

Blackout Signal

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"HOLD AT ALL COSTS"—HITLER

Jap Armada Masses

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MELBOURNE papers display today a statement by an Australian government official (identity undisclosed) to the effect that the Japs are massing in the islands of the Bismarck archipelago off New Guinea to the northeast the largest armada they have yet sent into the South Pacific.

THE report adds that they are scouting the Australian northeast coast from Cape York to Brisbane with aircraft apparently operating from submarines.

It was one of these aircraft-submarine combinations that fire-bombed the Southern Oregon coast last summer. The Japs were then reported (unofficially) to have more than 40 of these plane-carrying subs, indicating (if true) that they set some store by them.

The ships of the reported Jap armada are said in the Australian story to be dispersed among the islands for safety.

SECRETARY KNOX, questioned about it, says: "There are always enemy ships at Rabaul (in the Bismarcks), but to the best of my knowledge there is no unusual concentration at the moment."

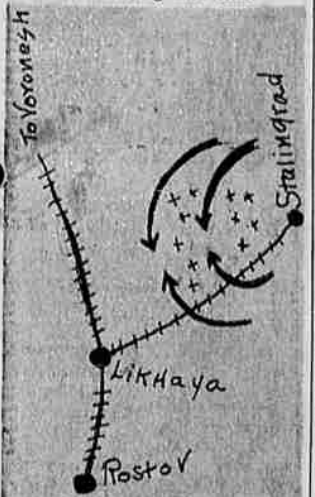
We'll be wise if we neither believe nor disbelieve. One never can tell in advance what a Jap will do.

They may be planning something big. Or they could be peddling the rumor to cover up something somewhere else.

THE Russian dispatches today are non-spectacular, telling of just plain, heavy fighting all along the 1000-mile front from the Caucasus to Velikie Luki—as you must tirelessly wash and dry a shirt before you iron it beautifully for admiring inspection.

We can't have smash news from Russia every day—although we've been getting a lot of it.

THERE'S an interesting report, however, from the Don bend area west of Stalingrad, where the Russians seem to be using a DOUBLE pincer, one of the pincers pushing AHEAD of the other. As nearly as one can judge from the dispatches, it works something like this:



In this rough doodle sketch, the pincer drives are shown by the arrows and the encircled Germans by the small crosses. The interesting point is that such a movement, to be successful, would have to have GREAT STRENGTH behind it.

We're beginning to suspect that the Russians have just that.

THERE'S even a faint note of German panic in the news today. Reports reaching London as (Continued on Page Two)

Jap Destroyers Failed to Make Landing, Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that the Japanese destroyers which reached waters off the northwestern end of Guadalcanal last Saturday apparently did not make a landing but did unload some metal drums of supplies, a few of which probably drifted ashore.

Next morning, the secretary told a press conference, American motor torpedo boats and planes from our Guadalcanal airfield in the Solomons went out where the destroyers had been and sank all the drums they could find.

The secretary said the Japanese (Continued on Page Two)

M'ARTHUR MEN FORM FOR DRIVE

Attack to Clean Nips Out of Sananada Shapes Up

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 5 (AP)—An attack to clean the mikado's men out of Sananada Point, their last foothold in southeastern New Guinea, was shaped by allied forces today.

"We are regrouping our troops preparatory to attack," a communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said tersely.

The headquarters announcement told of far-ranging air activity, with the Japanese air base at Lae, in northeastern New Guinea, suffering the heaviest blows from allied bombers.

Advices from the front also told of an air prelude to the tank and (Continued on Page Two)

His Reputation Preceded This Tank Driver

WITH U. S. FORCES IN TUNISIA, Jan. 3 (Delayed) (AP)—His reputation preceded this American tank driver who has had three tanks shot from under him in flaming ruins and escaped alive.

A sympathetic doctor, wondering where to start sewing first, asked kindly as the driver was admitted to the hospital. "What's wrong, young fellow?"

"Nothing much, Doc," answered the spunky tankman. "I just have a touch of arthritis. My major is afraid it will affect my driving and wants you to fix it before I get back in another tank."

Daring Sub Exploit Saves 29 From Jap-Held Island

By J. NORMAN LODGE WITH SOUTH PACIFIC FLEET, Jan. 5 (AP)—A daring submarine operation under the cover of darkness has resulted in the rescue of 29 men, women and children from a Japanese held island in the Solomon group, Admiral William F. Halsey disclosed today.

The commander of the South Pacific force said that 17 of those rescued were white women known to have been in imminent danger of ill treatment and death. Three were children.

The operation involved the detaching of a fleet submarine from the task of sinking Japanese shipping and sending her to shallow waters to effect the evacuation.

The daring coup was accomplished under the very nose of the Japs.

Information was received late in December that a party of missionaries, who had not been

AUSTRALIAN REPORT HINTS NEW ACTIONS

Guadalcanal Yanks Advance Near Henderson Field

By The Associated Press Reports that Japan is massing the biggest armada yet sent into the southwest Pacific battle theatre were published in Australia today, suggesting new large-scale enemy operations were imminent in the zone northeast of Australia, and other reports indicated quickening activities throughout the vast South Seas area.

