

Blackout Signal

One 3-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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AXIS FORCES CUT OFF AT KURSK

Yank Pilots Blast Tanks

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY in a nutshell:
The situation in Egypt looks bad, maybe worse.
In Russia, it may be looking a shade more hopeful.

BUT don't jump to conclusions on the strength of any SINGLE day's news. Look for the OVER-ALL picture.

IN Egypt Auchinleck, the commander-in-chief, takes over at the front, displacing Ritchie, who has been out-thought and out-fought by Rommel.

Ritchie succeeded Cunningham. Cunningham succeeded Wavell. It sounds like the long procession of commanders of the Army of the Potomac.

What Britain needs down there is to find a Grant.

THREE slants in today's news are on the hopeful side.
AP Correspondent Crockett reports from Cairo that "all along the roads at the front no German aircraft are to be seen, despite British transport concentrations."

Crockett says the evacuation of Matruh has been successfully completed and adds: "The British never had much there but fooled the enemy into believing it was strong, thus gaining time to prepare their defenses farther back."

Reinforcements of tough New Zealanders brought in from Syria and Iraq are reaching the British in Egypt.

(ARRIVAL of the New Zealanders is temporarily hopeful, but the fact that they are moved OUT of Syria, which may be a hot spot at any moment, shows how desperate is the need in Egypt.)

THE hopeful possibilities in Russia are outlined by Henry Cassidy, AP correspondent in Moscow. Quoting Red Star, the Russian army newspaper, his dispatch today tells how the new German offensive at Kursk was met.

First the German ATTACK is described, as follows:
"While endless streams of big shells screamed over, German air raiders in groups of 20 each blasted the soviet fortifications with bomb and bullet. Under an umbrella of MORE planes nazi infantrymen charged through the pulverized Russian positions, FOLLOWED by tanks in waves of 50 to 75 each."

Red Star then describes the Russian defense:
"Soviet artillery, anti-tank batteries and SAPPERS HEAVING HAND GRENADES AND BOTTLES OF GASOLINE met the advancing tanks and slowed them down while red infantrymen CLOSED THE BREACHES torn by Hitler's foot troops."

"By 9 a. m. of the first day of the German offensive the battlefield was cluttered with burned-out hulks of 53 German tanks."

A WORD here as to these bottles of gasoline, which are not new. They break on the tank. The gasoline is ignited by the tank's exhaust, thus setting fire to the machine.

THE point is that the Russians seem to be stopping these tank-and-plane-team spearheads, which are the backbone of nazi blitz warfare, before they can break through and fan out in the Russian rear.

SEVASTOPOL still holds, and today's Russian dispatches assert that the Germans, after penetrating the city's inner ring of defense, were thrown back to their original positions by a de-

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ENEMY ADVANCE REACHES AREA EAST OF FUKA

New Zealand Troops Reinforce British Defense

BULLETIN
CAIRO, June 30 (AP)—German armored columns have advanced past El Daba, 75 miles east of Matruh and 100 miles from Alexandria, it was announced tonight.

El Daba was the second strong position in Egypt at which the British eighth army had been expected to make a stand.

It was apparent, however, that the swift progress of even the advance enemy units posed a grave peril to the great naval base of Alexandria and the rich valley of the Nile.

By EDWARD KENNEDY
CAIRO, June 30 (AP)—Heavy raids by augmented United States army air forces on German-Italian tanks in the Egyptian desert battle area and on battered Tobruk were announced today as the British indicated that the enemy had thrust eastward to the vicinity of Fuka, 140 miles west of Alexandria and 45 miles southeast of Matruh.

(Both the German and Italian communiqués asserted Marshal Erwin Rommel's men already had reached the area east of Fuka and the Italians said several thousand more British troops had been captured at Matruh.)

British headquarters said large forces of axis tanks and vehicles were met and forced back Sunday west of Fuka, but acknowledged (Continued on Page Two)

No National Forest Closures Seen Until After July 4

PORTLAND, June 30 (AP)—Unless fire danger increases suddenly, no additional closures in the national forests of Oregon and Washington will be made until after July 4, Regional Forester Lyle F. Watts said Monday.

