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NORTH TUNISIAN BATTLE FLAMES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news from the fighting fronts (what little there is of it) is good today.

The news from the home front isn't so good.

ONE of the senate's numerous investigating committees is said (in a Washington dispatch) to be convinced that America's 1943 military armament and food production targets are BEYOND OUR MANPOWER RANGE.

Meaning, that is, that there won't be enough men and women left at home to do the job.

So this senate committee is going to "explore the possibilities" of CUTTING DOWN THE ARMED FORCES in order to keep more men at home to do the job here.

THIS writer thinks these senate committees are wrong in their conclusions.

The home front job (making weapons, producing food, etc.) isn't beyond our CAPACITY to work.

It is just beyond our WILLINGNESS to work.

IF we all worked here to the extent that everybody is working in England, there would be NO manpower shortage on the American home front.

If we all worked to the extent that our men on the fighting fronts are working, there would be a SURPLUS of manpower.

BARNEY ROSS, the Marine who accounted single-handed for 22 Japs on Guadalcanal, who is home on leave, says today in San Diego:

"I wish the American people could know without having to go through with it what it takes to fight this war.

"I wish they could see their boys living in fox holes that are muddy, fighting land crabs, mosquitoes, malaria and dysentery in addition to the Japs; not changing their clothes for days and talking about home all the time they are fighting."

IF we could see that with our own eyes, there'd be no more talk, in congress or elsewhere, about a shortage of manpower on the home front.

ROMMEL, stopped at the Kassarine pass, is retreating, burning stores and blowing up airports as he goes.

Today's dispatches say the main body of his armored force is fleeing southward toward Gafsa, where they can either retire to the coast or be ready to meet a thrust by Montgomery coming up from the south.

Montgomery is Rommel's big worry.

THERE is other encouraging news from Africa.

As Rommel retreats, Von Arnim strikes far to the north, clear up toward Medjez el Bab and Mateur (see your map), hoping to catch the British short of tanks after sending armored forces south to stop Rommel.

The British WEREN'T SHORT. They stopped Von Arnim in his tracks, smashing seven of his tanks and losing only one of their own.

THAT is to say, we didn't have to weaken our line dangerously at one point in order to stop Rommel at another point.

IN Russia, the Germans are fighting back harder and the Russians, wading deep snow in the north and sticky mud in the south, are advancing more slowly.

That suggests that the Germans are nearing the new line they hope to hold.

WATCH this situation as it develops.

If the Germans hold on their new line, it will be one thing.

If they FAIL to hold, and the Russians break through again, it will be something altogether

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HOUSE VOTES 46-12 TO CUT INCOME TAXES

Senate Gets Measure; Big Scrap Indicated

SALEM, Feb. 27 (P)—The Oregon senate, on the 48th day of the legislative session, finally got the explosive income tax reduction issue today, the house having voted last night 46 to 12 to reduce the tax 10 per cent this year and 11.62 per cent beginning next year.

Last night's vote, taken in the house's first night meeting, followed two torrid days of debate.

Three Proposals There were indications that the senate might have just as big a scrap, as several senators don't want any reduction, and others want a bigger one.

The house considered three proposals last night by its taxation and revenue committee, all providing for the 11.62 per cent reduction starting next year, but differing as to the reduction on payments made this year.

Law in June The house first voted 32 to 26 against a 15 per cent cut this year, and then voted 36 to 22 against leaving this year's taxes unchanged. The third vote was the 46-12 ballot for a 10 per cent cut this year.

If the senate favors a reduction this year, the tax commission will have to make thousands of refunds. The bill would become law in June, and tax returns to be filed by April 1, when first half payments also are due.

Stay On the Job, Leaders Warn Boeing Workers

SEATTLE, Feb. 27 (P)—Leaders of the AFL union at the Boeing aircraft plants today admonished workers against leaving their jobs Monday to join in the protest against what they contend is an undue delay by the war labor board in deciding the west coast aircraft wage case.

The district council of the Aeronautical Mechanics' union issued a statement to members, inviting them to attend an around-the-clock meeting Monday, if a favorable labor board decision is not returned by Sunday midnight, but added:

"You are instructed that no one is to leave his post in the plants of the Boeing company to attend this meeting."

The protest against delayed labor board decision brought a work stoppage of nearly three hours Thursday afternoon.

Manpower Needs May Cut Down Military Strength

By JOHN H. WIGGINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (P)—Convinced that the nation's 1943 military armament and food production targets are beyond the manpower range, a senate investigating committee explored the possibility of cutting armed service expansion by one to three million men.

Despite assertion from an army deputy chief of staff that reduction of the army's 8,200,000 goal by 1,000,000 would make "probability" of losing the war "much greater," committee members instructed War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt to prepare plans portraying effects of varying decreases in military strength.

These plans, a member of a senate appropriations subcommittee said, are expected to show feasibility of limiting the projected armed service size of 10,700,000 this year to 10,000,000 men, 9,400,000 of even 8,000,000.

