

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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REDS SMASH TOWARD SMOLENSK

Allies Blast Jap Ships, Men

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
GENERAL MACARTHUR warns again that Australia is in danger of attack. This time he specifies the area.

Darwin, he warns, is the point where the blow is likely to fall. The news today lends interest to the warning. Darwin is raided by 49 Jap planes. It is the heaviest raid in months.

Our planes bomb Jap transports carrying troops to the islands north of Darwin. TAKE a look at your map. You will find Darwin at the extreme northwestern tip of Australia. In our undisputed possession, it is a dagger pointed at the Jap-conquered Dutch East Indies, with their precious supplies of oil.

It seems reasonable that the Japs might be willing to pay quite a price to blunt this dagger.

THE Russians admit the loss of Kharkov. At the same time they push nearer to Smolensk, 400 miles to the north. There are no indications that they have been seriously checked in that direction.

KHARKOV in itself is unimportant. It was evacuated and destroyed by the Russians in 1941. It was evacuated by the Germans a month ago. It stands to reason the Germans wrecked it pretty thoroughly when they left. It has just been abandoned again by the Russians, who are not in the habit of leaving anything behind to be used by their enemies. You can imagine what Kharkov must look like by this time. One guesses it is only another spot on the map.

ANOTHER guess—which you may take for what it is worth: Northern Russia is RELATIVELY valueless, except as fighting ground. Southern Russia, with its grain fields and its mineral wealth, is IMMEDIATELY valuable as a war prize. Foes are growingly important, and this is the beginning of the planting season in the Ukraine and the Donets basin. Moreover, southern Russia is the gateway to the Caucasus oil and whatever may be beyond.

IN other words, it looks as if Germany is willing to risk losses in the north in order to prevent further losses in the strategically valuable south. It seems probable that they are starting a new Russian offensive on a major scale. If they're able to do that now, they have a lot left on the ball.

AS this is written, Tunisia is almost wholly quiet. As to that, the most hopeful conclusion we can draw is that when Montgomery remains quiet as long as he has this time he usually follows up with something big.

IN eastern France, clear up against the Swiss border, something is happening that is interesting in a minor way. Frenchmen (said to number up into the thousands), rebelling against Hitler's labor draft, have taken to the hills with guns in their hands. German planes are bombing them. Allied planes are dropping food, weapons and ammunition for their use. It's just another guerrilla incident. But, in its small way, it illustrates one of Germany's worries. She knows that at the first sign of real weakness on her part the people of the countries she has conquered will rise (Continued on Page Two)

5000 Frenchmen Defy Nazi Labor Conscriptio Law

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS

AT THE FRENCH FRONTIER IN SWITZERLAND, March 16 (AP)—Motorized French police led by German SS troopers deployed into the hills of Haute Savoie close to Lake Geneva today in a hunt for several thousand well armed French youths who had defied a Nazi ultimatum to surrender.

All last night and today the police and trooper units rolled along the roads into the valleys and up into the hills but they did not appear so far to have made contact with the insurgents who were said to number at least 5000.

Officers in Lead

The youths, rebellious against the German labor draft, were reported led by former French officers and generals.

(London reports said the French bands were being bombed by German planes. Three of the planes were reported yesterday to have been shot down.)

Some of the youths were gradually trickling back to their homes, despite their earlier defiance, because they lacked food and had been persuaded by their parents that resistance now is futile.

Second Front Expected
Some said they had expected the second front to open and when it did not they felt it was impossible to go on alone. Those returning home were sent immediately to Germany.

Lyle continued as the center for SS and German troop activity. The troops circled blocks of houses systematically and searched out the men who were sent immediately to deportation centers.

Information from Marseille (Continued on Page Two)

Los Angeles Has Red Air Raid Alarm
Speaking to 1000 consumer representatives and local rationing authorities in Milwaukee, Brown pleaded with his listeners (Continued on Page Two)

Zuckerman Freed At Second Trial On Manslaughter
STOCKTON, Calif., March 16 (P)—Maurice Zuckerman, 64, was acquitted today on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the fatal shooting of Otto Dander here on Armistice day of 1941. The acquittal was ordered by Superior Judge Raymond Coughlin of Sacramento immediately after final arguments. There was no jury.

As the judge announced his verdict Zuckerman leaped to his feet with the shout "praise the Lord!" Then he sat in his chair and wept. Zuckerman, wealthy produce broker, had already served nine months in San Quentin prison on manslaughter conviction in an earlier trial. Then the appellate court ordered a new trial on the grounds that the trial judge, C. W. Miller, had erred in instructing the jury.

Floyd Johnson, Now In Africa, Promoted To Army Captain
PORTLAND, March 16 (P)—Announcement of the promotion of Floyd L. Johnson, Klamath Falls, to captain was received here today. The 1941 Oregon State college graduate is now with the army in North Africa.

