

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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JAP ARMAVA MASSES IN PACIFIC

Rommel Gains 3 Miles

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE Germans are still on the prod in Tunisia. They attacked all day Sunday along a 65-mile front, and at one point they gained three miles. Today's dispatches tell us that along this front an allied air assault left "bloody chaos" in the German ranks.

LOCATE Medjez el Bab on your map. (You will find it just west and a little south of Tunis.) Note its relation to railroads and highways.

It lies at the head of a valley that is the historic main gate to Tunis and Bizerte, which are located roughly on the site of the ancient city-state of Carthage. There has been fighting in this general area for more than 25 centuries that we know of, and always the general area of Medjez el Bab has been a strategic point.

Watch ANY fighting in this area. It will be important. The Germans will take Medjez el Bab if they can. We won't give it up unless we have to.

MONTGOMERY is reported today at Mareth, in the Mareth line defenses. Mareth is only 43 miles from Gabes, where the coastal route ("passable terrain" is the military term you will see in the dispatches) narrows to a 20-mile bottleneck between the Mediterranean and the Chott Djerid salt lake.

MONTGOMERY's objective is to break through these defenses and squeeze Rommel from the south. Rommel's purpose is to HOLD MONTGOMERY BACK as long as possible.

Montgomery (from whom we have heard little lately) may be undertaking to FLANK the Mareth defenses, going through the difficult country to the west and north instead of storming the narrow Mareth-Gabes gate. Anyway, the thing to watch is whether or not Montgomery can break through to put the squeeze on Rommel.

RECALL the story of the American patrol plane whose pilot reported seeing large German convoys crossing the Sicilian strait and another large German convoy UNLOADING at Bizerte. You may be sure the Germans are rushing in all the reinforcements they can lay hands on and can GET THERE.

THERE'S an exciting note today in the news from the Pacific.

MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reports that the Japs are massing "great forces of troops and powerful armadas of ships and planes" in their island bases to the north of Australia, all the way around from the Solomons to the Dutch East Indies.

He says the Japs may be either planning to attack us or expecting us to attack them.

AT the same time Admiral Nimitz, who commands our naval forces in the Pacific, says in connection with a statement on the coming Red Cross drive that our navy is now ready to start a drive TOWARD JAPAN ITSELF.

He adds: "Our job is to destroy the enemy's ships and planes and neutralize his island strong points as we drive toward the positions from which we can reach with our shells and bombs his INDUSTRIAL nerve centers."

NOTE the timing of MacArthur's and Nimitz's statements. (Continued on Page Two)

MORE ARRESTS OF EVACUEES MADE SUNDAY

Two Beatings Revealed in Connection With Registration

Additional arrests of evacuees at Tulelake war relocation project were made Sunday, and today it was disclosed that two beatings had occurred on the project in connection with trouble over registration of evacuees for job clearance and military service.

Twelve men, described as suspected ring-leaders of the agitation against registration, were brought to the county jail here at 5 a. m. Sunday.

Both Men Harvey Coverly, director of the project, disclosed that 13 men were arrested Friday and Saturday and removed to Alturas, in connection with two beatings administered upon loyal evacuees who were outspoken in urging other evacuees to register.

Assault charges were filed in Alturas in connection with the alleged beatings. He said that the beaten persons were both men, and that one of them received hospital treatment.

No Trouble The men arrested Sunday morning are Kibel, evacuees who were born in this country but returned to Japan for their education and Issei, people born in Japan.

Coverly said the arrests were made without trouble by internal (Continued on Page Two)

Count on Point Rationing Here Expected Soon

An exact count of point rationing registration in Klamath county will be made in a few days, according to Eugene Larsen, secretary of the county rationing board. He said reports are now coming in from outside districts, but that until all are in no specific figure can be given.

Larsen last week estimated the registration at 41,000. A count on city registration is expected Tuesday.

Larsen said that there are still many people living in woods camps, etc., who have not registered. They may register at the war price and ration board offices on March 10.

Klamath people began buying on a point rationing basis Monday, and at the same time there was a notable increase in purchasing of fruit jars for fruit and vegetable canning this summer.

House Completes Action On Tax Reduction Plan

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr. SALEM, March 1 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives completed action today on its tax-reduction program, passing without opposition and sending to the senate a bill to reduce corporation income tax revenues about 10 per cent.

The house also passed 34 to 25 and sent to the senate the measure to give cities 5 per cent of the state's motor vehicle revenues when the total revenues exceed \$11,000,000 a year. The money, sought for many years by the League of Oregon Cities, would be used to maintain city streets.

The legislature will begin work tomorrow without pay, today being the 50th and last day on

McNutt Opposes Compulsory Labor Draft

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—Disagreeing with Secretary of War Stimson, War Manpower Commissioner McNutt today voiced opposition to compulsory labor-draft legislation at this time.

"There is too much talk about forcing people to do many things," McNutt told a press conference.

