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ALLIES SQUEEZE AFRICA KORPS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ONE has to confess that the news from Tunisia is a little disappointing. We've been hoping that the Americans who are threatening the flank of the German escape corridor might be able to break through to the sea and trap the bulk of Rommel's retreating army.

So far that hasn't happened, and each day that passes sees more Germans getting out of the bag.

THE reason for this failure (so far) lies in the nature of the country and Rommel's resourcefulness and ability as a leader.

The road along the Mediterranean coast of Tunisia is flanked by mountain ridges. These flanking ridges (with one possible exception) are held by the enemy. The passes are heavily sown with mine fields, which are death to tanks unless the mines are previously cleared—just as naval mine fields are death to ships.

Clearing these minefields is a slow and costly process, carried out by infantry and engineers operating on foot.

THE one possible spot where Patton's Americans seem to have reached the last ridges is east of Maknassy, and here the Germans have evidently concentrated heavy strength behind forbidding minefields.

IT might be possible, of course, to forge ahead as Farragut did at Mobile and damn the torpedoes, but the cost in American lives would be heavy. Our leaders, weighing costs against benefits, have obviously decided that it's better to let Rommel get past and rely on catching him later.

MEANWHILE, there's an interesting rumor in the air. A Madrid dispatch to the London Daily Mail says 350,000 tons of French shipping hitherto lying idle in Mediterranean ports has been seized by the Germans and sent to ports in southern Italy and the Italian-held islands of the Mediterranean.

The Daily Mail says it seems obvious that a "Dunkerque" fleet is being assembled to rescue Rommel's forces.

THE rumor is not without confirmation.

Last night nearly 100 Flying Fortresses—the largest single force of these great planes ever massed—strikes at the port of Cagliari on the Italian island of Sardinia, about 150 miles to the north of the Tunisian peninsula.

Its targets include airdromes and grounded planes, industrial establishments and docks and merchant ships AND SMALLER CRAFT. These ships may have been assembled for a dash across the narrows of the Mediterranean to rescue Germans from Tunisia as the British were rescued at Dunkerque.

The planes on the Sardinian airfields would have been assembled to PROTECT the rescue fleet while it was carrying out its mission.

THIS, please understand, is only a guess, unsupported by revealed developments. But the fact that our Fortresses struck at Sardinia in such force indicates that their target was regarded as of considerable importance.

ANOTHER weird tale reaches London by way of Stockholm.

It concerns an alleged allied PARACHUTE base in the Hardanger Vidda mountain lakes area of southern Norway. This base is said to be strongly enough manned to make it possible for its forces to snailly out in raids against nearby Nazi factories.

It is said to be equipped with a meteorological station—which would be immensely valuable in the way of providing weather forecasts to aid air raids against northern Germany. Accurate weather information is of the (Continued on Page Two)

FATHERS MAY BE INDUCTED, SAYS HERSHEY

Drafting Likely to Start About July 1

By CHARLES MOLONY
WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said today he would like to postpone induction of fathers as long as possible, but acknowledged that calling them is likely to begin about July 1.

Hershey told a press conference his desire to put off drafting fathers was largely "sentimental." He said the ban against their induction would be lifted in advance of the time they actually would have to be called up in order to meet quotas.

Classification Overhauled
Asked about reports that present draft classifications might be overhauled, Hershey said the subject was "currently and perpetually" under consideration but no changes have been ordered thus far, at least.

Informing sources said today that elimination of the 3-B draft classification—putting all childless married men into 1-A and reserving 3-A ratings exclusively for fathers—is under serious consideration.

Directors Discuss
These sources, declining to be quoted by name, said the proposal probably would be discussed with state selective service directors (Continued on Page Two)

Jeffers Says Manufactured Rubber Good

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers told senate investigators today synthetic rubber has been perfected to the point where its quality answers virtually all requirements without the need of mixture with crude, then proudly displayed what he called the nation's first all synthetic heavy duty truck tire.

