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AERIAL ACTION SWEEPS PACIFIC

Reds Plunge on Rostov

DIPLOMATS GIVE PEACE RUMORS COLD SHOULDER

Resistance to Administration Looms in Washington

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—As American diplomats cocked skeptical eyebrows at axis peace offensive reports and the actual cash cost of Hitler's rampage came home to the nation's capital, the potential resistance to the administration in the split-strength war congress began to show plainly today.

Keynote of the weekend calm before what loomed as the busiest week in Capitol hill since the new session started were these signs of storm:

Salary Showdown

1. A showdown on the drive to repeal President Roosevelt's \$25,000 salary limitation order;
2. Strenuous opposition to the war manpower commission's plan to draft fathers from "non-essential" jobs;
3. Expressions of fear that federal agencies are seeking more wartime men, material and shipping than the nation can possibly supply.

Meanwhile, diplomatic observers looked askance at European rumors of a possible peace offensive by Germany, although they did regard negotiation of peace between Finland on the one hand and Russia, and Finland and Britain, on the other, as a possibility. They saw settlement of the Finnish side of the struggle as possible, perhaps through neutral Sweden's mediation, especially in view of this week's White House and state department conferences with Finnish representatives. However, the Casablanca "unconditional surrender" ultimatum was seen as nipping any peace overtures by the axis, which Finland never joined.

A republican move, claiming (Continued on Page Four)

Three More Axis Supply Ships Sunk in Mediterranean

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Three more axis supply ships and a tanker have been sunk and another supply ship left in flames by British submarines in the central Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

Both torpedoes and gunfire were used in the series of attacks, four of which were reported made in an area "very close in shore off the eastern Tunisian coast," under the noses of axis shore batteries.

The admiralty communique said a British submarine had also surfaced close in shore near Corone, on the "sole" of the Italian boot, and bombarded a railway bridge, scoring many hits.

"Shore batteries engaged the submarine without success," the communique said.

Hitler's Still Alive, Reports Zurich Today

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Zurich said today reports had been received in Switzerland that Adolf Hitler was at his military headquarters and recently had been photographed receiving prominent visitors.

(The theory has been expressed in various quarters since Hitler failed to speak at the 10th anniversary party in Berlin January 30 that Germany's present period of mourning for her setbacks in Russia might actually have been caused by Hitler's death.)

No Change in Spud Ceiling Prices Seen

Klamath basin potato growers were advised officially Saturday that army interest in potato purchases will not affect the OPA ceiling on spuds.

Identical telegrams were received by the Klamath Potato Growers association and the Tulelake Growers, as follows: "Army advises that potato growers of the Klamath Falls and Tule lake area are withholding potatoes from the market on the assumption that army pressure will raise OPA ceiling. Be advised that, as far as we know, no change in the ceiling price of potatoes is contemplated in Washington."

"Frank H. Sloss, regional price attorney, OPA," It is understood here that the army is interested in the purchase of 500 carloads of potatoes, and has asked first chance on U.S. No. 1's acquired by buyers. It appears that this is the source of the rumor that army pressure might raise the OPA ceiling, which was denied by Saturday's telegrams.

14 DIE IN CRASH OF TWO BOMBERS

Both Crews Lost While On Routine Training Flight in East

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 6 (AP)—Public relations officials at the Greenville army air base today announced today that 14 men were killed in the crash of two army medium bombers on a farm 12 miles south of Newberry, S. C., late yesterday. The victims included the crews of the two bombers, which were flying in formation on a routine training flight from Tampa, Fla. Other planes in the formation arrived at their base safely. A board of officers was assigned to investigate the crash which was believed caused when the two machines collided in mid-air.

H. T. Long, Newberry policeman, reported the planes crashed in a pine woods on the farm of Hubert Carlisle and one of the planes burned. Wreckage and bodies were scattered over a wide area.

The public relations office said the victims included: Second Lieut. Randolph V. Donaldson, 23, San Luis Obispo, Calif., (Continued on Page Four)

Commandos Plan Help for Men Wounded in Service

(Editor's Note: The Klamath Commandos are planning a dance on Washington's birthday to help finance a new project—bringing wounded service men to Klamath Falls to give them a pleasant experience and help restore their confidence, through ordinary social contacts. The following story about this worthy project was written by Mrs. Lois Berry, Commando mother.)

By LOIS BERRY

The Commandos feel they could do more than just entertain soldiers who are training in this country. Over New Year's holiday, Carl Cook, recruiting officer for the marines, brought a marine to Klamath Falls from the marine hospital at Mare Island, Calif., for a few days visit. This marine had lost an eye and had facial injuries received in combat duty on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. The social contacts this young man had while visiting here restored his confidence—he felt he wasn't through and could again take his place in society.