He declined to discuss Stimson's endorsement of the Austin-Wadsworth bill, which would permit drafting civilians for war work, beyond saying: "We're both individuals and should be expected to say what we both think."

McNutt asserted the "voluntary system" of attacking the manpower problem through indirect penalties against those who refuse to comply with his program is "being tried with a measure of success."

RAF SWAMPS SUB BASE AT NAZAIRE

Five Bombers Missing From Raid on West Germany

LONDON, March 1 (AP)—Royal air force bombers smashed "very heavily" at the submarine base at St. Nazaire, France, and targets in western Germany last night, it was announced officially today.

More than 1,000 tons of explosives were declared to have been lost on St. Nazaire, in a 30-minute attack, swamping defenses of the much-bombed submarine base and shipbuilding yard.

Five bombers were missing from the raid, which carried through the fourth night the non-stop allied aerial offensive against Germany and the axis-occupied continental countries.

With last night's attack the allied bombers closed out February as a month of assaults unequalled since the start of the war.

St. Nazaire was left aflame and shrouded in smoke. The (Continued on Page Two)

Second Major Fund Drive Announced By Morgenthau

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau announced today that the treasury's second major fund drive of this war would be opened on April 12, with a minimum of \$13,000,000,000 as the goal.

The secretary told his press conference that presidents of all federal reserve banks had been summoned to Washington today to discuss final plans for the greatest financing campaign in the nation's history.

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which legislators are paid their \$8 a day. They hope to adjourn by next Saturday, the 55th day of the session.

The corporation income tax reduction bill provides that corporations paying the tax shall have their personal property tax offset increased from 50 to 75 per cent. The bill would give the greatest reduction to lumber companies and other firms which carry large amounts of personal property in their inventories. Firms such as financial institutions, which have little taxable personal property, would get little or no reduction.

The other tax-reduction bills would reduce the personal income tax 10 per cent this year (Continued on Page Two)

MIGHTY EFFORT MADE TO CRACK NORTHERN LINE

Bad Weather Restricts Action in Southern Tunisia

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 1 (AP)—Axis attacks toward Beja, in northern Tunisia, were disclosed today to have progressed three miles beyond Sidi Nsir, which is 18 miles northeast of Beja and 40 miles west of Tunis, despite great losses inflicted by allied ground and air forces.

This disclosure came shortly after an allied headquarters communique announced that enemy attacks in the north generally were on a reduced scale but that northeast of Beja the axis thrust in tanks and infantry all day in an effort to pierce allied positions.

Full Nazi Weight Bad weather restricted operations in the south but Flying Fortresses carried out one of the heaviest raids of the campaign on Cagliari, axis supply port, where four ships were reported hit.

The Germans hurled their full weight into the Beja thrust after being thrown back initially, it was stated, and allied forward units fought to the last man, taking a heavy toll, before ground was given.

French Stubborn Air support by RAF Spitfires and Hurricane fighter-bombers was described as "magnificent" and pilots reported scores of hits on six-wheeled armored cars, tanks and trucks on crowded roads in the Medjez-el-Bab, Bou Arada and Pont Du Fahs areas.

French resistance at Medjez-el-Bab, southeast of Beja, and along the Mediterranean was described as particularly stubborn.

Next Danger The exact position of the allied line remained in doubt but it was apparent from the three days of steady attack that the Germans had not been able to make a definite break in the allied battlefront.

Fuel Dealers to Register Supplies With OPA Soon

SEATTLE, March 1 (AP)—Fuel dealers in Washington, Oregon and ten counties in Idaho will have to register supplies with the OPA soon under ration order No. 14 which covers all firewood from kindling to sawdust, James C. Scully, regional rationing representative, announced Saturday.

Under the new regulation, first of its kind in the country, nearly 4000 fuel dealers will furnish monthly data to the OPA. Date for the registration has not been set. Scully said the orders would not mean rationing of the wood, but gives Pacific coast OPA administrators the power to ration if necessary.

Five Killed in Transport Crash Near Texas Field

AUSTIN, Tex., March 1 (AP)—Four officers and one technical sergeant were killed last night when a transport from the Del Valle air base near here crashed and exploded on a routine flight three or four miles northeast of Municipal airport, the Del Valle public relations office announced.

The dead included Second Lieut. William F. Ernest, Vancouver, Wash.

How Big Is a Room?



Klamath Union high school students worked Monday through Thursday computing oil allotments and checking computations of applicants for fuel oil. The group was made up of selected students from commercial and mathematics classes. Some 3000 forms were checked and computed. Mrs. John Fowler, Mrs. Shannon and Ted Russell were faculty members in charge.

Reds Launch New Drive in North; Hit Snag in Donets As Nazi Defense Stiffens

LONDON, March 1 (AP)—The Russians announced a new offensive tonight on the northwest front between Moscow and Leningrad in which they said they had captured 32 inhabited places, including Zemlinskaya, and killed or captured 11,000 Germans.

It was the first special Russian communique in more than a week and was broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the soviet monitor.

