

and in many ways puzzling de-bate between our headquarters in Australia and our high-up officials in Washington is still the highlight of the news. firm It continues today. A SPOKESMAN for MacArthur

A at allied headquarters in the South Pacific says the Japs are maintaining a GREAT COMBAT FLEET at their base at Truk, within three days sailing time to New Guinea, and for several months have maintained at their Rabaul base alone (not to mention other bases) a concentration of approximately 250,000 tons of merchant shipping. He adds:

"Constant (Jap) convoys, op-erating BEYOND THE RANGE of our air forces are being pushed forward to reinforce the . . .

THE situation he outlines is \$16,000 mark. Clear enough in its implica. The war fin

tions. The Japs, with many terrible The Japs, with many terrible experiences behind them (Coral sea, Bismarck sea, etc.), are afraid of our aircraft. They dare not face it again without at least equality in the air. So they are building up their OWN air power, and meanwhile are concentrating smashingly.

are concentrating smashingly heavy naval and transport strength to be rushed in for the kill if and when they can get air power enough to knock our planes from the skies.

WAR SECRETARY STIMSON. after listening for three days to the pleas for more planes in the South Pacific, tells his press conference in Washington today: "We will keep our American and Australian fliers supplied with SUFFICIENT planes not only to replace our losses but to BUILD UP our aircraft to counter the INCREASING enemy air

strength.' He adds that the ALLIED COMBINED chiefs of staff (note that he takes it out of the realm of purely American decision) hem the very dif

A \$20-a-plate luncheon and \$25,000 purchases by a lumber 1 an insurance company put id power into Klamath count, a war finance drive as it went over the \$400,000 mark Thursday.

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To emphasize the point, Lo-

"He said he was a white

The Soroptimist club, women's service organization, dem-onstrated the \$20 luncheon idea at its Thursday noon meeting, and reported bond sales of \$16,-000 as a result of this effort.

Each person at the Pelican cafe luncheon was asked to buy at least one \$25 bond in addition to the regular luncheon charge. under a plan led by Olive Cor-nett, the club's defense chair-man, and Rose Poole, president. Purchases ran for over the \$25 average, with the result that the

total sales of the day passed the The war finance committee suggested that the Soroptimist luncheon idea be tried by other

groups Kesterson Lumber corpora-tion invested \$25,000 in govern-ment bonds, it was announced (Continued on Page Two)

Progress Made In Solution of "Black Snow"

City officials expressed the belief Thursday that definite progress had been made toward solution of "black snow" and steam problems as a result of an informal discussion of these questions Wednesday in which representatives of the city, Klamath Heating company and the state utilities commissioner participated.

City Attorney J. H. Carnahan City Attorney J. H. Carnahan said that at the meeting the PUC representative, David Don, suggested that the heating com-pany employ an expert com-bustion engineer and that the city and company undertake to work the problem out together. He said this was agreed to and that was announced by the na-tic announced by the ma-tic announced by the

the galley, stoking the stove. Between 15 and 20 minutes Defense Counsel Leroy Lomax, H. M. Hughes, the porter, said after the tragedy, he said, he saw another porter eating a mul-fin that Folkes had just knock-ed out of a pan. He added that Marine Private Harold Wilson, the first man to reach the fatally slashed Mrs. James after she tumbled from her berth, insisted that the man he saw running knew that it took 10 or 15 minand down the aisle of car D was a utes to bake the muffins. Bit of Comedy

A bit of comedy was injected during the cross examination. Hughes had told Lomax that he had seen Folkes "stoking" his Hughes said a group gathered in the diping car a few minutes after Mrs. James' death to have coffee. Wilson was present, he

stove "What do you mean—stok-ing?" the attorney asked. Exasperated, Hughes replied: "Stoking the fire, like you stoke "Did Wilson describe the man he saw running down the aisle?"

"Yes, he did," Hughes replied. "Stoams "" any fire!" "To get it straight, describe what Folkes was doing," Lomax

"Yes, he did," Hughes replied. "But later he said he was a white man." "Fine," Lomax shouted. "What did he say?" "He said he was a white man. He said he could tell"me was a white man when he turned around to look back as he was under the light in the elbow of the car." Turning to the court reporter, Kathleen Miller, Hughes order-ed loudly: "Please strike that, Madam, and make it 'shoveling."

The courtroom crowd laughed. D. A. Asks Time

In redirect examination, Prosecutor Harlow Weinrick asked Hughes to place the time he (Continued on Page Two)

man." "Yes," the porter replied. Wilson, occupant of upper 13, just above Mrs. James' berth, had testified he saw a man fice-**GOP** Leaders **Light Fuse for** ing toward the rear of car D just before Mrs. James fell to the floor. He described him as "ei-**Ruml Explosion** ther a dark white man or a

light colored negro." Baking Muffins WASHINGTON, A pril 15 (AP) — A statement by senate republicans endorsing the Ruml plan became the fuse today for In later cross examination of Hughes, Lomax directed his questioning to bring out that

