

Blackout Signal

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WARPLANES POUND JAP CONVOY

Police Relate Folkes' Confession

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE mystery debate between our headquarters in Australia and our big shots in Washington dies down today, but we get disturbing news from the western Aleutians.

Pilots returning from raids on Kiska and Attu (Jap-held) report encountering the heaviest anti-aircraft fire of the year. One says: "The Japs out there are getting stronger all the time."

Another pilot reports: "We can keep on bombing them until 1960, and they'll still be there as strong as ever."

THE reason, for the most part, is the weather.

There was only ONE good bombing day in March. In fact, the pilots out there say, March 15 was the only really good bombing day this year.

OUR raids on the Jap-held islands in the Aleutians have ranged from grass-top level to 9000 feet (only one was that high).

The most dangerous missions, the pilots say, are those that are carried out just under the ceiling at about 2500 feet. The Jap gunners won't calculate the altitude by the ceiling and bring their guns to bear accurately almost immediately.

The Jap, these pilots report, is wasting little ammunition and is showing a tendency to wait until he can see the whites of our eyes.

DON'T jump to the conclusion that these Jap-built stepping-stone airfields in the Aleutians are necessarily designed for a Jap air attack on our mainland. If you were going over and over your maps, trying to pick a way to bomb Japan, you'd probably settle on the Aleutians as the most feasible route geographically.

Air fields in the Aleutians would be the natural Jap answer to such an attack.

The little yellow men can use these fields DEFENSIVELY, as well as offensively.

IN the South Seas, Flying Fortresses sweep in at MAST HEIGHT on a Jap convoy of three warships and six merchant vessels at Wewak, New Guinea, and damage three of the merchant ships badly.

Four-motored heavy bombers were never intended for close-range fighting. Their use in such a manner demonstrates the BOLDNESS and the resourcefulness of our indomitable flying men down there.

DISPATCHES from Tunisia today say the final phase of the struggle is unmistakably at hand as the British, French and Americans close in on the Germans at Bizerte and Tunis.

Violent fighting for high ground still goes on. Anderson's artillery-supported British infantry takes a range of hills overlooking the Tunis plain. The Germans launch a counter-attack, recapturing the hills. The British then stage a counter-attack, regaining it and pushing on slightly.

Our air force still pounds the German air fields. Taking the commanding high ground and destroying the enemy's air fields are NECESSARY preliminaries to the taking of Bizerte and Tunis.

BRITISH SINK TWO ITALIAN SHIPS OF WAR

Small Gains, Fierce Fighting Seen In Tunisia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 16 (AP)—Two British destroyers sank two Italian destroyers off Sicily last night, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew B. Cunningham announced tonight. The admiral smilingly indicated that the British destroyers suffered virtually no loss of personnel or damage. He said the British navy was ready to smash any axis attempt to withdraw by sea from Tunisia and that it, meanwhile, was hitting hard at supply lines from Europe.

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 16 (AP)—First army infantrymen drove to within 15 miles of the key road junction of Tebourba yesterday in some of the fiercest fighting of the Tunisian campaign, it was announced today. In a series of local attacks east of Medjez-el-Bab, the allied mountain line advanced to points between 25 and 30 miles from Tunis. Tebourba, once held by the allies in the eastward push last fall, lies 18 miles airline west of the axis-held capital. Allied bombers and fighters continued their assaults upon (Continued on Page Two)

Hitch-Hiking Youth Thumbs Interruption

A 14-year-old boy who was hitch-hiking from Los Angeles to Seattle to visit his father who is working in the defense industry there, met with an interruption in his journey when he thumbed down juvenile officer, Harold Hendrickson, here Wednesday. However, the boy will still see his father who has been notified and is coming to Klamath Falls Saturday morning to pick the youngster up. Hendrickson said that he noticed a dirty disheveled boy thumping a ride down Main street heading south. Thinking that the youngster looked like a runaway, he got in his car, drove around the block and picked the boy up, taking him into custody. Upon questioning, the boy, (Continued on Page Two)

Administration Confronted by First Strike From "Hold the Line" Order

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Chairman William H. Davis of the war labor board told strikers at the Universal Atlas Cement company plant, at Universal, Pa., today that they were violating "labor's pledge" and were striking against President Roosevelt's hold-the-line order against inflation. The board made public a telegram, signed by Davis and sent to union leaders, asking the workers to return to their jobs "so that full and continuous production may be resumed immediately."

