

Blackout Signal

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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BIG OFFENSIVE LOOMS IN AFRICA

Soviets Near Oil Fields

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS WITH the Roosevelt-Churchill conference concluded, get out your map again. Check up on it the LENGTH OF COASTLINE Hitler must defend. Note the SHAPE of it. It extends in an irregular semi-circle (with Spain and Portugal constituting a sharp bulge) from Finland clear around to Syria, in the Mediterranean.

THEN, having fixed the shape of it in your mind, try to figure out how you would ATTACK it.

WE have an offensive base in Britain—an important and valuable one. From this base, we can strike QUICKLY and effectively at any point from the Arctic tip of Finland to Gibraltar.

Hitler's Mediterranean coast is another story. To strike at it from Britain involves a long and slow and DANGEROUS expedition by water, open all the way to attack by German warplanes and submarines.

THEN take a look at Africa. From an OFFENSIVE BASE in Africa, we can strike quickly and effectively at ALL of Hitler's Mediterranean coastline. With bases in BOTH Britain and Africa, we can choose our jumping-off point, striking at short notice from either—or BOTH.

YOU will see immediately that Africa simplifies enormously the task of attacking Hitler. At the same time (as clear profit) it shortens greatly our supply line to the Middle East and India (and Burma).

WITH this picture clearly in your mind, you will be able to guess pretty accurately what Roosevelt and Churchill and their high generals and admirals talked about at their recent conference.

BEFORE all this can take place, the Germans will have to be cleared out of Tunisia, their last African foothold. Clearing them out, you may be quite sure, is our side's immediate objective.

THE Berlin radio keeps telling us nervously that British and American forces, starting from Tebessa, are getting ready to try to drive a wedge through to the Mediterranean at the Gulf of Gabes, thus cutting Rommel's army off from Tunis. That seems probable. Our side, of course, is keeping still about it. But watch this situation. It has possibilities.

THE Russians spring a new one today. Starting at Tuapse, on the Black sea, which they've held onto, they're driving a spearhead BACK into the Caucasus, aimed at the Malkop oilfield, which the Germans hold. Other Russian forces are approaching the Malkop area from the east. The Tuapse drive is another threat to the Germans below Rostov.

TORRENTIAL rains have again hit Tunisia, turning roads and open fields into seas of mud. The rains are playing the Germans' game, giving them more time.

TOJO today tells the Jap "parliament" that Japan has captured vast resources, has established outlying bases and the only task now remaining is "making these resources demonstrate their real wealth and power." What he means is that the raw oil, rubber, tin, iron, etc., of the (Continued on Page Four)

FOUNDATION OF JAP VICTORY SET, SAYS TOJO

2 Jap Planes Attack Aleutian Ships—No Damage

By The Associated Press Coolly ignoring the fact that the Mikado's invasion armies were now on the defensive on three fronts—Guadalcanal, New Guinea and Burma—Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo of Japan boasted today that the Japanese armed forces had laid the foundations for "certain victory" over the allies. The premier, addressing parliament in Tokyo, asserted that Japan's position both for offense and defense had been completed by the establishment of outlying bases and by the conquest of vast natural resources.

Aleutian Attack "Of course," he added, "it will require great efforts on our part to make these resources demonstrate their real wealth and power."

Other Far Pacific developments: Aleutian Islands—A navy bulletin reported that two Japanese float-plane squadrons failed to inflict damage in an attack on US ships "operating to the westward of our positions" in the Aleutians.

Yanks Gain The American ships were presumably on patrol, scouting for any reinforcements or supplies en route to the Japanese on Kiska Island, in the westernmost Aleutians.

