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REDS TIGHTEN SQUEEZE ON NAZIS

Japs Admit Ship Losses

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS VATUTIN, now raised to the rank of full general, is making all the news today. He reaches Krasnoarmeisk, only SEVENTY MILES from the north shore of the Sea of Azov. If he can CLOSE that relatively narrow gap, the long anticipated, hard-fought-for job of SURROUNDING the Germans at Rostov will be completed. There will remain then only the task of WIPING THEM OUT—as at Stalingrad.

THERE'S so often an IF. In this case, there are two of them. IF he can reach the Sea of Azov and thus plug the Rostov land gap. And IF he can HOLD the ring of steel as he draws it around, preventing the trapped Germans from breaking through. But the Russians faced these same ifs in their enveloping movement before Stalingrad and mastered them. They seem to have plenty of strength left.

YOUR map will make the situation quite plain. Krasnoarmeisk is probably too small to be shown on it. It is just north of Stalino, about 100 miles northwest of Rostov. The main north and south railroad from Rostov to Moscow has long since been cut by the Russians. Vatutin's reported capture of Krasnoarmeisk indicates that he has probably cut the last east and west main rail line by which the Germans can either supply Rostov or EVACUATE their troops.

IF these surmises turn out to be correct, all that will be left to them will be the land route along the Sea of Azov, which is WITHOUT railroads. Vatutin, of course, hopes to follow down the railroad from Stalino to Mariupol, on the WEST bank of the Kalmius river, where it empties into the Azov sea, thus blocking that last remaining escape route. Failing that, he will harry the flank of the retreating Germans—and harrying the enemy's flank is a centuries-old Russian specialty.

THERE'S still another IF. The Germans caught in the Caucasus below Rostov are reported to be trying to escape across the Kerch strait to the Crimean peninsula. But, even if they reach the Crimea, which is more of an island than a peninsula, they'll face entrapment there. Your map will show you how and why.

IF you're really interested in this tremendously significant situation, and want to understand it, you'll have to study your map. More words can't make it plain. The map discloses its full possibilities.

ELSEWHERE than in Russia, the world is quiet (at least so far as the censorship permits us to know). Perhaps SUSPICIOUSLY quiet. One still has the feeling that big events are beginning to cast their shadows.

THERE'S nothing new from Africa, where bad weather is said to have the fighting stopped. The Japs are retiring at Wau, in New Guinea, increasingly pressed by our boys and the Australians. There are air raids over Germany and German-held Europe. These air raids are now a permanent pattern.

FDR makes another speech. In listening to him, you must remember that he is speaking more to the enemy than to us. (Continued on Page Three)

RAF HAMMERS AT HITLER'S ARSENAL AREA

Powerful Formations Streak Over Channel Today LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The RAF struck again at Hitler's arsenal area in western Germany overnight and sent powerful formations streaking across the channel before breakfast today in one of the earliest daylight starts in recent weeks. The scope of the night assault was not disclosed immediately in London, but the German radio, acknowledging damage in one center, said the raid was of the small, "nuisance" variety.

Second Attack The morning raiders, which might have included American planes, headed across Dover Strait toward Calais. The weather was bright with occasional cloud patches. Last night's assault was the second successive night attack on the reich; the big naval base and submarine building yards at Wilhelmshaven having been heavily bombed the preceding night. Swift British Mosquito bombers also struck at northwest Germany yesterday afternoon while American-built Mustang fighters attacked railroads and other war installations in northern France, Belgium and the Netherlands. One fighter failed to return from these daylight forays.

Patrolman Asks Civil Service For Hearing

Clifford E. (Red) Milhorn, patrolman of the city police department, has asked the civil service commission for a hearing following receipt of a registered letter from Police Chief Earl Heuvel suspending him from duty for one week. Heuvel's letter stated simply that Milhorn was suspended for "inefficiency." Suspension became effective on February 10. George P. Davis, chairman of the civil service commission, said Saturday that Milhorn had asked for a hearing, but that (Continued on Page Four)

