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MACARTHUR WARNS AGAINST JAPS

Allies Ring Axis Defenses

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOR us of the West Coast, the picture of growing Jap air power in the South Pacific that is being painted in the dispatches from day to day dominates the news.

MACARTHUR warns again that the Japs are getting set for a no-holds-barred struggle for control of the skies over the southwest Pacific to capitalize on their complete control of the sea lanes of the WESTERN Pacific and the outer approaches to Australia.

He adds: "Air power, rather than sea power, is the key to the situation in this theater and the battle of the Western Pacific will be won or lost by the proper application of air and ground forces."

He concludes: "The range of our air force over the surrounding waters marks the stretch of the no-man's sea which is the measure of our safety (in Australia)."

BY that he means that if we can retain CONTROL of the air over a sufficient area of ocean surrounding Australia we can BLAST the invading forces the Japs send against us—as we did in the Bismarck Sea.

IN some of its aspects, the Pacific situation is beginning to suggest a DEBATE between our headquarters in the South Pacific and Washington.

Navy Secretary Knox was quoted yesterday in Washington as saying: "The Japs lack sufficient NAVAL concentrations in the South Pacific at the moment for an invasion of Australia. It is not clear whether the enemy's heavy troop concentrations are designed for offense or defense."

MacArthur (as if in answer to Knox) says today: "Control of the sea lanes to Australia NO LONGER depends solely, or perhaps even primarily, on naval power, but upon AIR power operating from land bases held by ground troops, all supported by naval power."

He then adds: "If the enemy wins control of the air, his naval forces can at once bring forward convoys of ground forces to continue his attack to the southward to a limit imposed only by the range of his land-based air support."

(AS he tried to do in the Bismarck Sea, but COULDN'T because WE had control of the air and SMASHED his transports before they could get to where they were headed for.)

MACARTHUR seems to be saying as plainly as words can say: "Send us enough planes so that we can hold what we have. Don't leave us in another Bataan."

A HIGH Jap officer (talking obviously for our benefit) says today that preparations have been completed for a vast air attack on the American mainland, and adds that German and Italian planes will join in.

We must take this with a large handful of salt, but still must consider it as a possibility.

The Japs haven't been building these stepping-stone air fields through the Aleutians toward Alaska (of which our 11th bomber command warned us yesterday) just for healthful outdoor exercise.

IN Tunisia, Rommel seems to have reached the mountain defense line that rings Tunis and Bizerte and is beginning to fight back again. After fleeing more than 150 miles before Montgomery (Continued on Page Four)

Surprise Witness Testifies in Folkes Trial for Slaying

ALBANY, Ore., April 14 (AP)—Two surprise witnesses who saw pretty Mrs. Martha Virginia James, of Norfolk, Va., die after her throat had been cut in "lower 13" of the West Coast Limited testified in the murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro cook, today.

They were Ralph Conner, Seattle, who peered out of upper 9, and Eugene W. Norton, Daly City, Calif., occupant of upper 7. They both told of hearing screams, saw her struggling to rise from the aisle, and saw a medium sized, stockily built man, wearing a dark overcoat dash toward the rear of car D and disappear.

Proves Testimony

Their testimony corroborated that of Harold Wilson, a marine corps private, who occupied upper 13, and who told of seeing Mrs. James tumble from her bunk seconds after a man climbed from the berth and ran toward the rear of the train.

"I was awakened by a scream," Conner testified. "Then I heard a woman's voice cry out: 'My God, he's killing me; I can't stand this any longer!'"

"I got to my knees and peered through the curtain. I saw a man wearing a long dark greenish or bluish overcoat run toward the rear end of the car."

She was wearing a white (Continued on Page Two)

Two Oregonians Receive Coveted Air Medal Award

The coveted Air Medal was awarded to two Oregonians whose names are of interest to Klamath Falls residents. Major Frank Douglas Sharp of Salem, husband of Enid Winningham, a former Klamath girl, and Capt. Charles E. Hansen Jr., brother of Mrs. Neil F. Black of this city, are the two airmen to whom the awards went, according to the war department.

Major Sharp received the Air Medal for meritorious action while participating in aerial action. His citation read: "During the period May 7, 1942, to January 2, 1943, Major Sharp has completed more than 25 combat missions involving more than 100 flying hours. These missions, of bombing and of essential reconnaissance, carried out over Burma and enemy-held territory in China have been highly successful in all phases."

Capt. Hansen received his award for meritorious service in ferrying combat planes to war areas, the war department announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hansen, his father past president of the Portland Americanization council. Mrs. Hansen Sr. is at present house mother at Kappa Sigma fraternity house, Eugene. The captain has a wife and infant son. He is a graduate of Oregon State college and has visited here frequently at the Black home. Capt. and Mrs. Hansen are now in Boise where the former Klamath doctor is on the army medical staff.

Blimp Lost After Hitting Hilltop, Dropping Crew

HOLLISTER, Calif., April 14 (AP)—A navy blimp, described by the 12th naval district as on routine patrol, struck the top of a 2000 foot hill five miles southeast of Gilroy early today and threw its crew to the ground.

