

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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RAF BOMBERS SCOURGE EUROPE

FDR Asks \$4 Billion

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS AS these words are written at Medford, Wednesday afternoon another big fight is on in the Solomons—the fourth so far. The navy, keeping silence as to what is happening, says it is a "major effort to regain control of the entire Solomons area."

NEWS of this battle came to us first (as has happened so often) from the Jap radio—which, as usual, boasted that we were taking a frightful lacing while the Japs were getting off with small losses. We paid little attention to these reports, knowing from experience that they would turn out to be highly exaggerated.

Each great defeat the Japs have suffered in the South Seas has been preceded by Jap reports claiming a great victory. The Jap tactics in such instances are by this time pretty well known. They set up a barrage of wild tales about losses inflicted on us, hoping that we will become excited and deny the reports in such a manner as to give them information as to the disposition of our forces.

SECRETARY KNOX, who said the other day that he thought the Japs were through with major efforts to win back what they have lost in the Solomons, says today that no really pitched battle has developed as yet. He adds: "What is going on down there is a process of feeling out by both sides. Any assumption that a tremendous battle is in progress at this moment is incorrect."

IF the Jap is the kind of creature he has been painted by those who have had the opportunity to know him well, if he fears "loss of face" as he is supposed to fear it, it has been hard to believe he will give up the Solomons without another hard fight. There have been numerous reports of late of the gathering of heavy Jap forces in the islands to the north of Australia, and the Australians have been distinctly nervous.

AS to its outcome, we can only wait. Hard as it is to wait for news when we know that a major battle involving our boys is going on, we must accept the navy's statement that it is too early to give out detailed news. Naval fighting is fluid. It moves from place to place over vast areas with great speed. The element of surprise is all-important.

NOTHING has occurred in Africa as these words are written to change the situation there. We're still trying to crowd Rommel into a trap where we can destroy him at our leisure, as the Russians destroyed the Germans trapped before Stalingrad. The Germans are fighting to prevent us from trapping him.

IN Russia, the Germans continue to lose. Their position in the Caucasus is getting daily more precarious, and London reports (Continued on Page Four)

Plane Collision Kills Father, Son in Tucson

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 5 (AP)—A father and son completed their day's work at Consolidated Aircraft corporation's plant yesterday and went out for brief flights in separate planes at dusk. Fifteen minutes later they collided over the desert and crashed to their deaths. The father, James H. Nickerson, 46, was manager of Consolidated's plant here, and formerly had served as flight engineer for the company at San Diego and as field inspector for Douglas Aircraft at Santa Monica, Calif. The son, Harold Gene Nickerson, 21, was an assistant plant foreman, also formerly connected with the plant at San Diego. The elder Nickerson was flying his own plane. Harold had rented one from a flight instructor. They crashed to earth about 300 feet apart, plummeting from a low altitude. Both men were crushed at the controls. Morris Hedderman, deputy sheriff, said the planes collided about three and one-half miles from the municipal airport about 15 minutes after they cleared the control tower.

AFL LUMBER UNION ASKS WAGE BOOST

PORTLAND, Feb. 5 (AP)—The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union today made new wage and hour demands for its 70,000 northwest members, including \$1.05 an hour minimum, \$1.00 a day bonuses for regular employees and a 48-hour week guarantee. This includes pine as well as fir. The demands come 50 days after the west coast lumber commission of the WLB granted overall wage increases retroactive to May 1, 1942.

Relieve Shortage Union officials said their agreements with lumber operators provides for automatic reopening of negotiations every four months and that the way was open again January 1. Boyle Pearson, assistant secretary of the northwestern council of the union, said the new demands were made to relieve the labor shortage in the industry. Higher wages and a 48-hour week are the only means of getting former lumber and sawmill workers to return to their old jobs, he declared. Pearson said the dollar bonus was proposed and discussed at (Continued on Page Two)

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By WILLIAM HIPPLE WITH ADVANCED U. S. TROOPS ON GUADALCANAL, Feb. 1 (Delayed)—(AP)—American troops, advancing toward the main Japanese concentrations at Cape Esperance, today ran into the heaviest enemy resistance they have encountered since the beginning of their sweeping drive along the northern coast of Guadalcanal. We were strafed at the front

WMC TO DIRECT EMPLOYMENT IN CRITICAL AREAS

Lend-Lease Reports 50,000 Tons of Food Shipped By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress for \$4,000,000,000 more cash today for the growing navy and from the lend-lease administration came word that the use of food as a war weapon had brought 50,000 tons of civilian goods to the hungry North African population. A round billion dollars of the navy money would go for ordnance, and the rest to the various needs of a fleet fighting a global war. 30,000 Tons a Month Lend-Lease Administrator E. R. Stettinius said about half of the food and other supplies so far shipped to the people liberated from axis oppression in Africa came from the United States and half from Great Britain. From now on, it is planned to send them 30,000 tons a month from the United States alone, plus additional large amounts from Britain. Manpower Plan The house ways and means committee continued its search for ways to help pay for these and the other vast costs of the war and heard criticism from the Rep. Crawford (R-Mich.) of the Ruml plan for cancelling 1942 income tax collections as a means of attaining pay-as-you-go basis. The government moved on a broad front to bolster the nation's manpower forces and assure an adequate supply of labor for war industries in areas where shortages exist. WMC Control J. O. Walker, chief of the labor branch of the food production administration, disclosed the government was considering the use of axis war prisoners on farms and the shifting of 50,000 families from marginal areas of the south and midwest to dairy, livestock and poultry farms. This followed the war man- (Continued on Page Two)