Although some city watersheds and other critical areas already have been closed, favorable weather and forest fuel conditions make other closures unnecessary until probably July 7 or 8, Watts said.

He warned however that forest travelers will need campfire permits beginning July 1 except at posted campgrounds. They were advised to contact local forest officials for information about restrictions.

IT WAS HOT
The mercury hit a new high for the season at mid-afternoon Monday and government thermometers read 92 degrees at the peak. Minimum temperature was a warmish 54.

1800 Japanese From Area 2 To Be Evacuated to Newell

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 (AP)—All Japanese were ordered removed from 20 northern California counties today in the first mass evacuation from military area 2.

The 1800 persons affected under the three new orders of Lieut. General J. L. DeWitt will be evacuated directly to the Tulelake relocation center at Newell, in Modoc county of California. This eliminates the intermediary step of removing Japanese first to assembly centers, followed in all evacuations from military area 1 of California, Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

The area involved, the most extensive of any of the 102 such orders yet issued by General DeWitt, blankets all of military area 2 from the Oregon border 360 miles down the eastern California state boundary to the Mono-Inyo and Madera-Fresno county lines. This comprises approximately a fourth of the state's area. It will leave only Inyo county and parts of San Bernardino, Fresno, Tulare and a corner of Kern county yet to be cleared of Japanese.

The migration, starting July 9, will be completed by noon July 13.

This movement will lift the population of the Tulelake relocation center.

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Fire Zone for Suburbs to Be Asked of Court

Klamath county court will be asked to establish a fire zone in the suburban areas as a result of a meeting on fire protection held at the Altamont Junior high school Monday evening.

It was agreed by those at the meeting that a committee be appointed to meet with the court and ask that the area be zoned under the forest laws. Under these statutes, the court can set up a zone, and a levy up to 4 mills can be imposed for fire protection purposes.

It was further agreed that petitions now in circulation for establishment of a fire district be continued. In the event a district is formed, any money raised or equipment purchased under the zone plan would be turned over to the district.

The committee to meet with the court is composed of Leon Crapp, Altamont drive; Lloyd Seeley, Bryant avenue; Clifford McClellan, Kane street; Everett Mettler, Ward street, president of the suburban league; Harold Ashley, Hope street.

The group will meet with the county court at 2 p. m. Wednesday. A permanent advisory committee will probably be appointed at that time.

Don Holloway presided at Monday night's meeting.

SIR AUCHINLECK REPLACES RITCHIE

Churchill Makes No Statement on Libya

LONDON, June 30 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill announced today that General Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck, commander in chief of British forces in the middle east, had taken command of the British eighth army in North Africa on June 25, superseding Lieut. Gen. Neil M. Ritchie.

Ritchie had commanded the desert army since last Dec. 11 when he took over from Lieut. Gen. Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham.

Churchill, who spoke on his first appearance in the house of commons after his return from the United States, was received tumultuously in the chamber.

The prime minister, who faces a challenge to his war leadership, gave the house no accounting of his conferences with President Roosevelt and only this brief statement of the shift in command of the eighth army: "I do not propose to make any statement today about the momentous battle now being fought in Egypt but I feel the house would wish to know that on June 25 General Auchinleck decided to assume command of the eighth army personally in succession to General Ritchie."

"As soon as Auchinleck informed the government of the decision he had taken he was (Continued on Page Two)

HOUSE WINDS UP WORK ON SUPPLY BILL

No Debate on Record-Breaking Appropriation Measure

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—With no debate, the house quickly completed legislative action today on a record-breaking \$42,800,000,000 war department appropriation bill.

Representative Snyder (D-Pa.) called up the measure, which had been approved by the senate a little earlier with 31 minutes of debate, and obtained concurrence of the house in two minor amendments, one of which would make certain that the money would be available starting tomorrow, upon President Roosevelt's signature.

The other would prohibit the carrying of advertising by army camp newspapers.

Thus in less than 35 minutes—the house action today took very little time—the two branches of congress wound up their work on the biggest appropriation bill in history. The house used six hours last week in first approving the bill.

The senate also adopted today a conference report on a bill appropriating \$280,000,000 for the Works Projects administration during the next fiscal year.

