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ALLIES PRESS FORWARD IN EGYPT

Japs Land More Troops

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TO understand better this battle of Egypt which now is making the headlines, remember that ALL the fighting in Europe and Africa this year has been for the oil of the Caucasus and the Near and Middle East.

HITLER reached for it first by way of Russia, hoping to smash the Russian armies and then move on through the Caucasus to take what he wants and badly needs.

After fighting mightily all through the summer and the early fall, he has FAILED to smash the Russian armies and is nibbling only at the outer edges of the oil fields.

It seems likely that he will fail to smash through to the great pools.

THERE are two land routes to the oil—through Russia and through Egypt. Hitler chose the Russian route for his major effort, leaving his African forces under Rommel to shift more or less for themselves.

Considering the fact that they were small to begin with and have had little effective support from home, Rommel's African forces have done pretty well.

Early in the summer, they turned a British offensive into a British DEFEAT and swept forward to within 70 miles of the mouth of the Nile, where exhaustion stopped them.

It was a narrow squeak.

THE summer in Africa has been spent by both sides in bringing up reinforcements. It seems probable that the British, with our help, have succeeded in assembling LARGER forces than Rommel was able to get together. The objective of the battle that is starting there is to SMASH ROMMEL before Hitler, assuming that he is HELD in Russia, is able to divert decisive forces into Africa in order to strike again at the oil by the Nile route.

WHEN Rommel was stopped last summer, he dug in in the narrow (about 40 miles wide) area between the Mediterranean and the Quattara depression. Consult your map here. Without it, you will be unable to understand the situation. He dug trenches, more or less after the manner of the western front in the last war. He laid mine fields. He posted his savagely effective 88-millimeter guns advantageously. He used all the devices of defensive strategy.

Against these defenses, the British dare not send their tanks thundering to the attack without first destroying the axis works.

Hence the air and artillery battles of which we read in today's dispatches. For this reason, the present fighting in Egypt is somewhat different from the fixed-front battles of the last war.

The job is to break through on a narrow front.

MEANWHILE the British Mediterranean navy is busy intercepting reinforcements destined for Rommel, and the RAF, operating CLEAR FROM ENGLAND, is battering at the axis embarkation ports in Italy. The effort is to destroy Rommel now—before Hitler, if he lets down in Russia, can get decisively strong forces into Africa. If that can be done, our side may be able to gain control of ALL NORTHERN AFRICA.

The map will tell you how important that would be.

DRAW no conclusions as yet as to the progress of the fight. (Continued on Page Two)

GUADALCANAL FORCES HURL NIPPONS BACK

U. S. Aviation Blasts More Enemy Ships; 20 Zeros Downed

By The Associated Press
Reports from China and the southwest Pacific today were a testimonial to United States aviation, but despite the drubbing given the Japanese in their south seas bases and along the supply lines, they have poured fresh troops into the battle for Guadalcanal.

The U. S. navy reported that Japanese troops, aided by tanks and heavy artillery, assailed the American lines on that Solomon Island five times Friday night and Saturday morning, but were hurled back each time by the marine and army force.

More Jap Troops Land
The latest report was that on Sunday additional enemy troops were landed on the northwest part of the disputed island. The unremitting aerial offensive under both the U. S. navy command and General MacArthur's command was credited over the weekend with likely hits on six Japanese fighting ships and three supply vessels, as follows: A light cruiser and a destroyer hit in the Shortland Island area on the night of October 22-23 and a heavy cruiser, or battleship, possibly damaged by a torpedo hit.

A cruiser probably damaged about 300 miles northeast of Guadalcanal on the night of October 24 and another damaged the next day north of Florida Island.

A gunboat sunk with a direct hit in a Sunday night attack on (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Appeal On Log Tires Given Attention

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) said today he had appealed to Harry E. Camp, OPA regional director in San Francisco, to meet the essential tire requirements of the Oregon lumber industry. The senator made public a telegram from R. C. Hastings, chairman of the lumbermen's and sawmill operators' committee of Klamath Falls, Ore., saying that lumber production from local mills would be "seriously curtailed" unless increased allocations of tires were made immediately. Hastings told the senator that Oregon had exhausted its tire quota.