The pilot and co-pilot were injured and the others shaken up. The blimp was a wreck but the navy said parts were being salvaged. The wreckage was found, several hours after the accident, about five miles from the scene of the crash and 80 miles southeast of San Francisco.

The navy said the pilot, Lieut. (jg) Robert M. McBride of (home town unavailable) Tennessee, was cut about the face, and that the co-pilot, Ensign Don Haslett of Oakland, Calif., suffered a broken leg.

LOCAL BOND SALE PASSES \$335,000

Klamath Park Board Spends \$10,000 In Drive

Klamath county's march toward the April war finance goal had passed the \$335,000 mark on Wednesday, it was announced by the war finance committee. The goal is \$1,269,000, which must be reached by the May 1 deadline.

The war finance committee heads were encouraged by reports of increasing buying of bonds, both large and small, including a decision by the city park board to purchase a \$10,000 bond.

Members of the park board decided to put the money into government bonds in view of the fact that no new projects are available until after the war. By investing the money in this manner, funds will be available to make necessary improvements when the time comes. A large portion of the money comes from the one and one-half year tax income on the new park bond levy. Andrew M. Collier, Klamath county war savings chairman, sat in with members of the park board.

Swedish Planes Drive Off Two German Bombers

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 14 (AP)—Swedish fighter planes and anti-aircraft batteries drove off two German bomber planes flying in the vicinity of Karlskrona, Sweden's major naval base, a foreign office spokesman announced today.

Karlskrona is on the south coast of Sweden. This was the second such incident reported in the area of the naval base in recent weeks.

(The Berlin radio said in a broadcast heard today in London that Lt. Gen. Olof Gerhard Phoenix, commander in chief of the Swedish army, has ordered Swedish authorities to detain the crew and passengers of any foreign plane forced down in Sweden, and to impound weapons, maps and photographic material.)

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U. S. AIRMEN BATTER NAZI AIR STRENGTH

British Eighth Hits Rommel's Prepared Positions

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 14 (AP)—The allied forces in Tunisia have driven up to Marshal Erwin Rommel's mountain defenses ringing Tunis and Bizerte, a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today, and American and British aircraft have destroyed 84 more axis planes.

The mass destruction of axis aerial strength was led by American Flying Fortresses which, reconnaissance showed, destroyed 73 planes in two raids on Sicilian airfields which were thoroughly covered with (Continued on Page Two)

Mother Pleads Innocent to Murder Charge

MEDFORD, Ore., April 14 (AP) Tillie Michalski, 22, Cleveland, O., pleaded innocent today to a grand jury indictment charging her with first degree murder in connection with the smothering of her baby here April 1.

She was arraigned before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who appointed Attorney Otto J. Froynmayer as her counsel and said he would set the trial date next Tuesday.

Sgt. Bernard Lotka, 23, Camp White soldier from Cleveland who was jointly indicted with her, will plead then. District Attorney George W. Neilson said Lotka admitted being the father of the 10-week-old boy and smothering it after the mother left their auto camp cabin to return home. Neilson said Lotka told him Miss Michalski had agreed to getting rid of the infant because of its illegitimacy.

Learns To Fly Again



A World war ace with nine German planes and a kite balloon to his credit, Lt. Kenneth R. Unger of Madison, N. J., (above), was a student at the Corpus Christi, Texas, Naval Air Training center and learning to fly the navy way before going into action in World war II U. S. navy.

Sousse Falls; Axis Pounded In Air



As the British Eighth Army entered Sousse and French units knocked out armored units of the German Afrika Korps north-west of Kairouan, other Allied forces (arrows) wedged into the enemy's western flank. Allied planes (top map) hammered Axis bases in Sardinia, Sicily and Italy. Weekend targets included Palermo, Cagliari and La Maddalena.

Air Activity Continues Over Quiet Russian Front

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, April 14 (AP)—While no essential changes took place on the Russian-German front today, large-scale air activity continued in many sectors, the aerial operations including everything from scouting to heavy bombing.

In these mounting air battles of spring there is good reason to believe that United States planes—flown by soviet pilots—are taking part in many operations. There also is reason to believe they'll continue to play their part in future operations as United States production of planes swells.

Planes Destroyed (The Wednesday German high command communique, broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press, said 48 soviet planes were destroyed against the loss of two German planes in the latest aerial fighting.)

(It asserted a 2000-ton ship was sunk off the northwestern extremity of Russia. (On the ground it said that fighting of local importance occurred in a few sectors only.)

The main centers of ground fighting in Russia were south of Balakleya and from the Volkhov front northwards. South of Balakleya, the Germans swung considerable numbers against soviet bridgeheads, but again failed to capture objectives.

