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ROMMEL'S ARMY IN FULL RETREAT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE big news today is that Rommel has been stopped in the Kasserine Gap, which leads out onto a wide plateau that would be ideal for tank fighting. If he had got out onto this wide flat with his big 60 tonners manned by his seasoned veterans of the African fighting, he might have caused a lot of trouble.

THERE are heartening reports today of British 40 ton Churchill tanks getting into the fighting with good results.

There are also interesting hints that low flying American planes are knocking out German tanks. Many American air officers believe the bomber, flying low with almost the speed of a shell from a big gun, is the answer to the tank.

The British Mosquito bomber is proving that a fast, low flying plane is hard to hit. Its bomb, delivered at high speed and almost horizontally, has practically the hitting power of a shell.

ROMMEL has been temporarily stopped, but he is still a dangerous enemy and will bear watching.

The fact that he has been stopped at the Kasserine pass leads us to hope he may not have as much strength as events of the past few days have led us to fear.

KEEP an eye on Montgomery. Not much has been heard from him for some time. But when he hits he also hits hard. He certainly isn't idle.

Churchill Has Pneumonia; Bulletin Tells Improvement

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—A bulletin from No. 10 Downing street, residence of the prime minister, disclosed for the first time today that Winston Churchill has been suffering from pneumonia.

Announcing that "there is a general improvement in the prime minister's condition," the statement said "his temperature has been cleared but his temperature has not yet settled."

Previously it was announced that Churchill was suffering from acute catarrh. He had been in bed since last week.

Sure Sign of The Motor Age

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 24 (AP)—A Senegalese soldier shot two German parachute troops who claimed they were Americans. He explained to his French commanding officer:

"I knew they were not Americans because they did not have a jeep."

Hitler Proclamation Read to People; Future Rests on Russia, He Says

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler, in a proclamation read to a gathering of his party followers at Munich, declared today that Germany's future and the future of Europe would be decided on the Russian front and asserted his enemies who believed they almost had Germany down would be "terribly disappointed."

It was the second time in less than a month that Hitler chose to address his party by indirect means. The proclamation was read in the Munich Hofbrauhaus by Secretary of State Hermann Esser before members celebrating the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the Nazi party, and was recorded from the Berlin radio by The Associated Press.

Hitler explained his absence today by this passage: "In my thoughts I am with you in this hour as has always been the case. But duty compels me in these months, weeks and days to be with our brethren and comrades, the German soldiers,

Reds Aim for Kiev

FLYING FORT SCORES HITS ON NIP SHIP

Three-Day U.S. Offensive Batters Solomons Isles

By The Associated Press
American Flying Fortresses were officially credited today with scoring three hits with 500-pound bombs on a Japanese cruiser or large destroyer in Rabaul harbor, New Britain, while other allied warplanes blasted the enemy over a wide expanse of the southwest Pacific.

Attacking before dawn, amid tempestuous anti-aircraft fire, one of the U. S. bombers caught the Japanese warship with "really big ones" amidships, fore and aft.

Near Miss
"It just came up out of the water. They always do when you hit 'em like that," said the pilot, Capt. Paul I. Williams, of Norman, Okla.

Another Fortress dropped bombs within 25 feet of a 7000-ton Japanese transport in the harbor at about the same time.

Guadalcanal Hit
In Washington, the navy reported a furious three-day offensive by U. S. warplanes hitting at the Japanese in the southwest Pacific and said enemy planes made a light raid on American positions on Espiritu Santo island, in the New Hebrides.

The enemy also attacked American forces on Tulagi island and Guadalcanal, in the Solomons.

All Planes Safe
Starting Sunday, U. S. fliers pounded anew at the Japanese air base at Munda, New Georgia, (Continued on Page Seven)

Logging Starts Again at Lamm Lumber Company

Logging at the Lamm Lumber company camp at Yamsay, held up since late January by heavy snows, started Tuesday, according to word received here from W. E. Lamm at Modoc Point.

With logs coming in from the woods, the sawmill, down since February 1, will resume operations for the day shift Thursday and the night shift will start work Monday, Lamm said.

Considerable snow remains in the woods, it was learned, but it was able to resume operations in the Yamsay sector this week.

Aluminum Labor Threatens End To Sunday Work

EDGEWATER, N. J., Feb. 24 (AP)—A threat to stop Sunday work at the Edgewater plant of the Aluminum Company of America was voiced by President George Binsted of local 16, Aluminum Workers of America (CIO), as negotiations opened between the union and plant management over elimination of the present stagger system.

"Unless government agencies stop pushing us around," Binsted said in a statement, "we will have to take action and may refuse to work on Sundays at all. We would demand a straight week from Monday to Saturday."

Binsted said Secretary of Labor (Continued on Page Seven)

LABOR TO LEAD MARCH BOND DRIVE

Half - Million Dollar Sub-Chaser to Be Goal

Klamath county's war savings quota for March and April, will be in the hands of organized labor working with the local committee, it was announced today by Andrew Collier, Klamath county war savings chairman.