This bill, it is estimated, will take care of 400,000 on the WPA rolls during the next year. It now goes to the White House for the president's approval.

The senate also adopted and sent to the White House legislation appropriating \$32,000,000 for war housing in the District of Columbia.

A plan for vast federal business subsidies to block a threatened break-through in price ceilings has been recommended to congressional leaders by high-ranking government officials.

Farm Plan
Informed sources said today that Price Administrator Leon Henderson and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard had suggested informally a scheme built around government purchase of farm products and other raw materials (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Fliers Make Longest Bombing Flight

By WALTER B. CLAUSEN
HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN AIR FORCE, June 30 (AP)—American army bombers, striking at the enemy in probably the longest over-water bombing flight ever made, have dealt new destruction to tiny Wake Island, which the Japanese seized at a high cost last Dec. 23.

Sweeping over the strategic atoll under full moonlight last Saturday night, the bombers hit all their targets, set the main building afire, leveled everything on the surface, and returned to their base without casualties and without the loss of a plane.

Col. Art W. Meehan, pilot of one of the bombers and a former quarterback at West Point, said it "probably was the longest range over-water bombing flight ever achieved." Wake is 2000 nautical miles west of Pearl Harbor and a little more than 1000 miles southwest of Midway Island.

Announcement of the raid was made by headquarters of the Hawaiian air force yesterday after all the planes had returned safely.

Col. Meehan said Saturday night's raid "crippled this Japanese stepping stone at least until the Japs can repair the damage and fly in new planes. "We gave them everything we took over."

MacArthur Gets Medal of Honor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, June 30 (AP)—The congressional medal of honor was presented Gen. Douglas MacArthur in a simple ceremony today for extreme valor and exceptional leadership in the battle of the Philippines.

Attended only by his immediate staff, the allied commander in the southwest Pacific received the decoration from United States minister Nelson T. Johnson.

Congress voted General MacArthur the medal, the highest award of the nation, March 25.

18, 19-Year-Olds Sign for Draft



Two possible future soldiers were snapped today in the Fremont school gym registering in the United States' fifth draft registration. Left to right, above, are Grace Cleveland and Caroline Ackerman, registrars, and Edwin Woodrow Larson of Portland and Boyd Payne of Klamath Falls. The registration, for youths born between January 1, 1922, and June 30, 1924, in Klamath county was expected to add from 1200 to 1500 names to the nation's manpower rolls. Approximately 250 of an estimated 700 enrollees in Klamath Falls had signed up by early this afternoon.

JAPS GAIN GROUND IN CHINESE DRIVE

New Phase of Battle About to Start, Report

By The Associated Press
Fighting in a torrential rainstorm, Japan's invasion armies were reported in a Tokyo broadcast to have gained another 20 miles in a two-way drive along the vital Chekiang-Kiangsi railway in eastern China today.

The broadcast said that three Chinese armies—the 26th, 49th and 74th—were retreating southward from the Chinese-held strip of the railway and that Japanese spearheads now were only about 30 miles apart.

A Chinese army spokesman said the invaders were still 50 miles apart, but implied that a new phase on the battle was about to start. Commenting that it was difficult to predict what the Japanese would do next, the spokesman said possibly they would try to invade coastal Fukien province in a further attempt to eliminate air bases from which Japan could be bombed.

The spokesman said fighting northward on the Shansi-Honan border was "very complicated," with three Japanese columns attacking the Chinese from Shansi and three from Honan.

Plane Flight Will Open K. F. "Whiteout"

A mass flight of airplanes over Klamath Falls at 11:45 p. m. Wednesday will mark the opening of Klamath county's part in the nationwide "Retailers for Victory" drive, it was announced by Nick Long, chairman of the Klamath Retail Trade bureau. Fifteen minutes later Klamath stores will join in a nationwide "whiteout" and from then on the big campaign for war bond and stamp sales will go full blast for an entire month.

Louis Soukup of Oregon Aircraft service has offered eight planes for the flight, Long announced. Soukup and a group of flight instructors will pilot the training planes over the residential districts, dropping leaflets announcing the sale of stamps and bonds in retail stores. They will then fly over Main street and drop leaflets in the business district.