McNary suggested the state rationing office appeal at once to the San Francisco regional office for an increased allowance of tires.

Plans Set for Observance Of Navy Day in Klamath

By A. R. TRIPLETT
Yeoman, 2nd Class, U. S. Navy
C. J. Speakman, chief boat-swin mate and in charge of local recruiting station, states that the entire city of Klamath Falls will pay tribute to Navy day, October 27, to the officers and men of the U. S. navy who are daily fulfilling the glorious tradition handed down by the naval heroes of long ago.

Fathers, mothers and wives of men in the U. S. navy will be the honor guests at the Navy day program to be held at the American Legion hall at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, October 27. They are urged to be present at the hall by 7:30 o'clock so that they may be registered before the program begins.

A special navy day program has been arranged by the Amer-



Decorated
Dan Ehrheart, now stationed somewhere in Australia, received three decorations according to word received here from the Pacific war zone. Young Ehrheart is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Hannon of this city.

HONGKONG RAIDED BY U. S. BOMBERS

Power Station Hard Hit by Second Air Attack

By J. REILLY O'SULLIVAN
WITH THE U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES IN CHINA, Oct. 26 (AP)—American bombers cascaded explosives on Hongkong early today for the second time in 24 hours, adding new fires to those started in a devastating Sunday assault, and smashed again at the frequently raided Japanese White Cloud airdrome near Canton.

After setting the Hongkong waterfront aflame yesterday, Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced, today's raiders destroyed the North Point power station there, planting every one of their bombs in the target area.

Fires Started
At Canton many fires were (Continued on Page Two)

16 Killed in RAF Ferry Crash Near Montreal

MONTREAL, Oct. 26 (AP)—Sixteen persons were killed today in the crash of a Royal Air Force ferry command aircraft on the north end of Montreal Island.

Two of the dead were crewmen, the others passengers. The plane crashed 200 yards from the Vole de Lesele road, two and a half miles from the Montreal airport at nearby Dorval.

An official announcement said names of the victims would be made public as soon as the next of kin have been notified.

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HERSHEY ASKS TIGHTER CURBS FOR MANPOWER

Crop Planting Control, End of Voluntary Recruiting Urged

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, recommended today tighter control of the nation's crop planting, abolition of voluntary recruiting for the armed forces, and additional curbs on non-essential industries to combat the manpower shortage.

As Hershey testified to the senate military committee, congressional leaders virtually abandoned hope for a final vote on legislation lowering the draft age from 20 to 18 before the middle of next week, after house members return from election campaigns.

Hershey told the senate committee, which is considering manpower legislation: "I am not prepared to recommend additional legislation. I do not think we have exhausted the means available."

Outlines Program
Hershey told the committee the U. S. armed forces now total 6,000,000 and with the army asking another 3,000,000 these steps should be taken:

- 1—Agriculture "must decide what it must grow next year and what we can do without."
- 2—Voluntary recruiting for the armed forces—particularly in the farm belt—should stop.
- 3—Industry must halt "stealing of workers" and "prejudice against the hiring of women."
- 4—Absenteeism—employees (Continued on Page Two)

Ehrheart Has Relatives in Klamath Falls

Staff Sergeant Dan Ehrheart, listed by the war department as from Klamath Falls and recipient of the distinguished flying cross, Order of the Purple Heart, and the silver star for gallantry, is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Hannon of this city, it was learned Saturday.

Young Ehrheart, 24, is married to Constance Hannon, now studying at Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland. He served as bombing instructor at Salt Lake air field and left for overseas duty the day after Thanksgiving, 1941, arriving in Australia after war was declared. He is rated as a bomb sight technician, according to Mrs. Richard Hannon, instructor at Shasta school.

