

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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Last year 12.35
Normal 11.15

U. S., REDS AGREE ON 2ND FRONT

Boy Vandals Ransack 8 Houses

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE'VE known for days the Japs attacked Midway with around 30 warships and lost about half of them. Today we get a little more detail on HOW it happened.

THE Jap armada was met "far west" of Midway by big, long-range U. S. army bombers. It suffered losses, but KEPT ON GOING.

The next morning it was met again (this time about 150 miles west of Midway) by our dive bombers and flying fortresses. The details of this fight have not been fully disclosed, but it got too hot for the Japs and they turned and FLED.

MEANWHILE the Jap carriers had loosed their planes (about 180 of them, today's dispatches say) which attacked Midway with demolition bombs, the attack lasting 38 minutes.

The Jap planes then departed, presumably being out of ammunition and low on fuel. Practically all of them are reported to have been lost. Details are lacking, but one guesses they got back to where they had left their carriers, found the carriers gone (sunk, damaged or driven away) and, being out of fuel, dropped into the sea.

HERE an interesting point appears.

The Jap planes DIDN'T bomb the runways at Midway. Apparently they expected to capture the island and use the runways themselves.

THAT was a fatal mistake, for the American land-based planes (presumably also low on fuel and ammunition) returned to Midway shortly after the attacking Jap planes had left.

It was a critical moment for them.

If the Midway runways had been destroyed, they would have had no place to land and would have been nearly as bad off as the Jap planes that returned to their taking-off place and FOUND NO CARRIERS.

As it was, they landed on the undamaged runways, re-fueled, took on ammunition and went back into the fight.

SUCH is the pattern of the successful defense of Midway. With slight variation, it will be the pattern of ALL future defense of land points against invasion from overseas.

The OLD pattern of defending naval ships lining up to repel attacking naval ships is on the way out.

Probably DEFINITELY OUT already.

MIDWAY and Dutch Harbor were CONNECTED enterprises. What happened (or may be still happening) at Dutch Harbor isn't yet clear. But you may be sure the Japs were gunning for Dutch Harbor as well as Midway.

Get out your map—or, better, your globe.

You will note that Dutch Harbor (it may appear only as Unimak island on your map) is a stepping stone on the path to Japan and SIBERIA. The next stepping stone is Petropavlovsk, at the tip of the Kamchatka peninsula.

To understand the importance of these stepping stones, you need only to recall the way in which modern planes are being FLOWN to their destination, arriving in a matter of hours.

YOU will be certain at once that Japan had two purposes in mind:

1-To KNOCK OUT Dutch

DEPREDAATION LAID TO TWO IN 'NAILS' GANG

Youths Confess String Of Offenses in Local Homes

Two juvenile vandals scrawled the name of their gang, "The Nails," in at least eight Klamath Falls homes, who left a trail of havoc and destruction in their wake between mid-afternoon Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Leader of the two-boy gang is a 12-year-old. His partner, head and shoulders above the plaid-shirted leader, gave his age as 14.

Both have been in trouble with juvenile authorities in the past and topped their records with a series of acts which brought virtually every man on the city police force into play, members of the sheriff's office, juvenile officers, wary citizens and even the sheriff of Lake county.

First word of the juvenile crime wave came in a frantic police call from Mrs. Jack Ryan, 710 Eldorado street, who had left her house for one hour to return to find her rooms wrecked. From then on police were deluged with calls from irate home owners, interested persons who offered clues, and still others who reported seeing the boys in their neighborhood. Chief Frank Hamm's men were kept on the job until the two were finally apprehended following a chase through the long grass which covers the hills overlooking Hot Springs.

Confess

The two boys quickly confessed their work as juvenile offenders questioned them at noon Thursday. The 12-year-old said he got the idea of "The Nails" from "a funny book or detective magazine." They decided to go into a house and look around. One entry led to another.

