

### 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 12.45  
Normal 11.25

# ROMMEL THREATENS TOBRUK LINE

## War Situation Held Serious

### CURTIN WARNS AUSTRALIA CAN BE LOST

Statements Based on Confidential Telegrams

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 17 (AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin told Australians somberly today that the war news was not good, that "Australia can be lost," and that the fall of this continent would lay Hawaii and the whole North American coast open to Japanese attack.

In a radio address appealing for war loan subscriptions at the rate of \$9,000,000 a day for the remaining five days of a current drive, Curtin based his statements on confidential official telegrams.

He declared the axis was engaged in three powerful separate thrusts against the United States and that each was of vital importance to Australia. The dynamic operations now proceeding, said Curtin, are the powerful German onslaught against Russia, the thrust in Libya and the sustained and widespread submarine attacks on allied shipping.

"Australia is irrevocably linked with the wars in Libya and Russia," he said.

Libyan News Bad  
"The news from Libya is not good. Rommel has made gains at great cost, but nevertheless (Continued on Page Two)

### British Resume Bombing of Ruhr, Rhineland

LONDON, June 17 (AP)—British bombers smashed again at night war plants in the Ruhr and Rhineland regions of Germany last night although bad weather which had forced a week-long lull still had not fully cleared.

Eight British bombers failed to return from the night's offensives, which included mine-sowing in enemy waters, the air ministry said.

Its communique added that a German fighter was shot down attempting to intercept the RAF bombers and that a British fighter also was lost on daylight offensive patrol over northern France yesterday.

The size of the raiding formation was apparently average, observers said, appreciably below the scope of the 1000-plane attacks upon Cologne and Essen May 30 and June 1.

The Berlin radio reported seven bombers had been downed during attacks, described by DNB as nuisance raids, upon several places in western and southwestern Germany.

### Roosevelt Signs Fighting Forces' Pay Boost Measure

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—A measure boosting the minimum base pay for the nation's fighting forces to \$50 a month was signed today by President Roosevelt.

For most of the men, it means at least \$20 more each month for necessities and entertainment on time-off, or to send back home to dependents. The bill makes the increase retroactive to June 1.

The measure covers ranks up to and including that of second lieutenant in the army and the comparable grade of ensign in the navy, whose base pay would be increased from \$1500 to \$1800 a year.

The bill also will boost rental allowances for officers. Under existing law, enlisted men abroad or on sea duty receive

Commandos Launch Victory Dance Ticket Sale



A group of Klamath's "Commandos," girl war service organization, is shown here making a landing from Upper Klamath lake with a batch of tickets for the Victory celebration dance to be held July 3. The eager victims on the dock are C. S. Robertson, Andrew Collier, Lynn Roycroft and Ed Ball. Victory celebration proceeds will go to the troop entertainment fund. Troop entertainment is a special activity of the Commandos.

### U. S. Airmen, RAF Smash Italian Squadron Aimed At Convoy, British Claim

LONDON, June 17 (AP)—An Italian naval squadron in the central Mediterranean was so battered and hurt by United States army airmen and the RAF that it never made contact with the Tobruk-bound convoy it had set out to intercept, a British source stated today.

It was declared officially that convoys early this week had delivered necessary supplies to both Malta and Tobruk "at considerable cost."

What this cost was in ships and men was not disclosed, but the convoy operations were described officially as "a limited success."

(The British radio, in a broadcast heard in New York by CBS, said there had been allied losses but "they will be withheld until their revelation can no longer help the enemy.")

There was no London comment on German reports yesterday that a United States battleship was among the escort of one of the convoys.

The British admiralty and air ministry yesterday dismissed as fantastic the declarations of the Italian and German commands that axis forces sank or damaged 53 or more warships and merchantmen in the Mediterranean battles of Sunday and Monday.