In Washington, the navy announced that American troops on Guadalcanal island, in the Solomons, had won strategic high ground overlooking their airfield from the southwest and beaten off six Japanese counterattacks.

The navy said 170 Japanese were killed.

Important Gains The navy also reported that American "Catalinas" and "Flying Fortresses" carried out a series of attacks yesterday on the Japanese-occupied Munda area, in the New Georgia island group, north of Guadalcanal.

Seizure of the new positions overlooking Henderson air field, in the vicinity of 1514-foot Mount Austen, was achieved in what appeared to be the most important advance made by American troops there in weeks.

In Australia, newspapers prominently displayed a statement by a government official, who did not permit his identity to be disclosed, asserting that a huge concentration of Japanese ships had been reported sighted off Rabaul, big Japanese base on New Britain island, and other nearby harbors.

Motives Suggested The official said Japanese merchant ships and transports in the New Guinea area were strongly supported by warships but were dispersed for greater safety from allied aerial assault.

Japanese aircraft, apparently operating from submarines, were said to have been scouting the Australian northeast coast.

The unidentified official suggested three motives for the Japanese massing of ships: A new move against American forces on Guadalcanal, An attempt to reinforce the (Continued on Page Two)

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Southbound trains were operating. The Southern Pacific tracks were flooded between here and Oregon City yesterday and trains were rerouted but the line was open today.

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Worried Farmers Talk 1943 Production Goals



These Klamath farm leaders gathered at the Henley grange hall to talk 1943 production goals Monday afternoon. While they expressed the determination of Klamath agriculture to produce all possible, they also voiced concern about labor shortage and other factors which might affect unfavorably the farm efforts in the coming year.

U. S. ARMY AIRMEN HAMMER AT TUNISIA

French, U. S. Ground Forces Get Strong Support

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 5 (AP) The United States army air force struck effective blows today in support of French and American ground forces in southern Tunisia, bombing railroad yards at Kairouan and targets at Cherchera, six miles northeast of Fondouk.

The allied communique said French headquarters reported that 12 to 15 enemy tanks were destroyed in the axis attack Sunday in the Fondouk area. It said the French, whose lines stopped the enemy thrust, then counter-attacked and "inflicted casualties on the enemy."

4 Nazis Bagged It said the tanks were destroyed by allied guns and artillery. The communique yesterday disclosed that American (Continued on Page Two)

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Spud Increase Unlikely in 1943; Farm Leaders Foresee Milk Production Decrease

Potato production equal to last year, but not up to the 116 per cent goal asked by the government, was forecast by Klamath farm leaders in a meeting held at Henley grange hall Monday afternoon to determine goals for farm production in this county in the war year of 1943.

The farm leaders actually forecast a drastic decrease in milk cow and milk production. They set the figure at 60 per cent of 1942 production, whereas the goal asked was 102 per cent.

In most other departments of farm effort, production equal to or greater than last year was predicted. But the farmers betrayed definite concern over the labor outlook, in particular, and indicated that while a determined productive effort will be put forth in this county, this and other factors may have unfavorable effects unless relief measures are worked out.

Attending the meeting were members of the county agricultural war board, the AAA county committee, the AAA community committeemen and the planning committee. As an aftermath of the Monday session at Henley, another meeting of the farm labor committee, AAA groups and the war board was underway at the county agent's office Tuesday to shape plans for meeting the goals established.

Here are the goals set up at the meeting at Henley with all percentage based on 1942 production: Hogs, spring farrowing—100 per cent. Hogs, fall farrowing—120 per cent. Marketings of cattle and calves—100 per cent. Marketings of sheep and lambs—80 per cent. (Decreased marketing is planned to help

build up the sheep population of the county.) Milk and milk cows—60 per cent. Hens and pullets, eggs—105 per cent. Chickens for meat—120 per cent. Turkeys—80 per cent. Wheat—96 per cent. Feed grains—105 per cent. Hay—105 per cent. Flax seed—100 per cent. Clover and grass seed—100 per cent. Vegetable seed—125 per cent. Austrian peas—80 per cent. Potatoes—100 per cent.

Army Splashes Through Flood to Beat the Stork CORVALLIS, Jan. 5 (AP)—Urgent calls sent the army splashing through the flood to the rescue of expectant mothers in isolated communities during the weekend.

On the first try an amphibious jeep from Camp Adair arrived at the home of Mrs. James Hanlon between Corvallis and Albany today. Both the mother and her 64 pound son were in good condition, though, and were brought to Corvallis.

The second try was successful, a high-bottom army truck bringing Mrs. Ralph Husted to a hospital minutes before a son was born.

Kaiser Leads U. S. Shipyards WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser's Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, Portland, Ore., led the nation's shipyards during 1942 with the delivery of 113 Liberty ships, representing 1,219,300 deadweight tons, Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission, reported today.

The California Shipbuilding corporation, Wilmington, Calif., was next with 109 Liberty ships of 1,175,900 deadweight tons.

