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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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3 JAP SHIPS SUNK IN ALEUTIANS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Egypt, where the menace to our side is GREATEST AT THE MOMENT, the situation improved over the weekend.

For this reason: The British got in the MOST reinforcements.

TODAY'S dispatches confirm that British reserves came from Palestine and Syria—both hot spots. At any moment the British forces withdrawn from there may be desperately needed.

But at least they seem to have stopped Rommel's thrust. That is the important point now. The future will have to take care of itself.

TODAY'S dispatches more or less confirm the guess that Rommel, unexpectedly successful in Libya, decided to crowd his luck and strike directly at Alexandria WITH WHAT HE HAD without waiting for reinforcements, hoping they might arrive in time.

His luck apparently failed him. The British got in reinforcements faster than he could, and his weary veterans, weakened by their 350-mile dash across the broiling desert from Tobruk, had to stop and dig in.

He is waiting and hoping for reinforcements, and allied air strength is pounding his communications, seeking to PREVENT their arrival.

AT this point, let's try some tall guessing.

Both sides, expecting the decision to come elsewhere, had sent boys to the mill in Africa.

The Churchill debate in the house of commons, plus other hints in the news, indicates that Africa was regarded as a SECONDARY front and that British and American equipment there was NOT of the best (the best having evidently been sent somewhere else). Rommel's forces were not large.

When the fighting started, Rommel's superior generalship plus an apparent superiority in quality of his equipment gave him an UNEXPECTED success which he crowded practically up to the gates of Alexandria, thus creating a MAJOR threat which has resulted in frantic activity on both sides to get up reserves. In other words, Egypt wasn't expected to become a major theater of war, but Rommel made it one.

THE present importance of Egypt is reflected in reports today that Kettel, the German army chief, and Cavallero, the Italian army chief, are in Africa conferring with Rommel and that Wavell is said to have come from India for a conference on the British situation.

TODAY'S dispatches suggest the reason why both sides regarded Africa as secondary in importance.

There seems little doubt that the big German push in Russia is definitely on. A London military "informant, not quotable by name," says the Germans have thrown more than a million men into the Kursk offensive in a great wheeling operation. Their immediate objective is cutting the Moscow-Rostov line, which supplies Timoshenko's armies.

They claim to have forced a crossing of the Don, which lies just to the west of this rail line and is the last great river barrier until the Volga itself. They are expected to try to swing around southward to Rostov, the gateway to the Caucasus, while another German drive is loosed across the Kerch straits at Rostov.

The London military informant who can't be quoted says the success of this campaign will determine whether the Germans are to get to the Caucasus oil before winter.

GUESSING again: The Germans were putting everything they had into preparations for this great drive, and so couldn't spare much to Rommel. (Continued on Page Two)



THOUSANDS JOIN IN CELEBRATION—Pictures from Klamath's "victory celebration" of Saturday and Sunday. (1) Mervyn Gleason, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gleason is shown buying a war savings bond from Jerry Thomas. Mervyn made most of the money for the bond by selling pop to soldiers on troop trains. (2) Sweepstakes winner of the big parade, entered by the Hellenic Mutual Benefit society. (3) The mounted guard salutes a section of the crowd. (4) Bareback bucking scene at the rodeo. Other celebration pictures on page 3.

AXIS DRIVEN INTO RETREAT IN LIBYA

Maori Troops Strike In Bayonet Attack To Clinch Gain

By HARRY CROCKETT

CAIRO, July 6 (AP)—New Zealand's gallant Maori troops, part of the British army of the Nile, struck German infantrymen in a bayonet attack by the light of the desert moon last night to clinch gains won for the second consecutive day in the epic struggle for the El Alamein approach to Alexandria.

At the end of a full day of fierce fighting under a scorching sun, the Maoris—descendants of warlike Polynesians (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Step Up Air Raids on Port Moresby

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, July 6 (AP)—The Japanese stepped up their air attacks on Port Moresby yesterday, sending 33 planes against that southern New Guinea port as allied bombers stabbed anew at enemy bases in northeastern New Guinea, Timor and the Solomon Islands.

Twenty heavy Japanese bombers escorted by six fighters launched the assault on Port Moresby and were followed by a second wave of seven bombers, General MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

The raid, directed at the air-drome, caused only light damage and casualties, a communique said.

The air-drome also was the objective of an attack Saturday by 20 Japanese fighters, one of (Continued on Page Two)

Yank Crews Man American Tanks In Libya Battle

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—The war department announced today that American crews had manned American-made medium tanks in combat June 11 and 12 during part of the battle of Libya.

They were commanded by Captain Charles C. Stelling of Augusta, Ga.

In two days of heavy fighting they knocked out several German tanks.

Although hit repeatedly, the American tanks were not seriously damaged, and there were no battle casualties among the crews.

The Americans who took the tanks into battle were armored force observers who had been in North Africa for several weeks as part of the American military mission headed by Major General Russell L. Maxwell.

They are regular combat crews, sent to Egypt to observe battle field operation of armored equipment.

Officials at the war department said the Americans were not in action on June 13, the day General Rommel's axis forces ambushed British armored units.

National Scrap Rubber Pile Up To 334,293 Tons

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—Scrap rubber collections totaled 334,293 tons up to July 3, President Roosevelt was told today.