Solomons—The navy also reported that US army troops on (Continued on Page Two)

Hope of Finding Sgt. Muskopf Is Abandoned

All hope of finding Tech. Sgt. Richard F. Muskopf Jr., and members of his crew which disappeared on a routine bomber flight from Hamilton field, San Francisco, December 6, has been abandoned by the young airman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Muskopf of Pelican City, with word received Wednesday that the army considers the plane lost. In a letter which the Muskopfs received from Major Arthur J. Walker of the US air corps, details of the search were given. "Our search was conducted from Hamilton field, San Francisco, with the active cooperation of both navy surface and air patrols. Believe me, we never found a single clue to their disappearance and if we had I would be perfectly free to tell you all about it. In fact we continued the search long after we were reasonably sure that the men could not have survived for that period of time if they had managed to get into the life rafts. "My personal opinion, based on these facts, is that the entire (Continued on Page Two)

Compulsory Labor Decreed on Wide Scale in Germany

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Compulsory labor service for all German men from 18 to 65 and women from 17 to 45 was decreed today by the German government, according to an announcement broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press. The decree required all persons affected to register at local labor offices. The London authorities said this represented labor mobilization on an unprecedented scale.

Drury Commends KF Motorists For Good Work

Klamath motorists generally are following the rule better than those in the large cities, Don Drury, chairman of the war price and rationing board, said Thursday. He appealed to local people to "continue the good work."

Drury said the board has not had to "lower the boom" on any motorists here for violation of B and C card regulations, although some personal warnings have been given. Violations, he said, have generally been due to misunderstanding rather than willful disobedience of the rules. The ration board chairman said that he travels the highways extensively, and he has seen little violation of the speed limit in this area. "Usually when you see a speeding car, it has a foreign license," said Drury. Drury reminded motorists that the board receives reports from local traffic courts concerning violations.

RAF RAINS BOMBS OVER DUESSELDORF

Six of Huge Bombers Missing After Searing Blow

By ALFRED E. WALL LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—The RAF hit the German city of Duesseeldorf with several hundred tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs last night during the fourth allied aerial blow at the German war machine in two nights and a day, it was announced today. "Preliminary reports of last night's raid on the Rhineland by Lancasters and Halifaxes show several hundred tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on Duesseeldorf in 20 minutes," an authoritative statement said.

Damage Heavy "Heavy cloud made it difficult to assess the result, but the glare of fierce fires was seen and the attack is believed to have been very effective." London commentators expressed belief that great damage had been done. (Continued on Page Two)

REDS CONTINUE WIPING OUT OF TRAPPED NAZIS

Prisoners Quoted as Denouncing Hitler, Officers

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Russians continued the merciless extermination of the doomed Germans before Stalingrad today, quoting prisoners as denouncing Hitler and officers who "ran away and left us," and widened the Caucasus front westward by capturing two cities close to the Malkop oil fields. (The Germans announced a new retreat west of Voronezh to a shortened line. The communists said their Stalingrad forces shattered new attacks.)

From Sicily Pravda reported 60 German aviators were captured near Stalingrad when the red army was driving the foe from behind into the city. They were caught throwing gasoline on their planes when the soviets captured the last German airdrome. The loss of 48 more tanks in the last 12 hours greatly weakened the Germans near the center of the Volga city. One captured pilot said the German flyers came only recently from Sicily.

Not Much Luck The eruption of new fighting in the western Caucasus was disclosed with the capture of Apheronskaya and Neftegorsk. Apheronskaya is little more than 19 miles from Malkop and Neftegorsk is 25 miles southwest of the oil center which was burned and blasted by the Russians before they moved out in the face of the German advance (Continued on Page Two)

War Bulletin

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—French forces of Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud and De Gaulle were reported in a French communique broadcast from Algiers today to have joined in the conquest and occupation of Gadammes, Italian stronghold in the desert 300 miles southwest of Tripoli.

Montgomery Dictates Surrender Terms to Italians



Lt. Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery (right), dictated terms of surrender to officials of Tripoli as his army entered the city of Tripoli, the last important axis base in Libya to be captured by the British. This is an official British photo radioed from Cairo to New York.