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 15 (P)—French and British infantry successfully stormed two import-ant hills on the south and western fronts of the constricted axis Funisian line yesterday and, cap turing 600 prisoners, increased the total allied bag since the op-ening of the Mareth offensive to

more than 30,000. Axis air losses in combat during the same period from March 20 total 459 planes, against 152

allied aircraft missing. In ad-dition, officers estimated 150 or more German and Italian planes have been destroyed aground during airdrome raids.

during airdrome raids. Dockyard Hit The U. S. army air force re-ported that the entire dockyard area of Erryville, arsenal and supply center on Lake Bizerte 10 miles south of Bizerte, had been devastated by asrial bom-bardments and all traffic in the once-busy port had ceased. Aer-ial photographs were said to show every building in the dock-yard area destroyed or rendered useless.

useless Attacking the Djebel Sefsouf, the French rounded up 400 Ger-mans and took possession of that mountain position which has been the western anchorage of

Marshal Rommel's new Enfidaville line. The Djebel Sefsouf lies 30 miles due west of Enfidaville, 50 miles southwest of Tunis and seven miles northeast of the vil-lage of Bir Karahoun.

Advance Halted Field dispatches said a furth-er advance by the British eighth army in the Enfidaville sector was halted by heavy artillery a new explosion of the pay-as-you-go income tax issue in the (Continued on Page Two) ways and means com-

Seven GOP members of the Air Battles on senate finance committee, act-ing with the approval of Minority Leader McNary of Ore Increase Over

June O'Brien and John Fletcher, shown above, will be valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Klamath high school commencement exercises next month, it was announced by Prin-cipal Stanley Woodruff. Miss O'Brien had a straight 1 average, and Mr. Fletcher's average was 1.09. Both students major in mathematics and science.

Britain's Bombers Batter Stuttgart War Industries

LONDON, April 15 (P)-Brit- "very heavy." The target was ain's powerful four-engined "clearly identified," the minis-bombers raced 400 miles across try declared, indicating the raid nazi-held Europe last night to strike at the German industrial city of Stuttgart in a highly con-centrated raid from which 23 bombers failed to return, the air ministry announced today

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afternoon sweeps. Southeast coast observers said formations of Spitfires streaked toward coast. Calais and Dunkerque at alti-tudes between 20,000 and 30,000

feet. The air ministry announce ment described the attack upon Stuttgart, a city of 410,000 and one of Germany's most import-

ant engineering centers, as Collaboration

Pictured as

'Cornerstone"

WASHINGTON, A pril 15 (AP)—Chairman Donnally (D. Tex.) said today a foreign rela-tions sub-committee probably would draft its own version of a proposal to put the senate on (Continued on Page Two) record for postwar collabora-

Today Last Day to

March 1, an average of nearly two raids a day. Stimson's pledge followed a series of appeals for greater al-lied air strength in the South Sea battle theatre and repeated official warnings from Australia that the Japanese were prepar-ing to unleach a new ofference ing to unleash a new offensive, Sufficient Planes "We will keep our American and Australian fliers supplied The German air force, mean-

while, struck back at Britain with night attacks on East with sufficient planes not only to replace our losses but to build up our aircraft to counter the Anglia and towns in the Thames Estuary, causing a brief alert in London—its first night alert (Continued on Page Two) since March 8. Some damage and casualties were caused by **Fifteen Leave** the raiders, though no bomb fell in the capital.

Railways Hit.

OWI Because Germans Destroyed

Three of the German planes were reported destroyed over Britain and another over its base in France. WASHINGTON, April WASHINGTON, April 15 (A) Last night's raid—the first on Stuttgart since the night of March 11—followed by 24 hours Fifteen recently resigned mem-bers of the office of war informa-tion staff said in a statement today they were leaving "because of our conviction that it is im-

possible for us . . . to tell the full truth." Among those signing the state-ment — immediately denied by OWI Director Elmer Davis-were Harold K. Guinsburg, New

area "within three days' sailing distance of New Guinea."

Simultaneously, a navy bul-letin revealed that American fliers of the Aleutian command

broke all records for attacks on the Japanese outpost at Kiska, blasting the enemy stronghold

Japs Fired The navy said heavy and me-dium U. S. bombers, escorted by fighters, set fires in the main

Japanese encampment, strafed enemy float planes and inflicted

other havoc in the unprecedent-ed series of assaults.

Altogether, Kiska has now been attacked 73 times since

March 1, an average of nearly

10 times on Tuesday.

ficult task" of allotting a limited supply (of planes) to meet large demands. . . . WASHINGTON officials who

Astriction officials who are quoted anonymously in the dispatches today seem gen-erally to hold the opinion that the Japs are more interested in holding and building up what they've seized already than in BITING OFF MORE by attack-ing Australia ing Australia.

They intimate also that we're not in any position to launch a big offensive soon in the South Pacific.

YOU'D better keep your fingers rossed, remembering that FOOLING THE ENEMY is one of war's No. 1 strategies.

AND don't get too badly fright-A ened about the Pacific. If the situation there were as bad as some of the dispatches of the past two or three days have seemed ON THE SURFACE to indicate, we wouldn't be broad-casting it to the Japs.

