

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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EIGHTH MOVES IN FOR KNOCKOUT

48-Hour Week Ordered

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DETAILS trickle in slowly from the South Seas. We have as yet no clear, over-all picture of what happened and what it means.

GENERAL PATCH, army commander on Guadalcanal, reporting to Admiral Halsey, who is in charge of combined operations in that area, says today: "Guadalcanal has been taken completely, and there is no longer any VESTIGE of any Japanese ORGANIZED forces on the island."

CAPTAIN BROWNING, Admiral Halsey's chief of staff, says the Japs had previously evacuated an unknown number of HIGH RANKING OFFICERS from the island by means of destroyers and submarines but that there is no indication of mass removal of troops.

He adds that there are strong indications that senior officers were deliberately removed and the junior officers and men left to take the rap. Patch's statement indicates that the rap has been taken—at the mouths of American rifles and cannon.

ANYWAY, we have ALL of Guadalcanal. We'll probably make it into a base that will be extremely useful in our further plans.

Obviously our military higher-ups are not telling the Japs what these plans are.

THIS seems a fair guess: The Japs ADMIT they've reached the point where they can no longer afford to spend themselves farther and thinner.

IN Africa, Montgomery's 8th army is MOVING AGAIN. That's all we know today.

But every time it has moved, after the necessary interval for preparation, it has gone somewhere worth while.

Watch it.

THE Russians are moving in on Kharkov from three sides—southeast, east and northeast. The map suggests that if the Germans are driven out of Kharkov they'll have nowhere to stop short of the line of the Dnieper river.

That's well BACK of where they started from last summer.

KEEP your eye on Vatutin's column pushing down from Kramatorskaya to the Sea of Azov. The Germans are reported today to be putting up a furious fight, throwing in masses of tanks and troops in an effort to stop him.

They'd better. If he reaches the Sea of Azov their land route for escape from the Caucasus will be closed.

ON the home front, the labor shortage in the big war industrial areas is to be solved by working 48 hours with the last eight hours at time and a half. It means about a 30 per cent weekly wage increase for those now working a 40-hour week.

It will be generally satisfactory. (Continued on Page Two)

House Paint Makes A Big Difference

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 10 (AP)—A woman moved into one of the hundreds of prefabricated houses now going up in the McLaughlin Heights housing project. On her return from a shopping trip, she couldn't find the house.

She finally had to take a hotel room. Housing officials restored her to the place the next day after learning the cause of the trouble. Contractors had painted the house while she was shopping.

CHAMBER VOTES OPPOSITION TO REVENUE BILL

Cities' Highway Revenue Measure Discussed at Meet

Klamath chamber of commerce directors, on a split vote following spirited discussion, went on record Wednesday in opposition to house bill 216, the cities' highway revenue measure. The vote was 7 to 4.

Subsequently, the directors adopted another motion asking the chamber highway committee to give consideration to the question of maintaining city streets and to cooperate with the city officials in their efforts to find a solution to this problem.

The action on HB 216, which is now in the legislature, continues a tradition in the chamber of opposition to any switching of state highway funds for purposes other than state highways and closely related functions for which money has been appropriated for many years.

Houston Speaks

Mayor John Houston, a member of the legislative committee (Continued on Page Two)



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Fire Controlman Robert C. Nunes of Klamath Falls was singled out yesterday by Vice Admiral Calhoun, Pacific fleet, as typical of the spirit of the navy's fighting men. Nunes, 22, enlisted in 1938 and has been stationed at Pearl Harbor since his initial training. He is the son of Mrs. Wilderline Nunes, 410 South Fifth street.

ORDER LIMITED TO CRITICAL LABOR AREAS

"Spartan Standard of Living" Asked Of U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The prospect of an invasion of Europe this year, followed by unparalleled prosperity in the postwar period, was held out to Americans today but until victory is won they were told they must work longer hours and adopt a "spartan standard of living."

To hasten the day of victory, President Roosevelt last night ordered a 48 hour minimum work week on the home front, with time and a half overtime pay for all those covered by the fair labor standards act. This means a 30 per cent weekly wage increase for thousands now working a 40 hour week.

Byrnes Warns U. S.

"Until further notice" the order was limited by War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt to 32 labor shortage areas, extending from Maine to Washington state and from Florida to California.

Immediately the action was announced, Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes went on the radio to give the people a broad outline of the struggle ahead on the civilian front, and particularly to warn against "a creeping inflation."

Details Not Complete

Explaining the scope of the 48-hour week order issued by McNutt, his deputy commissioner, Fowler V. Harper, said it would apply to all employment in the specified areas, including (Continued on Page Two)

PACIFIC "STEPPING STONES" PROBED

Acquisition of Naval Bases Across Sea Proposed

By ALEX SINGLETON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—An immediate congressional investigation into methods for permanent American acquisition of "stepping stone" aerial and naval bases across the Pacific was proposed today by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee.

He announced that he would appoint a naval subcommittee to undertake a detailed study of developing and acquiring the bases, an undertaking which he conceded probably would involve the territorial possessions of France, Holland and Japan.