President N. E. Long of Klamath Falls has been named president of the new Oregon State Retailers' council, comprised of representative retailers of Oregon's 36 counties.

RUHR GETS SECOND BATTERING OF '43

Nazi "Suicide Technique" Against U. S. Fliers Told

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP)—RAF bombers battered at German industrial targets in the Ruhr valley for the second night in succession last night, an air ministry communique said today. Two British planes were reported lost.

The Berlin radio reported casualties were caused among the civilian populations as well as "damage to buildings in residential quarters." The German radio claimed four of the raiding planes were shot down.

Suicide Technique The attack apparently was on a small scale, measured by previous RAF assaults on the busy plants in the Ruhr. The British report of two planes lost indicated a total force of perhaps 40 planes.

The Daily Express said today that the Germans inaugurated a new "virtual suicide" technique against the American fliers Sunday and lost 38 fighters. The newspaper identified the American bombers on the St. Nazaire raid as Flying Fortresses and said that at least two of them were brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

The Express report said that the general commanding the Fortresses flew in a leading bomber. U. S. air force headquarters declined to comment on the newspaper's report which said the German fighters, trying out their new method, flew in pairs and attacked the big bombers head-on.

The Express did not name the (Continued on Page Two)

SEE PAGE 3 An advertisement of interest to all American women will be found on page 3 of this newspaper today, dealing with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

SOVIETS SWEEP PAST NALCHIK IN CAUCASUS

Nazis Mass Fleet to Supply Armies in South

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor The capture of the important city of Nalchik in the Caucasus was announced tonight by the soviet command in a special communique underlining the growing gravity of the German position in far southern Russia.

The Russian announcement followed reports that Hitler has ordered the German armies on the Caucasus front to hold it at all costs, even if the Russians cut off their northern "escape corridor" through Rostov.

1000-Mile Line Advices reaching London—thus far without confirmation—said the German plan now was to supply the axis Caucasus army by sea if land communications failed. The nazis were reported massing a fleet of all available ships in the Black sea to carry supplies to Novorossiisk.

Heavy battles raged on five great fronts in the Russian campaign today, imperiling the Germans on a 1000-mile line, with the red armies of Col. Gen. Nikolai F. Vautulin threatening to spring a fresh trap around nazis troops in the Don bend 100 miles west of Stalingrad.

Encirclement Move Soviet dispatches said two Russian forces lacked only 30 miles of forging the final link in a new ring around the Germans following the capture of Chernishkovskaya and the nazis air base at Chernishkovskaya, 40 miles to the north.

Union of the two red armies would encircle more axis divisions in a region 50 miles west of another tightly-closed trap engulfing the survivors of 22 German divisions before Stalingrad.

Advance Continues Russian headquarters, denouncing German claims of success (Continued on Page Two)

State Senators To Attend Caucus, Choose Officers SALEM, Jan. 5 (AP)—President of the Senate Dean H. Walker, Independence, wrote all state senators today asking them to attend a caucus at the Marion hotel here at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

All or most of the senate officers will be chosen at the caucus, but there is some question whether the senate president, who will succeed Walker, will be chosen at the caucus or chosen at the opening legislative session at 10 a. m. the following day.

The two candidates for senate president differ on the subject. Sen. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Portland, wants the president chosen on the senate floor while the other candidate, Sen. W. H. Steiwer, Fossil, wants the job done at the caucus.

Hitler Throws Crack Troops, Fliers Into All-Out Battle for Tunisia

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 5 (AP) Adolf Hitler's attempt to keep the Mediterranean blocked to allied shipping has turned the Tunisian war into a major effort with thousands of German and Italian troops deployed from Bizerte to the Tripolitanian border along with part of the first line strength of the German air force.

This purely personal conclusion is based on a 2100-mile trip to the war front in a jeep, topped with another 700 miles of travel in a Flying Fortress, much of it on a bombing mission over Tunis.

For sheer torture, the jeep trip was by far the worse. These are the main impressions I got in traveling over the front:

1. Rain and the constant threat of rain make allied tank warfare impossible in northern Tunisia until late February. There are only a few main roads leading into Tunis and Bizerte and the ground between them is nothing but muck which would mire the lightest tank.

2. The Germans, with short lines of communication, a perimeter defense of the two ports, and a great concentration of artillery and aerial protection from Sardinia and Sicily, could halt any infantry assault with murderous losses.

3. In the north land warfare has stagnated with neither side able to take a definite initiative.

4. Despite the advantage of established bases in Sicily and Sardinia within easy reach of the front, the German air force is losing its punch in the face of allied opposition and is only a shadow of the terrible weapon it was in Greece and France.

5. The lack of airfields is handicapping the allied air effort, but the military punishment being dealt out by Flying Fortresses, Lockheed Lightning (P-38) fighters and RAF attacks is ten times as effective militarily as the blows of the German air force.

6. French troops, with a total disregard of politics and antiquated equipment, are fighting with great gallantry, particularly at Pont de Fahs and in the south along a winding irregular (Continued on Page Two)