Schools and other organizations will be called upon to assist during the two-month period in reaching the quota.

The goal is a half-million dollar sub-chaser for the United States navy which will be constructed during this period, and chartered. On the sub-chaser will go a plaque on which the name of Klamath county will be engraved. The drive starts at midnight, February 28, and ends at midnight, April 30.

Seven men are named committee heads to represent labor. These men who will have charge of the campaign are G. C. Tatum, chairman; "Tex" Culley, C. O. Dryden, Wally Moss, Earl Edsall, Paul Ottelmeier and K. A. Gordon.

"Labor has figured that the next two months will be the hardest of the year and they are asked to take over a real job," Collier stated. "Klamath's bond committee feels that we will have one of the most energetic and strenuous campaigns which will start off with a bang on the first of March."

Along with aiming at the half-million dollar sub-chaser, the campaign will be directed toward extending the 10 per cent payroll allotment plan until this county goes 100 per cent.

No new developments were reported at Newell Wednesday following the arrest of 34 young men of military age and their removal to Klamath Falls and Alturas, all charged with suspicion of violation of the selective service act.

Evidence was sought Wednesday in Alturas by Anthony E. O'Brien, project attorney, and Lawrence Verdier, Portland, FBI representative, after they completed the interrogation of the 23 men in the local jail. No charges had been filed late Wednesday, according to Harvey M. Coverley, director of the project.

Coverley described the situation at Newell as "very quiet," and stated that Tuesday's registration was the largest thus far. Agitation arose over registration for job clearance and selective service among the evacuees. The director said that a check of registrants shows that far that "many more want to get into war work and the army than want to stay at the project."

Six-Month Supply Of Gas For Tractors May Be Obtained

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Farmers were authorized today to get gasoline rations for their tractors and other non-highway equipment for six months at a time, instead of the present 3-month basis.

The office of price administration said the longer ration period would be more practical and also save farmers some time and effort.

OUTCOME NEAR IN CAUCASUS, ASSERT REDS

Strong Nazi Counterattacks Noted in Donets Basin

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (AP)—The red army smashed deeper today into the northern Ukraine north-west of Kharkov where the capture of Sumy, Lebedin and Akhtyrka fashioned a soviet bludgeon aimed at Kiev and the important railway junction of Konotop.

Today's midway communique said more strongly fortified settlements were captured as Russian soldiers, racing along muddy roads and across barren black fields, struck west of Sumy, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, 75 miles southeast of Konotop and 195 miles east of Kiev.

Drive Proceeds
A water barrier also was forced and about 600 Germans killed in the capture of a number of towns north of Kursk, where it was announced last night the Russians had driven to within 40 miles of Orel from the south with the capture of Maloarkhangelsk.

Soviet tanks bearing automatic gunners followed by infantry surged westward in spite of spring thaws as the drive proceeded northwest of Kharkov on a 42-mile front, with Sumy at the north end of the line, Akhtyrka at the south end and Lebedin in the center.

Soldiers and drivers discarded their fur hats and coats to cool their steaming faces in the warm wind blowing from the Dnieper.

In their wake peasants were (Continued on Page Seven)

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Here's One That Missed!



Edwards, 6, and Kresse, 14, of Medford, reach for the ball bounding off the backboard after Young, 11, of Klamath makes an unsuccessful try for the basket. Klamath won a 45-26 victory over their arch-rivals, the Medford Tigers, Tuesday night. Story and additional picture on sports page.

Responsibility Rests With Gandhi, Says Churchill

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a message to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, an Indian nationalist leader, said today that responsibility for Mohandas K. Gandhi's fast must rest entirely with Gandhi himself.

His message said: "The government of India decided last August that Mr. Gandhi and other leaders of the congress party must be detained for reasons which have been fully explained and are well understood."

"The reasons for that decision have not ceased to exist and his majesty's government endorse the determination of the government of India not to be deflected from their duty towards the peoples of India and of the United Nations by Mr. Gandhi's attempt to secure his unconditional release by fasting."

"The first duty of the government of India and his majesty's government is to defend the soil of India from invasion, by which it still is menaced, and to enable India to play her part in the general cause of the United Nations."

"There can be no justification for discriminating between Mr. Gandhi and other congress leaders."

"The responsibility therefore rests entirely with Mr. Gandhi himself."

POONA, India, Feb. 24 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi whose life was almost despaired of four days ago is now expected by authoritative medical sources to live through the remaining six days of his 21-day fast.

While the 73-year-old Indian leader, fasting in a demand for unconditional release from his prison in the Aga Khan palace, grows a little weaker each day, he was more cheerful on this 15th fast day. He also was suffering less acute distress.