These boys who have lost a leg, arm, eye, and other injuries are so self-conscious. Their defects are new to them—and many boys in combat duty are

EISENHOWER NAMED CHIEF IN N. AFRICA

Reds Reported Within Five Miles of Rostov

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The red army has slammed the door on the Germans in the Caucasus by a lightning thrust to the Sea of Azov, a special Russian communique recorded by the soviet monitor announced tonight.

Adolf Hitler thus was presented with the task of extricating his entire Caucasian force, estimated up to 200,000 men, in his first "Dunkerk" — and after his disaster of Stalingrad.

By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S.A., was disclosed today to have been named commander-in-chief of all allied forces in North Africa even as an Algiers broadcast reported that the British 8th army was now 60 miles inside Tunisia for the coming showdown with the axis.

General Eisenhower's appointment presumably was arranged at the historic "unconditional surrender" conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill three weeks ago.

Not Over 8th

The initial dispatch from allied headquarters in North Africa did not specifically define (Continued on Page Four)

Coast Dairymen To Get First of FSA Importees

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP) Pacific northwest dairymen will get the first 40 farm security administration importees from the middle west to relieve the agricultural labor shortages, FSA Regional Director Walter A. Duffy announced today.

The 40 men, heads of Arkansas families, will leave Little Rock within 15 days, Duffy said. Their families will come along later with household goods.

"First 15 of the token shipment will go directly to Marshall county for placement on Coos county dairy farms where arrangements for training in use (Continued on Page Four)

House Honors Birthday of Harry Boivin

SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—The house voted today to spend all day in recess tomorrow in honor of the birthdays of former Speaker of the House Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls, and Rep. John Hall, Portland. The legislature is prohibited from meeting Sundays, anyway.

Boivin mailed a gift to Hall, who opened it in front of the representatives. It was a porcelain skunk. His colleagues gave Hall a vegetable corsage, with carrots predominating.

Speaker William M. McAllister said "I congratulate Mr. Hall, not only on his birthday, but also on his having these fine friends."

Ceiling Prices Set for Dry Onions, Spuds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Ceiling prices were established today for country shippers of early and mid-season dry onions and potatoes. The office of price administration said the prices assured farmers at least 100 per cent of the parity.

Retailers will set prices to the housewife on the basis of fixed margins over their net cost.

Prices for early white potatoes in the South Atlantic, south central and western producing areas range from \$2.15 to \$2.50 a hundredweight except for Florida and Texas, where the range is \$3.10 to \$3.75.

The agency said these prices reflect normal area differentials and apply only to early white potatoes harvested and sold during the 1943 crop year.

Local sources said Saturday the prices listed above do not apply to Klamath basin potatoes, which are not classified as "early" potatoes.

ALLIES FORGED FROM HILL HOLD

Bad Weather Stops Aerial Activity in Tunisia

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 6 (AP) A German counter-attack sprung in the face of weather so bad that aerial activity over Tunisia virtually was suspended has forced allied troops to relinquish their hold on the strategic height of Djebel Mansour, 20 miles southwest of Pont du Fahs, officials disclosed today.

The see-saw struggle for the hill, six miles southeast of the British base of Bou Arada, is part of the campaign being waged for vital passes through the mountain range running parallel with the axis supply line along the Tunisian coast.

Nazis Hold

"The Germans infiltrated our positions on Djebel Mansour and retook the height after small-scale action," an allied spokesman announced.

(The German high command reported in a broadcast communique that German and Italian troops captured a "dominating height" in Tunisia and held it against allied counterattacks.)

Except for patrols engaged in preliminary and muddy sparring, no other land action was reported from the Tunisian arena.

A few American P-40 Warhawk fighters got into the air to shoot up an axis truck column on the road between Gabes and Gafsa, the allies reported.

The final tabulation for Thursday's air fighting now stands at 28 axis planes down. (Continued on Page Four)

Guadalcanal Reunion



Klamath Men Meet on Road On Guadalcanal

How would you like to be leaping along in a "jeep" on Guadalcanal and pick up a couple of fellows from home?

That was the experience of Terry Ireland, son of Mrs. Harry Baker of Seattle and formerly of this city, who was driving along a jungle road between two camps when he stopped to give a lift to a pair of fellow marines.

Ireland looked the two over, had a feeling that there was something a little bit more familiar than the usual kinship of marines. He brought up the name of his home town, Klamath Falls.

"Say boy, that's where we're from," the passengers shouted. "We're Melvin Ramos and Don Schortgen!"

It was almost like old home week from then on for Ireland, Ramos and Schortgen, the two last named remembered as outstanding Klamath Union high school football players. The trio, along with Melvin Haren from Klamath Falls, saw much of the bitter fighting on Guadalcanal before the army relieved the US marine corps. Ramos, Schortgen and Haren were known here as "The Three Musketeers." They were together through school, training and as much foreign service as they have seen thus far.

