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RAF BOMBERS BLOCK-BUST BERLIN

Jap Bases Pounded

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AFTER the relative lull in recent weeks (except in Russia), there's plenty of news today.

OUR SIDE is making practically all of it.
MOST spectacular are the British air raids on Berlin, one on Saturday night and another following immediately on Sunday night. Berlin, free from air attack for 14 months, got its first taste of the four-ton block-busters.

The Germans retorted with a raid on London, which is reported not to have been too terrible. They ran into terrific anti-aircraft fire and new secret defenses, the London dispatches say, and "comparatively few" were able to penetrate beyond the city's outer defenses.

THE Berlin raid on Saturday night was in real force, about 300 bombers apparently being used, of which only ONE is reported lost. The Sunday night raid was by a smaller number of planes and was intended to intensify the fires set Saturday night by tens of thousands of incendiary bombs, but its loss is reported to have been 22 British bombers.

The natural conclusion is that the Berlin defenders, both anti-aircraft gunners and night fighters, profited by their Saturday night experience and were more effective Sunday night.

British pilots who had been over Berlin before said the anti-aircraft fire was the weakest they had known, suggesting that Berlin's defenses had been weakened to meet allied attacks on the Ruhr and Rhineland industrial centers.

MONTGOMERY has renewed his attack on Rommel, and the news indicates that he decided to GO AROUND the narrow Misurata defile instead of battering his way through it.

He is reported today at Beni Ulid, about 100 miles inland from the Mediterranean coast and approximately 100 miles southeast of Tripoli. Your map, if it is a fairly good one, will make clear what must have happened.

Rommel doesn't seem to have put up much of a fight, suggesting again that his purpose is to continue his retreat to Tunisia and effect a junction with the axis forces there.

IN his retreat, he will have Montgomery on his heels and the British-American-French forces, in Tunisia will be fighting to break through to the Mediterranean and prevent a junction. At the same time, a French column is coming up from the south and by now must be getting within striking distance.

THE Russians acknowledge today that they have launched another offensive southwestward from Voronezh, aimed at Kharkov. They are following down a railroad that leads to Kharkov by way of Kupiansk. They are reported at Alekseevskaya, about 120 miles from Kharkov. (Consult your map.)

THEY have crossed the Donets river at Kamensk and are driving southward toward Rostov, only 85 miles away. Milerovo, north of Kamensk, where the Germans have been holding an advanced position, is reported today to have fallen to the Russians.

Another Russian column is on the east bank of the Don, 60 miles east of Rostov, a third is pushing down the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railroad farther to the south and a fourth is driving up through the Caucasus along (Continued on Page Two)

Final Plans for Use of Summers School Completed

Final plans for converting Summers school into a wartime project were completed Saturday when the War Training Service signed a 24 month lease with the Klamath County school district.

Terms of the lease are based on the actual number of trainees in the school each month, with a minimum of \$200 to be paid every month.

Work has already started in the building and on the grounds to prepare for barracks, dining halls, and ground school facilities.

COLLIERY VOTES RETURN TO WORK

Coal Strike Spreads; Workers Disregard WLB Ultimatum

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The White House late today took under advisement the wildcat strike in Pennsylvania anthracite coal mines, a step which in the past usually has been a prelude to government seizure of properties involved.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 18 (AP)—Workers at the Glen Alden Coal company's South Wilkes-Barre colliery, one of the largest involved in Pennsylvania's wildcat anthracite walk-out and the first to strike, voted by a close margin today to return to work in compliance with a war labor board demand.

The colliery, employing about 1200 men, was the first to report of three largest mines voting on the back-to-work movement today and tonight.

A fourth, No. 7 of the Susquehanna Collieries company, employing 1600, also was scheduled to vote today but Bill Chesney, president of the local, said the vote was postponed and the colliery would remain closed tomorrow. Before the decision was announced, Michael (Continued on Page Two)

Single Plane Captures 140 Italian Troops

CAIRO, Jan. 17 (AP)—A single plane of the "Groupe Bretagne," flyers with General Jacques LeClerc's Central African army now moving to the aid of the allies in North Africa, captured 140 Italian troops.