Should it appear possible to



Miss Vera Anderson was named winner after a yard-wide search for the champion woman welder at the Ingalls shipyard at Pascagoula, Miss. She will meet the champion at the Henry Kaiser Oregon Shipbuilding corporation at Portland to find the champion in the first intercoastal woman welders' contest.

White Collar Workers Will Have to Pitch in On Klamath's Harvest

Beating swords into plow shares will have nothing on the white collar man who will have to lay down pen and pencil and pick up a hoe this year. For the first time in Klamath county history the harvest will not be left to competent farm hands, but to the non-essential workers such as office men, upper bracket high school students, the housewife with a spare weekend on her hands, and to visiting aunts and uncles.

C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent, with seven other representative Klamath residents, attended a meeting of farm labor committees and county USDA war boards of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties, held Thursday in Medford. The meeting was called to discuss and make plans for farm labor supply for planting, cultivating and harvesting crops in the three southern Oregon counties in 1943.

L. R. Breithaupt, agricultural economist, Oregon State college extension service, acted as chairman of the meeting. Non-essential workers who go into the fields this coming harvest season will find a well-balanced program worked out for them. Uppermost in the minds of those outlining the program is supervision. Especially is this suggested for young people and the family unit, the latter considered one of the new essentials.

Henderson pointed out that Klamath's agricultural set-up differs from many sections of the state, but starting with the July haying season, workers will go right straight through harvesting grains, potatoes and then the small seeds. Late October usually ends the harvest period in this section.

Assistance from the military will not be expected in Klamath county this year, the soldiers probably detailed to fields near their own camps.

The agenda of Thursday's meeting was discussion of the following topics, preparation of 1943 program outline, conduct regular farmhand survey, conduct 4-H Victory Garden Program.

Organization of the 4-H Victory program in Klamath county will get underway Monday, March 1, according to announcement made Saturday by C. C. Jenkins 4-H club agent. Where there were 200 Victory gardens filled by 4-H'ers last year, it is hoped that the 500 mark will be reached in 1943 as the Food for Freedom project finds firm support among the boys and girls of the county.

The program embraces gardening, food preservation, livestock raising including poultry, rabbits, sheep and pigs, Jenkins stated.

There will be student body meetings for those of the fifth grade and on through senior year. G. R. Hyslop, head of the plant industries department, Oregon State college, will discuss the garden project, L. J. Allen, assistant state leader, livestock program, and Winnifred Gillen, Klamath county home demonstration agent, foods preservation.

Meetings will be one hour in length, Jenkins stated and will follow this program: Monday, March 1—Bonanza, (Continued on Page Four)

Airmen Batter Germany

Mine Explosion Traps 75, Kills Two in Montana

BEAR CREEK, Mont., Feb. 27 (P)—Two men were killed and 75 trapped about 500 feet below the surface in the Smith Coal company mine here today.

Three others, critically injured, were brought out. Several hours after the accident, Mine Manager Bill Romex said, no contact had been made with the trapped miners.

Dense fumes pouring from the mine entrance prevented rescue workers from going inside. They awaited the arrival of trained rescue squads being flown from (Continued on Page Four)

FURIOUS BATTLE ON FOR DONETS

Nazis Hurl Powerful Force Into Counter Assault

LONDON, Feb. 27 (P)—A furious battle was reported in progress in the Donets basin of southern Russia today as Adolf Hitler sought to stem the disastrous defeats his troops have suffered by throwing all available tanks into a series of counter assaults in the Kramatorsk region 120 miles northwest of Rostov.

The Russians said they were holding these attacks and taking a new toll of German men and equipment.

More Nazi Tanks The mid-day communique of the soviet information bureau as recorded by the soviet radio monitor here said all counterattacks had been repulsed. After killing 1000 Germans in a two-day struggle, the red army forces added another 300 nazis to this death toll overnight, the communique said.

Eighty miles east of Kramatorsk, in the Voroshilovgrad region, more German tanks were thrown against the Russian tide, but six of those were destroyed and the soviet tankmen routed a battalion of motorized infantry and advanced, it was announced.

The Germans, it was stated, are trying to break through to a large populated place in the Kramatorsk area, but the place was not identified.

"Big Truck Bill" Without Teeth Passed by Senate

SALEM, Feb. 27 (P)—The senate passed 28 to 1 and sent to the house a "big truck bill" without teeth, which merely would permit the state highway commission to do what it has been doing in allowing trucks over 50 feet long and 34,000 pounds in weight to travel on state highways during the war.

The house had killed 45 to 15 a bill to make permanent limits of 60 feet and 71,000 pounds, the same limits provided in the highway commission's temporary order.

48 House Members Named to Settle Farm Problems

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (P)—A committee of 48 members of the house, representing every state, was created today to confer with President Roosevelt on agricultural problems.

The committee was authorized by a bi-partisan meeting attended by some 75 representatives. As proposed by Rep. O'Connor (D-Mont.), it will include members of the house agriculture committee. State delegations will appoint members to represent each state which has no one on the agriculture committee.