Utter Defeat Met Japs In Guadalcanal Campaign

By NORMAN BELL A SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, Feb. 13 (AP)—The American conquest of Guadalcanal was officially described today as a "complete rout and utter defeat of a Japanese army which executed a non-orderly withdrawal." The description came from Commander Ralph E. Wilson, a naval officer on the staff of Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of American troops on Guadalcanal. He spoke to amplify a report on the island campaign by General Patch. Wilson said it would take days "to clean up the mess." General Patch's report said 6008 Japs were killed and 127 captured in the closing 25-day drive and added that equipment captured included 273 machine-guns, 80 field pieces, 18 anti-aircraft guns, nine anti-tank guns, 181 mortars, 385 rifles, 22 radios, 13 trucks six small trucks and much miscellaneous equipment. Wilson said that a late estimate indicated as many as 8000 Japs had been killed on Guadalcanal and no more than 2000 were evacuated by landing boats to enemy destroyers. Patch's summary covered a period from the initial assault on Mt. Austen January 2 to the "clean-up operations which finally crushed all Jap resistance at 4:25 p. m., February 9, Solomons time." Wilson said some Jap pockets fought to the death and others softened up, adding: "One lieutenant came in singing Tiperrary, spoke good English and declared he was fed up on the whole mess." Other prisoners, he said, were bitter over the evacuation of great numbers of their officers. Among the quantities of loot captured from the Japs was a brigadier general's personal belongings, his Chevrolet automobile and linen and other loot from Malaya. "They certainly were fixed up to stay a long time on Guadalcanal, but in their hasty departure they left plenty behind," Wilson said, pointing out that the beaches were strewn with abandoned and wrecked equipment. A captured artillery trailer had new American-made tires in front and British-made on the rear wheels. Dental surgical equipment seized at an abandoned Jap hospital was "even better than ours," he said.

It's Peaceful Again Today on Guadalcanal

By WILLIAM HIPPLE WITH U. S. TROOPS AT CAPE ESPERANCE, Guadalcanal, Feb. 10 (Delayed)—(AP)—It was unbelievably peaceful on this conquered island base today. A tour of Guadalcanal was like a trip around Oahu in the Hawaiian islands—busy military movements everywhere, but no tenseness of constant warfare and no steady firing. There was a different spirit in the air as troops who had fought their way to victory marched back along the road from Esperance to rest areas. They were happy men. Already, where only two days ago were major Jap defenses, cities of tents have sprung up. (Continued on Page Four)

TAKEOFF CRASH KILLS LT. M'KEAN

Search for Two Missing Transports Continues BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Feb. 13 (AP)—A fighter plane crashed in its takeoff at Muroc air base today, killing its pilot, Lt. Bruce A. McKean, 25, Portland, Ore. Army authorities said Lt. McKean was the son of Charles J. McKean, 3545 Northeast 27th Ave., Portland.

ALEXANDRIA, La., Feb. 13 (AP)—Three army men were killed when a plane from Esler field here crashed Wednesday, eight miles northeast of Columbia, La., Captain Charles A. E. Goodwin, Esler base intelligence officer, announced today. The plane was on a routine flight between Alexandria and Monroe, La., Goodwin said. Those listed as dead included: First Lieut. Claude W. Vroman, 24, pilot, of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; sister, Mrs. Velma Hill of Mt. Vernon.

EDMONTON, Feb. 13 (CP)—Officials engaged in the aerial search for two United States transport planes missing in the north country with a total of 13 persons aboard, said today no trace of either ship had been found. They denied reports that (Continued on Page Four)

NIP AIR BASE AT MUNDA GETS 63RD POUNDING

Allies Increase Pressure On New Guinea Forces Japan today admitted the loss of seven Japanese warships sunk and six damaged the last half year of battle in the Solomons-New Guinea theatre, even as United Nations capitals thrilled to President Roosevelt's pledge of impending "great and decisive actions" against Japan. The Japanese said these were losses "which have not yet been previously announced."

63rd Munda Bombing The navy announced at Washington that United States planes bombed the Japanese air base at Munda in the Central Solomons three times Friday. A gun position was destroyed and fires started. The attacks raised to 63 the total on Munda since the first one last November 23.

A Tokyo broadcast quoted Japanese imperial headquarters as acknowledging that three Japanese destroyers, three submarines and a patrol ship were sunk, while a cruiser, four submarines and a patrol ship were damaged in the South Seas from August 7, 1942, to February 7. Claim U. S. Losses The communique said four allied submarines, three torpedo boats and a patrol ship were sunk in the same period, and three destroyers, four submarines and a patrol ship were listed as "heavily damaged."