Its pilot who saw the garrison of Italian-held Fort Murch, 2500 air miles southeast of Tripoli, evacuating their stronghold, machine-gunned them until his ammunition was exhausted.

Then he dropped a note threatening to open fire with his cannon unless they surrendered.

They did. He had no cannon.

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In turn, Scandia hall quarters occupied for 10 years by the Labor council, will be taken over by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and E. P. Brostherous has the contract for renovating the basement and first floor. The hall is owned by the Klamath

U. S. BOMBERS STRIKE BLOW IN SOLOMONS AREA

Japs Aim Three Heavy Attacks From Air At Guadalcanal

By the Associated Press
Allied air forces kept up their two-day battering of the Japanese in Burma and their steady pounding of the invaders' shipping and air bases in the Solomons-New Guinea area over the weekend while the Americans on Guadalcanal braced for an expected new onslaught against their improved positions.

A U. S. navy communiqué told today of heavy American bomber attacks on the Shortland island area of the Solomons and announced that American ground troops on Guadalcanal had killed 150 more of the enemy in their efforts to complete conquests of the island.

Multi Plane Attack
Three air attacks against the Americans on Guadalcanal, announced over the weekend by the navy, indicated that the Japanese were preparing for another determined attempt, however costly, to regain their former positions on Guadalcanal. Such efforts already have taken a heavy toll of enemy shipping, planes and men.

The raids, the first multi-plane attack on Guadalcanal since last November, followed repeated attempts by the Japanese to get new troops and supplies ashore. The navy reported two days ago (Continued on Page Two)

Five Axis Supply Ships Blasted From Shipping Lanes

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—British surface craft and submarines have blasted five supply ships out of the axis shipping lanes in the Mediterranean in recent operations and undersea craft deck guns again shelled Italian shore targets, the admiralty announced today.

In addition to the sinking or fatal grounding of the five vessels under fire of British guns and torpedoes, an escort vessel was reported damaged.

Communiqués said that light naval forces sank two of the ships and damaged the escort vessel and submarines accounted for the others.

Evans Products Strike Ends Today

LEBANON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The strike at the Evans Products company plant here ended today with the return to work of 500 AFL workers. A controversy over seniority caused the walkout. It will be heard by the west coast section of the WLB.

Labor Council Takes Lease On Fred Murphey Building

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From the Sands of Africa

Picked up on the North African desert by Sgt. Clayton Conable and sent to his wife, Dorothy, in Klamath Falls, this is one side of the leaflet distributed to French colonists on the day of the allied invasion November 7. It informs the French of our friendship for them, and our determination to fight the invaders from their land. A letter from Sgt. Conable, written from the battlefield, appears in the Our Men in Service column today.

Winter Really Came to Klamath Over Weekend

U. S. MORTAR UNIT BUILDS REPUTATION

"Tell the Folks We're Good," Says Sananda Group

By WILLIAM F. BONI
WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN NEW GUINEA, Jan. 15 (Delayed) (AP)—"You might tell the folks back home that this is the best damn mortar unit in the whole American army," said Lieut. Anton Dasinger as he pointed to mortar pits he commands in the Huggins road block on the Sananda front in New Guinea.

Dasinger is a cheerful youngster from Sidney, Montana. Of course his statement will be open to argument from mortar units in Africa, the Solomon islands and elsewhere—probably even some who haven't yet left training camp.

But Dasinger has a couple of arguments himself which carry all the weight of the 81 and 60 (Continued on Page Two)

KUHS Girls' League Stamp Sale Brings In \$269 Saturday

Freshman and sophomore members of the Klamath Union high school Girls League brought in \$269 in war savings stamp sales as a result of their activities on Main street Saturday afternoon. The girls have volunteered their services each Saturday in January in order to assist in gaining the \$317,000 war savings goal set for Klamath county this month. Arrangements were made by Mrs. F. L. Weaver, women's division of savings, assisted by Mrs. Andrew Collier.