Favorable Reception

The need for the network of bases "to keep Japan disarmed on the sea" and "to prevent future aggression in that part of the world" was laid before the house foreign affairs committee yesterday by Secretary of Navy (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Sets Record in Winter Snow

Weather news may reach the public a week late, but the local weatherman found plenty of material to start the old boys reminiscing.

For instance, he suggests, the snow. In fact, the weatherman observes, it has snowed so much that as far back as local snowfall records go, to 1916, the total fall of 61 inches in the past three months has never been equaled. Only once has the January fall of 32 inches been bested and that was in 1933, when 37 inches fell for the month.

With this heavy snow measurement, there is naturally a heavy precipitation figure. Weather records were searched back to 1885 before a greater amount of measured precipitation was found for the first four months (Continued on Page Two)

Stage Set for Bitter Battle on Farm Prices

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The administration drew a sharp line today against further advances in farm prices and thereby set the stage for a bitter struggle with powerful agricultural leaders in and out of congress.

The speech of Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes last night was interpreted on all sides as an administration declaration that it was ready to do battle if necessary to preserve its present farm and food price and production policies.

Those policies, in short, are designed to stabilize agricultural prices at a level called parity, by means of such devices as ceilings to keep prices from going too high and floors to keep them from going too low.

There is one general exception to these policies. It involves crops needed in volume far in excess of past levels. The administration says it realizes that farmers need returns greater than parity to meet extra expenses involved in stepping up production of such crops. It would make up that extra expense in the form of what it

Fuel Sign-Up Begins Monday Morning at 9

Fuel oil consumers using applications 1100, 1101, 1103, and 1103A must register at Mills, Fremont, and Roosevelt schools next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Arnold Grapp, superintendent of city schools.

Blanks must be obtained from fuel dealers, and filled out before they are taken to the schools. The entire teaching staff of the elementary schools will assist the public in checking these applications.

Hours of registration will be from 9 a. m. until 8 p. m., with limited service until after 3 p. m., when the whole staff will be free to assist. Consumers who are inside the doors after closing time will be allowed to complete their applications. The usual rooms that have been used in the past for rationing purposes will be open.

All county schools will give the same service except that their hours will be from 4 p. m. until 9 p. m.

Gandhi's Fasting Again; Government Refuses Release

BOMBAY, Feb. 10 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 21-day fast today in the palace of the Aga Khan in Poona, after the government of India refused to grant his unconditional release from confinement there.

The 73-year-old Gandhi announced that he would take only fruit juice and water during his fasting period.

All India watched apprehensively for any trouble which might follow. Although he is behind barred wire at the Aga Khan's palace, Gandhi is still the most important Indian.

Oh, Dear! What Next?



Mrs. Marshall Anderson eyes the latest rationed article, shoes, sought by Klamath folks Wednesday as buyers were limited to one pair between now and June 21. Merchants said buying was split and stock sought was of the best quality.

Kiska Japs Bomed; New Offensive Seen as Yanks Take Over in Guadalcanal

By The Associated Press

The navy reported bombing attacks on Japanese at Kiska in the Aleutian islands today while a navy spokesman at a South Sea base announced that Japanese troops on Guadalcanal Island, in the Solomons, had been "completely eliminated" and intimated that a new allied offensive was near.

The navy communique did not report results of the aerial attack in the Aleutians but told of "American bombing a day and ground fighting in the Solomons, possibly preceding the withdrawal of Japanese from Guadalcanal."

"We are now going to take offensive action in which the complete seizure of Guadalcanal has an important part," said the navy spokesman, Capt. Myles Browning, chief of the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

Two likely directions for an allied drive would be northwest toward the Solomons toward the big Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, or to the enemy's Northern keystone at Truk Island.

The Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch today claiming that thirteen allied ships—two cruisers, one destroyer and ten torpedo boats—were sunk by Japanese forces between February 1 and February 7 southeast of Santa Isabel Island in the Solomons group.

The report said 86 allied planes were shot down in the same period and locality. Japanese losses were given as three destroyers damaged.

The broadcast was recorded in London by The Associated Press.

These Japanese claims were not confirmed by any other source. Navy Secretary Frank Knox said in a press conference last Saturday that both the Japanese and American navies had lost some warships in sparring in the southwest Pacific, but added that the losses were "moderate" and included "nothing of a major character."

A navy communique the day before reported "sporadic encounters between United States and Japanese air and surface forces in the Solomon island area" were continuing.

Capt. Browning said the Japanese had been driven from Guadalcanal with losses of between 30,000 and 50,000 men after a six-months campaign which started last August 7 when U. S. marines landed on the island and seized Henderson air field.

Official reports also listed more than 1100 Japanese planes shot down, 72 ships sunk a D-11 probably sunk.

"It was not a definite surrender," Capt. Browning said. "Our flanking forces closed the pincers on the enemy and a blot" (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Shoe Market Registers Slight Flurry

A slight flurry in the shoe market was observed by Klamath Falls footwear merchants as shoe rationing went into effect along Main street as it did in countless other American towns.