Meantime, Domei asserted, in Tokyo broadcasts also heard in this country, that 98 allied warships had been sunk and 42 damaged against a loss of 19 Japanese warships sunk and 16 damaged in the last six months in waters about the Solomons and New Guinea. The figures were far out of line with allied tabulations.

Jap Retreat On the far Pacific fighting fronts, allied troops increased their pressure against the Japanese in Northern New Guinea and RAF warplanes flying from India carried out destructive attacks on Japanese-conquered Burma. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that the main Japanese forces which suffered a sharp defeat at Wau, 35 (Continued on Page Four)

Increase in Farm Machinery Output Gets WPB Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP) The war production board has authorized an increase in production of farm machinery in the first quarter of this year. Senator McNary (R-Ore.) said an additional 50,000 tons of steel has been allocated and the quota for repair parts has been raised from 130 per cent of 1940 to 160 per cent. McNary said he learned from Paul H. Appleby, under secretary of agriculture, that this will not meet the demand, but that it should maintain essential food production.

CCC Camps Eyed As Housing for Imported Labor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP) All old CCC camps in Oregon are being surveyed with a view to housing agricultural labor that may be imported to help short-handed farmers. Senator McNary (R-Ore.) has been told by Major Walker, assistant FSA administrator. Between 35,000 and 50,000 Mexican laborers may be imported, Walker told McNary.

Effective Weapon Against Japs



Sheriff Lloyd L. Low is shown presenting a trench knife, relic of the last war, to Machinist's Mate Anthony Bockius, USN, who in turn will put it in the hands of a fighting man likely to meet up with Japs in hand-to-hand combat. Deputy Sheriff Jack Franey, left, looks on. The knife is equipped with heavy handle which can serve effectively as "brass knuckles." Bockius is visiting here for a few days as guest of the officers.

Veteran Seaman Vouches For the Superiority of US Men, Ships, Weapons

Sure, there are ship sinkings in a war, but with Americans, the loss of personnel is held to an amazingly small minimum. That's the assuring word given the families of men who serve on the sea or who are transported over the water, by Anthony Bockius, machinist's mate of the U. S. navy, who is here visiting Sheriff Lloyd Low and Deputy Sheriff Jack Franey. And Bockius knows something about it, for he has been there. He has had 22 years' experience in government service; he served in the navy in the last war and he is serving in three torpedoes in the Pacific since Pearl Harbor. "Our American ships and our men are well-equipped and well-trained for those emergencies," said Bockius. "I was on a ship that went down. We lost just seven out of a crew of 137. I was close by when a transport was sunk after hitting a mine, and there was a loss of one out of more than 5000 aboard. "I won't say we aren't scared when something happens. Sure we are, scared as hell, including the old heads like myself. But our men have the nerve, they know how to keep their heads, and they are well-trained for just that sort of thing. When an emergency develops, it is met with precision and with the best equipment in the world to save lives. And those figures I quoted show they are saved." Bockius was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and he got a machine gun bullet in his abdomen there. But Pearl Harbor, he says, is not so bad as a lot of people picture it. "Of course we were surprised," he said. "We were surprised because we thought war would be declared before an at- (Continued on Page Four)

Circuit Court Clerk Bill Gets Second Reading

Senate bill No. 150, which would create the office of circuit court clerk for Klamath county, has been read the second time in the senate and referred to the committee on judiciary by President W. H. Steiwer. Copies of the bill have been received here. It was introduced by Senator Cornett and Representatives Semon and Craver. The bill provides that the presiding judge of the circuit court shall appoint the circuit court clerk, whose salary shall be fixed by the county court, payable monthly. The clerk shall hold office and perform the duties under the direction of the judge, and the judge may remove the clerk and reappoint to fill the office at any time. Compensation shall be fixed by the county court. Under terms of the bill, the clerk shall qualify by giving a (Continued on Page Four)

No Word Received Of Lt. Jack Ray On Missing Plane

No word had been received at a late hour Saturday concerning the fate of a four-motored bomber missing since Thursday at 6 a. m. from the Walla Walla army air base. The big ship was piloted by Lt. John T. "Jack" Ray, Klamath Falls flyer. Mrs. Ruth Turner, mother of the flyer, reached Walla Walla late Friday.