Worst damage was done to the Ryan home. Entering through the basement the boys first flung a bottle of disinfectant and a can of paint over the floor. They then used a pass key to open the door and starting in the kitchen covered virtually every foot of several rooms with a combination of flour, pepper, vinegar, cologne, mace, chrome, ink and coffee. Scrawled on the mirrors, the walls, furniture and floor was "The Nails." Damage was estimated at several hundred dollars. All pieces of electric equipment were left running and lights were turned on. The electric meter was in the (Continued on Page Two)

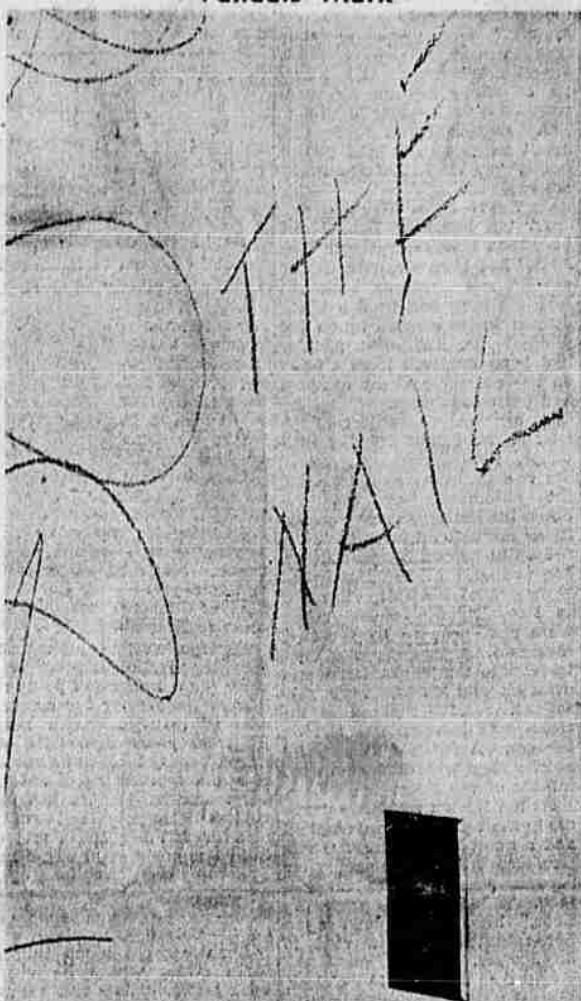
U. S. Should Not Enforce Democracy on World, Knox

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 11 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said today that this nation, in the post-war period, should refrain from attempting to enforce its system of democracy on all the peoples of the world in order to insure their freedom.

"Democracy, we think, is the best possible soil in which to cultivate human freedom, but that is not necessarily so," he asserted in a prepared address at Harvard's 291st commencement after he and Secretary of War Stimson had been awarded honorary degrees for their part in the war effort.

"All that we can do, all that we should attempt, in the future years which will follow the conclusion of the war," Knox said, "is to help create an era of tranquility; to foster a wholesome economic order; to elevate living standards and reduce want and privation; to promote the spread

Vandals' Mark



Police today held two juveniles whom they said were guilty of entering eight Klamath homes today and yesterday, spreading foodstuffs and liquid disinfectants over carpets, furniture and walls and leaving their mark, "The Nail," or "The Nails," in the form of crayoned inscriptions on mirrors, door panels and table tops. Above is a picture of one of the calling cards left on the bathroom wall at the home of Mrs. Jack Ryan, 710 Eldorado.

SENATE APPROVES \$50 MILITARY PAY

Measure Now Goes to President; Pay Retroactive

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—The senate completed congressional approval today of a military wage adjustment bill fixing a minimum pay scale of \$50 a month for the armed forces, effective as of June 1, 1942.

Adoption of a conference report, approved yesterday by the house, sent the comprehensive pay measure to President Roosevelt for his consideration.

Estimated to cost an additional \$500,000,000 or more yearly, the bill would increase to \$50 a (Continued on Page Two)

Used Tires to Be Purchased From Motorists

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11 (AP)—Used tires, suitable for retreading, will be purchased from motorists from June 15 to July 4, Robert F. Strong of the RFC's loan agency said today.

Strong, who will head the program in Oregon and the Columbia river counties of Washington, said the aim was to obtain all tires in excess of five owned by individual motorists and make them available to war industry workers. OPA ceiling prices, less retreading costs, will be paid.