Western Pine Views Price Ceiling Raise With Wages
PORTLAND, Ore., March 16 (P)—The Western Pine association said today lumber production probably would be retarded unless ceiling prices were revised to offset wage increases proposed Saturday by the west coast lumber commission. The commission's proposal to boost wages of 27,000 pine workers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, northern California and western Montana an average of 7 1/2 cents hourly has been submitted to the office of price administration. OPA will decide whether an increase in ceiling prices of pine products will be necessary. "The western pine industry will, of course, accept this wage decision . . . and, insofar as it is

possible to do so, continue its all-out effort to meet the tremendous demands for war purposes," said a statement issued by S. V. Fullaway Jr., WPA secretary-manager.

Production Effected
"However, if the official decision, when available, corresponds to the press report, it seems certain that the volume of production from the western pine region will be adversely affected unless the applicable ceiling prices are promptly revised by OPA to meet this very substantial increase in the cost of production. "Such loss of production would follow as numerous marginal producers will apparently be un-

Pine Leader



—Kennell-Elis
A. J. Voss, Big Lakes Box company, Klamath Falls, is the new president of the Western Pine association. He also has been named on the western pine advisory committee of the Office of Price Administration.

FORD AIRCRAFT EMPLOYEES STRIKE

Men Leave in Protest Over Disciplining Of Seven
DETROIT, March 16 (P)—Production in the aircraft building of the Ford Motor company's Rouge plant was suspended today, a company spokesman reported, after several thousand employees walked out in protest against the disciplining of seven United Automobile Workers (CIO) shop committeemen.

The men disciplined, the spokesman said, were accused of engaging in a fight with plant protection employees last week. The actions against them ranged from discharge to two-month layoffs.

Richard T. Leonard, director of the UAW-CIO Ford division, instructed the men to return to (Continued on Page Two)

Airplane Crash Least of Gordon Family Worries
EUGENE, March 16 (AP)—When Joe Gordon returned to his home here at the Bracs today, the New York Yankee second-baseman realized that he had very minor difficulties while away for the week-end.

While in Klamath Falls Saturday to transport his airplane to Bend for possible sale, the ship hit a power line and Gordon narrowly escaped injury. He is also in the midst of negotiations with President Ed Barrow of the Yankees for better terms in his 1943 baseball contract. But when arriving home he found his wife, Dorothy, just recovering from a painful case of poison oak, and Judy, his two-year-old daughter "down" with the chicken pox, and Mike, the Gordon's baby boy, almost certain to contract the same ailment.

Joe hopes the family will be ready for the trip east by the end of the month. He plans to start spring training with the University of Oregon baseball team here this week, leaving late in the month for Asbury Park, N. J., to complete training with the American league champions.

AIRMEN BOMB ENEMY CONVOY INTO RETREAT

Nip Aerial Activity Increases After Lull
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 16 (P)—Hard on the heels of news that the Japanese were passing men and ships on their land bases northwest of Australia, allied airmen lashed out suddenly in that area yesterday and blasted two troop-laden transports in a three-ship convoy bound for Dobo, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The threat implied in the new Japanese concentrations was driven home, meanwhile, by the greatest burst of enemy aerial activity in this theatre in months—a 49-plane assault on Darwin, Australia, and a 16-plane raid on Oro bay, New Guinea. Direct Hits
In the attack on the convoy off enemy-occupied Dobo, in the Aroe Islands about 500 miles north of Darwin, direct hits were scored on two of the ships by allied bombers which roared in at masthead height, and several near hits were scored on the (Continued on Page Two)

Ground Crew Searches for Four Airmen

DUNSMUIR, Calif., March 16 (P)—Ground parties searched today for four of the six army airmen believed to have bailed out of a light bomber in the rugged McCloud river country north of here Saturday.

One was known dead and another, who floated to earth safely said he thought all had taken to their parachutes after icing conditions forced the plane down while en route from Sacramento to Portland. Their names were not disclosed by the army. Searchers found the body of the dead airman yesterday. They said evidence indicated he leaped from an altitude too low for his parachute to open.

The plane's wreckage also was found with no bodies in or near it. A parachute was discovered nearby, but the airman who used it was missing. Red Bluff reported forest service and a power company's line crew were investigating a district 60 miles northeast of Redding in which flares were sighted Sunday night. This was in the vicinity of Chalk mountain.

Missing Bonanza Youth Reported Jap Prisoner

News has reached Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Setterfield of Bonanza that their son, Lonnie Morse Setterfield, navy fireman first class, is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine islands.

Lonnie enlisted in the navy on October 8, 1940, when he was 19 years old. He has been reported missing in action since Corregidor fell. Nothing had been heard from him until a letter arrived the other day from Randall Jacobs, rear admiral, saying that Lonnie was a prisoner. The news had been received by him through the International Red Cross in Tokyo.