Conceding that the outlook in terms of quantity has not passed the critical stage, he nevertheless defended curtailment of guayule planting on the ground that the projected acreage was more sorely needed now for food crops than for this natural rubber.

Presentation of the tire—built by Goodyear with butadiene produced from alcohol manufactured at an institute, West Va., plant which utilizes grains—created excitement at the hearing, called to study an order drastically curtailing the guayule program.

American Planes Sink Two U-Boats

MEDELLIN, Columbia, April 1 (AP)—Travelers arriving from Turbo reported today that a North American aerial squadron sank two enemy submarines within sight of the Columbian coast. No details were given.

Results of 48-Hour Week Seen in Labor-Short Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, April 1—The 48-hour work week went into effect in 32 labor-short areas today and a survey of affected cities indicated these general results:

1. Compliance, as described by area directors of the war manpower commission, was "good" to "100 per cent," and employers are cooperating.
2. No cases of open defiance had been reported to the WMC.
3. Requests for exemptions were comparatively few, and came principally from concerns with a small number of employees.
4. Few workers will be released for other jobs, largely because virtually all war plants

Jurors Inspected This Scene of Alleged Killing



It was near the side door at the rear of the James Bowman residence, shown above, that the state contends Kenneth Wallan fatally beat James Bowman on Christmas eve. Jurors in Wallan's second degree murder trial visited this scene yesterday afternoon, when the picture was taken. The pile of dirt at the extreme right, thrown up since December 24, is at about the location of the alleged fatal beating.

U. S. PLANES HIT KISKA JAPS AGAIN

Americans Raid Nip Positions on Munda

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—American bombers and fighters raided Japanese positions on Kiska Island in the Aleutians twice Tuesday and attacked Attu island once, the navy reported today. One bomber was lost to anti-aircraft fire.

Navy communique No. 231, said:
"North Pacific:
"1. On March 30th:
"(A) During the morning army Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters attacked Japanese positions at Kiska.
"(B) During the early afternoon, a army Liberator heavy (Continued on Page Two)

April Fool! No Freeze on Gasoline Sales

Klamath's prime April Fool joke jumped the gun a few hours Wednesday night. But some wag was successful in sending hundreds of motorists to local service stations when word got around, by way of Dame Rumor, that gas sales would be frozen the remainder of the week.

By 6 o'clock cars started steaming alongside gas pumps and attendants were worked overtime in their efforts to accommodate a rush unprecedented since the eve of the original freeze last December. Only grounds for the rumor lay in the fact that "T" cards expired Wednesday night.

Traditional April Fool jokes were not so prevalent this year as in the past, the pranks confined in the main to school rooms where teachers breatheth collective sighs of relief when the day ended.

Paratroops in Norwegian Base Jitter Nazis

LONDON, April 1 (AP)—Signs of increasing axis invasion jitters from the Balkan frontier to the Scandinavian peninsula were highlighted today by a roundabout report that allied parachute troops had established a base in the Norwegian mountains and had sallied out in raids on Nazi-controlled factories.

The Norwegian government-in-exile here, commenting upon the report, declared that "Quisling and the Germans appear to be genuinely alarmed," but said it could not give any confirmation.

The story came to London in Stockholm dispatches which said the allied parachute base was somewhere in the Hardanger Vidda mountain lakes area, an ideal district for an airdrome and that it was equipped with a meteorological station.

Bloody Death Recounted At Wallan Murder Trial

How she found her husband lying face down in a pool of blood beside their Shasta way home last December 24 was described on the witness stand today by Mrs. James Bowman, a leading state witness in the second degree murder trial of Kenneth Wallan.

The testimony of Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Velma Holbrook, a close neighbor of the Bowmans, took up the entire morning in Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg's court. Mrs. Holbrook described the alleged attack in which Bowman, a leading state witness in the second degree murder trial of Kenneth Wallan.

Attend Party
Both Bowman and Wallan, with their wives, attended the party at a local hotel, and the two men and Mrs. Bowman had returned in the same car to the Shasta way house just before the asserted fight, it was brought out in the testimony.