The tires may be taken to the nearest Railway Express agency or to warehouses now being established at Salem, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Albany, Corvallis, Medford, Ashland, Hood River, The Dalles, Arlington, Heppner, Condon, Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker, Enterprise, Ontario, Bend, Prineville, Burns, John Day, Astoria, Tillamook, Toledo, Marshfield, Coquille and Milton-Freewater in Oregon, and Kelso, Longview, Vancouver and Goldendale in Washington.

RAF Blasts Low Countries, France

LONDON, June 11 (AP)—An RAF Spitfire squadron on dawn patrol sank a German motor vessel and damaged four barges in a canal in the Neuport district of Belgium today.

British fighters blasted Nazi airbases in the low countries and military targets in northern France last night, the air ministry announced today, as bad weather over the continent was blamed for keeping the RAF away from Germany for the second successive night.

All planes participating in the overnight forays returned safely to their bases.

TWO JAP FLEETS BROKEN UP IN MIDWAY BATTLE

Thousands of Japs Perished, New Details Show

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Dramatic new accounts of the battle of Midway revealed today that American flying fortresses and other U. S. forces broke up two huge Japanese fleets, beat off an attack by 180 enemy planes and saved the Hawaiian Islands from invasion.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, said perhaps half of the enemy ships were sunk or damaged in the three-day battle which saw Japan suffer her greatest naval disaster in history.

Admiral Nimitz said thousands of Japanese must have perished—left to drown by their shipmates in flight before the Americans.

Coincidentally, Japan's reputation for veracity appeared to have slipped even in Berlin as the German radio broadcast Stockholm reports discounting the Japanese boasts of victory in the battle of Midway and Tokyo hints that Japanese troops had landed in the Aleutian islands off Alaska.

The broadcast cited American viewpoints that "after the naval battle in the Coral sea and heavy losses in the attacks on Midway island, the Japanese had lost so much of their combined military fighting power that they could not attempt a successful invasion."

Japs Admit Loss

At the same time, Japan's leading civilian naval expert, Masanori Ito, gave the first authoritative suggestion from Tokyo that two Japanese aircraft carriers had been sunk, as claimed by the United States, instead of one sunk and one heavily damaged.

It declared that "in view of the great success" of Japan's far-flung invasion forces "we should not be disappointed at the loss of two aircraft carriers."

The two big enemy armadas approached Midway on June 3, with a train of transports striking from the west while a powerful battle squadron steamed up from another direction.

In medium altitude attacks, braving a terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire, the army planes hit and set fire to a Japanese cruiser or battleship and also left a transport and a destroyer in flames.

The following morning, June (Continued on Page Two)

Public Invited To Elks Flag Day Exercises Thursday

The public is invited to Elks Flag day exercises to be held in the lodge temple at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

George P. Davis will give the address of the evening and Dr. Cecil Adams will give the history of the flag.

Officers of the lodge will present the lodge's special Flag day ritual in the public ceremony, and Sea Scouts, which are sponsored by the lodge, will assist with the colors.

Glen Evans, esteemed lecturer knight of the lodge and chairman of the Flag day observance, urged the public to attend these patriotic services. Doors of the lodge building will be opened at 7 p. m.

The U. S. "Takes Over" in South Pacific



Up to their necks in work—well, almost—an officer and his adviser plan runway ramps for seaplanes on an unnamed south Pacific island Uncle Sam has taken over for a new base. Coral rock and sea urchins make the underfooting tough going. U. S. navy photo.

Allies Withdraw From Garrison at Bir Hacheim

CAIRO, June 11 (AP)—The British command announced tonight that "on the orders of General Ritchie the garrison of Bir Hacheim"—former anchor of the British line in Libya—"was withdrawn during the night of June 10-11."

The Berlin communiqué asserted that the stronghold was captured by storm this morning by the axis forces.

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The Free French troops of the garrison under General Pierre Koenig have for 16 days fought off large scale attacks by infantry, tanks and aircraft and inflicted heavy losses on the axis forces.

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), June 11 (AP)—The German high command asserted today that Bir Hacheim, southern anchor of the British defense line in Libya, had been captured by axis troops.