The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ehrheart of Medford, operators of a small restaurant there. He is a former Medford football star and played on the local gridiron during one of the Medford-Klamath games. Ehrheart later attended Oregon State college and Pacific university, Forest Grove. Miss Hannon and Ehrheart were married September 6, 1941.

Word was received some time ago that Ehrheart was wounded in action and it is assumed that he was in the battle over New Guinea. He has just been dismissed from the hospital. Members of his family say that he is now in Australia and they have received cables each month and several V letters.

CRASH KILLS
PORTLAND, Oct. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Clara Rose Jenkins, 26, Milwaukie, was killed today in a collision of an automobile and a Brookmill interurban car at the Greenhill station crossing.



Charred wreckage of huge commercial airliner which crashed and burned Chino Ridge, near Palm Springs, Calif., killing twelve persons. A western defense command announcement said the crash resulted from a collision between an army plane and the airliner.

Coffee To Be Rationed at One Pound Every 5 Weeks, Starting on November 28

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Coffee will be rationed starting at midnight, Nov. 28, at a rate of one pound every five weeks for each person over 15 years old, the office of price administration announced today.

On the basis of 35 to 40 cups to the pound, the ration means slightly more than a cup a day per person.

Retail sales will be halted at midnight, Nov. 21. Price Administrator Leon Henderson said, for a week-long freeze during which grocers will stock their shelves for the start of the rationing.

The first rationed coffee will be purchased on the last stamp in the sugar ration book, stamp No. 28. Subsequent rations will be issued by working backwards through the sugar book, using stamps No. 28 to No. 19, in sequence.

The war production board ordered OPA to take control of consumer distribution to assure an equal supply for all. Henderson said, and attributed the emergency action mainly to "excessive buying by consumers."

Reports of hoarding, over-buying and runs on dealers' supplies have been reaching Washington from many cities for three weeks.

"There is no reason for anyone to run to the corner grocer, put the squeeze on him and try to force him to help a hoarder," Henderson declared. "There is absolutely no excuse for hoarding coffee at this time."

"We're announcing the forthcoming rationing now because we're going to have to talk to a lot of people in the coffee industry and elsewhere about the administration of the rationing program."

"Naturally, stories and rumors will be creeping around about what we propose to do. Most of them will be entirely garbled and thus create more confusion and hysteria than even now exists on the subject of coffee. We are therefore stating what we plan to do so that the public can get the story straight and from an official source."

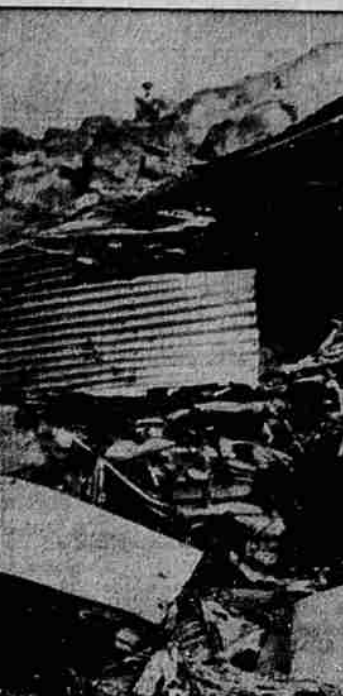
Bandit Killed in Battle at Bridge In North Idaho

SANDPOINT, Idaho, Oct. 26 (AP)—A fleeing bandit was shot to death and a deputy sheriff critically wounded at the approach to a bridge here today, Sheriff Robert Ellersick reported.

The sheriff identified the bandit as August W. Hage, 34, of Cadillac, Mich., and said the battle at the bridge followed a crime in which Mrs. Ruby Dew, wife of a beer parlor proprietor had been critically wounded when Hage held up the Dew establishment.

The wounded deputy, George O'Donnell, was in critical condition from three bullet wounds in the chest and arm, the sheriff said.