FIRE ZONE SET UP BUT LEVY DELAYED

Voluntary Protection Planned Pending Legal Tax

The county court moved Monday to set up a fire zone in the thickly settled suburbs south and east of town, following a meeting Monday morning at which the matter was discussed with representatives of the state fire marshal's office.

Court members announced, however, that because of legal technicalities it will not be possible to levy to raise funds in the fire zone until July 1, 1943.

In the meantime, they said, it is planned to establish a voluntary fire department in the suburban district, and the county will lend fire-fighting equipment which it has already ordered. This equipment is being purchased primarily for the protection of county property, such (Continued on Page Two)

City Sustains Gala Mood Over Two-day Celebration

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Amateur performers vied among themselves for purses offered at Klamath Buckaroo Days. Final winner of the bronc riding was Jack Conlon, Fort Bidwell, Calif., buster, who rode Zane Gray 2nd, a rip-roaring finish as the last event of the show. Second place in the finals went to Slim Bremher of Fort Klamath, third to Herman Vowell and fourth to Elmer Fisher, both of Klamath Falls.

Day money in the bronc riding on Saturday went to Slim Bremher, first; Don Bentley, second; Richard Biss, third. On Sunday the purses went to Jack Conlon, first; Captain Kidd, second; Elmer Fisher, third; Herman Vowell, fourth.

Bareback riders split the money 10 ways the first day of the show. On Sunday, Eugene House made off with the purse; second day money to Andy Alexander; third to Vic Matney, fourth to Captain Kidd.

Development of U. S. Blows at Germany Seen

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The July Fourth opening of an American air front in Europe, they said, meant that at least half of the ground preparation to put the air force into active service had been completed.

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NAZIS CLAIM DON RIVER CROSSED

Million Axis Troops Thrown Into Kursk, London Says

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), July 6 (AP)—German troops have crossed the Don river in Russia at several places, the Nazi high command announced today.

(Although the German radio attributed the announcement of the Don crossing to the high command, there was no mention of it in the broadcast text of the high command communique.)

At the same time, the high command reported that the number of Soviet prisoners captured in the battle of Sevastopol now totaled 7000.

Crossings of the Don were said to have been accomplished after fierce fighting on a broad front.

LONDON, July 6 (AP)—The Germans have thrown more than 1,000,000 troops into the Kursk offensive in a massive wheeling (Continued on Page Two)

Father Sentenced For Aiding Son To Evade Draft

SEATTLE, July 6 (AP)—Fred Langenbach, 63, who aided his 22-year-old son, Floyd, to evade the draft, was sentenced today by Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black to serve 15 months in the McNeil island penitentiary.

Pointing out that Langenbach had "made a criminal out of his own son," Judge Black imposed a sentence four months greater than that recommended by the prosecutor. He said he only gave 15-months because the defendant was in ill health.

The son still is being held on a charge of failing to register for the draft.

U. S. STRIKES HARD IN BIG WEEKEND PUSH

American Planes Go Into Action on China Front

By The Associated Press

The navy announced today that U. S. submarines, striking back at Japanese invaders of the Aleutian islands, had sunk three Japanese destroyers and left a fourth destroyer "burning fiercely" in an attack July 4 among the islands off the coast of Alaska.

A navy communique also disclosed that U. S. army bombers attacked enemy transports and escorting vessels at Agattu, at the easternmost tip of the Aleutians, on July 2. Agattu is about 35 miles southeast of Japanese occupied Attu island.

The communique said three of the Japanese destroyers were torpedoed by submarines at Kiska and another at Agattu.

It was the first time U. S. submarines had been reported operating in the Alaska war theater and the first indication, as well, that Japanese warships were operating in such strength among the Aleutians.

U. S. Air Force Cuts Loose Other Pacific developments: American warplanes, flashing through the far Pacific skies in growing numbers, were declared today to be teaching the Japanese a cautious new respect in the battle of China and crippling any Japanese attempt to pass for an invasion of Australia.

Military dispatches said the Japanese, after bombing the helpless Chinese with impunity through five long years of war, were now switching to night aerial attacks in an effort to avoid the fierce resistance encountered from fliers of the new U. S. army 23rd pursuit group in China.

In communique No. 7, United States headquarters announced that the newly established American air force, swinging quickly into action, inflicted heavy blows on Japanese airfields at Hankow, Nanchang and Canton over a four-day period starting July 1.

"Communique will be issued daily," the first war bulletin said, indicating the Americans' determination to press home unrelenting attacks against the Japanese invaders of China.

On the ground, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies were reported to have struck back at Japanese captors of Iwhang, in Kiangsi province, retaking the town after the enemy had held it only 24 hours.

Chinese dispatches said their counter-attack had weakened (Continued on Page Two)

Mahoney Warns Against Letting Fires Spread

Finishing Ethel Vicory of South Riverside avenue \$100, \$90 of which was suspended, for allowing a grass fire on her property to spread to adjacent land, Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney today warned citizens that stiffer penalties would be imposed on future lawbreakers.

Judge Mahoney said the law provides a penalty of from three months to one year or a fine of from \$50 to \$500 for allowing a fire to spread to the property of another.

The Vicory offense was particularly dangerous, he said, in that the fire spread to property where the General Petroleum company maintains fuel storage tanks.

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