Main street will be decorated and all merchants were asked by Long to put flags on the curbs. Store windows and interiors will feature war stamps and bonds in decorative schemes. Scout Executive Dwight Gilchrist will have Boy Scouts at the intersections of Main street and at 12 noon bugles will sound (Continued on Page Two)

TWO MORE SHIPS SUNK IN ATLANTIC

Total United Nations Loss Stands At 326 to Date

The sinking of two more United States merchant vessels, with a presumed loss of 43 lives, was announced today by the navy.

The latest losses raised to 326 the total of United and neutral nations' vessels unofficially tabulated by the Associated Press as lost in the western Atlantic since Pearl harbor.

Six seamen, sole survivors of the crew of 38 of a medium-sized vessel sunk more than 500 miles from land, said they believed they were torpedoed by two raiders because immediate (Continued on Page Two)

Military Control Established Over Travel to Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 (AP)—Strict military control over all civilian travel to and from Alaska was established today by Lieut. General J. L. DeWitt, effective July 11.

A military pass will be required for any civilian entering or leaving the territory, under the first such order involving the Pacific area.

General DeWitt, commanding the western defense command, fourth army and Alaska defense command, announced that only six reasons would be accepted for granting permits. They are official business of the United States government, definitely arranged legitimate employment, business reasons, return of bona fide Alaska residents to their homes, close domestic relationship and school interests.

Board 2 Draftees Leave Here Tonight

A group of Board 2 draftees, numbering approximately 40 men, will leave here tonight for Portland and induction into the army, selective service headquarters said today.

The office said that 75 registrants have been ordered to report but that many of them now live in other sections of the country.

The group will report to the draft office in the basement of the courthouse at 7 o'clock for final instructions before entraining at 10 o'clock.

A Board 1 contingent of approximately the same number will leave here Thursday night for Portland.

First Rocket Cannon Seems Secret of Rommel Victory

By HOWARD BLAKESLEE
Wide World Science Editor
NEW YORK, June 30—The first rocket cannon appears to be the reason for Rommel's victories in Libya and Egypt.

This gun is the 88 millimeter weapon, firing shells which are bigger and which outrange any tank projectiles possessed by the British.

NAZIS MAKE NEW GAINS AT SEVASTOPOL

Indecisive Fighting Still Raging on Kharkov Front

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, June 30 (AP)—Soviet forces on the Kursk front above Kharkov have cut off German infantry forces which pierced their lines in several sectors and more than 200 nazi tanks have been smashed in two days, the army publication Red Star reported today in the first detailed account of the massive new battle raging in that area.

The frontline account said that Marshal Timoshenko's defenders closed in quickly behind the wedges driven by the nazis before supporting tanks could be brought up in this battle which perhaps represents the beginning of Hitler's general offensive up and down the front.

In the two other violently active battle sectors, Sevastopol's war weary defenders rallied to beat back reinforced German shock troops to positions from which they launched a 48-hour assault and on the Kharkov front heavy but indecisive fighting still raged.

Despite the rally by Sevastopol's valiant garrison, the Germans subsequently made new gains, particularly in the northeast sector of the Crimean fortress.

Elaborating its account of the Kursk fighting, Red Star said the Germans began their big push there Sunday with artillery and air assault against Russian front positions after massive nazi concentrations of infantry, motorized and tank forces had been brought up.

While endless streams of big shells screamed over, German air raiders in groups of 20 planes each blasted at soviet fortifications with bomb and bullet.

Then under an umbrella of more planes the nazi infantrymen charged through pulverized Russian positions, followed by tanks in waves of 50 to 75 each.

Tanks Slowed
Soviet artillery, anti-tank batteries and sappers heaving hand grenades and bottles of gasoline met the advancing tanks and slowed them down while red infantrymen closed the breaches torn by Hitler's foot troops.

The battle of Sevastopol had appeared near a bloody climax, for the soviet information bureau announced last night that, at a heavy cost, the Germans made fresh gains.

A noon communique, however, reported that, having lost more than 1500 men in attempts to breach the defenses, "the Hitlerites retreated into their initial positions."

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