

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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JAP INVASION FORCE HELD BROKEN

USS Lexington Lost

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS AP CORRESPONDENT CLARK LEE, writing from Pearl Harbor, says today:

Because of the defeats suffered by the Japanese navy, it is felt that troops hitherto held for the defense of the U. S. mainland can now be sent out to garrison the Pacific outpost bases.

HERE is the modern recipe for coastal defense against invasion from overseas:

Tools: Dive bombers, torpedo planes, fighters and heavy bombers.

Tactics: Send in dive bombers and torpedo planes to knock out the enemy's carriers. With the enemy's carriers sunk or put out of commission and his ships thus deprived of fighter protection, send in the heavy bombers to smash his remaining and now fleeing vessels.

Thing to be sure of: That you're BETTER THAN THE OTHER FELLOW, so he can't do it to you FIRST.

WASHINGTON dispatches today tell of hopes entertained there that Russia will now open her Siberian bases to us so we can bomb the Japs from close range.

If this writer were in Russia's place, he wouldn't voluntarily start a ruckus at his back door until the big scrap at his front door was pretty well under control.

The strictly realistic Russians are apt to feel the same way about it.

TODAY'S dispatches mention a growing feeling in Washington that the Japs, badly mauled at Midway and in the Coral sea and driven off from Dutch Harbor, may jump onto the Russians on their own account.

That might happen. Hitler is undoubtedly moving heaven and earth to persuade them to do it. If they do it, it will be a sign of Japanese co-operation in the axis.

If they refuse, it will be a fairly dependable sign that the Japs are going in on their own and co-operating with Hitler only when it suits their OWN purposes to do so.

A JAP attack on Russia would be almost certain to open the Siberian bases to us, and by this time the Japs must be acquiring a fairly healthy respect for the striking power of America's air force.

SIGNS are multiplying that the Germans are making efforts to get their spring (now summer) offensive going against Russia.

AP Correspondent Cassidy, writing from Moscow, says: "The war on the Russian front reached the HIGHEST PITCH OF THE YEAR tonight with great battles raging at Sevastopol and Kharkov."

He adds: "Nowhere did the Germans appear to be making any important progress."

RUSSIAN dispatches say: "In contrast to the pace of the blitz campaign last summer, the Germans are now moving at terrific cost through the MEAT GRINDERS of the red army's defenses around besieged Sevastopol and in the Kharkov sector."

Give the Russians, who recently coined this "meat grinder" term, credit for having a color-

Three Klamath Boys Members of Lexington Crew

Three Klamath boys were members of the crew of the U. S. S. Lexington, aircraft carrier lost in the battle of the Coral sea. It was revealed here today.

Two of the boys are safe on United States soil and on their way home but the third has not been heard from since before the gigantic April sea engagement which halted an attempted Japanese invasion of the Antipodes.

Expected home within the next few days are Jack Waits, 21, storekeeper second class and son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Waits of West Klamath, and Wesley Yancey of 1929 Gary street, an aviation mechanic. Swen C. Hult, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hult of 2880 Altamont drive, a petty officer, has not been heard from.

Mrs. Floyd Waits said this afternoon that Jack, a 1938 graduate of Klamath Union high (Continued on Page Two)

SEVASTOPOL FORCES COUNTER-ATTACKING

Red Star Says Situation in Crimea Tense

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), June 12 (AP)—German forces east of Kharkov have carried out successful attacks which are increasing in volume, the German high command reported today.

MOSCOW, June 12 (AP)—After beating off a week of virtually constant German onslaughts, defenders at the Crimean naval base of Sevastopol have counter-attacked and improved some of their positions, Russian army dispatches said today.

There were no further details from the Ukraine where, a communique at midnight said, Russian forces were putting up a violent defensive fight against the advance of Field Marshal General Fedor von Bock's tanks and infantry east of Kharkov.

The German high command said Von Bock's attacks in the new Kharkov offensive were successful and increasing in volume.

Red Star said that despite local gains won by the Russian counterattacks, the situation at Sevastopol remained "extremely tense."

