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# WARSHIPS BOMBARD ATTU JAPS

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S another lull today in the news from the fighting fronts. These lulls provide good opportunities for realistic summing up.

IN central Tunisia, we were hit unexpectedly by Rommel, who hits hard when he hits. We were driven westward across a high valley between two ranges of hills. We've now reorganized our lines in the hills on the west side.

Rommel (probably prodding for weak spots) hits us twice today and both times is thrown back with losses.

That indicates that our new line is fairly strong.

THERE are intimations in the dispatches that our set-back has probably DELAYED the allied African schedule.

IN other words, the job will TAKE LONGER.

THANKS to Eisenhower's prompt and smart collaboration with Darlan, we're probably well ahead of any schedule we HOPED for when the African campaign was first planned.

KEEP this in mind: The Tunisian fighting is in the area where Carthage defended herself for centuries against her persistent and at times rather able enemies.

That gives some idea of its natural defensive strength. The Germans are making full use of all these natural advantages.

THE Russians have so far failed to plug the Rostov land gap, and considerable numbers of Germans seem to be escaping along the northern shore of the Sea of Azov.

Note, however, that the Russians are EXTENDING their operations TO THE NORTH. They are aiming now at Orel, one of the great German strong points north of Kharkov and Kursk.

The Germans admit they're being pressed along the whole front to the outskirts of Leningrad.

The Russians, you see, are RAISING THEIR SIGHTS. Instead of driving the Germans merely out of the Caucasus and the Ukraine, they may be aiming now at driving them clear out of Russia.

THIS dispatch comes over the wires today: "Russian trains are now able to operate from Moscow to Kursk, Kharkov and on to the south. Supplies can now reach the Ukraine front from the whole Moscow region as well as from the Urals area back of the Volga."

That means that Russia is getting in a position where she can bring her strength to bear.

FROM various quarters we are beginning to hear this note: If Russia does ALL the fighting in Europe, and we do little of it, Russia will be in a position to DOMINATE THE PEACE.

Let's not do too much worrying about that.

Before ANY peace is made, the Germans have got to be licked.

BESIDES, Russia couldn't do a MUCH WORSE JOB of peace making than the western (Continued on Page Four)

About 15 Persons Now Employed On OPA Staff Here

About 15 persons have now been employed on the staff of the OPA district office being opened in the Balsiger building, it was learned Saturday.

Key jobs are held by Lee Jacobs, Webb Kennett and Rufus Quillen.

Final announcement has not yet been made concerning appointment of district manager, but it is expected Ed Ostendorf will be named. He is acting as special consultant.

## Allies Crush Axis Stab

### SOVIETS LUNGE TOWARD VITAL DNEIPER SITE

Swift Wheeling Move May Force Nazis From Crimea

By The Associated Press LONDON, Feb. 20—A swift soviet wheeling movement southwest of Kharkov put the red army tonight only 36 miles from Dnieperpetrovsk, the power site keystone of southern Russia, it was disclosed in a special Moscow communique recorded here by the soviet monitor.

It also threatened to trap retreating German forces in the Donets basin far to the east, and raised the possibility of an axis abandonment of the Crimea.

Krasnodar, 60 miles southwest of Kharkov, and Pavlograd, 100 miles due south, both important rail junctions, fell to the Russians, the communique said.

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (AP)—

Thrusting forward everywhere along the southern Russian front, the red army is expanding its gains in the northern sectors about Kharkov and Kursk, aiming both at the German-held strongpoint at Orel to the north and westward at the rich Dnieper industrial valley, the Russians said today.

New gains were hammered out in the Donets basin and along the Sea of Azov shore west of Rostov against a stubborn, counter-attacking foe, it was announced, and in the lower Kuban valley of the western Caucasus a communique told of capturing five more towns in the drive to force German remnants of the Caucasus army into the tiny Taman peninsula.

Portland Area Needs 50,000 More War Workers

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—The federal employment service said today the Portland area needs 50,000 more war workers at once.

But, warned Manager Gerald C. Knapp, workers from other cities need not apply. There are no houses for them, he said.

Knapp said his office filled a record 6000 jobs in the last two weeks and that he expected to fill most of the 50,000 jobs with workers switching over from non-essential employment.

As housing becomes available, skilled workers may be brought in by the employment service from other points, Knapp added.

### Ralph Lloyd Jap Prisoner, Parents Learn This Week

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lloyd of Algoma received word from the war department this week that their son, Ralph A. Lloyd, is now a prisoner of war in the Philippines. This heartening news was the first the parents had received since the fall of Corregidor.

Young Lloyd, serving as first class anti-aircraft gunner, was stationed several months at Fort Mills, Corregidor, prior to the declaration of war. He entered the service February 11, 1941, and it was just two years later that his parents were advised of his status.

Lloyd attended school at Fairview and Spring Lake before entering the United States army.

### Food Rationing Sign-Up

WHEN—All next week, Monday through Saturday, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE—All city schools, all county schools, and at stores or offices in a few communities where schools are not operating.

TAKE WITH YOU—Ration Book 1, and the declaration sheet (See Page 12) clipped from this newspaper and filled out.

