

Blackout Signal

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NAZIS CLAIM ROSTOV IN FLAMES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN Russia what will doubtless rate as the greatest battle of all time is in progress. Its objective is the oil that powers most of Britain's war effort.

If Hitler can seize this glittering prize, he will greatly strengthen himself and greatly weaken his enemies.

INTO the effort to seize it, he has thrown the armies he has been collecting and training over the winter and spring, along with the masses of war machines and material his factories have been turning out.

The Russians are putting everything they have into their battle to stop him. They are fighting stubbornly and skilfully, with no signs (as yet) of the rout and disorder that Hitler had hoped to create.

That is the broad picture. Its details are still confused. No clear pattern of victory for either side is yet emerging.

THE supreme importance of the battle in Russia is indicated by the quiet on other fronts.

The British in Egypt are concentrating on annihilating Rommel's air force and so battering his supply ports as to prevent his successful reinforcement.

Outside China, the Japs are doing no fighting at all at the present time. (The Aleutian fighting of which we are beginning to get first details occurred weeks ago.)

Allies Reopen Second Front Talk

HASTY AID TO REDS TALKED AT STAFF MEET

"Limited Diversion" Possible to Draw Nazis West

LONDON, July 21 (AP)—United States and British staff officers are seeking some means of aiding Russia through a limited diversion on the continent in second front conferences which will continue for some time, it was reliably reported today.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who initiated the second front talks in Washington in December, 1941, and continued them there during his June visit again met with high British and American officers.

The chief problem before the group is to frame measures for immediate aid to the soviet armies if the present grave situation in south Russia further deteriorates said a reliable informant whose identity it was not permitted to disclose.

Since a large scale invasion seems to be unlikely this summer, it is possible the strategists are mapping a limited diversion such as a small scale incursion at a point which would draw German forces from Russia and at the same time safeguard communications with Russia.

There has been much emphasis among British and American military men on the need of maintaining the northern supply route to the soviet union.

"Russia needs materials, not men," one high-ranking British officer said.

The problem of securing communications with Russia grows in importance as Russia faces the winter with much of its wheat lands lost to the enemy and means of distribution devoted to war purposes.



Jap bombing planes had been there once when this picture of the attack on the U. S. naval base at Dutch Harbor, June 3 and 4, were made, witness the burning oil tank in background. But these marines were alert in their trenches for another attack. (U. S. navy photo).

US BOMBERS SINK TWO JAP SHIPS

Raid Challenges Jap Control of Air on Route to China

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, July 21 (AP)—Fighter-escorted United States bombers sank two Japanese ships yesterday at the Yangtze river port of Kiukiang, south-east of Hankow, in a raid which challenged Japan's long-held control of the air over her waterway supply route into China.

Not one of the United States planes was damaged, said a communiqué from the headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell. It said the Japanese ships were of 1000 to 2000 tons each.

Presaging an ever-increasing aerial challenge to the invaders, a Chinese government spokesman said the United States would be asked through Lauchlin Currie, special adviser to President Roosevelt, for more planes, along with a "rather long list" of other military supplies.

Message returned to China July 18 with a message of undisclosed contents from President Roosevelt to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

PIRC-CIO Union Shop Dispute Certified to WLB

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—Two industrial disputes involving 6580 Pacific coast workers today had been certified to the War Labor Board by Secretary Perkins.

There was no work stoppage in either of the cases, which involved:

The Pine Industrial Relations Committee of Klamath Falls, Ore., a combination of 15 lumber companies, and the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), 4500 employees, in a dispute over the union shop.

The Washington Metal Trades Inc., 40 machine shops in Seattle, and five AFL unions, 2080 workers, disputing wages.

The union shop issue is the lone point left unsettled following recent negotiations between the PIRC and the CIO here. It (Continued on Page Two)

MATRUH GIVEN HEAVY POUNDING

British Push Determined Campaign In Desert

CAIRO, July 21 (AP)—The third and heaviest naval bombardment of the axis-held port of Matruh in three nights, and two aerial assaults which destroyed more than 50 axis planes on the ground in a single day were reported by the British today, all part of a determined campaign to destroy the enemy's African air force and ruin his reinforcement efforts.

Buildings, jetties, schooners and other craft in a harbor at Matruh—105 miles behind the German-Italian lines—were hit by the naval shells early Monday morning. Explosions could be heard for miles.

Salvo after salvo covered the entire harbor and the adjoining shore in a well-defined geometric pattern.

One small oil tanker was seen to have sunk, either in this bombardment or in those on the two previous nights, naval officers said.

RAF SLASHES AT FRENCH COAST, GERMAN BASES

Yank Eagle Squadron Pilots Man Some Of Planes

LONDON, July 21 (AP)—The American Eagle squadron of the RAF for the second successive night led a raid over German-occupied territory of the continent tonight, sweeping in at dusk at a low level over Ostend and Dunkerque and bombing German troop concentrations, gun positions, locomotives, army trucks and armored cars.

LONDON, July 21 (AP)—The swelling British air might slashed at nazi installations on the French invasion coast and the prime industrial targets of northwest Germany yesterday and last night in another demonstration of things to come.

The four-engine RAF bomber which scattered explosive and incendiary bombs on the shipyards and U-boat nests at Vegesack, Germany, Sunday night had skinned in from their night work only a few hours before some 200 Spitfire fighters roared across the English channel.