Consie Camp Deserter Sentenced

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP) Federal Judge James A. Fee sentenced Norman E. Bledsoe, 33, Bremerton, convicted of deserting the conscientious objectors' camp at Cascade Locks, to four years in a federal penitentiary yesterday.

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French West Africa Ready to Furnish Allies With Troops

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 5 (AP) Governor-General Pierre Boissou declared today that French West Africa was ready to furnish the allies 100,000 trained Senegalese troops and a reserve of 200,000 more if equipment and leadership were provided. "I have offered General Giraud 100,000 troops for immediate use and will provide 200,000 more if equipment and officers are provided to lead them," Boissou said at a press conference. He said the reserve had "some military training, but was short on white officers."

Urge Greater War Effort



Mikhail Ivanov, 28, (left), Russian guerilla fighter, and Valentina Y. Orlikova, 27, fourth mate in the Russian merchant marine, sat together at a press conference in New York at which they urged American workers to "double and treble their war effort." Ivanov said he had personally killed one German with a knife and eight with bullets.

Official Secrecy Shrouds Pacific Battle; Jap Fleet Heading for Guadalcanal

By The Associated Press First word of a large Japanese sea-borne force bearing down on Guadalcanal island came in delayed dispatches from the South Seas battlefront today as official secrecy continued to shroud developments in an expected showdown battle between the American and Japanese fleets. In Washington, the navy reported "recurrent engagements" by opposing naval and air forces in the Solomon islands theater, but declared that Tokyo radio reports of a big naval fight already in progress were false. Amid the tense hiatus, censored dispatches from Guadalcanal dated February 1 declared: "Aerial observers reported tonight that a large force of Jap warships headed for Guadalcanal. Some observers think the Japs hope to bolster their tottering Guadalcanal ground forces with reinforcements."

Grew Warns of Relaxation in War on Axis

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 5 (AP)—Relaxation of the war effort would bring German and Japanese attack on America itself, Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, said today. The former envoy also warned against a possible "ju-jitsu peace offensive," by the enemies, when they face military defeat, with the purpose of lulling the United Nations into a "false peace."

Civil Air Patrol Planes Join Hunt For Missing Plane

PENDLETON, Feb. 5 (AP)—A dozen northwest civil air patrol planes today joined military aircraft in the search for a two-engine bomber and its eight-man crew missing seven days and believed down near Burns. A check of aerial photographs taken over the mountainous country near Burns has failed thus far to reveal any clues, although the missing airmen radioed Monday they were safe after abandoning their plane, January 29, Pendleton field public relations authorities said today.

Nazi Sub Sinks Vessel by Time Bombs in Atlantic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—The navy reported today that a German submarine crew operating in broad daylight recently sank a small Swedish merchant vessel off the northern coast of South America by time bombs after the 25 crewmen of the vessel had been allowed 30 minutes in which to take to lifeboats.

Yank Airmen Score

FLYING FORTS BAG 26 NAZIS IN TUNISIA

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP)—News of a smashing aerial victory in which American Flying Fortress bombers and Lightning fighters destroyed 26 enemy planes and damaged another 26 with a loss of only 10 of their own number was tempered somewhat today by the disclosure that United States armored forces had withdrawn from the Sened railway station in central Tunisia, 65 miles northwest of Gabes. Only "a patrol activity" was reported from the Tunisian-Libyan border area where the British eighth army is following Marshal Rommel's rearwards into Tunisia. The air battle in which American planes scored their most decisive triumph of the Tunisian campaign so far occurred when the Fortresses with their fighter escort made a heavy attack on German airbases and auxiliary fields at Gabes yesterday and in subsequent sweeps by Lightning fighters over axis-held territory. An allied spokesman said the American forces withdrew from Sened, which was captured last Tuesday, after "accomplishing the purpose of their mission."