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REDS NARROW ESCAPE LANE TO 70 MILES

Big Guns of 8th Army Pound Rommel's Forces

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The red army has captured Novocheerkassk and Likhaya, northeast and north of Rostov, a special communique recorded by Reuters announced tonight. Likhaya is 75 miles north of Rostov on the railway to Millerovo and Kamensk, and Novocheerkassk is 19 miles to the northeast of Rostov.

By ROGER GREENE Associated Press War Editor

The pace of disaster quickened for Adolf Hitler's invasion armies today, threatening to surpass even the debacle of Stalingrad, as soviet columns raced 30 miles south toward the Sea of Azov and left only a 70-mile-wide "escape corridor" for upwards of 500,000 axis soldiers.

The CBS correspondent in Moscow said the Germans were reported setting fire to the entire city of Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus.

Rostov Enveloped Simultaneously, the British radio declared:

"Rostov is being rapidly enveloped and the Germans who were driven out of Shakhty, 45 miles to the northeast, did not retreat toward Rostov but are attempting to get away to the westward.

One report said Russian siege guns were shelling Rostov from three sides and that the German garrison was putting up "most stubborn" resistance.

Nearly 200,000 additional German troops and their satellites were reported fighting for their lives in the western Caucasus. (Continued on Page Four)

WLB Investigates "Black Market" in Eastern Labor

DETROIT, Feb. 13 (AP)—A representative of the regional war labor board here disclosed today that the board was investigating to determine if a black market in skilled labor was operating in Detroit to supply other cities. Reports that "labor brokers" are getting men to work in the tool and die industry in Ohio and extracting big commissions in the process are being investigated, said Benjamin Aaron, special WLB representative of the tool and die industry. Aaron said he had received "informal complaints" from both labor and industry that such tactics were being practiced. He said, however, that "most of the complaints have been very general."

SALARY LIMITATION ORDER UNDER FIRE

Pegging of Salaries At Pre-War Level Proposed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—A move to nullify President Roosevelt's executive order limiting salaries to \$25,000 after taxes, and to replace it with a congressional act pegging large salaries at their level when this country went to war, was approved today by the house ways and means committee.

The action came on a vote of 15 to 10. The republican membership voted solidly for the change, and was joined by five democratic members.

Retroactive It was in the form of a rider tacked on to a measure which would boost the nation's statutory debt limit from \$125,000,000,000 to \$210,000,000,000.

Under the terms of the rider, proposed by Representatives Disney (D-Okla.), the new salary ceiling would be retroactive to October 2, 1942, the date when the second price control act became effective.

Approval of the move came as the initial step of a campaign for the first congressional nullification of a presidential executive order.

The Disney plan, in pegging large salaries at their December 7, 1941, level, also carried a provision which would allow lower salaries to rise to a maximum of \$25,000 after taxes, provided they were less than that before Pearl Harbor.

"This would mean that we will get a ceiling on salaries as well as a ceiling on wages," declared Disney.

White House Conference Follows FDR Promise of Blows at Japan, Europe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP) President Roosevelt followed up his promise of "actual invasions" of Europe and blows against the Japanese homeland with a conference at the White House today with top military leaders.

Admiral William D. Leahy, his chief of staff, General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Admiral Ernest J. King, fleet commander in chief called even as telegrams by the score poured in congratulating the president for his assurance last night that "great and decisive actions" are in store against the enemy.

He also gave assurance that the United Nations were in the war until they march in triumph through the streets of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo and were determined that the Nazi, fascist or Japanese warlord form of government shall "never again" dominate a nation guaranteed post-war self-determination.

He spoke in a radio address last night of world-wide offensives stemming from that conference and of the developing battle of Tunisia with its expected "heavy" losses on the allied side in the attempt to push the enemy into the sea and open the way for what he called "invasions"—he used the plural twice—of the European continent. He described the whole world today as "one neighborhood" and said unless the peace that follows this war recognizes this and does justice to the human race, the germs of another world war "will remain as a constant threat to mankind." On the home front, the president said that on his African journey he had told American soldiers and sailors who had expressed concern over reports of labor troubles and rationing complaints at home that most of these reports were "just gross exaggerations" and that the people as a whole were only too willing to give up shoes and sugar, and coffee and automo-