Strong Force of Allied Planes Roars Over Channel

FOLKESTONE, Eng., Jan. 18 (AP)—A strong force of allied planes roared out over Dover strait beneath low clouds shortly before dusk tonight in the direction of Boulogne and heavy explosions sounded for some time along the French coast.

Some of the blasts were so powerful they shook buildings on the English side of the channel. Anti-aircraft gunfire, probably from the German coastal defenses, also were heard.

Leningrad Cleared

LONG BLOCKADE ENDS AS REDS CONTINUE GAIN

Soviets Slash Ahead In Drive on Ukraine

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch tonight quoted a special soviet announcement in Moscow as saying the siege of Leningrad had been lifted.

The announcement was made simultaneously with a report that the red army had recaptured the fortified city of Schluesselburg, east of Leningrad near Lake Ladoga, held by the Germans for much of the period since the siege was established August 21, 1941.

Southward, the northern Donets and the Manych rivers were declared to have been crossed, while on the Voronezh front the number of prisoners in that regional offensive has risen to 31,000, the Russians were quoted.

The announcement said that four German divisions had been routed, 13,000 Germans killed, and 1280 prisoners taken.

"In this connection it is necessary to bear in mind that during the many months of blockade of Leningrad the Germans converted their positions on the approaches to the town into a mighty fortified area with a network system of solidly constructed concrete and other erections, with a large number of anti-tank and anti-infantry obstacles."

By HENRY CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Jan. 12 (AP)—The red army's new offensive on the Voronezh front, most northerly (Continued on Page Two)

Fighting Yank Pilots Without Planes Carry on

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—As heroic although hopeless a story as has come out of the war is that of the 27th bombardment group in the Philippines—fighting pilots without planes.

Only 27 of them, including Captain Robert G. Ruegg of Boring, Ore., got away. Eight of these since have been reported killed or missing in action. The remainder of the 400-odd pilots were left in the Philippines and presumably are prisoners.

Those who did get away, always with the thought of getting planes to keep up the fight, finally reached Brisbane by way of Darwin. There the men got A-24's and opened an operational training school—they dubbed it "Little Randolph"—to instruct young pilots. Capt. (then second lieutenant) Ruegg was the first man to take a plane off the ground.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18 (AP)—The U. S. maritime commission opened an investigation today into the mysterious sinking of the 16,500-ton tanker Schenectady at its Willamette river outfitting dock Saturday night.

John F. Bruns, the commission's principal hull inspector at Henry J. Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard where the ship was built, said no statement would be released until the investigation was completed. Regional officials of the commission were here.

The Schenectady, first tanker constructed at the yard, broke in two as she lay quietly in the dock after passing her trial runs

Air Onslaught Pressed Over African Front

By Noland Norgaard
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 18, (AP)—United States fighters and bombers pressed their aerial onslaught against German land and air communications today while repeated showers kept ground operations at a virtual standstill.

The 12th U. S. air force reported the destruction of 194 German and Italian planes from the beginning of the North African campaign last November 8 through Friday, January 15, against the loss of 97 American aircraft.

Lockheed Lightning P-38's shot down a pair of Junkers 52 transports returning to Sicily from Tunisia, it was announced. At the same time B-25 light bombers, the North American Billy Mitchells, hammered the railroad junction at Graiba, 30 miles southwest of Sfax, with an escort of P-38's. Bombs were seen to hit the target.

8TH ARMY SWEEPS TOWARD TRIPOLI

Allies By-Pass Misurata, Head for Show-Down

CAIRO, Jan. 18 (AP)—The British eighth army, sweeping across Libya after cracking Field Marshal Rommel's defenses at Buerat Elhsum, was reported within 100 miles of Tripoli today in a thrust apparently designed to by-pass Misurata and other points along the African coast.