TN Africa, the siege of Tunis and Bizerte is proceeding more or less according to the rules. We're picking off high points in the surrounding barrier of hills and smashing at the German air fields.

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-Kennell-Ellis

Sqt. Charles Norris Doty

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We've just taken two strategic High points, one to the west of Enfidaville (consult your map) and another to the north of Medjez el Bab. The purpose is to get above the Germans and shoot down at them instead of permitting them to stay above and shoot down at us. That is (Continued on Page Two)

it appears a friendly and cooper-ative effort will be made. D. O. This union obtained only a Hood, president of the heating ed to discuss the "black snow" and steam problems. vote was voided.

Two Klamath Men Collect Additional

Klamath folks were thrilled to hear of the awards given Uncle

Sam's airmen as the names of

several local boys appeared in the list of citations announced

by the war department today. Keeping pace with other Ore-

gon flyers in gathering medals were Tech. Sgt. Dan Erheart and

Tech, Sgt Charles Norris Doty,

both of this city. In an Associat-ed Press dispatch Thursday their

acts of valor were described in

this manner: "And there's Technical Ser-

geant Dan Erheart of Klamath

Falls who; with five medals, tied with Sergeant Stanley C. Jackola of Portland for the title

Jackola of Portland for the title of the most frequently decorated Oregonian. Like Jackola, he won the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of a second DFC for taking part repeatedly in bombing attacks, reconnaissance flighte and searches outer for

flights and searches over ter-ritory infested by Japanese planes.

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"In addition, Erheart picked

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.),

support behind the plan, said this action "gives us grounds for asking" the ways and means committee to reopen the pay-as-

you-go question.

Sgt. Dan Erheart

MOSCOW, April 15 (AP)-Air battles increased over the Russian front today, with the red army's fliers concentrating mainspring of house republican again on nazi supply columns and their Yak, Mig and Lagge fighter planes successfully bat-tling off the Germans' Focke-Wulf 190 raiders.

before the Rotary club, Welles referred indirectly to the Prime Minister Churchill's recent The land armies jabbed at one another in various sectors speech outlining the concept of with new fighting reported regional councils in Europe and north of Chuguev and south of Asia after the war, and added: Izyum, on the long Donets river battle line. "We of the Americas have already created a regional un-**Citations for Bravery Fighting Japs**

(Several red army divisions supported by tanks struck again at nazi defenses in the Kuban river sector of the Caucasus, but were repulsed with very heavy losses, the German high command declared in a Berlin broadcast communique record-ed by The Associated Press. This was described by the Germans as the only important

ground operation yesterday on the Russian front.) The German air force is said to be having little success in its cerned.

stabs at cities, railway junc-tions and front line positions. It is safe to say that some of

the war's sharpest as well as heaviest fights in the air are taking place on the battle front.

ion with other nations.

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derstanding . . . there is al-ready a solid cornerstone laid

for a future world order in this

hemisphere association of 21

sovereign and independent

Declaring that the corner

File State Income NEW YORK, April 15 (AP) Western hemisphere collabora-**Tax Returns** tion was pictured by Undersee

retary of State Sumner Welles SALEM, April 15 (AP)-Today was the last day for filing state honest presentation of war in-income tax returns and making formation," their statement said. today as the "solid corner stone" for a free postwar world.

the first quarter payment. The state tax commission's Davis told a press conference yesterday that he believed the Portland and Salem offices were resignations were due to a clash swamped, with total collections of personalities and that he this year expected to be by far hoped most of those who resigned the largest in history. would reconsider.

One-Third of Second War Loan Already Subscribed

WASHINGTON, April 15 (\mathcal{F}) Secretary Morgenthau reported today the treasury already has raised more than one-third of the \$13,000,000 sought in which opened Monday. The secretary told his press conference that subscriptions up oversubscribed this allotment

The secretary told his press conference that subscriptions up to last night from both banking and non-banking sources totaled \$5,253,000,000. While expressing pleasure at the progress of the campaign so far, Morgenthau cautioned that "we still have a hard road based"

head." was one of the biggest responses The treasury already has call- to treasury offerings on record. ahead."

The best-liked A merican puncture from the billication believed truck columns and communications the Russians generally favor the II, or Stormovik, of which the Russians grade and high schools will be

communications the Russians ball team. generally favor the II, or Stor-movik, of which the Russians have three types. Today's soviet noon commun-ique again noted there were no important changes on the land front. Total's soviet noon commun-important changes on the land front. The figures made public to-include several large subscrip-totaled nearly \$1,000,000,000. Of the total funds raised so Insurance Subscriptions The figures made public to-day, the secretary said, do not include several large subscrip-totaled nearly \$1,000,000,000. Of the total funds raised so ing earned by workers.

countries.

Plans Set for -15

Basketball Dinner

Plans were set for the 6:30

obstacles had to be overcome to win the voluntary and effective collaboration of the west ern hemisphere nations con-

stone was not laid without dif-ficulty, Welles said that grave



York book publisher, and Henry F. Pringle, Pulitzer prize winning author. "There is only one issue-the deep and fundamental one of the