

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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MACARTHUR PROMISES OFFENSIVE

Leave-Taking Nazis Fire Kharkov

RETREAT FROM STEEL CENTER EXPECTED SOON

Mass Slayings by Germans Reported in Soviet News

By The Associated Press Adolf Hitler's Ukraine armies were reported in Stockholm dispatches today to be making hasty preparations for a retreat from Kharkov, the soviet "Pittsburgh," with the city in flames as Nazi demolition squads blasted military stores and oil supplies.

Against this picture of a major new reverse for German arms, Hitler's field headquarters asserted that Russian troops driving into the Donets basin east of Kharkov had been "thrown back after a new attack and suffered heavy casualties."

Mass Slayings reported Soviet dispatches yesterday said the Germans had slain 30,000 civilians in Kharkov, but there was no direct word from Moscow on the progress of military operations against the big steel center of 833,000 population, which the Germans captured last Oct. 24. Unofficial reports on Wednesday said red army shock troops were fighting in Kharkov's suburbs.

Stockholm advices said great fires were burning in the city and that it was obvious the Germans' "whole upper Donets line is sagging to the point of collapse."

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In the north, soviet front-line dispatches said the Russians had recaptured an important defense center from survivors of the trapped German 16th army in the Staraya Russa sector, 120 miles south of Leningrad.

Tass, the soviet news agency, said captured documents showed the beleaguered nazis were exhausted and suffering from lack of food, with the daily ration in some cases reduced to lentil potage.

Largest Board One Draft List Given Call for April 3 (See List on Page 2)

The largest number of men to be called so far from local selective service board No. 1 will report Friday, April 3, for induction. The full list appears on Page 2.

The men will meet at 7 p. m. in the KUHS gym, where relatives and friends are planning a big send-off, and will march directly to the trains from there at 8:45 p. m.

Next week, The News and Herald will publish the names of the men called from board 2, who will leave Klamath Falls April 7.

Roosevelt Will Register April 27 WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Regular production was resumed today at the Richmond shipyards plant No. 1, following the return to work of 1000 workers who walked off the job Wednesday night.

BACK ON JOB RICHMOND, Calif., March 30 (AP)—Regular production was resumed today at the Richmond shipyards plant No. 1, following the return to work of 1000 workers who walked off the job Wednesday night.

Langell Valley Brothers Feared Lost in Naval War

LANGELL VALLEY—Henry and Richard Thew, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thew of Langell valley, are missing and presumed lost as the result of naval action in the south Pacific, it was revealed here Thursday night.

The navy department Saturday notified Mr. and Mrs. Thew that Henry, stationed aboard the U. S. Cruiser Houston, was reported missing following the sinking of the Houston off Java on February 27.

On Wednesday a navy communique announced that the submarine Shark, on which Richard Thew was stationed, had been overdue for 30 days and was presumed lost.

Both boys were well known in Klamath county and had lived in Langell valley for several years. Both attended Bonanza high school. Their ages were not known here Thursday night.

Henry Thew is survived by his wife and two sons, William and Richard, of El Monte, Calif., and a grandmother, Mrs. Prior, besides his parents. Mrs. Thew is the former Jean Welch of Hildebrand.

Richard Thew is survived by his wife, parents and grandmother.

Japs Complain Of U. S., British War Methods

TOKYO, (From Japanese Broadcasts) March 20 (AP)—The Japanese navy charged today that the United States and Britain, since the start of the war in the Pacific, had waged "extreme warfare based on retaliation and hatred" and declared that Japan would reciprocate.

Alleging that Japan's foes were employing tactics in disregard of international law, the navy promulgated an ordinance "revising" its warfare regulations which it said were based on the London declaration of 1909 and precedents of international law.

The precise nature of the revision as well as the specific charges against the United States and Britain were not given.

Navy Minister Admiral Shigetaro Shimada announced the decision to the cabinet while the government took action to notify Japan's foes through neutral powers of the decision.

Professor Shigeharu Enomoto of the naval academy, "explaining" the new ordinance, said that the imperial navy desired to act justly under international law but that war is by nature "reciprocal" and therefore, he said, there is no reason for Japan to adhere to warfare regulations when her enemies disregard them.