Big Girl Now



From now on 20-year-old Bonita Granville will play only adult parts in the movies. A new contract, approved by a Los Angeles court, brings to an end her "brat" roles and stipulates she will be cast only in grown-up parts. The contract, with RKO studios, is for seven years and calls for \$15,000.

SENATE GIVES OKAY TO STABILIZATION

President's Authority Over Dollar Value Eliminated

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Legislation to extend for two more years the \$2,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund was passed by the senate today and sent to the house after a provision to continue the president's authority over devaluation of the dollar was eliminated. A voice vote was unanimous. The revised bill was reported by the banking committee a few hours after Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau urged rejection of the devaluation clause as a "defensive weapon" case of a foreign devaluation operation. Chief objection to continuation of the president's 10-year-old authority to devalue the dollar after June 30 came from Senator Taft (R-Ohio) who observed that (Continued on Page Two)

Officer Tells of Preliminaries in "Lower 13" Killing

ALBANY, Ore., April 16 (AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes' admission that he couldn't get the woman in lower 13 out of my mind," carefully planned his entrance to her berth and killed her with a knife when she resisted his advances, was related today by Lieut. E. A. Tetric of the Los Angeles police homicide squad.

It was the first time the contents of statements made by Folkes, charged with the murder of pretty Mrs. Martha Virginia James on a Southern Pacific limited train before dawn January 23, were disclosed at his trial.

Verbal Story Tetric said the 20-year-old negro cook aboard the train made the verbal confession in the presence of himself (Tetric), Los Angeles Detective Captain Vernon Rasmussen and Jessie Taylor, sometimes referred to as Folkes' girl friend, sometimes as his wife. The confession, Tetric testified, was made the evening of January 26 after Folkes was arrested at Los Angeles at the end of the train's run through Oregon and California.

Folkes' confession covered these points, Tetric testified: Drinking in Portland Folkes had been drinking in Portland, Ore., where the train was made up during the day January 22. He fell asleep in the depot and someone woke him up before the train left. He boarded the train and walked through sleeping car D, the car in which Mrs. James occupied lower 13, on his way to the diner.

Folkes said the woman apparently mistook him for a porter and asked him to help her search for her husband (Navy Ensign Richard F. James), whom she thought might be on the same train. (Traveling from Seattle to San Diego under navy transfer orders, they were separated at Portland by congested travel conditions and took different trains south.) Made No Effort Folkes told her he would look for her husband and agreed to meet her in 10 or 15 minutes in the vestibule. Folkes made no effort to find the husband but went to the diner and joined a party which was in progress and had some more drinks. At the appointed time he returned to the vestibule and told Mrs. James her husband was in the dining car attending (Continued on Page Two)

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Italy Declares Sicily, Sardinia Military Area

LONDON, April 16 (AP)—Premier Mussolini was reported by the Berlin radio today to have declared Sicily, Sardinia and smaller islands at Italy's southern flank as an area of military operations in a move interpreted here as throwing up defenses hastily against expected allied attack.

The action was preceded by a shakeup of the Italian police, which some London observers said was an attempt to deal with potential slackers and saboteurs who might impair the defense of Italy. The Italian premier acted (Continued on Page Two)

Runaway Girls Returned After Wide Travels

Two runaway girls whose travels had taken them from here to Weed, back again and thence to Fort Klamath junction were taken into custody at the latter place about 4 a. m. Friday. County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson and the mother of one of the girls caught up with the youngsters at the junction, where they were shivering around a stove in a stop on a hatless and coatless hitch-hiking jaunt. They had been detained at the station by the woman who operates the place. Hendrickson said the girls assertedly rode to Weed in an automobile with a 25-year-old army sergeant and a 19-year-old youth, remaining there all night and returning with the men Thursday. The girls, he said, decided they did not want to go home, and were hitch-hiking to Portland. With the aid of city police, the two men were picked up for investigation but no definite charge had been filed against them. Hendrickson said the case is a demonstration of the dangers of young girls running about without supervision and going for rides with men. What started out to be just a "joy ride" around town, he said, turned into a serious escapade.