(There was no confirmation of this from other sources. Today's British communiqué said further axis attacks on Bir Hacheim were repulsed yesterday and told of enemy air attacks there "on an increased scale.")

A German submarine attack on a strongly-escorted convoy in the eastern Mediterranean, destined for Tobruk, resulted in the sinking of two heavily-laden tankers totaling 12,000 tons and the damaging of four transports by torpedoes, the high command declared.

MORE CZECHS SHOT

LONDON, June 11 (AP)—Nazi executioners in former Czechoslovakia have put to death another 34 persons, including ten women, the Prague radio announced tonight. The total executed since the attack on the Nazi leader Reinhard Heydrich is now 340, not counting the men executed in the wiping out of the town of Lidice.

Powerful U. S. Naval Units Join British Home Fleet

LONDON, June 11 (AP)—Powerful United States naval units have joined the British home fleet in the tasks of blockading the Germans and protecting vital allied shipping lanes by keeping Adolf Hitler's mightiest warships from joining the battle of the Atlantic.

The American forces, whose arrival was announced today, apparently are sufficiently strong to cope with the German super-battleship Tirpitz, the cruiser Admiral Hipper and other lesser craft should they venture forth from the Norwegian bases where for weeks they have constituted a potential threat to Russia's Arctic supply line.

Indications that the Tirpitz might soon attempt a dash into the Atlantic were seen here in Danish radio reports that Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, commander in chief of the German navy, had just completed an inspection of that vessel and other warships at Trondheim.

Full Strength Unknown

The full strength of the American units, described officially as a "task force," was not revealed, but some indication of their power was given by the disclosure that King George VI had inspected a United States battleship, a cruiser and several destroyers.

That the American warships have been operating from bases in the United Kingdom for more than a month was evident from the announcement that they had been greeted at sea and escorted (Continued on Page Two)

BRITISH AND SOVIET SIGN 20-YEAR PACT

Molotov to London, Washington; Action Plans Not Given

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, the White House announced today, have reached a "full understanding" in conversations in Washington "with regard to the urgent tasks of creating a second front in Europe in 1942."

The White House, in a formal statement disclosing that Molotov had visited this country, gave no additional details on a second front. Nor did the statement say whether the agreement was to open such a front or not to do so.

Russ-British Treaty

Another momentous development announced today, in London, was that Russia and Britain had signed a 20-year mutual assistance treaty.

The American president and the Russian commissar, the White House said, also attained a "unity" of views on two other vital questions pertaining to their war efforts:

"Measures for increasing and speeding up the supplies of planes, tanks and other kinds of war materials" from the United States to Russia; and the "fundamental problems of cooperation of the soviet union and the United States in safeguarding peace and security to the freedom-loving peoples after the war."

"Both sides state with satisfaction," the statement declared, "the unity of their views on all these questions."

Molotov, bespectacled, 52-year-old right-hand man of Premier Joseph Stalin, arrived in Washington on May 29 and left on June 4. He now is safely back home, the White House said.

The statement released today was approved by both Molotov and Mr. Roosevelt and withheld until the former had returned. The discussions entered into while the foreign commissar was a secret guest at the White House apparently ranged over the whole field of military and economic problems of mutual concern to the two nations.

"Useful"

Mr. Roosevelt, at their conclusion, asked Molotov to inform Stalin that the chief executive "feels these conversations (Continued on Page Two)

Enemy Subs Sink 266 Allied Ships

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Enemy submarines operating in the western Atlantic and eastern Pacific areas were credited as of today with having sunk a total of 266 allied and neutral ships since Pearl Harbor.

The latest announced victims included two small American fishing craft, a medium-sized English merchantman and a medium-sized United States merchant vessel for an Atlantic war score of 259 sinkings.

Suspicious Fire Quelled on Vessel

NEW YORK, June 11 (AP)—A fire of suspicious origin broke out today on the S. S. Irene Dupont, which the fire department reported was being loaded with a cargo of rubber tires and aviation oil at its Brooklyn pier.

The third naval district public relations office authorized use of the story, including the ship's name.

The fire was brought under control within an hour, and fire officials said that it had been confined to a section of the ship's general cargo.

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