ALL BOMBERS RETURN FROM WIDE FORAYS

Fortress of Europe Pounded for 48 Hours

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 27—Flying Fortresses and Liberator bombers of the U. S. eighth air force bombed harbor installations of Brest and British Venturas poured explosives on the docks of Dunkerque today as the allies carried their aerial assault against the continent through its 48th hour.

Squadrons of RAF and allied fighters covered the four-motored American aircraft for the Brest operation, authorities announced. All the bombers returned. Four of the fighters are missing from the two operations.

Weather Good The daylight actions followed a heavy RAF blow by night at Cologne.

An air ministry communique said the weather was good and that bursts were seen on the quays and shipping at Dunkerque. Two of the enemy fighters that rose to challenge the American-built Venturas were reported destroyed.

Speedy RAF Whirlwind bombers escorted by Spitfire fighters were reported to have bombed an enemy airfield at Maupertuis, France, as the allied offensive steadily mounted in scope.

Flying high in brilliant sunshine, squadron after squadron swung across the channel coast without any letup in mounting assaults.

France Raided Authorities said that British planes alone had carried out more than 2000 sorties for a total flying distance of some 1, (Continued on Page Four)

Gandhi Hangs On Through 18th Day Of 21-Day Fast

BOMBAY, Feb. 27 (P)—A government communique said today there was very little change in the condition of Mohandas K. Gandhi, now in the 18th day of a 21-day fast undertaken in an effort to obtain his unconditional release from internment at Poona.

"He is somewhat apathetic and not quite so cheerful," the bulletin said.

Do You Get Scared on a Bombing Raid? No, Says Correspondent Who Was There

Editor's Note: Gladwin Hill, 26, a native of Wellesley, Mass., was among American war correspondents in England who underwent two weeks of intensive training to prepare for a bombing raid on high-altitude targets in Germany.

Yesterday's heavy daylight assault on Wilhelmshaven, huge German submarine base, gave the members of the "Writing with" their first opportunity to put their training into practice. One of them, Robert Post of the New York Times, failed to return.

By GLADWIN HILL A UNITED STATES BOMBER BASE SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Feb. 27 (P)—Do you get scared going on a bombing raid over Germany? The answer is no, though you may have qualms if you reflect on the possible hazards.

It is thrilling, yet at the same time surprisingly prosaic in the business-like efficiency with which it is executed. We were under attack by German fighters and intense anti-aircraft fire for nearly two hours in the course of our attack on Wilhelmshaven yesterday, yet from the viewpoint of our ship the raid was less eventful than many a peacetime auto trip.

The biggest kick of the day was the moment of the take-off,

Point Ration Sign-Up Ends At 8 Tonight

Point rationing sign-ups will close here at 8 p. m. tonight, when it is expected nearly all Klamath county residents will have ration book No. 2. Those who have failed to sign up will wait until March 10, when they can register at the ration board offices.

Registration continued Saturday in most county schools and at the Fremont school in town.

Eugene Larsen, ration board secretary, said that supplies of books are short, but "it looks as (Continued on Page Four)

FIRES STARTED AT JAP MUNDA BASE

MacArthur Men Carry On Air War Over Pacific

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (P)—American dive bombers started "many fires" in a heavy raid on the Japanese air base at Munda in the central Solomons, the navy announced today.

The report that numerous blazes were observed after the dive bomber raid on Munda was unusual. Navy communique on Munda attacks usually say either that results were not observed or else that only one of two fires were seen.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Feb. 27 (P)—Allied airmen scored a direct hit and two near misses with 500-pound bombs on a Japanese merchant vessel in the harbor of Wewak, in northern New Guinea, in wide ranging attacks on enemy shipping, air fields and supply lines on that island and nearby New Britain, an allied headquarters communique said today.

The communique said "heavy damage" was inflicted on the supply ship while other allied planes scored "damaging near misses" on three smaller Japanese vessels of 1000 tons or less at Powell Point, New Britain.

Bomber Crashes Into Mess Hall; Kills Waitress

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27 (P)—A 2-motor army bomber crashed through the roof of a mess hall at the edge of the Municipal air field today, killing a waitress. She was Leona Childers, who had been at work only 10 minutes.

The plain, witnesses said, apparently was caught in a crosswind while landing.

Four men were aboard the plane but none were believed critically injured.

They concentrated on the rear of our formation, and the exclamations of the gunners over the interphone sounded like a radio account of a hockey game. Our crew didn't claim any fighters shot down, but they kept the enemy at a distance, which was more important.

As Major Preston guided the formation over the target I saw the docks of Wilhelmshaven sticking out into the river like fingers. Then the bombardier, Lieut. Charles Malec of Omaha, Neb., pushed a button, and it wasn't until he called to Preston that I realized our bombs had fallen. It was an expedition of close shaves.

The Fortress "Southern Comfort," which has missed nine of 16 raids because she was shot up so badly on the other seven, got back almost on schedule this time although a four-foot square was clipped right out of the main rudder by shrapnel.

"That old North sea looked wider than the Atlantic," Pilot Lieut. Hugh Ashcroft said. "I (Continued on Page Four)