JEFFERS INTENDS "TO SPEAK MIND"

Davis Deplores Public Airing of Conflicts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Rubber Director William Jeffers doesn't think he violated any presidential orders when he said army and navy production expeditors are "loafers" who interfere with war production. His office confirmed today that Jeffers intends to "speak my mind" when asked about the rubber program, despite a letter from Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information, reminding him that President Roosevelt has instructed government officials not to air their disputes in public and to submit all public statements to OWI for clearance.

Confusion Created "I need hardly emphasize that the remarks attributed to you are in conflict with these instructions of the president," Davis' letter said. "The public airing of such conflicts and particularly in the language attributed to you not only contributes to confusion at home but furnishes ammunition to the propaganda machines of our enemies." Jeffers was not immediately available personally for comment (Continued on Page Two)

Pay-as-You-Earn Tax Plan, Labor Bills Busy Capital

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—Enactment of a pay-as-you-earn income tax plan and passage of legislation to punish union labor leaders for interference with interstate commerce shipments were goals set today by two house committees.

Chairman Doughton (D-N. C.) of the house ways and means committee announced that hearings would begin Tuesday on pay-as-you-go tax plans, separating this subject from the general tax problem of how to raise \$16,000,000,000 in new revenue above present tax laws. The hope is to get as many taxpayers as possible on a current basis.

The labor legislation was approved by the house judiciary committee without hearings. Its author, Rep. Hobbs (D-Ala.), said it was aimed against the practices of some labor unions in blocking truck shipments in which union labor is not employed. It would subject union leaders to the heavy fines and prison terms provided in the 1934 anti-racketeering act. A similar measure, fought by union groups, died in the last congress. At the war department, Secretary Stimson commented at a press conference on "the continuing good news from the battlefronts" and said also that in the last 11 months of 1942 army fliers shot down or probably destroyed 1349 enemy aircraft, against a loss of 309.

Stimson disclosed that American casualties to date in Tunisia totaled 226 men listed as missing who have been reported taken prisoner, 211 reported killed, 532 wounded and another 289 listed as missing.

The army also announced plans for a combat unit of loyal Japanese-Americans as a senate military subcommittee asked the advice of Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, on proposals to separate potentially loyal Americans from other Japanese in a dozen detention colonies.

Stimson said the decision to (Continued on Page Two)

Storm Warnings Up On Coast as State Toll Reaches 11

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—Storm warnings went up on the coast today as the cold wave that claimed 11 lives in Oregon receded. The warnings were hoisted by order of the weather bureau from the mouth of the Columbia river to Tatoosh island.

Road conditions improved throughout the state with the warmer weather and school resumed in Portland and many other northern Oregon towns, although a few were ordered to remain closed until Monday.

The latest fatality reported was that of Pearl Parkins, 60, who apparently collapsed while working in snow on his ranch near Timber.

Heavy Chain of Circumstantial Evidence Brings Murder Charge Against Cook in Slaying; Boning Knife Revealed as Killer's Weapon

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (AP)—Robert Folkes, 20-year-old negro dining car cook, held here in the fatal stabbing of Mrs. Martha James aboard a train in Oregon last Saturday, was confronted with three knives today and, while failing to definitely identify any of them, later admitted, Dept. Capt. Verne Rasmussen said, that one of them "might be" the murder weapon. Rasmussen said the knives were taken from the dining car on the train on which the pretty wife of Naval Ensign Richard F. James was fatally stabbed in her berth while en route to California. The detective has announced that Folkes has confessed the killing after making a number of conflicting statements regarding his activities on the night of the slaying, and that "there is now no doubt whatever in our minds that Folkes is the slayer."