Family of Five Found Dead on Lonely Ranch

AUBURN, Calif., March 1 (AP)—Dead for fourteen days, a family of five was found on a small ranch five miles from Loomis yesterday. The bodies of Amos Latschaw, 38, and his wife were found in a well. His parents and small son, all three of them shot, lay in a ranchhouse bedroom.

Dead besides Latschaw, were his wife Ollie, 39; his mother, Bertha, 55, his father, Charles, 57, and his son Charles, six.

Puzzled, Sheriff Charles H. Silva scheduled a series of autopsies and inquests here and at Roseville at the southern end of Placer county, nearer Loomis. He sought to determine "whether it was murder and suicide, or an outside job with the suspects still to be determined."

"All I know now," he commented, "is that the Latschaws didn't have many visitors."

The plight of unattended farm stock led to the discovery of the tragedy—one of the largest in Placer county since most of the Donner party starved to death in gold rush days.

A neighborhood noticed the emaciated bodies of dying calves, saw a dead cow in the barn, rabbits dead in their hutch, and called the sheriff's office. Deputy Sheriff Charles E. Dolce found the bodies.

Amos Latschaw, former operator of a roadhouse near Aburu, last December bought the old Kirk ranch near Loomis. That was where the tragedy occurred.

Deadline Extended For "Coupon Credit" Fuel Oil Buying

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The office of price administration today extended the deadline for "coupon credit" buying of fuel oil in Washington and Oregon from today to March 15.

In making the extension, OPA said some fuel oil rations had not yet been distributed in the two states.

20 PER CENT TAX ON SALARIES EYED

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The house ways and means subcommittee on pay-as-you-go taxation voted tentatively today to impose a 20 per cent withholding tax on taxable income of wage and salary earners, effective July 1, 1943.

The withholding levy, covering income and victory taxes, would not be a new tax but would establish a means of salary and wage reductions for accumulations against actual taxes computed at the year end.

Tentative Under the action, taxpayers would be required to remit the first and second installments of their 1942 taxes. The first installment is due March 15.

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week. These include businesses employing fewer than eight persons, state and political subdivisions, persons under 16 and those unavailable for full-time work because of other employment, household duties or physical disabilities.

The WMC Saturday night ordered a 48-hour week for the lumber industry and for metal mining other than iron throughout the nation. It was the first industry-wide application of the longer-hour program. Labor department estimates indicated it covered about 370,000 workers in lumber and 70,000 in mining.

Jack Almeter, manager of the U. S. employment service, said Monday that the 48-hour week would be of benefit to Klamath (Continued on Page Two)

MAIN STRENGTH BUNCHED NORTH OF AUSTRALIA

U. S. Bombers Rain Destruction on Base At Kiska

By The Associated Press The United Nations were put on notice by Gen. Douglas MacArthur today that the Japanese, who for months have not attempted any large-scale offensive enterprise, are concentrating their main strength in the ring of islands stretching for 2000 miles or more to the north of Australia.

Meanwhile, the navy said in Washington that heavy and medium bombers, with fighter escort, blasted at the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians Saturday and Sunday and hits were observed in the camp area in Sunday's raid. The navy also announced the sinking of a Japanese cargo ship when struck by bombs in the course of a heavy attack on the enemy-held Shortland island area of the northern Solomons.

Position in Readiness "Our air reconnaissance over the past weeks reports a constant and growing reinforcement in all categories of enemy strength in the island perimeter enveloping the upper half of Australia," said the allied headquarters communique issued in Australia.

"The enemy seems to be concentrating his main effort in preparation on this front. Such an assemblage of major force indicates he is taking up a position in readiness."

Crossroads This announcement was supplemented by a headquarters spokesman who said the Japanese preparations might be either for defense or offense, and was matched by a statement by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the United States Pacific fleet, indicating that the U. S. navy might have some cards up its sleeve.

"We are now at the crossroads of the Pacific campaign," Admiral Nimitz said in a broadcast sponsored by the American Red Cross.

"From now on the going will be tougher as we undertake the task of driving the enemy from prepared positions he has been building in the conquered areas."

Ready for Action "It is our job to destroy his ships and planes and to neutralize his island strongholds as we drive toward the positions from where we can reach with our shells and bombs his industrial nerve centers."

This statement was taken in some quarters as a hint that the navy was about ready for some offensive action aimed eventually at bringing not only American air power, but American artillery, within range of the Japanese homeland.

Japs Driven Back Meanwhile American and Aus- (Continued on Page Two)

Scotty Is Hero; Found Near Body Of Master in Fire

PORTLAND, March 1 (AP)—The heroic part played by a Scotty dog in the fire that claimed the life of Ernest Peters, 63, Indian shipyard worker, Saturday, came to light yesterday when the animal's body was found in the charred ruins near the body of his master.

The dog apparently followed Peters when he went back into the flaming structure to see if any one was left inside after he had carried several children to safety.

Members of the family said the dog awakened the 12 sleepers by leaping through a window and barking.

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