British communiques yesterday announced the sinking of an Italian heavy cruiser (admitted by the Italians) and two destroyers and damaging of six other warships, including two Italian battleships hit and set afire by American bombers and RAF torpedo planes.

On both the allied and axis sides shore-based aircraft apparently did the major portion of damage to the opposing surface forces.

Mussolini's Lesson  
The failure of the heavy Italian squadron even to get into contact with the Tobruk convoy was declared to have taught Mussolini's navy that "like the Japanese fleet in the Pacific," (Continued on Page Two)

### Ickes Approves Oil Pipe Line Across Florida

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Harold I. Ickes announced today approval of plans for the construction of an 8-inch petroleum products pipe line across northern Florida, to help supply the Atlantic coastal areas as far north as Norfolk, Va.

The project was proposed by the American Liberty Pipe Line company, Dallas, Tex., to be built with second-hand pipe excavated in Texas. Ickes said the company now was negotiating financing arrangements with government agencies.

With a daily capacity estimated at 35,000 barrels, the proposed conduit would extend from Port St. Joe on the Florida gulf coast to Jacksonville on the east coast, a distance of 220 miles.

Sugar Ration Ruling Changed  
WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—Consumers who were unable to obtain ration books because they had excess supplies of sugar will be permitted to obtain books if the excess has been depleted by home canning, the office of price administration announced today.

Application may be made to local war price and rationing boards.

### JAPS FAIL AGAIN IN DARWIN RAID

Damage Described by Headquarters as "Negligible"

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, June 17 (AP)—Japanese bombers tried again for the fourth successive day yesterday to score an air blow against the far northern Australian port of Darwin and again achieved nothing to repay their costs, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

Although the Japanese sent over waves of 27 bombers on three of the four days, the allied headquarters communique each time has described the damage as "slight" or "negligible."

On the other day, last Sunday, the bombers never reached their objective because United Nations (Continued on Page Two)

### Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	0	5	1
Detroit	1	6	1
Breuer and Dickey; Trout and Tebbets.			

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	4	0
Brooklyn	5	7	0
Lee and McCullough; Higbe and Owen.			

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	9	1
New York	0	5	2
M. Cooper and W. Cooper; Melton, Adams (9) and Danning.			

	R.	H.	E.
(First game)	4	6	2
Cincinnati	2	7	0
Derringer and Lamano; Earley, Hutehings (5), Donovan (6), and Klutz.			

### Salvage That Rubber

Thirteen days from now you'll be out of luck if you haven't ransacked the hall closet for old rubbers and galoshes, because—the rubber salvage campaign ends on the 30th, and you want your galoshes to be some of the 1000 pairs that are going to provide the scrap for one bombing plane, don't you?

### ARMY ASSUMES OPERATION OF AIRPORT HERE

Municipal Field Under Lease to Military Authorities

Klamath's municipal airport has been taken over by the United States army, it was announced Wednesday after publication of the information was approved by Colonel J. L. Stromme, commanding officer of the Portland airbase.

The city council this week agreed to a contract whereby the government leases the airport from June 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943, with the lease renewable each year until the war is over and for six months after the end of the war.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas said that the army is immediately taking over and will operate all facilities at the field, which is located on Summers lane and the Spring lake road and has recently undergone extensive development by the civil aeronautics authority.

Personnel Expected  
While full significance of the move has not been revealed, Thomas said he was given to understand the army would move personnel here within a fortnight in connection with operation of the airport.

The city engineer said he understands the pilot training program at the airport will continue for the present, although possibly under changed status now that the army is operator of the field. The training program heretofore has been operated by a private government contractor, Louis Soutkup, under the civilian pilot training program.

Military use of the field, if (Continued on Page Two)

### Lexington Men Here, Report Swen Hult Safe

Three Klamath area survivors of the sinking of the aircraft carrier Lexington were safe at home today and brought with them the good news that a fourth local sailor, of whom no previous word had been heard, was safe in a west coast port.