Rasmussen said it had been planned to take Folkes to a railroad sleeping car today to determine whether he could reenact the crime but that the trip was cancelled after Folkes' attorney advised him to make no further statements. By FRED HAMPSON ALBANY, Jan. 28 (AP)—A heavy chain of circumstantial evidence coupled with a confession in Los Angeles brought a first degree murder charge against a dining car cook in the slaying of a navy bride aboard a fast train last Saturday, investigators disclosed today. District Attorney Harlow Weinrick filed the charge in justice court yesterday against Robert Folkes, 20, Los Angeles, second cook aboard the Southern Pacific's West Coast Limited. He is held in Los Angeles. It constituted the first important break in the fantastic "murder on the mainline" death of winsome Martha Virginia James, 21, Norfolk, Va., bride of four months of Ensign Richard F. James, also of Virginia. They were traveling south, had been separated by a jam, and he was on a preceding train. The comely daughter of the old colony was slashed across the throat while she lay in lower 13 of sleeper D as the limited streaked through northern Oregon toward California about 4 a. m. In Los Angeles, Police Captain Vern Rasmussen said Folkes confessed the killing—saying he used a cook's boning knife—but later retracted. Deputy Sheriff Clay Kirk of Linn county, where the killing took



ROBERT FOLKES —Associated Press photo

one car back, he found a cook. District Attorney Weinrick said Folkes has been identified as the cook.

Wilson told investigators that the cook was "sweating and breathing hard. I didn't think much of it at the time but later I got to wondering. The galley was not warm."

Folkes was questioned several times during the long trip south. Weinrick said "It became apparent when the train reached San Francisco he was not telling the truth so I ordered him held in Los Angeles. We have established positively that he was in car D three times shortly before the killing."

R. M. Kelso, a navy man in the car, testified he got up early to get a shave before the rush in the wash room and bumped into Folkes just a minute or two before, Weinrick said.

When told of Folkes' confession Wilson ejaculated: "Boy, am I glad to hear that." He repeated his account of the death of the 95-pound, blonde Virginia girl.

"I was awakened by the lady's scream and pulled the curtain part way open and got a brief glimpse of a man of about 5-10 with close-cropped

TOP MILITARY LEADERS HOLD WAR COUNCIL

Yanks Open Attack in Tunis Area, Says Vichy

By ROGER GREENE Associated Press War Editor A climactic allied offensive in North Africa, prelude to actual invasion of Europe, was sharply foreshadowed today with the disclosure that the top military leaders of the United States and Great Britain have held a secret 48-hour war council at Lieut.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters.

At the same time, a Berlin military spokesman declared that Gen. Eisenhower's American expeditionary forces in Tunisia were "planning a major offensive" and a Vichy broadcast said American troops originally concentrated 150 miles southwest of Tunis had opened the attack.

Swift Action Axis reports suggested an American attempt to drive a wedge between the converging armies of Marshal Erwin Rommel and Col.-Gen. Jürgen von Arnim in central Tunisia. The secret war council, attended by the highest allied military chiefs, followed swiftly on the heels of President Roosevelt's "master plan" conference with Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca, French Morocco. Simultaneously, Gen. Eisenhower announced receipt of a (Continued on Page Two)

Errol Flynn Flatly Denies All Charges

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (AP)—The prosecution today took Errol Flynn painstakingly over ground already covered at his trial for alleged morals offenses without swerving him from the story he told in his direct testimony. As his direct testimony ended about 11 a. m. the Australian born actor flatly denied the state's charges that he had misconducted himself with blonde Betty Hansen, formerly of Lincoln, Neb., at a dinner party at the home of a friend. It was a categorical denial, such as he entered yesterday on the other charge, that he had been intimate with Peggy La Rue Satterlee, brunette night club entertainer.

Under direct testimony today Flynn denied: That he had seduced Miss Hansen. That he had gone into a bedroom with her at the Bel Air residence of Fred McEvoy. That he had so much as kissed her.

That he had given her his telephone number, or had taken Betty's address. In short, it was a denial of Miss Hansen's whole story.

As cross-examination opened, Deputy District Attorney John Hopkins questioned the actor closely on his first meeting with Miss Satterlee. He repeated what he already (Continued on Page Two)

Eccles Named State War Bond Official

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—David W. Eccles, former state budget director, was named Oregon war bond administrator by Palmer Hoyt, state chairman, today. Ray Conway, administrator since January, 1942, has resigned to resume direction of the Oregon State Motor association.

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