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U. S. AIRMEN PLASTER NAZI PORT

Rommel Retreats Toward Sea

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE verdict of the week's developments in Tunisia seems to be that Rommel tried and failed.

He failed because he lacked strength.

It was a bold try—made in line with the best textbook principles.

He had strong enemies in his front and in his rear. So, instead of waiting for them to hit him BOTH AT ONCE he hit ONE of them HARD before the other could get into action.

He concentrated maximum strength at a chosen point and punched through.

Both are sound military rules, well tested by time and experience.

HE punched through twice—once at the Faid pass and again at the Kasserine gap.

The country in which the week's fighting has taken place is a series of high valleys separated by ranges of hills—roughly similar to the high desert country of southeastern Oregon and northeastern California. There are passes through the hills.

Rommel struck first at the Faid pass and broke through into the valley beyond, which was held too lightly by our forces. He drove us out. Then, quickly reorganizing, he struck again at the Kasserine gap, hoping (one guesses) to penetrate into the wider valley to the west, where, by cutting our communication lines, he could cause all kinds of grief.

HIS momentum carried him through the eight-mile-long Kasserine gap, but wasn't sufficient to carry him into the valley beyond. He was stopped at the western end of the pass, and today's dispatches indicate that he has been driven clear back through it.

He just didn't have strength enough to finish what he started.

THE thing to watch now is whether Rommel can be squeezed between Alexander's army pushing down from the north and Montgomery's army pushing up from the south—the squeeze that Rommel has been trying to prevent.

MEANWHILE Ross Munro, correspondent of the Canadian Press in North Africa, reports today that U. S. air patrols flying over the Sicilian strait last night saw large axis convoys steaming toward Tunisia and also sighted FORTY large German transports landing troops at Bizerte.

That is to say, the Germans are rushing in reinforcements.

CONTINUOUS air fighting is reported in Burma. The RAF is steadily shooting up Jap river craft, railroad trains and key towns. In other words, raiding Jap communications.

Such activity is apt to be the prelude to harder ground fighting.

IN India, wizened little Gandhi still refuses to eat and still lives.

What will happen if he dies is anybody's guess. The conviction seems to be growing that the wisest thing for Britain to do is to hang tough and carry through the Indian policy she has started.

YOU may feel that Britain should give India what she wants.

Keep this in mind: WHO IS INDIA?

India is split up into factions, which can't get together to say what India wants. The Mohammedans (to mention only one faction) say they'll fight if the

HOUSE MULLS REDUCTION OF INCOME TAXES

Committee Still Divided On Oregon Issue

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives got two new proposals to reduce state income taxes from its taxation and revenue committee today, with the committee still divided on whether to make the reductions apply to this year's payments and on how big a reduction to make.

Here are the two proposals adopted by the committee this morning, with a vote expected by the house late today:

Blanket Reduction

Seven of the nine committee members advocated an average reduction of 11.62 per cent to begin with payments made next year, to be accomplished by taxing the first \$1000 of taxable income at 2 per cent, and increasing 1 per cent for each additional \$1000 until the 7 per cent rate is reached. The existing rate is 2 per cent for the first \$500, 3 per cent for the next \$500, and an additional 1 per cent for each \$1000 until 7 per cent is reached.

The other two committee members want a 15 per cent blanket reduction to apply this year, and a 20.81 per cent cut beginning next year. This latter cut would give a 50 per cent reduction to low-income groups, and smaller reductions for those in higher brackets. This plan is similar to the one defeated 39-21 yesterday, the only difference being that yesterday's proposal called

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MacArthur Clears Way for Assault On Salamaua

By The Associated Press

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American and Australian troops were reported clearing the way for a climactic offensive against the big Japanese base at Salamaua in New Guinea today while low-flying allied attack planes bombed and machine-gunned towns and trails in the Nubo region 12 miles below Salamaua.

Allied patrols in one sector killed 60 Japanese stragglers, it was reported.

In the skies, United Nations airmen blasted the Japanese shipping center at Rabaul, New Britain, for the fourth night in a row.

Ranging over the searchlight-flooded harbor for two hours,

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Union Head Warns Boeing Workers Not to Strike

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—Harold J. Gibson, district council union president, today warned Boeing Aircraft company workers not to stop work at 12:30 a. m. Monday when the "deadline" expires on their demand that the war labor board reach a decision on their long-pending wage increase requests.

"There will be no work stoppage and no strike," he predicted. "There wasn't supposed to be a work stoppage yesterday, but the workers just quit to go to the union meeting."

