serve the public by remaining open despite the press of work.

The public is asked to refrain from calling on the board in person or by telephone unless their needs are urgent. Volunteer workers through the chamber of commerce and other sources are helping ease the work which is now in the hands of the board.

### FRANCO'S ADDRESS SEEN REITERATION OF NEUTRAL AIMS

Middle-of-Road Policy Read in Spanish Leader's Talk Before Falangist Council.

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Political circles believed today that Gen. Francisco Franco once more has made plain that he desires to keep Spain neutral in the spreading World War.

That was the interpretation placed on Franco's address before the Falangist council which was described privately as "lip service" to the axis.

It was believed here that Franco had re-emphasized his determination to continue to straddle the fence as he has done since start of the war unless forced by armed action by one side or the other to take a positive stand.

Comment Waits  
There was no official comment on the speech here and none was expected until the text had been closely studied.

However, it was noted that Franco owes his position to the armed support of both Germany and Italy and that he has always stated his public support of the axis.

One source said that similar lip service to the axis might be expected from Spanish leaders up to the moment of Germany's final defeat but that this did not alter the fact that Spain wants to stay out of war and Franco knows it.

Diplomatic circles believed that Franco might well succeed in his ambition of going through the war on the sidelines.

These quarters felt that Adolf Hitler had enough on his hands without undertaking the job of policing a resentful population mass of whom fought against Fascism less than four years ago.

One diplomat said, "The parallel with Napoleon would be too complete if Hitler attacked Spain. The allies could ask for nothing better."

### PEN AND PENCIL MAKERS ORDERED TO CUT OUTPUT

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The war production board has ordered sharp cuts in the production of pens and pencils and banned the use of critical materials wherever possible in their manufacture.

### OLDEST WOMAN DIES

St. Johny, Newfoundland, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ella N. Carroll, 115, died Sunday at her home at North River Conception Bay. She was said to have been the oldest woman in the British empire.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The intermountain west—Utah, Idaho and Montana—today was gradually recovering from the shock of its first practice air raid alert—an alert that authorities maintained was the "real thing" for nearly two hours.

The signal for a "red alert air raid mobilization" was sounded here at 7:55 p. m., MWT, last night by Gus P. Backman, civilian defense sector coordinator for the three states. An "all clear" was not sounded until 10 p. m.—a few minutes after Backman said he discovered the order should have read "red alert test mobilization."

Military authorities a month ago had placed a ban on any air raid defense tests in this area, so when Backman sounded his

### War Bulletins

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Speedy, low-level mosquito attack bombers of the Royal Air Force this afternoon continued the allied air offensive against axis occupied Europe with attacks on industrial objectives in Holland and northwest Germany, an air ministry communique announced.

Simultaneously, British fighter formations swept over northern France and Belgium, attacking railways, barges, and other targets, the communique said.

One bomber was lost.

### 21 JAP PLANES ADDED TO LIST LOST IN GUINEA

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Allied air forces had destroyed 21 more Japanese planes on the New Guinea front today as methodical preparations went on for a final assault against the enemy garrisons in the Buna area.

"As far as ground fighting is concerned," said a spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, "this hasn't been a quiet day up there. Just because it isn't reported that Buna has been captured, it doesn't mean they haven't been fighting to beat hell up there."

The Japanese had lost 68 aircraft since Dec. 1 and an estimated 107 since the drive against Buna began 20 days ago.

The enemy sent in yesterday its strongest air force since the campaign opened, in an attempt to relieve pressure on the hard pressed ground forces, but of 18 medium Japanese bombers, six were shot down. Of eight dive bombers, five were destroyed, and only five of a dozen zero fighters escaped.

### HUGE GAS CACHE INVOLVES OWNER

Cleveland, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Suburban Euclid officials today reported discovery of a hoard of gasoline that could keep a motorist with a basic "A" ration book riding for nearly 10 years. The gasoline hoard, totaling 1,960 gallons, was concealed in two tanks buried under a tennis court on the property of Abraham L. Carson, a Cleveland businessman. He was charged with violating the building code.

### Test Raid Mobilization Mistake Shows Flaws in Civilian Defense Machinery

alarm, most citizens thought—for a while at least—that enemy planes might actually be heading for this rich inland industrial empire.

Backman contended his order came from the pre-arranged source at Portland. However, Portland authorities maintained they issued no such order. The Pacific northwest itself had an alert last night, but it was a pre-scheduled affair, one of a series, and there was none of the confusion there that there was in the intermountain area.

Throughout the alert, all military sources maintained silence. Salt Lake City radio stations left the air from 8:45 p. m. until 10 p. m. Montana stations were also off briefly.

Lights in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake county—including

### BRITISH TO MOVE WESTWARD FROM EL AGHEILA AREA

New Strategy Would Pinch Axis in Tunisia—Yankees Wait Air Reinforcements.

By Edward W. Beattie  
United Press Correspondent

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—A grand allied assault from the east on the Axis position in Africa, it appeared today, may hit the Germans and Italians while the Tunisia fighting still is in the hard skirmishing stage. The British Eighth army, in the opinion of London observers, probably has completed preparations for the breakthrough attack at El Agheila which is expected to throw Marshal Erwin Rommel into a new retreat for Tripoli.