Russians Kill In the last hours of the battles, the Russians killed 200 of (Continued on Page Two)

Bodies Recovered In Idaho Search Plane Accident

POCATELLO, Ida., April 14 (AP)—Bodies of two army officers and an Idaho forest ranger whose plane crashed April 7 while searching for a missing bomber were brought from the central Idaho wilderness today.

The dead were identified as Capt. Bill Kelly and Lt. Arthur A. Crofts, both of Hill Field, Ogden, U., and Forest Ranger Charles E. Langer of Stanley, Ida.

Bombers Blast Kiska Japanese Airfield Again

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) American bombers blasted the Japanese runway, gun emplacements, and main camp area on Kiska island in the Aleutians Monday in six attacks, the navy reported today, while at Munda in the South Pacific, direct hits on an ammunition dump started fires at that enemy spot.

Airpower Seen Key to Pacific Battle Front

By MURLIN SPENCER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 14 (AP) General MacArthur warned today that the Japanese are set for a no-holds barred struggle for domination of the skies over the southwest Pacific to capitalize on what he described as their "complete control of the sea lanes in the western Pacific and the outer approaches to Australia."

To this warning MacArthur added the assertion that air power, rather than naval power, is the key to the situation in this theatre and that the battle of the western Pacific will be won or lost by the proper application of air and ground forces.

Air Offensive Lull

MacArthur's statement came during a lull in the new Japanese aerial offensive, during which allied airmen blasted two enemy ships in Hansa bay on the north coast of New Guinea, probably sinking one of 10,000 tons and setting another of 8000 tons afire, and struck at other enemy bases above Australia.

The raids gave point to MacArthur's blunt assertion that "the range of our air force over surrounding waters marks the stretch of the no-man's sea which is the measure of our safety (in Australia)."

Commander Warns "If we lose the air," the allied commander declared, "naval forces cannot save us. The first line of allied defense is the bomber line."

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Reviews Position

MacArthur's statement, a general review of the strategic position of the United Nations in the South Pacific, followed by only a few hours the publication in Australian papers of Washington dispatches quoting Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox as saying that the Japanese lacked sufficient naval concentrations in the South Pacific at the moment for an invasion of Australia. Knox added it was not clear whether heavy enemy troop concentrations were designed for offense or defense.

Backs Blamey Knox's statement followed an assertion by Gen. Sir Thomas A. Blamey, Australian commander of allied ground forces in the southwest Pacific, that Japan had massed 200,000 first-line troops on the approaches to this continent and might be expected (Continued on Page Two)

Home-Based Bombers Blast Italian Base

LONDON, April 14 (AP)—British home-based bombers heavily attacked Spezia, naval base in northern Italy, last night, and it was officially disclosed today that RAF raiders from the Middle East had blasted Palermo and Messina harbors in Sicily Monday night.

Spezia is on the Ligurian sea, about 50 miles southeast of Genoa on the west coast of Italy. It was bombed twice in February by the RAF.

Wage Increases Denied by WLB Adjustment Refusal

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) Voluntary offers by 10,000 employers to raise wages and salaries will be denied as a result of the war labor board's refusal to permit adjustment of inequalities and inequities.

There was no official estimate of how many employees this would affect, but unofficial estimates ranged from half a million to a million. Most of the cases involve fewer than 100 employees each. Denials in the dispute cases, which usually affect a large number, will raise the total substantially.

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JAP AIRCRAFT RAID MILNE BAY IN DAY

Enemy Hits Hardest Since Attack On Jan. 17

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 14 (AP)—Headquarters of General MacArthur tonight announced tersely that a strong force of Japanese aircraft raided Milne bay during daylight today. Details were not immediately received.

The raid was believed to have been on the approximate scale of other big raids in the southwest Pacific recently, which General MacArthur has termed the beginning of Japanese aerial offensives in this area.

Other Raids These were raids on Oro bay, Tulagi and Port Moresby. Eighty-five and forty-five planes were used by the Japanese in separate assaults against Oro bay; 97 against Tulagi, and approximately 100 against Port Moresby.

The announcement followed by a matter of 12 hours General MacArthur's special statement issued at the regular noon communique time, voicing a new warning of inherent danger of a Japanese attempt to wrest aerial supremacy from the allies in the southwest Pacific.

The raid on Milne bay, which lies on the southeast tip of Papua (New Guinea), was the heaviest there since January 17, when 21 medium bombers escorted by 21 Zeros made an attack.

Date Set for Execution of Nazi Traitor

DETROIT, April 14 (AP)—Execution of German-born Max Stephan, convicted traitor, was set for Tuesday, April 27, at the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Mich., by Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle in United States district court here today.

Stephan, handcuffed to two United States marshalls, wept through the entire proceedings. Judge Tuttle refused a plea from the traitor's attorney, Nicholas Salowich to set an execution date about the middle of May. The judge told the attorney and the defendant that the only door open to them is to appeal to President Roosevelt for executive clemency.

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Simultaneously the WLB announced it had instructed local boards to "deny at once all proposed wage and salary adjustments which involve only interplant inequalities and which cannot be decided on the basis of the Little Steel formula of standards of living."