

### Blackout Signal

One 8-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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### Weather News

April 12—High 75, Low 44  
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Last year 10.34 Normal 9.50

# JAP HORDE MENACES AUSTRALIA

## Rommel in 'Coffin Corner'

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WITH the battle of Tunisia reaching the siege stage, attention (especially here on the Pacific Coast) shifts sharply to the South Seas.

AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY tells us today the Japs have concentrated 200,000 first line troops and a GREAT AIR FORCE in the arc of islands above Australia and may be expected to undertake an offensive at any time.

The "profound shock" of their losses in the Bismarck sea and elsewhere, he says, has taught them they can't move large forces among the islands without gaining control of the air.

Heavy Jap air assaults in recent days, he thinks, mark the OPENING PHASE of the enemy's struggle to regain first parity and then MASTERY in the air.

SO far, they haven't done too well.

Yesterday they sent 100-air raiders (kind of planes not specified) against Port Moresby (in New Guinea) and our indomitable fliers knocked 37, or better than one-third, of them out of the air.

Our losses in this action have not been disclosed as this is written.

WE must keep clearly and sharply in mind that this Port Moresby victory, like the others we have won, is owed to the gallantry of these fighters of ours who throw their LIVES into the scales whenever duty calls.

We mustn't let them carry all the burden. We must do our part, which is to grow food, make weapons and BUY BONDS.

(NOT to make money, except as making money increases our capacity to pay taxes and buy bonds.)

OUR 11th bomber command says today that in spite of our naval and air attacks the Japs are building a string of stepping-stone air fields from Tokyo TOWARD ALASKA by way of the Aleutians.

They aren't building these fields just for the fun of it. They mean to use them when the time comes.

IN the northern tip of Tunisia, Rommel is withdrawing into an area roughly 100 miles long by 40 miles wide, where he is preparing to stand siege. He is believed to have about 210,000 men, of whom 150,000 are Germans.

Our General Doolittle's Flying Fortresses tie into a convoy of 21 tank carriers, which gives us an idea of how desperately the Germans are struggling to bring in reinforcements and supplies across the 100-mile wide Sicilian straits—whose waters every night appear to be fairly crawling with every type of German transport, including transport planes.

IT seems to be quite plain that (barring the unexpected) the battle of Tunisia will be from here on a holding operation, designed by the Germans to delay us as much as possible.

The delay they are able to bring about will depend to a large extent upon the supplies and reinforcements they are able to get across the straits from Italy by way of Sicily.

At every moment of the day and night, they'll have to run the gauntlet of our planes, our submarines and at times our (British) surface naval forces.

THE Russians, still bogged down in their peculiarly sticky brand of spring mud, are (Continued on Page Two)

## ABOLITION OF FSA ASKED IN SUPPLY BILL

House Group Puts Recommendations On Floor

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—Abolition of the farm security administration, abandonment of the crop insurance program and discontinuance of parity payments on the 1943 and 1944 crops were recommended today by the house appropriation committee in sending a \$707,040,844 agriculture department supply bill to the floor.

The funds recommended for the department's operation for the fiscal year starting next July 1 were \$20,039,259 more than current year appropriations and \$240,093,647 below budget estimates. Included in the total was \$193,623,000 for parity payments for the 1942 crop year which were authorized in last year's appropriation but for which no funds were made available at the time.

Recommend Abolition  
In recommending abolition of the new deal-sponsored FSA, created in 1937 and one of the favorite targets of congressional criticism for several years, the committee suggested that its functions be transferred to the farm credit administration, which was given the assignment of carrying on many FSA programs already under way.

Criticism Recalled  
The committee said it had "taken full cognizance of the criticism which has been leveled (Continued on Page Two)

Churchill Says Allies Holding Own in Sub War

LONDON, April 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill reiterated in the house of commons today that "we are more than holding our own" in the Atlantic battle against Germany's U-boats.

The prime minister was asked by the laborite Emanuel Shinwell if he had any comment on the statement of Frank Knox, U. S. secretary of the navy, about heavy shipping losses in March.

He replied: "My attention has been drawn to this statement. I agree with Colonel Knox that results of the U-boat warfare are serious, as they always must be. His statement, however, refers to a limited period following one in which sinkings were comparatively small.

"Viewing the battle against the U-boat as a whole, I can repeat my previous assurance that we are more than holding our own."

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Italian General Giovanni Messe (above) has been named new Axis commander-in-chief in Tunisia, supplanting both Rommel and Von Arnim. London heard. General Messe was formerly commander of the first Italian expeditionary force sent to the Russian front.

## RED ARMEN POUND GERMAN SUPPLIES

Muddy, Slushy Front Halts Major Action

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, April 13 (AP)—Soviet aviation kept up its pounding of German supply columns today, but along the muddy, slushy front was no major-scale action by either side.