(A DNB broadcast from Berlin said attacks at Sevastopol and southeast of German-held Kharkov were necessary preliminaries to Adolf Hitler's "coming great offensive.") Immediate objectives were described as the reduction of Sevastopol, which DNB termed "the strongest fortress in the world," and straight-

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President Sets June 15 as Start of Rubber Scrap Drive

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced today an intensive campaign for collection of the nation's old scrap rubber supply would start June 15 and last through June 30.

Through arrangements with the oil industry, 400,000 filling stations will serve as collection depots. They will pay one cent a pound for the rubber brought in, and the government will reimburse them that sum.

President Roosevelt, declaring that the rubber situation was extremely serious, again urged the people to cut down on pleasure driving and reduce both automobile speed and mileage.

He told a press conference he had no idea when a person with four tires might be able to get new ones. It may be a long,

92 PER CENT OF CARRIER'S CREW RESCUED

Famed Craft Burned After Battle in Coral Sea

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—The smashing naval victory in the battle of the Coral sea cost the United States the 33,000-ton aircraft carrier Lexington, the navy disclosed today, in a summation which told of far vaster damage to a Japanese armada menacing Australia.

The Lexington sank, with relatively slight loss of life, in a post-battle explosion which spread fires the crew was unable to put out after it had "fought heroically for more than five hours" to save the ship.

Assuming that the normal complement of 2300 men was aboard during the action, somewhat fewer than 200 of them were lost on the basis of navy officials' estimates that 92 per cent of the Lexington's crew was rescued.

Japs: Loss 15 Ships From March 10 through May 8, the entire campaign cost the Japanese more than 15 ships sunk, 2 probably sunk and 20 damaged. The United States lost, besides the Lexington, only the tanker Neoho and the destroyer Sims, and a large part of their personnel was saved.

On May 8, the Lexington was made the main objective of Japanese aircraft which attacked while her own planes were absent.

"These attacks were the last action in the battle of the Coral sea," the navy said, and gave this description of the heroic fight which the officers and crew of the great carrier put up in their desperate attempts to prevent her destruction: "The crew of the Lexington succeeded in putting out the (Continued on Page Two)

Three American Planes Land in Neutral Turkey

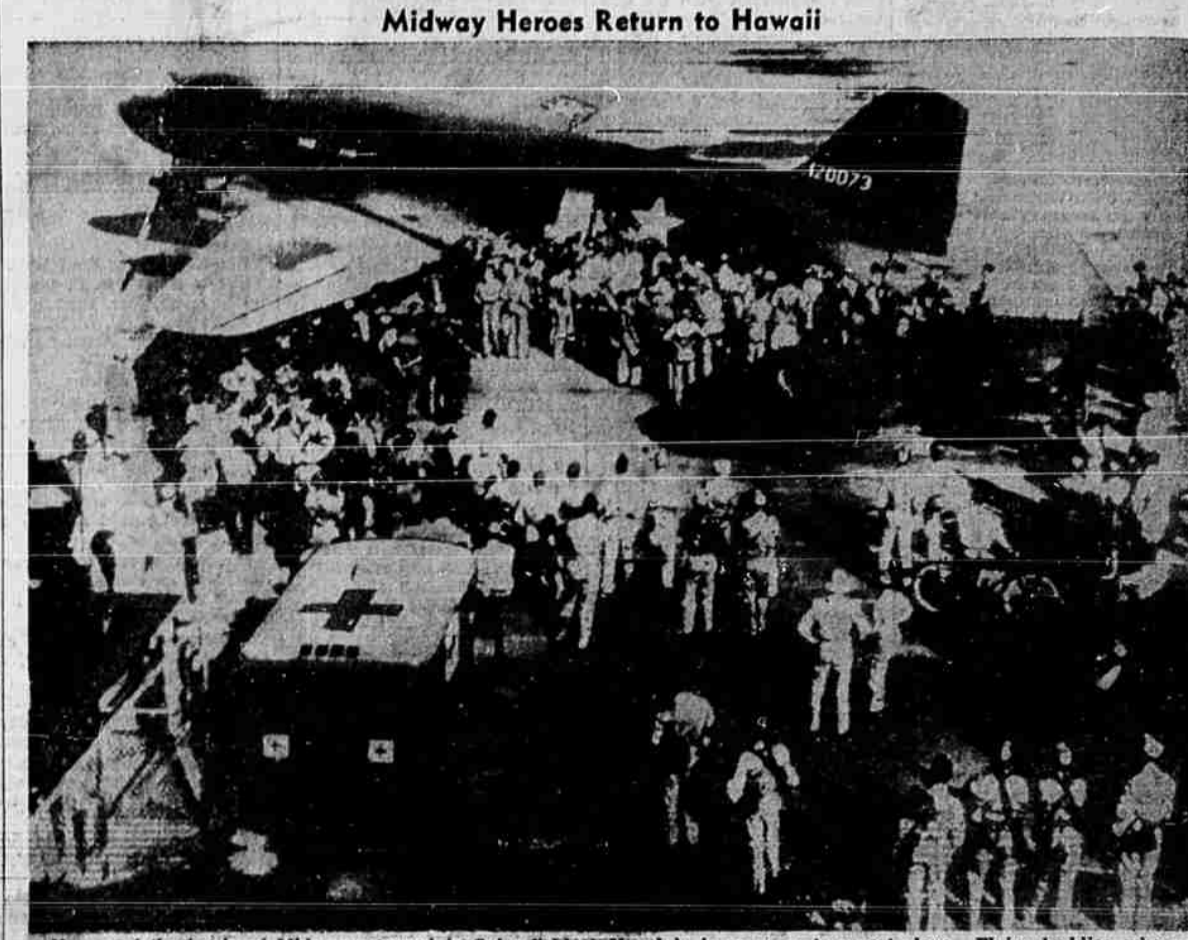
LONDON, June 12 (AP)—The radio in neutral Turkey announced tonight that three American airplanes had made forced landings on an airfield at Ankara, the capital, this morning and that the crews had been put "under observation."