The rationing system, probably the simplest of all, was completely understood by the purchasers who tore out stamp No. 17 in exchange for one pair of shoes.

Noticeable, according to several merchants, was the request for good shoes regardless of price. Gay little numbers took a back seat while walking shoes of best possible leather sold like hotcakes.

"Customers didn't even ask the price until the shoes were wrapped up," one merchant stated. "They did specify good shoes, though, when they came into the store."

Wednesday morning hours, usually quiet for the shoe merchant, kept clerks busy with an increase expected in the afternoon.

WAR WORKERS ARE "STABILIZED" NOW

Certificate Necessary To Change Jobs in Factories

SEATTLE, Feb. 10 (AP)—"Stabilization" of jobs of thousands of war workers in Washington and Oregon went into effect just after midnight this morning.

The restrictive order by the area war manpower commission to utilize fully the manpower in Pacific northwest war industries, provides that workers in designated industries may switch jobs only if they have a "certificate of availability" from their employers, approved by their labor unions and filed with the US employment service.

Unions Critical

The announcement through the department of war information here said the move had been accepted voluntarily by both management and labor and would supercede the mandatory job control ordered for critical labor areas last week by the war manpower commission.

Today, however, union leaders in the shipbuilding and metal trades industries here assailed the order and said they had not approved it before its issue.

They criticized the war manpower commission office severely.

Replacement Schedule

"We did approve a labor stabilization plan for the shipyards and ship repair yards," Fred J. Kruse, secretary of the Metal Trades council, said. "But this other plan includes manufacturing plants and uptown shops. It is not a plan of our making. Our members were never consulted on it and never had a chance to look it over."

The commission, meeting here today, also announced that a system of "replacement schedules" was being set up for war plants to aid selective service in choosing men to be drafted from the industries for war service. These will consist of complete lists of (Continued on Page Two)

VICHY CLAIMS BATTLE ON TO STALL BRITISH

Kharkov Defense Held Crumbling Under Red Blast

By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Britain's victorious 8th army was officially reported to have started a new advance into Tunisia today, breaking a protracted lull, and at the same time the German-controlled Vichy radio asserted that axis Tunisian forces had launched an attack against the British.

The Vichy broadcast said the axis assault was made to forestall a British offensive.

Nazis Eliminated

First word of the British advance came from Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, British commander-in-chief in the Middle East, who told newsmen: "The enemy's forces have been completely eliminated from Egypt, Cirenaica, Libya and Tripolitania—and the 8th army is advancing."

For several days, axis quarters have reported that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's armies were massing troops, tanks, big guns and other equipment along the Libyan-Tunisian frontier for a new offensive.

May Be Reinforced

Advance 8th army troops were reported to have thrust 60 miles across the border several days ago.

Vichy's report of an axis counterattack indicated that Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's Tunisian forces may have reinforced Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's battered legions and turned on the British 8th army somewhere in the vicinity of the Mareth line, 60 miles inside Tunisia.

In Russia

On the soviet front, German defenses on the outer approaches to Kharkov were reported crumbling today as Russian shock troops stormed toward the great Ukraine steel city from three sides after smashing through major barriers at Belgorod and Shebekino, respectively 50 and 40 miles to the north.

Other red army columns were driving against the soviet "Pittsburgh" from Balakleya, 40 miles southeast, and from Uraxova, 75 miles east.

Bases Perilous

With Kharkov retaken, the Russians would be in a position to sweep back to the Dnieper river in the heart of the Ukraine. The red armies were sharply impelling three more big bases in the German 1941-42 winter line—Kharkov, Rostov and Orel—after their lightning conquest of Kursk.

Five Lose Lives As Navy Bomber Crashes Into Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10 (AP)—Four naval aviators and a civilian employe lost their lives when a twin-engine navy bomber crashed into San Francisco bay and exploded yesterday a few hundred feet offshore from the Alameda naval air station.

The ship had been on a test flight, and was coming in for a landing after one motor had failed, the navy said.

Suddenly the plane dove, and was shattered by a blast as it struck the water. Only scattered debris was found by the crew of a crash barge that immediately put out to the scene.

No names of crew members will be announced, the navy said, until definite identification is complete, and the next of kin informed.

Mixed Response Meets New 48-Hour-a-Week Policy

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—A mixed response to the new 48-hour week policy poured in from the nation today, giving the capital another subject for study along with the pay-as-you-go income tax drive and talk about the post-war world.

Generally in the highly industrialized manufacturing areas where so many of the tools of war are produced, there was endorsement of the longer work week by both labor and management.

The chief complaint aired so far, aside from a lack of some details about the plan which the war manpower commission said it hoped to clear up shortly, was that time-and-a-half pay for many persons now working 40 hours would hurt employers whose contracts were figured without overtime and whose prices are government-controlled.

Continuing its tax study, the house ways and means committee heard representatives of the American Institute of Accountants and the National Retail Dry-goods association propose skipping a tax year to put payments of federal income tax on a current basis.

The drygoods men suggested skipping the 1942 tax year; the accountants that either 1942 or 1943 be by-passed, with the tax (Continued on Page Two)

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