Mrs. Bowman testified that the two men were friendly and amiable on the way home and she expected no trouble when she left them to walk a short distance to the Tik-Tok cafe on South Sixth street to meet Mrs. Wallan, whom she believed had driven out in another car.

She testified that on her return from the Tik-Tok she met Mrs. Holbrook, who told her "some man had been killed."

Meet Wallan
Mrs. Bowman said she went on toward the house with Mrs. Holbrook and met Wallan, who

said something to the effect that Bowman had been hurt. She said she hurried on to the house and found Bowman lying on steps on the side of the house, unconscious and completely soaked in water.

She said there was a six-inch pool of blood around his face. He failed to regain consciousness.

Drinking Admitted
On cross-examination by Defense Attorney George Roberts of Medford, Mrs. Bowman said her husband must have been drinking at the party, as did others, but asserted he was not quarrelsome when drinking.

"He just got funny," she said. Answering questions of the attorney, Mrs. Bowman said her husband had been struck in the face at the preceding party by a (Continued on page two)

WPB Accused of Causing Coast Power Shortage

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—A board of advisers to Secretary of Interior Ickes today accused the war production board of causing a critical power situation in the Pacific northwest by refusing priorities for expansion of government power projects in that area.

Ickes, in releasing the board's report, said that more power must be provided for war industry in the area, but added he was powerless to carry out board recommendations without priorities and that he could do nothing unless they were granted by the WPB.

Ickes said government power developments on the Columbia river were running above their rated capacities and furnishing more than 90 per cent of their power to war industries, creating a risky condition because of lack of margin to cover mishaps.

Reds Struggle to Increase Offense Despite Weather

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, April 1 (AP)—Overcoming the worst kinds of transportation difficulties, the red army struggled today to increase the tempo of its offensives despite the bad weather.

In the Kuban valley of the western Caucasus, the soviet troops drove on from Anastasevskaya, one of the German's last good-sized bases on the eastern side of the Kerch strait. The soviet midnight communique announced its capture yesterday. The strait is but 42 miles from the town.

Russians Consolidate
There was evidence along other sectors that the Russians, by their great effort at quick consolidation of their gains, were beginning to give the Germans fresh worries. The Nazi commanders had been confident that mud and slush resulting from the spring thaw would halt all operations. Now they were beginning to wonder if their wishes would come true.

(The German communique said today that the Germans had repulsed Russian attacks at the Kuban bridgehead and that only local engagements were being fought in other sectors of the eastern front.)
No Change
The midday communique said that on the western front, after artillery duels, the Russians cleared from some positions, although there was no material change in this front before Smolensk.

The Germans threw numerous (Continued on Page Two)

'Beware Rommel,' Says Stimson of African Battle

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that German Marshal Erwin Rommel apparently still has his Tunisian force intact and that a strong chance remains he can effect a union with axis forces under Colonel General Von Arnim in the north.

In such an event, the secretary told a press conference, the enemy in Tunisia could offer strong resistance and before the final phases of the North African campaign, "there will in all probability be a good deal of heavy fighting."

Rommel suffered an important defeat at the Mareth line, the war secretary said, due principally to the skill and leadership of General Bernard L. Montgomery and the courage of his British eighth army.

Estimates of axis losses are incomplete, Stimson continued in a review of the war, but large numbers of German and Italian soldiers have been killed, several thousand wounded and taken prisoner, and the allies have captured and destroyed large amounts of axis equipment.

MICKLE RESIGNS
SALEM, April 1 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today appointed County Judge Ervin L. Peterson of Coos county as state director of agriculture, succeeding J. D. Mickle, whom the governor said wants to be relieved of duty.

CHINESE ARMIES CRUSH JAP ATTACK

Nips Making Little Headway in Offense

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese armies have crushed a series of 13 Japanese attacks and launched 17 of their own during the past week, a Chinese spokesman said today, while on other far Pacific fronts the allies struck at the Japanese by air from Burma to the South Sea.

The Chinese spokesman's report indicated that Japan was making little headway in her new all-out offensive to knock China out of the war.