A communiqué from Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's headquarters announcing that the vanguard of the British eighth army had reached the vicinity of Beni Ulid indicated that his forces were taking a straight line across the Tripolitanian "hump" in an effort to get to (Continued on Page Two)

Postmaster Walker Elected Chairman Of Demo Committee

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 (AP)—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker today was elected chairman of the democratic national committee to succeed Edward J. Flynn who resigned from his party post and was nominated by President Roosevelt to be minister to Australia.

Walker, who had been expected by political observers to succeed Flynn, was elected without a dissenting vote. His nomination, the only one placed before the committee, was by Culbert L. Olson, former governor of California, who declared that under Walker's leadership "we can look forward to the 1944 battle with the reformation of our lines and with no recession from our social objectives."

Commission Probes Strange Ship Sinking in Portland

with flying colors. She had been accepted by the commission. Suddenly steel plates amidships ripped with a noise heard throughout the shipyard, and fore and aft sections of the tanker dropped to the bottom.

Decks remained above the water level, but a three-foot gap appeared in plates where the ship was buckled. The yard was closed at once to reporters. Investigating maritime commission and federal bureau of investigation officials announced nothing other than there was no indication of sabotage.

The only plausible theory came from unofficial sources (Continued on Page Two)

STIFF DEFENSE MEETS RAIDERS; RAF LOSES 22

London Fights Off Nazi Assault; 10 Planes Down

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Jan. 18—A strong force of RAF bombers laid huge fires across Berlin in the renewed "war of the capitals" last night, but stiffened defenses of the German city took a toll of 22 planes compared with only one of the previous night.

London's anti-aircraft gunners meanwhile threw Nazi raiders into confusion by the fierceness of their barrage during two assaults last night and early today when the attackers lost 10 of perhaps 60 planes.

Aimed for Bullseye
German efforts at retaliation for the mighty attack which apparently caught Berlin defenses napping Saturday night were relatively mild. London's ground guns threw up a curtain of steel and fire more thunderous and powerful than anything Londoners ever heard before.

Instead of trying to drive the bombers away from vital objectives and into the path of night fighters, the gunners aimed for bullseyes directly on the attacking bombers. The night's bag brought to more than 4000 the number of enemy aircraft destroyed over Britain since the start of the war.

Heavy Forces
The barrage showered London rooftops with shell fragments and several persons were killed or wounded by shells which exploded only after (Continued on Page Two)

"Pine Goes to War" Nets Over \$11,000 for Drive

Sawmill and lumber workers took part in the bond rally and auction Saturday night at the Vox as part of Rotary club's January drive to raise Klamath county's \$317,000 war savings quota. Merchandise donated by merchants brought in \$11,516.75, according to those in charge.

Camp White men assisted in the program and were later entertained at Commando headquarters. Following are the names of purchasers, articles and name of donors, and the price paid in bonds or stamps:

Klamath Basin District Council of AFL, radio, A. M. Collier, \$1500.
Leroy Erdmann, electric lamp, Montgomery Ward and company, \$150.
Richard Hilton, purse, La-Pointe's, \$25.
John Stallings, three boxes of shotgun shells, Matt Finnigan, \$225.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2511 AFL, pair of shoes, Dick Reeder's, \$225.
Dr. J. M. Hilton, broom and (Continued on Page Two)

Injunction Appeal Overshadows NLRB Kaiser Hearing

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—An injunction appeal today overshadowed a national labor relations board investigation of labor practices in three Henry J. Kaiser shipyards here.

Kaiser attorneys asked the injunction against the NLRB hearing on grounds that a majority of the board is prejudiced. Federal District Judge James A. Fee ordered arguments for 2 p. m.

Meanwhile the NLRB, after a one-day recess, resumed its hearing, in which the CIO charges the shipyard with discriminating in favor of the AFL.

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