The announcer gave no inkling of the fliers' destination or base.

This seemed to be another version of an earlier report broadcast by the German radio stating that British pilots, air mechanics and engineers had arrived at Ankara. Authoritative quarters in London refused to comment.

Family Relation Agreed as Basis For Deferment

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—A senate-house conference committee agreed today that "family relationships" should be a basis for deferment from military service as they compromised differences in legislation providing allowances for wives, children and other dependents of lowest paid men in the fighting forces.



Heroes of the battle of Midway returned to Oahu field at Honolulu in an army transport plane. Flying buddies, who were forced to stay behind, gathered around the big plane to greet them. This picture was radioed from Honolulu to San Francisco. (AP Photo).

BITTER TANK BATTLE RAGES NEAR TOBRUK

British Attempting To Block Drive To Northeast

CAIRO, Egypt, June 12 (AP)—British tanks are locked in a bitter battle with German armored forces about 30 miles southeast of Tobruk today in an effort to block the drive of three strong columns which turned northeastward toward that objective after forcing the Free French out of Bir Hacheim, southern anchor of the British line.

Harhat, six miles south of the desert track crossing of Knightsbridge, around which has centered much of the battling in this German offensive, was the general scene of the engagement.

Knightsbridge is 25 miles southeast of Tobruk and about 15 miles west of El Adem.

Following withdrawal of the Free French from the desert plateau of Bir Hacheim on Wednesday night after a 16-day battle, front line dispatches said the Germans turned northeastward and struck toward Harhat.

Blocked there late yesterday, they sought to turn aside and last night were reported locked in a struggle between Harhat and El Adem.

Harhat was seized by the British in a thrust from their (Continued on Page Two)

Speculation Mounts Over Next Steps Aimed at Axis

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor Allied capitals rang with speculation today on the prospects of three vast and perhaps imminent developments aimed at the final downfall of Germany and Japan and the shaping of a new world at peace.

While Berlin sounded a new threat of Adolf Hitler's "coming great offensive," the United Nations envisaged: 1. Creation of a second front in Europe in 1942. 2. A possible Russian attack on Japan. 3. The opening of soviet air bases to American bombers for attacks on Japan.

Chinese Concede Loss of Chuhsien, Railway Town

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, June 12 (AP)—The Chinese, having exacted a tremendous price, conceded today that the Japanese had won Chuhsien, an important railway town and air station of western Chekiang province, but claimed recapture of another point behind the Japanese lines and new success for the American Flying Tigers.