Ranging up the coast from Le Havre with American Eagle squadron pilots manning some of the planes, the Spitfire squadrons swooped down on military targets as far north as Le Treport. They shot up the radio masts at Fecamp, attacked gun posts and factories.

Early last night Wellington bombers swung out over the continent and blasted targets in northwest Germany without losing a plane.

Defenses Prodded
They followed a group of Boston bombers which prodded the German defenses in occupied France into action and attacked a power station in the Mazingarbe area.

This display of British aerial (Continued on Page Two)



Earl Heuvel, made acting police chief of Klamath Falls by appointment by Mayor Houston. He succeeds Frank Hamm.

HEUVEL NAMED CHIEF OF POLICE

Houston to Ask Placing of Chief Under Civil Service

Earl Heuvel, assistant police chief for the past two years, was named acting chief of police Monday night by Mayor John Houston.

Heuvel succeeds Frank Hamm, who tendered his resignation as chief in view of his nomination by President Roosevelt to be United States marshal for Oregon.

Before announcing the appointment, which was confirmed by four councilmen with Councilman Bussman absent, Mayor Houston mentioned discussion and controversy that had developed over the appointment.

He said he would ask the charter revision committee to consider placing the police chief under civil service in the charter to be offered to the voters this fall. Under civil service, the police chief's office would not be filled by majority appointment as at present.

Mayor Houston said he felt the new chief should come from the ranks of the officers now serving the city, and added that he had been guided by opinions from Chief Hamm and the members (Continued on Page Two)

SOVIETS FALL BACK FOR NEW STAND IN SOUTH

Hand-to-Hand Battle Rages on Banks Of Don

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, July 21 (AP)—The forward wall of German tanks and motorized infantry pushed southeast of Voroshilovgrad toward Rostov today down the rich Donets basin coalfield region, left ablaze and wrecked by the Russians falling back for a new stand at the northwest gate to the Caucasus.

At the north of the curving 300-mile battlement red army forces were battling hand to hand with the Germans on both banks of the Don river in a fight to sweep the nazis from the last of their bridgeheads and trap those holding on in newly fortified positions between the river and Voronezh, 10 miles to the east.

The Germans apparently were massing their forces in the great grain area between the Donets and the Don—from Boguchar to south of Millerovo—for an all-out effort to take Rostov from three directions and Stalingrad from two.

Rostov Aflame
(The German communiqué said Rostov already was aflame and under assault from the west, north and east, and that German forces farther north have pushed about 50 miles closer to Stalingrad, watchdog of the lower Volga.)

Red army seizure of the initiative in the Voronezh area, however, was accompanied by a further withdrawal of the soviet left flank southeast of Voroshilovgrad to escape encirclement, a fighting retreat into hilly country of the lower Donets basin.

Pravda, the communist newspaper, said the Russians left the coal mines of the abandoned Donets basin region in ruins as they withdrew to the southeast.

Swift
Movements in the battle of Voronezh were so swift, a dispatch said, that one red army group which had driven back to the Don plunged across without waiting for extra support, swimming and wading to grapple with the Germans on the western bank.

The principal crossing still is (Continued on Page Two)

Churchill Declines Commitment on Election Call

LONDON, July 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declined today in the house of commons to commit himself on the calling of a general parliamentary election before the end of 1942 in response to demands from some quarters for a new reflection of public sentiment.

Debate also opened on Britain's wartime security regulations under which Commander Robert Tatton Bower, retired naval officer and conservative member of parliament, said Home Secretary Herbert Morrison had "powers that would make Hitler absolutely green with envy."

Bower said the home secretary's power to "arrest and detain all, from the archbishop of Canterbury down to the humblest laborer in the land" might "establish a precedent which would have terrible contingencies later on."

The request that Churchill make a statement on a new election stemmed from the fact that because of the war Britain has had no general election since 1935, when most of the present members were seated

US Fliers in Aleutians Add a Chapter to Heroism

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of stories by Staff Correspondent Keith Wheeler of the Chicago Times on action in the Aleutian Islands.)

By KEITH WHEELER (Copyright, 1942, Chicago Times, Inc.)
AT SEA WITH PACIFIC FLEET, June 18 (Delayed)—Some day when the Japs are driven out of Kiska and the Aleutians are blocked as a road to conquest, the people concerned with such things will find time to hang medals on the men flying and fighting this command's Catalina flying boats.

In a war where bravery is commonplace there has been nothing to excel the stubborn courage with which this handful of men drove the brass Jap back from Dutch Harbor and is now pounding day and night at

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—The navy announced today that United States submarines had sunk three more Japanese destroyers in the vicinity of Kiska, in the Aleutians.

This brought to total of 18 the Japanese warships announced by army and navy sources as sunk or damaged in the Aleutian activities.

Pilots, Negro Troops Arrive In Ireland

WITH UNITED STATES FORCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND, July 21 (AP)—American pilots and negro troops have arrived here, swelling the ranks of United States invasion forces. There are air force maintenance crews with the pilots.

The pilots, drawn from all sections of the United States, are commanded by a 40-year-old colonel, who declared: "You will hear from these fellows. They are among the best of the lot."

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