Germans Waging Propaganda Drive In Guatemala

20 (AP)—An intensive propaganda campaign being waged by Germans in this Central American country—from which important United States air patrols now are operating in defense of the Panama canal—is causing concern to persons interested in the United Nations' war effort.

The Guatemalan government has sent 115 Germans, considered dangerous, to the United States for internment, but many more still remain.

Nazis Say U. S. Ship Victim

LONDON, March 20 (AP)—The German radio said tonight that a U-boat sank an American freighter of between 5000 and 8000 tons yesterday off the North American coast.

The broadcast quoted members of the crew as saying that the ship had been bound for Britain with a cargo of rubber and copper.

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The navy reported today that a medium-sized Greek merchant vessel had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.

Big Lottery Ring Broken by FBI WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The justice department announced today that agents of the federal bureau of investigation, operating in 36 cities, had arrested 60 members of what was described by the department as the nation's largest lottery ring.

LABOR CHIEFS WARN AGAINST RESTRICTIONS

Green Asks Probe of 40-Hour Week Repeal Campaign

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—President William Green of the AFL today asked a congressional investigation of what he termed the campaign in Oklahoma seeking repeal by congress of the 40-hour week law and enactment of special wartime legislative restrictions for labor.

Both Green and President Phillip Murray of the CIO told the senate appropriations subcommittee investigating war production that labor was wholeheartedly behind the war effort, and that restrictive legislation now might impede production gains.

Green testified that Oklahoma school children were asked to surrender lunch money to send telegrams to Senator Lee (D-Okla.) asking action on anti-labor legislation.

Murray, CIO head, testified that labor already had promised the president to "forego the instrument of strikes" during the war period "and now to the congress and the nation we repeat that pledge."

Both labor leaders denied that the 40-hour week provision was impeding production or increasing war costs. Both insisted that strikes had not interfered with (Continued on Page Two)

Pearl Harbor Sabotage Talk Untrue, Claim

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20 (AP)—Contrary to rumors, there was no sabotage in Honolulu on December 7 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and there has been none since, Chief of Police W. A. Gabrielson of Honolulu declared in a cablegram to congress.

Gabrielson's statement, dated March 14, was addressed to Chairman Tolson (D-Calif.) of the house national defense migration committee.

It was made public here last night by the committee's field office in connection with the committee's preliminary report to congress on the removal of enemy aliens and all Japanese from west coast military areas.

Tolson reported the committee believed there was no alternative to evacuation of Japanese from the west coast.

Flares on Sea and Shore Reported on Puget Sound

SEATTLE, March 20 (AP)—The 13th naval district staff headquarters today revealed "continuing reports of flares at sea and on shore" and asked private citizens observing such phenomena to note particularly "the pattern, color and apparent distance of such flares or signal lights and report them immediately to the nearest military authority" to expedite investigation.

The statement added that "surface and air patrol offshore has been continuing with vigilance, and no enemy contacts had been made to the date of the report's release."

It declared false certain rumors of damaged ships in this area, and said that "certain vessels rumored as heading for the navy yard for repair of damage were in reality vessels coming into the harbor for unloading or for supplies."

Death Takes Linsy C. Sisemore



Linsy C. Sisemore, above, Klamath pioneer cattle rancher, passed away at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, Friday morning.

Stilwell Upped, Looks Forward to 'Visit' in Tokyo

CHUNGKING, March 20 (AP)—United States Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced today he had been placed in command of all U. S. forces in China, India and Burma, and promised that "we won't be satisfied until we see American and Chinese troops in Tokyo together."

Stilwell, recently made chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, allied supreme commander in the China theatre, pledged that "everything China needs to help her war effort will be furnished without reservation."

President Roosevelt has expressed his determination to use all means necessary to clear China of the Japanese, he told his first press conference. "I am unable to go into details, as to just what help or equipment is on the way, but you may assume from the fact that I have been assigned to command any United States forces in China, Burma and India that the effort contemplated is large."

"The United States means business and we won't be satisfied until we see American and Chinese troops in Tokyo together."