Situation Stable
An official summary declared that the situation in southern Hupeh, in central China where the Japanese have been attacking in an eight-column drive, had been "very much stabilized and improved" since last week.

A Japanese force on the Yangtze-Kiang river has been "more or less destroyed," the spokesman said.
Far to the west, at China's "back door" along the Yunnan-Burma frontier, severe fighting was reported in progress as the Japanese attempted to capture (Continued on Page Two)

Play Shooting Blinds Tulelake High School Boy

TULELAKE—Shot from a B-B gun cost Marvin Rose, 16-year-old Tulelake high school athlete, the sight of his right eye. The youth is a patient in a Klamath Falls hospital where an operation to remove the eye was performed Wednesday night.

According to information received here, Marvin was in a Tulelake store when a girl picked up the B-B gun, playfully aimed it at him and pulled the trigger. The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Rose, well known potato ranchers of this section, was an outstanding high school football, baseball and basketball player and is a member of the track team. His condition was said to be good Thursday.

BOMBERS BASH SARDINIA AXIS ESCAPE FLEET

100 Flying Fortresses Participate in Raid

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY EAST OF EL GUETAR, Tunisia, April 1 (AP)—American tanks and infantry renewing their advance along the road toward Gabes and a junction with the British eighth army captured more than 700 prisoners yesterday, including many from Hitler's crack tank grenadiers.

The gap between the Americans and General Montgomery's British troops is now "considerably less than 80 miles," a military source said.

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 1 (AP)—British and American troops squeezed tighter the vise upon axis divisions in Tunisia today while it was disclosed that the largest single force of U. S. Flying Fortresses ever massed had blasted the shipping and air fields of southern Sardinia, to which Field Marshal Erwin Rommel looks for aid.

Nearly 100 Fortresses, escorted by strong formations of Lightning, struck yesterday at the Sardinian port of Cagliari and three airdromes, hit five merchant ships and 21 smaller craft, spread acres of fire across industrial targets, damaged or destroyed 57 aircraft ground and shot down 14 enemy fighter planes on a mission from which every raider returned.

(The Italian high command (Continued on Page Two)

Bomber Crashes Into Mountain; Search Starts

CHALLIS, Idaho, April 1 (AP)—Custer county officials and Challis woodsmen today awaited the arrival of army officials from the Focetello air base before continuing salvage or rescue operations in the crash of a four-motored army bomber 25 miles east of here.

The possibility was seen that at least some of the crew aboard the ship may have leaped by parachute from the ship over the desolate country along the middle fork of the Salmon river, where the plane is known to have circled for two hours Tuesday night. Later it passed over Challis with one motor afire, just before it was seen to crash into a mountainside in the Crane basin area.

The ship was believed to be one from the Walla Walla, Wash., army air base which last night was reported missing for a period of 24 hours with nine men aboard.

State Guard Establishes Battalion Headquarters Here



Commissioned officers of state guard units, shown at Wednesday night's civic ceremonies when formation of a battalion set-up was announced. Left to right: Major D. D. Van Fleet, battalion commander; Captain T. S. Abbott, Lieutenant Jack Briscoe of Lakeview, Lieutenant C. L. McDonald, Lieutenant Jack Weaver, and Lieutenant Newton Nelson.

With civic and public officials present, ceremonies were held at the armory Wednesday night celebrating the establishment in Klamath Falls of a battalion headquarters for the state guard.

In this battalion, it was announced, are two companies in Klamath Falls, one in Chiloquin, one in Lakeview, and part of a company made up of men from Merrill and Malin.

Major D. D. Van Fleet has been named battalion commander, and presided at the Wednesday night event. Attending were State Senator Marshall Cornett, County Judge U. E. Reeder, Mayor John Houston and Earl Reynolds, civilian defense coordinator and secretary of the chamber of commerce.

The two local companies, the Malin platoon and a portion of the Lakeview company, passed in review on the armory floor. Major Van Fleet then made a (Continued on Page Two)