In the Kuban area in the Caucasus, the German air force was more active and here its units appeared to be trying to smash at Russian columns who constantly are pushing the nazis toward the sea.

The soviet radio monitor in London recorded a Moscow radio broadcast reporting that Russian fliers and anti-aircraft batteries (Continued on Page Two)

## John Lewis Walks Through Pickets Against Dispute

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, escorted by police and UMW officials, walked through a CIO picket line at the Hotel Roosevelt today as a large crowd watched him. The picket line was formed by protest against a UMW-CIO dispute which resulted in a walkout yesterday in the plastics division plant of the Celanese Corporation of America in Newark, N. J.

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Fourth of July will create a double holiday inasmuch as it falls on Sunday this year. The mayor will name a citizens' committee.

Just how the city could cooperate in the second war bond drive and aid Klamath county in its tremendous quota, was briefly discussed. It was decided to place some \$2000, carry over from the old bond fund, into suitable bonds, and City Attorney J. H. Carnahan was asked to investigate the legality of doing the same with park board funds. Just how much this would include, the mayor did not say.

Dogs, and just how they are behaving this spring, stepped into the picture last night and by next Monday night the fate of the town's pounds will be (Continued on Page Two)

## ARMOR UNITS SQUEEZE AXIS AFRIKA KORPS

British First Gains Ground; French Mop Up

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 13 (AP)—Allied armored units punched through meager enemy rearward defense below Enfidaville and Djebelina, 17 miles to the west, today as Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces were gradually driven into narrower spaces at the top of the Tunisian peninsula.

Enfidaville and Djebelina are both about 50 miles south of Tunis. The British first army also gained ground on the west side of the axis positions in the Medjez-el-Bab area.

French Mop Up  
French troops mopping up the Grand Dorsal range captured Djebel Kerachoum, 12 miles south of Djebelina, which is an important inland road junction.

The Algiers radio, in a broadcast recorded in London, said the British eighth army had occupied Enfidaville, 27 miles north of Sousse and 50 miles south of Tunis. An earlier broadcast said nearly the whole of the Italian Vittoria division had been captured.

Estimate Rommel  
London military quarters estimated that Marshal Erwin Rommel was withdrawing into his Tunis-Bizerte-coffin corner—defenses, an area about 100 miles long by 40 miles wide, with only about 210,000 men, 150,000 of them Germans.

(The German radio, in a broadcast recorded in London, said this afternoon that axis tank and motorized forces had made a strong counterattack against the oncoming eighth army north of (Continued on Page Two)

## Flood Menaces Omaha Airport, Hope Abandoned

OMAHA, April 13 (AP)—Army engineers today abandoned hope of saving Omaha's \$4,000,000 airport and Carter Lake, Ia., from inundation by Missouri river flood waters as the angry stream poured through two broken dikes into the 10 square mile stricken area on the northeast outskirts of Omaha.

At Hamburg, Ia., 50 miles south, 200 families living in the southern portion of the community, which is 11 feet below the normal river level, began leaving their homes after dikes at McPaul and Percival, above Hamburg, gave way. Residents of McPaul also were ordered to leave their homes.

## Oregon Officers Testify at Trial Of Yakima Youth

GOLDENDALE, April 13 (AP)—Two Oregon state police officers testified today at the first degree murder trial of Robert C. Jennings that the 18-year-old Yakima youth admitted to them he shot to death Washington State Patrolman John H. Gulden last December 22.

Sgt. Charles A. U'Ren and Patrolman Tom Henvey told the jury Jennings described the shooting when he was arrested on The Dalles, Ore., ferry.

## Gurkhas Knife Through Rommel Lines



Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery (left) with beret of the British 8th army displays keen interest in the curve-bladed Khurris of Indian Gurkha troops who are playing a leading role in the drive against Marshal Erwin Rommel in South Tunisian hills. These knives—their special weapon—helped drive Rommel from the Mareth line and more recently aided in the axis defeat near Wadi el Akharit.

## Roosevelt Sees "Dawn of Liberty" in Temple Talk

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt, dedicating a marble temple to Thomas Jefferson, declared today that those fighting today's war would learn what Jefferson knew—that the "seeming eclipse of liberty can well become the dawn of more liberty."

"Those who fight the tyranny of our own time will come to learn that old lesson," the president said.

## America Floods Treasury With War Loan Money

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—America is responding with a flood of dollars, the treasury reported today, to the greatest appeal for funds in history—the government's \$13,000,000,000 second war loan campaign.

The drive was opened officially last night by Secretary Morgenthau, but even before the secretary addressed a rally at Carnegie Hall in New York reports began pouring into the treasury indicating a tremendous public response.

"This is a people's war—so all of the people ought to have a part in financing it," Morgenthau told the New York rally in urging full participation by everyone.