Most Stations Close Nights And Sundays

Most gasoline stations in Klamath Falls and vicinity have gone on a 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. basis with Sunday closing, it was learned Friday.

While night and Sunday closing was "general" a few stations were slated to go on a staggered hour schedule and some will be open on Sunday.

The restricted schedules followed the beginning of gasoline rationing in this area. It was reported that about 95 per cent of the stations had agreed to remain open only from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., and to close down over Sundays.

Four Aliens Taken By FBI in Oregon

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—Three Germans and one Italian were arrested in Oregon yesterday as the FBI continued its raids on enemy aliens.

Howard King, special FBI agent, said a German arrested here possessed two rifles, a shotgun and two cameras.

DEATH COMES TO LINSY SISEMORE

Pioneer Was Identified With Southern Oregon History

Death brought to a close the life of one of southern Oregon's most prominent pioneers with the passing of Linsy C. Sisemore, 72, who died at 5 o'clock Friday morning in St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, following an illness of the past several weeks.

Mr. Sisemore's life was an interesting one, colorful and closely aligned to the growth of this country in which he spent his entire life. Mr. Sisemore was born in Sams Valley, Jackson county, Oregon, on July 12, 1869, the son of John and Mary Pelton Sisemore, early day residents of the valley.

Lived at Bend As a child, Linsy Sisemore attended school in Sams Valley and, in 1881, at the age of 12, made a trip to Fort Klamath where he obtained his first job, herding sheared sheep. In 1882, he went to his father's ranch at Bend, then known as Farewell Bend. In 1898, he helped drive 1500 head of cattle for Pelton and Brown to The Dalles for shipment to Nebraska, the drive requiring four weeks.

In 1900, Mr. Sisemore returned to Klamath county and took up a homestead near Fort Klamath on the military hay reserve, a tract set aside by the government. Here he started his cattle operations which he continued until the time of his death, marking more than 42 years' residence in this county. (Continued on Page Two)

Soto Executed at Salem for Slaying Of 3 at Hermiston

SALEM, Ore., March 20 (AP)—John Anthony Soto, 17, confessed slayer of a Hermiston farm family of three last September 25, died in the state's lethal gas chamber today.

The youth, fugitive from a California institution for the feeble minded, entered the octagonal execution room at 8:29 a. m., and was pronounced dead at 8:32.

Soto remained indifferent to the very end although Chaplains Rev. Robert N. Hutchinson and Father Daniel O'Connell said he prayed as he was being strapped in the death chair.

He smoked a cigar up to the moment he entered the death chamber, and showed no fear at any time. Rev. Hutchinson said "He kidded us all the time—treated it all as a huge joke. He talked incessantly, occasionally breaking off and going into a song."

GENERAL SAYS PHILIPPINES TO GET RELIEF

First Shots Fired in Battle of Lower New Guinea

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor With the dramatic pledge "I came through and I will return," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in Australia today that he had been instructed by President Roosevelt to prepare a great American counter-offensive against Japan for the primary purpose of relieving the Philippines.

Gen. MacArthur gave no intimation when the allied offensive would be launched.

In his first interview since his spectacular dash from siege-bound Bataan peninsula, Gen. MacArthur declared: "The president of the United States ordered me to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose, as I understand it, of organizing an American offensive against Japan."

"The primary purpose of this is the relief of the Philippines. I came through and I will return."

Thus, in crisp terms, Gen. MacArthur served notice on Japan that the long weeks of allied defensive fighting—the disheartening retreats in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies—may soon be ended.

In Washington, President Roosevelt declared that we are doing everything we possibly can in the phase of the far Pacific struggle, but he called attention anew to what he termed a little, old lesson in geography—the vast distances of the war theatre and the long time it requires for reinforcements to reach there.

Opening Shots On the fighting front, dispatches from Port Moresby said the opening shots were fired in the battle for Lower New Guinea island, where Japanese invasion columns are seeking bases from which to make direct assault on Australia 300 miles across the Timor sea.

Reacting to the sting of allied counter blows—some of which may not have been mentioned for reasons of military secrecy—the Japanese navy bitterly accused the United States and Britain of waging "extreme war." (Continued on Page Two)

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