Ramos is the son of Mrs. Loretta Ramos, and Schortgen is the son of Mrs. Ruth Schortgen and the late Henry Schortgen.

Oregon DA's Join Campaign to Revoke Speeders' Gas Books

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—Oregon district attorneys today joined the campaign to revoke mileage rationing books of motorists arrested for violating the 35-mile wartime speed limit.

President Warren A. McMinimie, Tillamook, pledged the complete cooperation of the Oregon state district attorneys' association. McMinimie conferred today with Thaddeus W. Veness, state OPA attorney, on plans to include circuit court judges, justices of the peace and city recorders in the punitive program.

Sale of Dog Licenses Lags in Klamath

The sale of dog licenses is way below normal, according to reports from the county clerk's office. With the deadline three weeks away, only 500 have been purchased to date. Normally about 3000 licenses are purchased, it was pointed out.

Klamath Salary Bill Reported Out

SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—The bill granting \$300 annual salary increases to Klamath county officers was reported out favorably today by the revision of laws committee. It will be on Monday's house calendar for final passage.



FLYNN ACQUITTED OF RAPE CHARGES

Jury Returns Verdict After 13 Hours of Deliberation

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6 (AP)—Erol Flynn was acquitted today of three counts of statutory rape.

The jury of nine women and three men returned the verdict after about 13 hours of deliberation. Flynn had been accused of intimacies with two teen-age girls, Peggy La Rue Satterlee and Betty Hansen.

Flynn Tense

The verdict was announced at 11:10 a. m. An instant later, the court permitted reporters to leave the courtroom.

Flynn sat tensely, puffing cigarettes, during the half hour or (Continued on Page Four)

Knox Reveals Battle Losses On Both Sides

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Both Japanese and American air and surface forces have suffered "moderate" losses in the developing new battle for the Solomon islands, Secretary Knox reported today.

The navy secretary told a press conference that there was so far nothing specific to indicate the exact Japanese objective in renewing violent activity throughout the Solomons area, and he added that the size of the force the enemy might eventually throw into the fight also was not known.

The action is still "in preliminary stage," Knox said, but the various activities now in progress "would ordinarily precede an engagement of some size."

The secretary declared that the losses included "nothing significant, nothing of a major character," and while he did not elaborate, this apparently meant that no aircraft carriers or battleships, and possibly no heavy cruisers, had been sunk so far as was known here.

A navy communique was issued at the secretary's conference, covering action in both the North and South Pacific but throwing no further light on the sea-air fighting in the Solomons area. The communique said that American troops had continued their advance along the northwest coast of Guadalcanal island against weak enemy resistance. Some patrols reached points a mile and a half past Tassafaronga, near the Umassani river, on Thursday.

That was an advance of about a mile beyond the furthest reported.

Aluetian Action

In the North Pacific, five American float-type planes bombed Aluetian positions in the northwest Aluetian islands on Thursday afternoon, but caused no damage.

On Thursday night, Liberator heavy bombers, Mitchell medium bombers and fighter escorts attacked Japanese positions at Kiska island. Three of five float-type Zeros which sought to intercept, were shot down and all US planes returned.

There were numerous desultory actions in both the North and South Pacific. In the Aleutians area on Thursday, an American plane shot down a Japanese plane during a reconnaissance mission.

Action Detailed

In the Solomons area on Wednesday, American planes raided enemy positions at Munda, the new Georgia island airbase, during both the morning and evening, and Douglas Dauntless bombers, with fighter escort, also attacked nearby Kolombangara island. Results were not reported.

On Wednesday night, single enemy planes bombed American positions on Guadalcanal twice. On Thursday a Flying Fortress, on a search mission, was attacked by three Zeros and one of them was shot down. The damaged Fortress managed to get back to its base. The single-plane raids on Guadalcanal were described by Knox as "more of the old washboard Charlie stuff" (Continued on Page Four)

Execution of 17 Axis Parachutists Announced in London

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Seventeen axis parachutists who were wearing civilian clothing when captured in allied territory in French North Africa have been executed, the Algiers radio announced today.

They were among four groups of parachutists dropped east of Constantine January 21 and captured with cooperation of the Arabs, the broadcast said. Those executed were said to have included Germans, Arabs and fascist Frenchmen who had been in France as recently as November.

The Morocco radio said the death sentence had been imposed by a tribunal at Constantine.

Col. Talley Wins Coveted Service Medal in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 6 (AP)—Col. Benjamin Talley, 39-year-old engineer officer, who has supervised construction of all army installations in Alaska the last two years, today was the first member of the Alaska defense command to win the coveted Distinguished Service medal in this war.

Maj. Gen. Simon B. Buckner Jr., commanding general of the defense command, awarded the medal to Colonel Talley at ceremonies here yesterday. The citation noted that "the speedy and efficient completion of a certain airfield was largely responsible for the failure of the Japanese expeditionary force to penetrate one of our main positions."

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