Northwest Men Play Part in Fortress Raid

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Two Pacific northwest men took part in the American Flying Fortress raid on northwestern Germany yesterday. Staff Sgt. Stanley Tucker, Danner, Ore., top turret gunner in a Fortress piloted by First Lieut. Charles O. Cramer, Akron, O., shot down two Messerschmitt 109s. Staff Sgt. Robert Gunner, Toppish, Wash., top turret gunner, said he shot the engine out of an attacking Messerschmitt 110 and the plane went into a spin and crashed. Six or seven fires were started at Gabes airbase and nearby (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Lose 17 Planes in Fiery Night Attack

By CHARLES McMURTRY ADVANCE BASE, South Pacific, Feb. 5 (AP)—The Japs lost at least seventeen Mitsubishi twin-engine torpedo planes in a spectacular night torpedo plane attack on a U. S. task force a week ago tonight, 35 miles south of Guadalcanal in the Solomons. One Jap plane was filled so full of steel in speeding in to strafe after dropping his torpedo, (Continued on Page Two)

New U. S. Commander Sees Stepped Up Air Offensive

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Frank M. Andrews assumed command of United States forces in the European theater today and announced that "my first job is to increase and intensify the bombing of the enemy." General Andrews came to London from the Middle East, where he was in command of United States forces, to succeed Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, now commander-in-chief of North African operations. Himself a veteran aviator, General Andrews said he would see that American air forces in the United Kingdom were increased in order to step up the aerial offensive against Germany. "We intend to go all out in intensifying the air warfare," he said. The general added that "there will be no night bombing by American planes immediately," indicating that United States Flying Fortresses and Liberators would continue daylight assaults while the RAF concentrated on night bombardments. As Andrews put it, the task of the USAAF in this theater is to be the "continued softening up of Germany." He said it was a firm exponent of strategic bombings such as the Fortresses and Liberators have been carrying out with great success. Discussing the relative merits of dive-bombers and fighter-bombers, the general said the latter had the edge because they did not require complete air superiority, as did Hitler's favorite air weapon. He said he strongly favored combined operations of land, sea and air forces "wherever possible." The new commander is 59 and a native of Nashville, Tenn. He was graduated from West Point in 1906.



Captain Ehle Reber, son of County Commissioner and Mrs. John Reber of Malin, missing after a Flying Fortress raid over Europe. Captain Reber may be a prisoner of war.

CAPT. EHLE REBER REPORTED MISSING

Fortress Pilot Fails To Return From Raid Captain Ehle Reber, son of County Commissioner and Mrs. John Reber of Malin, is reported missing after a Flying Fortress flight over Hitler-held Europe on January 3. Captain Reber, pilot of the Fortress, Jerry Jinx, has been in England since September. Pictured Recently The plane did not return after a January 23 bombing. The family was informed Friday by the war department that Captain Reber is missing, and it is possible he may be a prisoner in Europe. The outstanding young aviator was pictured with other members of the Jerry Jinx crew, and (Continued on Page Two)

200,000 NAZI TROOPS CUT OFF IN CAUCASUS

Home-Based RAF Hits Italy, Ruhr, Nazi-Ruled France By ROGER GREENE Associated Press War Editor British home-based bombers thundered destruction upon Hitler's vaunted "European Fortress" with triple fury before dawn today, attacking Northern Italy, the German Ruhr and Nazi-occupied France in the most sweeping single night's operations ever attempted by the RAF. In Italy, the RAF blasted the royal arsenal city of Turin and the port of Spezia, main northern base of the Italian navy, 120 miles southeast of Turin. Ruhr Pounded In France, the raiders delivered a "heavy and concentrated" assault on the German U-boat nest at Lorient, with good weather helping the bombardiers to find their targets. In Germany, the RAF once again pounded war foundries of the Ruhr industrial valley. Three Planes Missing The British said Turin was heavily bombed and declared that the city's defenses, "though clearly strengthened, were no more effective than in December." Despite the scope of the raids, only three RAF planes were listed as missing. The raids marked the RAF's third successive night-foray over Europe and capped a 24-hour offensive in which U. S. army bombers, including Flying Fortresses, bombed northwest Germany yesterday in the second all-American daylight assault on the reich. More to Come It was the first time home-based British planes had bombed Italy since December 11. An Italian communique said the raiders attacked Turin "in several waves" and indicated that casualties were numerous. By daylight today RAF planes carried on the round-the-clock offensives, with big bombing formations escorted by Spitfire squadrons flashing across the channel toward northern France, 200,000 Menaced In Russia, soviet dispatches declared today that approximately (Continued on Page Two)

Government Will Assume Losses From War Crop Failures

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Secretary Wickard announced today that the agriculture department had established a \$200,000,000 wartime food production loan program under which the government will assume losses from crop failures on products needed for the war. Farmers planting designated crops may borrow funds to cover planting, cultivating and harvesting. They will be obligated to repay only to the extent of the value of the crops produced. In event of a complete failure, the loan will be cancelled. Crops on which the loans are offered include those involving high production risks or which farmers would not otherwise grow. Loans will be made by the county agricultural war boards from funds provided by the regional agricultural credit corporation. News Index City Briefs Page 5 Church News Page 7 Comics and Story Page 8 Courthouse Records Page 5 Editorial Page 4 Markets, Financial Page 9 Our Men in Service Page 3 Sports Page 6