Register according to the initial of your last name,\* following this schedule:

- Monday—A, B, C, D.
- Tuesday—E, F, G, H.
- Wednesday—I, J, K, L, M.
- Thursday—N, O, P, Q, R, S.
- Friday—T to Z.
- Saturday—Clean-up.

\* (For instance if your name begins with G, register on Tuesday, or if with a T, register on Friday, etc.)

### Above-Normal Buying of Canned Goods Noted as Week-Long Freeze Looms

Above-normal buying of canned goods was noted in Klamath food stores Saturday as consumers anticipated the freeze of all such foods from midnight Saturday until the morning of March 1.

Food-buyers here were advised not to hoard, but to buy all canned fruits and vegetables needed next week. In general, that was just about the program most of them were following.

Here's the time-table for all families to follow after today: Tomorrow (Sunday): Count the cans of fruits and vegetables you own, excluding home-canned and small cans under 8 ounces. With this information, fill out a "consumer declaration" either clipped out of a newspaper or obtained from a ration board. This tells you how many cans are owned in each family in excess of five cans per person in the family, how much coffee your family had in excess of one pound per person last No-

Monday, March 1—Sale of canned fruits and vegetables resumes, but only upon surrender of ration coupons, according to a "point value table."

In Klamath Falls and Klamath county, all school houses will be food rationing registration points, including Klamath union high school. Registration will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, February 27, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m.

To facilitate the flow of registration, registrants were asked to follow a special schedule, in which the initial of their last names will determine the day of registration. This is not mandatory, but all were asked to cooperate in this way to prevent congestion periods in registration.

The initial schedule will be seen in the box on the front page of today's paper. The schools of Klamath Falls and Klamath county will play a major role in taking the registration for book No. 2. All city schools will dismiss classes early and will arrange his schedules to take students home early, in order to give complete registration service starting at 2 p.m. and continuing until 8 p.m.

In addition to the schools, special registration points will be set up in various parts of the city.

The new recapping order was received by the local board today.

### Appeals Court Hears Pro and Con Of Jap Exclusion

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP)—Japanese evacuated from the west coast were "evicted without a hearing," Attorney Wayne Collins charged today, and "no Japanese since Pearl Harbor has been involved in any sabotage case."

The attorney was representing a Japanese client before seven judges of the circuit court of appeals who are hearing arguments pro and con on the constitutionality of the evacuation.

A government attorney, seeking to have the evacuation declared valid, told the court the fact that marshal law was not declared in connection with the move was not important. He said the army conducted the evacuation merely because it was more practicable to handle it that way.

Ralph Lloyd

### EIGHTH ARMY ATTACKS ALONG MARETH LINE

Allied Tide Turned in Tunisia, Declare Leaders

By ROGER GREEN Associated Press War Editor Fighting in swirling dust-storms, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th army troops were reported attacking the axis in the Medenine area at the center of the 60-mile-long Mareth line in southern Tunisia today, while in the north the Germans and Italians were said to have resumed offensive operations.

Frontline dispatches said U. S. and British troops guarding a stabilized mountain line in central Tunisia had crushed a new axis attempt to thrust toward the American base at Tebessa, Algeria, through passes above Sbeitla.

Allies Withdraw Allied military quarters said "the tide has turned" and declared that future axis efforts in the central sector would probably be limited to jabs for weak spots in the allies' new mountain defense line.

Simultaneously, a bulletin from allied headquarters announced that allied forward troops in the Ousseltia valley had been withdrawn.

Reassignment The valley, scene of bitter sporadic fighting for many weeks, lies between mountain chains extending 50 miles southwest of the axis base at Pont Du Fahs.

Coupled with other adjustments, the latest withdrawal suggested a wide reassignment of the allied front as a result of the new 66-mile-deep axis salient carved into the center near the Algerian frontier at Feriana.

A communique said allied troops yesterday beat off a (Continued on Page Four)

### RAF Loses 11 Bombers Raiding Wilhelmshaven

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Royal air force squadrons dropped another heavy load of bombs on the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven and other objectives in western Germany last night, the air ministry announced today.

At the same time army co-operation command planes attacked electric transformer stations in France.

Eleven bombers and three army co-operation command planes were lost.

It was the second night raid in a row on Wilhelmshaven, where U-boat facilities and shipyards are prime targets, and the thirteenth night attack on Germany this month.

"One enemy fighter was destroyed by our bombers," the communique said.

A DNB dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio that 36 persons were killed and a great number injured during RAF raids over occupied territories in the last 48 hours.

German planes raided two towns on the northeast Scottish coast, causing a few casualties.

### Mme. Chiang Addresses Congress



Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of China's generalissimo and symbol of struggling China, addresses U. S. house, asking that Japan's aggression be halted. Beside her on the rostrum is Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) She spoke at a moment when Tokyo was broadcasting Japan plans to crush resistance in China.

### COMMISSION BACKS SUSPENSION HERE

Milhorn Charged With Inefficiency at Hearing

The seven-day suspension of Police Officer Clifford E. "Red" Milhorn, ordered by Chief of Police Earl Heuvel, was upheld by the civil service commission at a hearing held Friday at 4 p. m. following a hearing granted the officer Thursday.