Makes Knives for Marines



Robert J. Koff, 919 Market street, has sent 19 knives to the marines on Guadalcanal, and has many more ready for shipment as soon as he gets elk horns for the handles. He is shown above with some of his knives.

Knives for Use On Japs Made By Local Man

Robert J. Koff, 919 Market street, has already sent 19 knives to Guadalcanal and is preparing to send 13 more as soon as he can locate elk horn to fix handles for his special hand-made knives.

This is a special hobby for Koff as he has two sons in the marines. One of them, Claude, has been through the battle of Guadalcanal. Koff received a letter from him recently stating that he is out of Guadalcanal and is safe on some island. The other son, Roland, has just landed safely on some island and he reported to his father.

Koff has deer horn, but he claims that it is too small for use in actual combat, though it is okay for sporting. He wants to be sure that the boys can have a good grip for use against the Japs. As soon as he gets the 13 knives off, he has others that he will rebuild for use.

Koff wants to know if any sportsman can tell him where he could locate some elk horn immediately. He is willing to give any one a knife to send some friend in the battle zones if they will supply him with this helpful information.

Koff has been making knives for a number of years, and he knows just how the knives should be built to put a Jap out of commission. Koff also adds that he does not make knives for sale; he makes them only for the men in service.

Baby Girl Sets Curfew Record

A new record for violation of the curfew law was reported to the city council last night by David Bridge, city juvenile officer. Complaining that parents are not keeping their young daughters at home on weekend nights when soldiers visit here from Camp White, Bridge said: "I'm not talking about 16 and 17-year-old girls only. There are girls 12 and 13 years of age running around on those nights. "And just last week, we received a report that a baby girl, 2 1/2 years of age, was running up and down East Main street at 2:30 a. m."

SOVIETS GAIN 47 VILLAGES IN NEW DRIVE

Kharkov Loss Offset By Many Russian Advances
By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Spectacular new gains on the central point, where the red armies captured at least 47 towns and villages in their drive toward Smolensk, threatened to offset somewhat the German victory at Kharkov in the Ukraine today although the situation in the south remained extremely critical. Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow, is the central pivot of the whole 1200-mile front from Leningrad to Rostov.

With the vital Smolensk bastion imperilled by the approach of four Russian columns—the nearest reported only 50 to 60 miles away—it appeared likely that the German high command would soon have to shift some of its reserves from the Kharkov battle zone to the north. Encircling Move
Front line dispatches said the flat, snow-covered plains west of the Upper Dnieper river, which the Russians had now reached, afforded the red armies an opportunity for encircling movements against a series of German strong points in the Smolensk area.

Soviet columns pushing ahead from Kholm-Zhirkovsky, west of the Upper Dnieper, were reported to have driven six miles in pursuit of the remnants of two German divisions falling back toward Smolensk. Other Russian forces striking (Continued on Page Two)

Titus Indicted On First Degree Murder Charge

William Titus, justice of the peace at Bly, was indicted late yesterday by the Klamath county grand jury on charges of first degree murder. He is accused of the slaying of his wife, Erma, in a shotgun affair at Bly three weeks ago. Titus is in a local hospital recovering from wounds which Sheriff Lloyd Low alleges were self-inflicted after Mrs. Titus was killed in an early morning quarrel. The grand jury indicted Kenneth Wallan on a charge of second degree murder in connection with the death of James Bowman in a Christmas eve fight on a suburban street. Not True Bills
Not true bills were returned by the grand jury in the cases of William L. Roland, charged with rape; Warren Dickinson, accused of using an automobile without permission; George W. (Continued on Page Two)

Local Juvenile Officer Criticizes Lax Parents

David Bridge, local juvenile officer, last night bitterly criticized parents of young girls who run about at night here on week-ends when soldiers from Camp White are in town. He told the city council that people here seem to be more interested in the welfare of their dogs than the welfare of their children.

Referring to a council meeting a week ago when dog owners filled the council chambers, he said: "If I could get a group like that behind me, I would turn things upside down." Use Full Power
When Bridge suggested additional legislation in an effort to curb juvenile delinquency, Councilman Rollin Contral retorted that Bridge is not using the full power already granted him by the council. He heatedly demanded that if any parents had been hauled into court to answer for

their children being out after hours in accordance with a recent council action. Bridge said he had not yet taken that measure, but with council backing he would do so. Mayor Houston suggested that action be taken against parents to "stop this sort of thing at the source." In a discussion of Saturday night policing, Police Chief Earl Heuvel said he had only three policemen for duty on Saturday nights, when, it is customary, 600 soldiers are in town from Camp White. He said he is going to use police reserves on this work. The council took no action on Bridge's suggestion that the curfew age limit be reduced from 18 to 17 years, and that more responsibility be placed upon dance operators and business houses to prevent youngsters from entering these places late at night.