The success of the American volunteer group fighters in shooting down half of a force of 18 Japanese planes over Kweilin, Kwangsi province, early today emphasized the entry of the "Tigers" into the battle of China proper. They are veterans of the battle of Burma and the Burma road.

Loss of Chuhsien was recorded in a high command communique which said the Chinese completely withdrew Wednesday after a nine-day battle in which 18,000 casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

Somewhat offsetting this was announcement of the recapture of Iwu, on the Chekiang-railway (Continued on Page Two)

RAF Bombs Taranto For Fourth Night

ROME, (From Italian broadcast), June 12 (AP)—The high command said today that the RAF bombed the Italian naval base at Taranto last night for the fourth consecutive night, and listed 41 persons killed in the first three attacks.

"Several bombs dropped last night in the neighborhood of Taranto caused neither damage nor losses," a communique said.

SAWMILL BURNER BLACKOUT READY

Spray Devices Used in Basin; DeWitt Issues Order

On the heels of definite orders from General John L. DeWitt that sawdust burners must be blacked out in emergencies, it was learned Friday that substantial progress has been made among mills of the Klamath basin to take care of this situation.

The local office of the state forestry department was checking Friday with all plants and reported that so far as the check had gone, it was definitely established that proper blackout installations had been completed at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant, Kesterson Lumber corporation, the Big Lakes Box company, the Ivory Pine company and the Klamath Lumber and Box company.

Not all operations had been covered in the survey and a more complete report will be available later. It was learned that at a number of plants installations of blackout devices at the burners are partially complete.

Order Quoted General DeWitt's order stated: "In all places where refuse burners are operated in either open or closed pits, such pits shall be equipped with some device which will effectively eliminate all glow or reflection at such burning operation within 10 minutes time after an official blackout order has been given within 50 miles of the burning, and that some adult person be (Continued on Page Two)

COAST FORCES MAY BE SENT TO OTHER BASES

Midway Battle Shows Effectiveness of Aircraft

By CLARK LEE PEARL HARBOR, June 12 (AP)—Speedy American reinforcements may be sent to western Pacific bases and all Pacific key points, it is predicted as a result of the battle of Midway.

The Japanese defeat is felt to have removed, at least for the predictable future, any threat that the mainland of the United States might be invaded.

Therefore, it is believed such forces which may have been held on the west coast of the United States as a defense against possible invasion, have now been freed and can be sent to areas where they are more urgently needed.

The battle of Midway showed the effectiveness of aircraft in coastal defense to such an extent that any area with sufficient aerial protection may feel reasonably safe from invasion.

Such defense forces should include dive-bombers, torpedo planes, fighters and heavy bombers.

In both the Coral sea and the Midway battles, both the Japanese and Americans followed the same attacking tactics, sending in first the dive bombers and torpedo planes against the aircraft carriers, which are the most important target.

The vital job in such action is to knock out the carriers, and the Americans successfully did this in both battles. The dive bombers and torpedo planes went in so close they couldn't miss the enemy carriers. The Japanese found there is no way for a surface vessel to evade determined dive bomber and torpedo attacks.

Of course, if the Midway battle had gone the other way and the Japanese had sunk our carriers and knocked out Midway, the Hawaiian islands probably would be fighting an invasion today.

Sprague Opposes Public Ownership Of Power Facilities

SALEM, June 12 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague said today he is "opposed to forcing public ownership of electric power facilities on communities through the device of using a federal agency to acquire private power systems."

The governor, commenting on the Bone bill and other bills in congress to establish a Columbia power administration, said further in a letter to B. H. Kizer, Spokane, regional chairman of the national resources planning board: "The evident intent of the various Columbia power authority bills is to do just that, and the wartime emergency is used as an excuse to push forward this program."

SHIPS SUNK

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), June 12 (AP)—German U-boats in the eastern Mediterranean have sunk a 6000-ton transport and two steamers totaling 4000 tons, the German high command reported today.

MacARTHUR DAY

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today he had signed legislation making tomorrow MacArthur Day in honor of the United States commander in the southwestern Pacific theatre of war.

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