Back home on 14-day leaves were Jack Waits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waits of West Klamath; Wesley Yancey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Yancey of 1920 Gary street; and Joe A. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers of Malin.

They brought word that Swen C. Hult, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hult of Altamont drive, had survived the Coral sea sinking in early May and was back on United States soil.

Yancey and Waits arrived last (Continued on Page Two)

### Klamath Scrap Rubber Pile Passes 30-Ton Mark Today

Klamath's scrap rubber pile crept over the 30-ton mark today as housewives and youngsters began to contribute tennis shoes, overshoes, rubber boots and garden hose to add to the huge assortment of wornout tires already turned in.

Promises of more than 20 tons of additional rubber were reported by oil dealers and distributors and pickups were expected to be made today and tomorrow.

R. O. Snodgrass, chairman of the Klamath Falls campaign, said that hidden rubber "bonanzas" are turning up in abandoned truck logging camps where used tires have been cast aside and forgotten.

### Leads Task Force



Rear Admiral Robert C. Griffen commands a powerful U. S. naval task force serving with the British home fleet.

### RUSS FORCE AXIS BACK ON ONE SECTOR

Battle for Sevastopol Swirls Around Big Highway

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, June 17 (AP)—Soviet counter-attacks on the Kharkov front were reported today to have forced the Germans to abandon several lines in one sector where they tried to dig in to new positions.

While the nazis were rolled back there, Russian dispatches told of other red army counter-attacks in several other Kharkov sectors.

In the battle for Sevastopol the fierce fighting swirled around an important highway against which the Germans launched masses of troops, tanks and planes in six vain assaults.

Soviet dispatches said the Germans also attacked the southern defenses of Sevastopol five times only to be repulsed in every case.

The Red army, the dispatches said, was still holding Balaclava, the fishing town seven and a half miles south of Sevastopol made famous by Tennyson's poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade" which occurred during the Crimean war.

The battles for Kharkov and Sevastopol now appeared to be stabilized. The assaults by the Germans on the Kharkov front were reported to be on a smaller scale today.

The newspaper Red Star said one Nazi attack cost the enemy 13 tanks, five field guns and a number of men killed and (Continued on Page Two)

### Thursday Is Last Day for Sugar Sign-Up Here

Earl Reynolds, clerk of the Klamath rationing board, today warned all housewives that tomorrow is the last day for registration for canning sugar.

He said that 20 registration places will be open throughout the county from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Through the cooperation of County School Superintendent Fred Peterson and City School Superintendent J. P. Wells, the local schools are being used for registration offices.

### AXIS ATTEMPTS TO CUT OFF VITAL SUPPLIES

Germans Have Tank Superiority, Military Expert Says

By EDWARD KENNEDY  
CAIRO, June 17 (AP)—British guns and tanks were reported today to have beaten off two Axis attacks at Sidi Rezegh and Acroma as Field Marshal Erwin Rommel sought to storm Tobruk before the vital supplies, newly landed at the port under cover of British and American warplanes, could be put into the fight.

A military commentator said the "position is substantially unchanged" with the British holding a semicircular defense position west, south and southeast of the port, and the Germans smashing steadily at that line with tanks and artillery.

Germans Superior  
The commentator said the Germans, for the moment, were in the favorable position of having superiority in numbers of tanks and anti-tank guns.

Three weeks of intensive fighting were said to have depleted the strength of United States-built General Grant tanks which the British had at the outset, thus forcing the British to fall back on older-type reserve tanks described as no match for the Mark IVs which Rommel's forces have thrown into action.

Some sources expressed the belief that the supplies landed at Tobruk might include the necessary weapons to enable the British to counter-attack and perhaps regain damaged but repairable tanks which they left behind in withdrawing from the Knightsbridge area and their Ain El Gzala-Bir Hachem line.