He said the 24-hour general meeting scheduled Monday if no WLB decision is reached, does not contemplate a plant close-down.

"No one need stop working. Workers on the night shift can go to the day meeting. Those at work in the day can go to the

Allied Tanks, Planes Turn Rommel



Nazi armored units turned in retreat in central Tunisia as battered American forces, bolstered by 40-ton British Churchill tanks and waves of allied planes, charged back at the Germans in the vicinity of Thala and Kasserine gap. In the south, the British eighth army continued a two-pronged frontal and flanking movement along the German-held Mareth line.

41,000 Register Here for Ration Book Two; Fremont, County Continue Sign-Up

Registration for ration book 2 has outrun all advance estimates here, with approximately 41,000 already registered against a 1940 census population of the county of 40,497.

Registration will close at all city schools except Fremont at 8 p. m. tonight, but will continue at Fremont and at county schools on Saturday.

Eugene Larsen, secretary of the war price and rationing board, made the estimate that 41,000 had registered in the county, and said that the number applying for ration book 2 far exceeds those who obtained book 1.

Larsen said that here, as elsewhere,

where supplies of ration books are running short.

The board secretary said that persons who fail to register by closing time Saturday will make application for books at the board offices, beginning on March 10.

Larsen said that an "amazing number" of new babies have received ration book No. 2.

Banking Group Votes Costs Into Farm Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The house banking committee voted today to require the inclusion of increased farm labor costs in computing prices deemed fair to farmers, a step far beyond a measure accepted by administration leaders with "some trepidation" of soaring costs to consumers.

Offered by Rep. Brown (D-Ga.), the larger measure stipulates that in calculating parity prices, allowance shall be made for the increased cost of farm labor since the 1909-14 period, the base period generally used in determining fair levels.

These costs would include compensation for all who worked on a farm "on the basis of the national average of rates of pay received by hired farm workers."

Such legislation has been opposed by President Roosevelt and others in his administration on the ground that it would add billions of dollars to the nation's food bill and thus lead to the "runaway inflation" which Majority Leader Barkley said

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Spud Handlers Authorized to Add Tax to Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Handlers of potatoes, onions and bananas were authorized by the office of price administration yesterday to add to their prices the cost of the federal three per cent transportation tax. The tax may be figured in on the price whether the price is based on a shipping point or on a delivery point.

NAZIS FORCED FROM VITAL TUNISIAN GAP

Hitler Command Admits Loss of Initiative

By ROGER GREENE

Associated Press War Editor
Adolf Hitler's high command tacitly admitted loss of the initiative in the battle of central Tunisia today, reporting that "our offensive operations have been concluded," and a bulletin from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced that the strategic Kasserine pass was now in allied hands.

"British and American infantry, supported by tanks, successfully attacked enemy rear guards and forced the withdrawal of all enemy forces still in the pass," the allied communique said.

Rommel Retreats

High ground northeast and southwest of the pass was captured by the advancing allies, the communique reported.

Overhead, allied warplanes swept across the whole front and bombed German-held Gafsa, 53 miles south of Kasserine, and Bizerte, the axis naval base in the north.

As the victorious Americans and British raced in pursuit, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was reported falling back with his battered tank forces toward the sea, leaving hapless Italian rear guards to bear the weight of the allied counter-offensive.

May Turn South

Other allied columns advanced 10 to 15 miles in the Sliba sector, 33 miles northeast of Kasserine, and were reported threatening German positions at Ouseltia, 40 miles farther to the northeast.

It was not immediately clear whether Rommel was falling back directly toward the Gulf of Gabes coast, across the 150-mile "waist" of Tunisia, or was turning southeast to combat mounting pressure by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th army against the Mareth line in southern Tunisia. In any event, dispatches said the battered nazis offered an increasingly easy target for bombing and strafing by hundreds of allied

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Capt. Denton Rees Is Prisoner of War In Philippines

Captain Denton Rees, Klamath dentist, is a prisoner of war in the Philippines, it was learned here Friday.

This is the first definite word received concerning Captain Rees since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. He was wounded in early action at Manila, and was in a hospital on Bataan. Two days after his release from the hospital, he was bombed.

Word received here came from his wife, Kay, who is at Oregon City. She reports to friends here she had received a telegram from the government telling her Captain Rees was a prisoner, interned in the islands.

Ten Killed as Four-Motored Bomber Crashes

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 26 (AP)—A four-motored bomber from the Casper army air base crashed about 30 miles northwest of Glenrock, Wyo., last night, killing the 10 members of its crew, the air base public relations office announced today.