## Condition of Gunplay Victim Still Unchanged

The condition of James Eugene Echer, who lies in Klamath Valley hospital with a bullet hole through his abdomen, remained unchanged late Tuesday afternoon.

Echer was arrested early Saturday following a chase over city streets and was shot by Assistant Police Chief Orville Hamilton when the man dropped his hands to his side. Officers said bullets were exchanged by Echer and city police shortly before the shooting. Charges are being withheld pending the outcome of Echer's condition.

## Wreck of Search Plane Located

POCATELLO, Ida., April 13 (AP)—Wreckage of a three-seater plane from Hill Field, U., which disappeared during a hunt for a bomber lost in the central Idaho wilderness, was located by aerial searchers today.

Public relations officers at the Pocatello air base said the small plane, which disappeared April 5, was down between Roughneck Peak and Mount Mills, about 50 miles west of Challis, in the remote Idaho timberland.

## Two Escapees Killed; One Prisoner Recaptured

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13 (AP)—Harold Martin Brest, desperate bank robber, was recaptured today after a break from Alcatraz prison in which two men were believed killed. A fourth is missing.

## Man Missing After Alcatraz Escape

The four overpowered and bound and gagged two guards and leaped into San Francisco bay from the island prison.

Warden J. A. Johnston said that when the prison launch drew alongside of Brest he was holding James A. Boorman, Indianapolis bank robber, who had been shot by guards firing from the prison towers.

## Navy Bombers Silence Guns, Fire Jap Base

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—Japanese anti-aircraft guns were silenced and fires were started in camp areas when army and navy bombers struck five times Sunday and Monday at enemy positions in the Solomon Islands, the navy reported today.

In the North Pacific, meanwhile, army planes continued their almost incessant pounding of enemy-held Kiska island with four raids which resulted in direct hits and the starting of fires in the camp area.

Navy communique number 342: "South Pacific: (All dates are East Longitude.)

"1. On April 11th: (A) During the evening, Lightning (Lockheed P-38) and Corsair (Vought F4U) fighters strafed Rekata bay, Santa Isabel island. A number of Japanese anti-aircraft positions were silenced.

"(B) During the night, Flying Fortress heavy bombers (Boeing B-17) attacked Kahili in the Shortland Island area. Two Fortresses failed to return, apparently due to unfavorable weather. Results of the attack were unobserved.

Seasonal records continued to fall and Monday's temperature of 75 degrees was the warmest since that Indian summer day back on October 23, when a similar reading was recorded by the U. S. weatherman.

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## Klamath AFL Lumber Union Against Strikes

Strikes, lockouts or any other form of work stoppage was strongly opposed by the Klamath basin district council, AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, in a statement released as a result of a convention action taken last Sunday at the Labor temple here.

The release from the AFL union stated it had gone on record as being "unalterably opposed to any strikes, lockouts, adjournments of work, or stoppages that might interfere with the production of lumber, either in this district or any part of the lumber industry."

## Landon Doubtful Roosevelt to Quit Office "Voluntarily"

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—AIF M. Landon, 1936 republican candidate for president and former governor of Kansas, said in an interview in the New York Times today that "it is perfectly evident that the president will never leave the White House voluntarily."

## Basin Hoopsters Gather to Honor KUHS State Champs

Supporters of the KUHS basketball team who plan to attend the big dinner Thursday evening in honor of the state champions were advised Monday to make reservations immediately at the Willard hotel.

It looks like a big crowd at the dinner, members of the committee said, and it is imperative that the hotel management have an idea as to the number which must be seated.

Percy Murray will be master of ceremonies at the dinner, which is being arranged by the Kiwanis club.

The dinner, incidentally, will be the occasion for the largest gathering of basketball players in the history of the county. Through the sponsorship of local business men, the champions of the three city grade school hoop teams, and all the basin's high school teams, will be guests at the event.

## ALLIES BLAST NIPPONS FROM PACIFIC SKIES

200,000 Enemy Men Massed for Attack

By The Associated Press  
Ominous Japanese threats to Australia and Alaska were disclosed today even as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that allied fliers had won smashing new victory in the southwest Pacific skies with the destruction of 37 out of 100 enemy planes over Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Meanwhile the navy announced new raids against enemy bases in the Solomons and Alaska. Army and navy bombers struck five times Sunday at enemy positions in the Solomons, starting fires in camp areas and silencing Japanese anti-aircraft guns. Bombers and fighters raided Kiska in the Aleutians four times Sunday starting fires in the camp areas. That made a total of 58 raids against Kiska since March 1.

## Menace Actions

Japan's menacing actions were outlined at far ends of the Pacific war theater:

1. In Australia, Gen. Sir Thomas A. Blamey, commander-in-chief of allied ground forces under Gen. MacArthur, warned that the Japanese had massed 200,000 first-line troops in island bases above Australia and could (Continued on Page Two)

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