Milton Coates Killed in Action In North Africa

MERRILL—Word was received here Tuesday that Milton Coates, 34, brother of Mrs. Lee Brown, Tulake, and a nephew of Mrs. W. C. Bailey, had been killed in action in North Africa. Coates made his home here for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, who were unable to give the branch of the service that the young man served in.

Mrs. Brown is at present in Medford. No details were given in the message from the war department.

Committee Okehs Extension of Lend-Lease Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The house foreign affairs committee unanimously approved today a measure extending for one year the lend-lease act—mutual aid supply line between this nation and its war partners.

The action was announced by a committee attaché who said there was no amendment to the bill continuing the life of the act until July, 1944.

It followed three weeks of hearings, during which several amendments were suggested, one of which would have sought to secure American interests in foreign airfields for post-war civilian use.

Crack Allied Troops Hurl Axis from Gap

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 24 (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's army, badly mauled from a major defeat at the hands of battle-toughened American and British troops, today withdrew shattered armored columns toward Feriana in southern Tunisia under a hail of shell fire and bombardment from hundreds of allied planes.

At the same time Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army surged with increasing power at axis defenses in southern Tunisia.

Earlier dispatches from allied headquarters said the Germans had been hurled back to the western end of the Kasserine gap in western Tunisia—a retreat of at least 14 miles—and the newest report may mean that Rommel had been forced, or was being forced out of the pass, toward Feriana, farther south.

(The British radio, in a broadcast recorded by CBS, quoted its correspondent with Montgomery as saying "big artillery duels are taking place between the eighth army's spearheads, just a few miles from the Mareth line, and the axis guns, probably firing from the main belt of the enemy fortifications.")

(A DNB radio report heard by the Associated Press in London said reconnaissance units of the eighth army, had pushed to the area southeast of the Chott El Djerid, the great salt lake whose eastern extremity is only 20 miles from Gabes on the east Tunisian coast.)

The German chieftain is in full retreat, field reports said today, after his tanks had surged to within three miles of Thala, key road junction to the upper plains of Kasserine, and his battered armor was reported attempting to make a stand only three miles from the mouth of the twisting gap from which he sallied for his attempts to crack the allied front in Tunisia.

Italians Trapped
(Rommel) thus had been forced to drop back at least 14 miles from the highwater mark of his advance. Thala is 25 miles north of Kasserine. The Kasserine Pass is five or six miles long and is northwest of Kasserine.

(Rommel) still was 53 or 54 miles west of the starting point of his offensive at Faid Pass, however.

(A Reuters dispatch from allied headquarters said a battalion of about 1000 Italians had been trapped in another pass, leading toward Siliana, about 70 miles northeast of Kasserine. French Moroccan troops let the Italians enter and then closed in, the dispatch said, while a Scottish regiment blocked another exit.

(A Berlin broadcast recorded in London said fighting for the southeast area of the Atlas mountains had temporarily halted after axis troops had killed 4500 allied troops and wounded or captured 15,500 more. There was no confirmation of these figures from allied sources.)

An allied headquarters communique said the backwash of the Rommel thrust began early (Continued on Page Seven)

Both memorials, which apply to Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese aliens, go to the house.

The vote on the deportation measure, which also would cancel the American citizenship of Japanese, was 21 to 9. The ballot on the other memorial was 16 to 14.

Tax Bill
Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, who sponsored both memorials, said the government can't tell which Japanese are loyal and which are not, so the best thing would be to deport them all. Sen. Irving Rand, Portland, said "We couldn't tell (Continued on Page Seven)

RAF, Possibly American Planes, Head for France

FOLKESTONE, England, Feb. 24 (AP)—RAF and possibly American planes swept across Dover strait late this afternoon headed in the direction of Pas de Calais. Most of the formations were so high they could not be seen.

Action Urged on Victory Gardeners As Food Supply Picture Grows Darker

Produce more! Preserve more! This is the 1943 battlecry of Victory gardeners who are urged to utilize every inch of available space as the coming year looms dark for Mr. and Mrs. America Consumer and all the little Consumers.

Representatives of various agricultural departments of the county gathered at the chamber of commerce Tuesday and heard Thomas Onsdorff, associate professor, food industries, Oregon State college, take the food picture apart and put it back together again. In a nut shell the advice is this:

"Produce more, preserve more, live on perishable foods in season so that conservative articles may be available to every family in the non-producing seasons."

Consumers who consider that the outlook might come from more than average pessimistic sources are advised by Onsdorff that figures such as these tell a more potent story.

Average foods available will be cut to something like one-fourth the 1942 supply.

The army will take more than one-half of the canned foods. Some non-essential foods, delicacies for example will not be grown.

Foods will be picked and canned as fast as it is possible to obtain the labor. Foods high in caloric content must go to the fighting fronts. Folks on the home front will be offered the same number of calories but they will not be so easily obtained unless there is home canning, drying or preserving.

Material turned down last year by the army and navy is being taken this year. Best material will go to the armed forces, the odd sizes will be for civilian consumption. There will be no frills!

Dairy products are to be next

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