The plane was on a routine training flight. Cause of the crash is being investigated by officers from the base.

The names of the victims were withheld pending notification of the next of kin.



She is 'Exhibit A'
Mrs. Mary Monroe, (above), was offered by her attorney in Los Angeles as "exhibit A" in refutation of her husband's charge in his divorce complaint that she lacks glamor. Edwin R. Monroe, aircraft company executive, testified she often ate breakfast in night dress, failed to care for her hair and did not dress as befitted their station.

Trap Closing Around Nazis In Caucasus

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Closing a trap about the remnants of the German Caucasus army huddled in Novorossisk and wedged against Kerch strait, the red army smashed into the railway town of Angelinskaya, about 60 miles northeast of Novorossisk, and then took Slonimskaya, a few miles south, in a bloody battle, the Russian noon communique said today.

The drive, 40 miles northwest of Krasnodar, apparently was progressing down the railway from Timachevskaya, previously recaptured, to Novorossisk.

Hundreds Die

West of Krasnodar, Russian columns were said to be pushing past Mingrelskaya, 33 miles from Novorossisk, and at Akhtirskaya, only 25 miles from the coast. Hundreds of dead were left in the streets of Slonimskaya after an all-night battle, the noon communique declared.

The advance was coupled in the war bulletin with a declaration that wave after wave of German counterattacks with tanks and motorized infantry had been repulsed southwest of Kramatorsk, in the Donets basin north of Stalingo, and that one red army unit had wiped out more than a battalion of enemy infantry. The broadcast was recorded here by the soviet radio monitor.

House Gets School Investment Bill

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house today a bill to permit Klamath county school district No. 1 to invest its funds either in war bonds or at the best interest rate obtainable. The law now requires the district investments return six per cent interest.

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SEVEN BOMBERS MISSING AFTER DAYLIGHT RAID

Wilhelmshaven Gets Lambasting; RAF Hits in South

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP)—United States bombers raided the German port of Wilhelmshaven by daylight today. Seven of the craft were reported missing.

This was the third attack by American bombers on German soil and the second on Wilhelmshaven.

Communique

A joint air ministry and U. S. army communique said:

"Flying Fortresses and Liberators today made their second daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven, Germany."

"This was the third attack by American bombers on German soil."

"Bombs were seen to hit Wilhelmshaven docks."

"Considerable enemy opposition was encountered on the way into the target, over the target and for some distance over the North sea on the way home."

Seven Missing

"RAF fighters covered the bombers for the latter part of the return journey."

"Seven bombers are missing," Gladwin Hill, 28-year-old Associated Press war correspondent, flew with the raiders and returned safely. Hill, whose home is at Wellesley, Mass., was one of the eight American correspondents who recently underwent special training to prepare them for bombing assignments.

Hill's eyewitness account was not released immediately.

Wave after wave of four-mo-

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U. S. Bombers Lambast Japs in Kiska, Solomons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—American aerial attacks on Japanese positions in both the Solomon and Aleutian islands were reported today by the navy which said fires were started during one raid in the Solomons.

Navy communique No. 292:

"North Pacific:

"1. On February 23, U. S. bombers, with fighter escort, attacked Japanese positions at Kiska. Clouds prevented observation of results."

"South Pacific: "(All dates are East Longitude.)

"2. On February 25:

"(A) Dauntless dive bombers (Douglas), with Lightning (Lockheed-P-38) and Wildcat (Grumman F4F) escort, bombed Japan."

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Klamath Crop, Livestock Production Up \$2,665,637

Total crop increase in the Klamath basin for the year 1942 reached \$1,844,937, and total crop and livestock production was upped \$2,665,637, according to figures issued from the office of C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent.

Comparative figures over which the farmer likes to pore, went something like this:

Total crops, 1941, \$9,897,900; 1942, \$11,742,837.

Total crop and livestock production, 1941, \$13,698,900; 1942, \$16,364,537.

Acresage increase did not contribute as much to higher figures as did price increase, it was learned following a check on this year's report.

In 1942, sheepmen ran 54,000 ewes which brought in \$439,600, as compared to 1941, when 80,000 ewes were counted in this county. They brought in \$513,000 to local sheep growers. This was one of the few 1941 figures above 1942.

Beef figures were identical, 62,000 for each of the past two years. Last year beef brought \$2,093,700; 1941, \$1,701,500.

Dairy figures were down slightly with 7000 cows reported last year with a resultant

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