Tanks and truckloads of infantry of both sides were reported engaged in fierce fighting between Sidi Rezegh, 25 miles southeast of Tobruk, and El Adem, 18 miles south of Tobruk. The axis forces were believed to have been reinforced by a new column which moved up to this area at mid-day yesterday.

### Klamath Firms Urged to Take Part In Celebration

Organizations and firms throughout the Klamath basin are receiving letters from the Victory celebration committee asking them to participate in the mammoth celebration parade to be held at 10 a. m. on July 4. Many organizations are already shaping plans for floats, marching groups or comical entries.

Klamath county chamber of commerce directors referred the matter of a chamber of commerce float to the community advertising committee Wednesday.

Klamath junior chamber of commerce is in general charge of the parade, which is to be a basin-wide affair.

A feature of the parade will be appearance of the victory queen and her court. Girls of the basin interested in participating will meet at the Elk hotel at 7:30 p. m. Friday. Lunch will be served.

### Shingee Abandon Changjiao After All-Day Battle

CHUNGKING, June 17 (AP)—Shangjiao, important station on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, has been abandoned to the Japanese but only after an all-day battle in which 8000 casualties were inflicted on the invaders, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

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### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE British say today the Malta and Tobruk convoys were a "limited success," achieved at "considerable cost."

But it was necessary to take the risk and pay the price. A commentator in London says:

"If Malta were neutralized by the enemy, or in his hands, the axis supply problem in northern Africa would be a comparatively simple one."

FROM tiny Malta, in the narrow seas between Italy and Africa, allied LAND-BASED planes operate. These narrow seas are the shortest, easiest route for axis reinforcements to Africa.

After the news of the past few days, you don't need to be told of the importance to our side of such a base.

THE situation at Tobruk is increasingly critical. Rommel has it surrounded on three sides. Its fate may depend upon the supplies brought by the convoy that has just reached it.

The Germans, today's dispatches tell us, are in the favorable position of having more and HEAVIER tanks and anti-tank guns. Weeks of fighting have depleted the supply of US-made tanks the British had at the start, forcing them to fall back on older tanks that are no match for those Rommel is using.

There are hints in the news that Rommel's tanks are STILL SUPERIOR in fire power. Also his anti-tank guns.

PLANES again scored heavily in the Mediterranean battle. London says the Italian naval squadron that set out to intercept the Tobruk convoy was so badly battered by British and American airmen that it NEVER MADE CONTACT with its objective.

One Italian battleship was hit 20 times by US fliers and another 15 times. Major Kalberer, who led the Americans, says today at Cairo: "It was like shooting fish in a barrel."

SEVASTOPOL shares the spotlight today with Tobruk. Its defenses are 15 miles deep. Unlike Singapore, they are pointed toward the land, from which the attack is coming.

The Russians evidently foresaw that if Sevastopol were attacked it would be BY GERMAN, and hence the attack would come from the landward side. In fairness to the British, it should be recalled that when Singapore's defenses were built Japan was an ally of Britain and the countries to the north of Malaya were weak.

By all the ordinary expectations, it then seemed that any attack on Singapore must come from the sea. (As it probably seemed to the Russians when they built Sevastopol's defenses that any major attack must come by land.)

If you want to understand the persistence of the German attack on Sevastopol, get out your map. It will show that the shortest route to the Caucasus is by way of the Crimean peninsula.

Sevastopol, as long as Russia holds it, will be a threat on the flank of any German advance toward the Caucasus. No commander has ever wanted to leave a threat on his flank.

WHY the over-all importance of the Caucasus? The answer is OIL.

More than 85 per cent of Russia's oil supply comes from the Caucasus (the strip of land lying between the Black and the Caspian seas.) Approximately 70 per cent comes from the great fields around Baku.

GERMANY needs oil—desperately. But that isn't all. SO DOES RUSSIA.

If Hitler, at one stroke, can GAIN OIL FOR HIMSELF and TAKE IT AWAY FROM RUSSIA (Continued on Page Two)