AIRMEN DESTROY JAP GENERATOR

Heavy Raids Continue On Kiska Nippon Positions

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—American bombers battering Japanese positions in the central Solomon islands Thursday destroyed a building believed to be a power generating station and sunk an 80-foot vessel, the navy announced today. In the North Pacific, meanwhile, heavy raids on Kiska island continued. A communique said that the enemy base there was attacked eight times Wednesday and hits were scored in the camp area, damaging an airplane runway and revetments built to protect aircraft on the ground.

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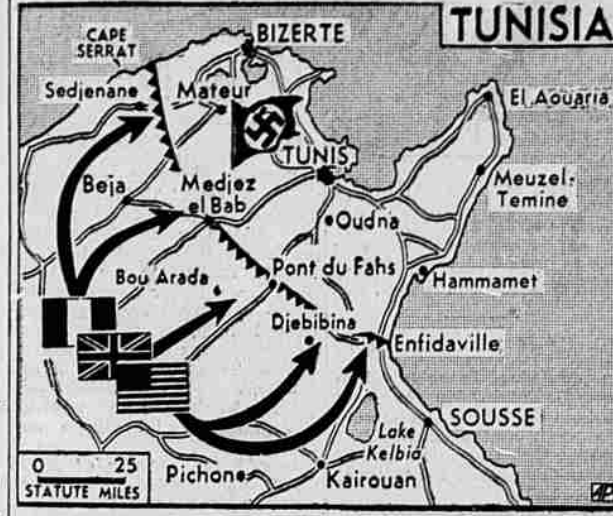
Mayor Rodisch of Chiloquin Dies in Hospital Here

Henry N. Rodisch, 78, for the past six years mayor of Chiloquin, died early Friday morning at Klamath Valley hospital following a brief illness. Mr. Rodisch had come to Klamath Falls for treatment and became ill in his hotel 24 hours before his passing. Mr. Rodisch was born November 15, 1864, in Port Washington, Wis., son of Henry N. and Susie Rodisch, both natives of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. They pioneered in Wisconsin and reared a family of three children. Following his public school education, young Henry Rodisch began logging at the age of 15, working in the Wisconsin and Michigan woods. He had been with the E. S. Hartwell Lumber company which sent him to Chicago and during the Columbia exposition he served as inspector of the lumber that went into the construction of exposition buildings. In the fall of 1892, Mr. Rodisch was sent to Louisiana by his company as a timber cruiser and thence to California as buyman and inspector early in 1898. He made his headquarters in Redding for five years. His next assignment was in the shipping department at McCloud, Calif., where he remained until 1912. He spent a short time at Angel's Camp and in 1914 came to Klamath county as sawyer for (Continued on Page Two)

House GOP Heads Start Compromise On Income Taxes

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—House republican leaders supporting the skip-a-tax-year plan and democrats opposing it launched a joint effort today, under the leadership of Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.), to reach a compromise on pay-as-you-go income tax legislation. The bi-partisan effort to settle the embattled issue developed at a morning conference in Rayburn's office attended by House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts, Chairman Doughton (D-N. C.) and members of the house ways and means committee.

Allies Tighten Noose



General Eisenhower's allied forces tightened the noose on Axis armies in Tunisia, closing in inexorably to what the German radio said would be the Rommel-Von Arnim final defense line (sawtooth line) from Cape Serrat to Enfidaville. Eighth army armor rolled toward Enfidaville. First army patrols went south to unite with the eighth army units near Djebibana. French patrols were active near Bou Arada, the British captured hill positions near Medjez el Bab and the first army and French were poised in the north.

Eight Welders Held for Sabotage by Faulty Work

BALTIMORE, April 16 (AP)—The arrests of eight men formerly employed as welders at two Baltimore shipyards, on charges of sabotaging ships by doing faulty welding, were announced today by the federal bureau of investigation. Seven of the men, whose arrests were announced by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in Washington, were accused of doing bad welding on Liberty ships at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc. The arrest of the eighth, on a similar charge of performing faulty work on a tanker under construction at the Bethlehem Steel company's Sparrow Point yard, was disclosed when six men were brought before a U.S. commissioner for arraignment.