Airliner Crash Kills Twelve



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UNION ISSUE IN PINE DETERMINED

"Security Clause," Put Into Effect by New Commission

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—The newly created West Coast Lumber commission today ordered a "union security" clause to go into effect immediately for 4500 workers in the Klamath basin pine industry of Oregon.

The order, the first made by the 5-man body that has been empowered by the National War Labor board to decide 23 cases involving more than 150,000 workers in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana, provides:

Workers need not join a union to be employed, but employers approve of employees joining a union. Employers, however, may hire non-union members. If a worker is a union member, he must maintain his good standing in the union as a condition of employment.

The decision ended a long controversy between the Pine Industries (Continued on Page Two)

German Fliers Kill 8 in Raid Over England

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—German raiders diving out of the clouds killed at least eight persons and wounded many more today in widespread hit-and-run raids which gave London two brief alerts.

Guns along the coast were busy throughout the day blasting at the attackers, two of which were known to have been downed. Spitfires and Beaufighters ranged the channel tangling with the enemy in numerous dogfights.

Russian Troops Hold Fast Against New Nazi Attack

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Oct. 26 (AP)—Red army troops held fast in blackened Stalingrad today as the Germans launched another assault after furious artillery preparation and in a fierce engagement which at times developed into hand-to-hand fighting expelled the Nazi forces from a factory property into which they penetrated yesterday, the mid-day communique said.

German infantry moved into the assault in a factory area with tanks leading the way, but the Russians reported that their artillery fire decimated and put to flight an entire regiment of infantry.

Russians Counter-Attack
The Russians then launched their own attack to drive the

AXIS TRIES IN VAIN TO CLOSE GAPS IN LINES

U. S. and British Fliers Batter Rommel's Massing Tanks

By DON WHITEHEAD
CAIRO, Oct. 26 (AP)—Pressing its attack, Britain's Army of the Nile beat off German and Italian attempts to close the gaps driven into the El Alamein line, and moved infantry, tanks and mobile artillery forward today under strong aerial cover for the expected test of strength with Field Marshal Rommel's main tank forces.

Much of the battle still was being fought in the air where the "Black Scorpion" squadron of United States fighters shot down four of yesterday's allied bag of seven axis planes.

U. S. Air Forces Active
United States bombers and fighter-bombers joined British squadrons in virtually unceasing assault upon Rommel's massing tanks, his lines of supply and his grimly beset defense system in the 40-mile battle belt between the Quattara salt marshes and the sea.

Battlefront dispatches indicated that the British eighth army had penetrated well into the axis advance system of minefields, barbed wire barriers and strong-points and were fanning out toward his main defense centers.

(The London Evening News said the attacking force had penetrated Rommel's minefield defenses in all three sectors of the El Alamein line—north, central and south.)

Two-Mile Advance
Cairo dispatches published in London newspapers said two axis defense lines had been overrun in one sector in a two-mile advance, half way through the enemy defenses.

A communique said armored units on both sides had been involved in preliminary engagements, and reported that "the enemy was unable to dislodge our (Continued on Page Two)

The Mountain Comes to Mohamet

The county jail is definitely not open to embarrassment. Jailer Arthur Heim demonstrated that last night. And 22-year-old William Earl Lyons is inside the jailhouse therefore.

Heim, a light sleeper, heard a car drive up to the jail in the courthouse parking lot this morning about 3 o'clock and sounds of metal hitting metal followed.

Heim rushed out, he said today, to catch Lyons in the act of taking three and one-half gallons of gas from a sheriff's office storage tank alongside the jail.

Charged with petty larceny, Lyons was scheduled for arraignment this afternoon.

The jailer reported today that Lyons told him that he had run out of gas near the Tik-Tok drive-in late last night and set out for town with a gas can.

Within a few blocks he thumbed a ride from a passing motorist who, Lyons told Heim, advised him that all service stations were closed down but that he might be able to get some from the sheriff's supply.

Here Heim entered the picture. The helpful motorist got away but, Heim said, a description of him was available and it was expected he would be taken in custody soon.

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