To Pinch Axis

As the Eighth army attack develops, it was said, the British first army with its American and French elements under Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson can be expected to move forward to pinch the Axis from the west.

For the moment, reports from Africa made plain, the allies in Tunisia were on the defensive as they worked to bring up sufficient air strength to break the Luftwaffe's dominance of the forward fighting zone.

However, it was doubted that the Germans with the limited land forces at their disposal will attempt to press forward any great distance despite their success in the opening rounds of the Tebourba-Djedida-Mateur battle.

#### Air Strength Needed

It was agreed that allied losses in tanks and men will probably continue so long as the Axis air superiority can be maintained in the battle area.

Allied bombing of Axis air-dromes at Bizerte and Tunis was believed to be hampering the Nazis in employing these fields and cutting their air attacks on American and British troops to a considerable extent.

German radio reports from Tangier said that Anderson's headquarters indicated the allies would be forced to wage a defensive battle in Tunisia for some time.

Radio Vichy claimed that a new and violent tank battle was being fought west of Tebourba and the DNB Nazi news agency said German divebombers and fighters had destroyed many allied tanks.

The rapid expansion of government expenditures for goods and services will raise them to an estimated annual rate of \$89 billion in the first half of 1943.

### On Year After



Commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor just a year ago, soldiers of Uncle Sam's Army march up San Francisco's rain-swept Market street in the Dec. 7 parade. News headlines of the day on the newscast theater sign in the background proclaim the Allied swing to the offensive.

### Silver Senator Renews Filibuster Against Measure to Permit Sale

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., today continued a determined attempt to prevent senate consideration of legislation to permit sale of treasury-owned silver for war use at 50 cents an ounce.

Speaking in a low voice almost inaudible in the galleries, McCarran said he was prepared to "talk for a long time" to keep the bill from coming up in this session. He started talking against the measure yesterday.

McCarran has proposed a substitute for the original silver bill which would permit treasury silver to be sold at 71.11 cents an ounce. The standard price of non-monetary silver is \$1.29 an ounce.

While McCarran spoke, the senate awaited house approval, expected today, of a revised conference report on another controversial measure—a bill to establish a three-man commission to pro-rate \$40,000,000 in claims of American nationals against the Mexican government.

### SIXES RANCHER IS HELD IN SLAYING

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—John Nodine, Sixes, Ore., rancher, was held here by police today following his reported admission to a coroner's jury that he shot and killed his sister, Katherine Nodine, 51, during a dispute.

At Gold Beach, where Curry County Coroner W. A. Carlwright conducted an autopsy, it was determined that Miss Nodine died when a single buckshot from her brother's shotgun punctured her lung.

Cartwright said Nodine admitted firing the fatal shot but said he was forced to fire in self defense when his sister and another brother came to his ranch and provoked a shooting fray during which the woman was shot.

### Tax Collections Total \$864,086

Tax Collections up to December 1, for 1942-1943 taxes amounted to \$864,086.02, the tax collection department of the sheriff's office reported today. The collections are for the tax year ending June 30, 1943. No comparison with the previous year is possible, due to the change in taxpaying time, the first of this year made by legislative enactment.

### SOCIALITE SUES

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Socially prominent Mrs. Jocelyn Starlight today filed suit to divorce Benjamin V. Starlight (CQ) New York financier, charging cruelty and asking \$1,000 a month alimony. Her complaint estimated his fortune at \$400,000 and said he had an income of \$4,000 to \$5,000 a month. They were married in Phoenix, Ariz., January 1 and separated last Saturday.

### COSSACKS SWEEP THROUGH STORM TO SLAY ENEMY

Moscow, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—A blizzard swept the Stalingrad battlefield today while hard-riding Russian Cossacks dashed over the snow cutting down stragglers from German units bogged down in the deep drifts.

Despite the driving snow, fighting was heavy and artillery duels continued day and night. The big shells threw up great geysers of snow amid struggling masses of men and machines.

Russian sapper crews, advancing into the German minefields, were having difficulty clearing away enemy obstructions, front dispatches said. Mines and tank traps were buried deep under the snow, and operations were slowed somewhat by bad weather conditions and impassable snow banks.

The German resistance was stiffening along the entire front, and the Nazi commanders whipped their thin-clad men into fierce and repeated counterattacks without regard for losses.

### NO CHANGES SOON IN FOOD PROGRAM

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Agriculture department officials said today no immediate changes were contemplated in the food program because of appointment of Secretary Claude R. Wickard as food administrator.

"We are going right ahead with plans to ration meats, and possibly some dairy products," an official said.

Definite plans will await return of Wickard from a meeting of southern agricultural program directors in Memphis, Tenn. He plans to attend similar conferences in Chicago and New York during the next 10 days.

### Radio Highlights

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes will discuss the petroleum supply situation in a radio address over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 6:30 p. m. P.W.T., tonight.