Members of the press and radio, excluded from Thursday's hearing on order of George P. Davis, chairman of the commission, were permitted to read the minutes late Saturday afternoon.

Heuvel cited incidents of "inefficiency" on the part of Milhorn, and said the officer "seemed dissatisfied with his job and amount of wages" and that "Milhorn spent one-half his time loafing around the station."

Milhorn had previously stated that he saw no reason for suspension on the grounds of inefficiency and when he had asked Heuvel for reasons he (Heuvel) refused to discuss the matter with him.

Disappointed Sgts. Leigh Ackerman and Paul Robertson were called before the commission and questioned as to Officer Milhorn's (Continued on Page Four)

### Commandos Hope For Big Crowd At Dance Tonight

Commandos were hostesses to the public at their Main street service center Saturday afternoon in advance of their big Washington's birthday dance slated for this evening at the Klamath armory.

Tickets are still on sale at the service center or may be purchased at the door. A huge crowd is hoped for in order to swell the Commando fund to be used in bringing wounded service men to Klamath Falls. A special entertainment program is scheduled at 11 p. m.

Six marines from Mare Island naval hospital are here for the occasion, and on Saturday were enjoying the hospitality of Klamath Falls citizens. All of them saw action in at least three battles and were wounded by shrapnel on Guadalcanal. They were members of the first wave of marines to invade the Solomons, and they have been in the hospital five months.

### War Bulletin

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (AP) Japanese forces trying to extend their grip along the Burma road were repulsed in two attempts to cross the Salween river in western Yunnan Province, the Chinese high command announced today.

### U. S. Cruiser "Chicago" Didn't Have a Chance

(This is the first detailed story of the sinking of the United States cruiser Chicago since her loss was announced by the navy department in a communique on February 16. This communique said 17 Jap ships in all were sunk or damaged in a four-day engagement in the Solomon Islands. American actual losses were given as the Chicago and an unnamed destroyer.)

more before they hit—four of them," he added. "One torpedo hit the forward magazine which already was flooded. Three struck aft where we had been hit the day before."

"She laid over on her starboard side and went down fast but smooth—in 19 minutes. "She fired a five-inch salute to herself as she went down—shells exploding from the heat of the torpedo-set fires—and with her colors flying."

Despite that concentrated attack, one of the most intense yet hurled at any U. S. ship, the Chicago lost only six officers and 56 men of more than 1100 personnel.

"We got every survivor on rats," Jarman declared. "We had nearly 300 recruits but all were orderly and waited orders. There was no panic." The Chicago was a member (Continued on Page Four)

### FOUR NIP SHIPS SUNK AS ALLIES PRESS AIR WAR

Tokyo Claims Two Allied Destroyers Bagged

By The Associated Press American warships were officially reported today to have bombed Japanese positions on Attu island, enemy base in the westernmost Aleutians, while allied planes blasted the Japanese from Burma to the South Seas and sank four ships totaling 27,000 tons in a single night raid in the Solomons.

The navy said U. S. surface forces, taking up the assault which has been methodically carried on by American aircraft, shelled the Japanese at Holtz Bay and at Chicago Harbor on Attu island Thursday.

Results were not observed, a communique said, presumably because of the perennial fog which cloak the bleak enemy stronghold.

The navy also reported that U. S. planes shot down two Japanese float-type aircraft which attempted to attack American positions in the western Aleutians.

At the same time, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, disclosed at Pearl Harbor that the navy's Corsair fighting planes—among the fastest high-altitude scappers in the world—have gone into action in the Solomons theater.

Admiral Nimitz said this was probably the first report of the speedy 2,000 horsepower fighters in combat anywhere.

Jap Claims The Corsairs were described as "in the 400 M.P.H. class," capable of outflying any other aircraft at 35,000 feet or above, and far superior to anything the Japanese have shown in the Pacific.

On the enemy side of the ledger, Imperial Tokyo headquarters made an unconfirmed claim that Japanese navy planes had sunk two allied destroyers and a large transport in an attack on escorted convoys off San Cristobal island, just below Guadalcanal.

Bulin Raided The broadcast did not indicate whether the convoys were carrying reinforcements to Guadalcanal or to San Cristobal.

Gen. MacArthur reported that allied planes rained havoc on enemy shipping at Bulin, in the Solomons, setting fire to a 9,000-ton vessel, twice hitting a 7,000-tonner, and damaging two ships of 8,000 and 3,000 tons.

A communique said there was no change in the situation on the New Guinea front, where Gen. MacArthur's forces are driving toward the big enemy base at Salamaua.

### Order Reduces Construction Permits to \$200

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) The war production board today reduced to \$200 the amount of construction which can be done without specific permission by industries which it classed as "not essential to the war program," including newspapers and manufacture of sporting goods, furniture and cosmetics.

The \$200 limitation on individual construction projects applies also to private dwellings and commercial structures. Previously owners of industrial establishments have been permitted to carry on construction up to \$5000 in a year.

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