He was identified as James E. Dixon, 25, of Baltimore, a native of Portsmouth, Va. All six entered pleas of innocent. Two of the eight were arrested outside Baltimore. Hoover said that the men "have admitted performing faulty welding in order to finish their work in a hurry and earn more money." He added that there was no evidence of "any axis direction or sympathy." (Continued on Page Two)

British Battle Nazis in Hills Near Bizerte

CHAOUACH VILLAGE, Northern Tunisia, April 16 (AP)—Artillery-supported British infantrymen battled the Germans today in a range of hills from which the promised land of Tunisia and Bizerte is visible on a clear day. The Djebel Tannougcha, a conical peak jutting above the rugged highlands stretching northeast from Oued Zargua toward Tunis and the high smooth hills of the neighboring Djebel and were gained by powerful allied attacks this week, and then yielded temporarily yesterday before German counterattacks. (The Friday communique from allied headquarters said the enemy fought fiercely throughout the day for the high ground in that area, north of Medjez-el-Bab, "but all his counterattacks were eventually beaten off and the high ground remains in our hands.")

Tokyo Bombers Celebrate With Anniversary Dinner

By J. REILLY O'SULLIVAN WITH U. S. AIR FORCES IN CHINA, April 15 (Delayed)—(AP)—With their bombers pointed for the Japanese capital—"to blow Japan open to the outside world again," one flier said—"a little group of Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's volunteers of last year is preparing to celebrate Sunday's first anniversary of their bombing of Tokyo and other points in Japan. "We are eager to get going and hope to be the first again over Tokyo; when our orders come, better hide, Hirohito, hide," one of these veterans said today. They feel sure that their bombers, such as "Tokyo Joe," are destined to carry them over Tokyo again but they leave the Japanese militarists to guess as to just when these and many

other veterans are taking off for a much bigger surprise than that of last April 18. "I think I'll christen my bomber 'Commodore Perry' because we're going to blow Japan open to the outside world again," said brick-topped Major Everett Holstrom of Tacoma, Wash., who was one of Doolittle's pilots and now is a squadron leader. Veterans of the raid who will attend an anniversary dinner will include Capt. Calyton, Orofino, Ida., navigator; Capt. Horace Crouch, Columbia, S. C., navigator-bombardier; Lieut. William Fitzhugh, Galveston, Tex.; Lieut. Youngblood, Waco, Tex.; Jacob Manch, Staunton, Va., all pilots; Technical Sgt. Douglas Radney, Mineola, Tex., and Master Sgt. Edwin Horton Jr., Cape Cod, Mass.

Fortresses Pounce In swift waves, U. S. Flying Fortresses pounced on the enemy with these results: an 8000-ton cargo ship left sinking; another 8000-tonner floating lopsidedly, and a 5000-tonner beached. "We are continuing the attack," allied headquarters said. At the far north end of the Pacific war zone, a navy bulletin said, American bombers ran up their two-day total of attacks on Kiska to 18 with eight more heavy bombings assaults on the Japanese outpost in the Aleu- (Continued on Page Two)

Red Bombings Batter Nazi Airdromes

MOSCOW, April 16 (AP)—The red army is throwing a mounting force into the bombing of German military objectives and cities, the latest feat of Russian fliers being announced as a raid on a German airdrome on the Leningrad front where 13 German planes were destroyed on the ground.

The noon communique told of the exploits of a band of Russian fliers who bombed and strafed the German airfield, setting fires to buildings in the area as well. The raid came on the heels of a Russian long-range attack on Koenigsberg, the third bombing of that East Prussia city, and an assault on Danzig, the first one this year. Stories of the raids were given wide display in the soviet press along with accounts of the allied bombings from the west. In land fighting, soviet troops struggled ahead in the Kuban area of the Caucasus, capturing another German stronghold and dominating the position in the face of fierce counter-attacks by large numbers of German reserves. Another sharp nazl attack on the Donets river line north of Chuguev also was turned back, the Russians said.

Three Enemy Ships Hit in First Assault

Pledge to Give More Aerial Support Buoy Men

By The Associated Press With a pledge of greater aerial reinforcements, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's warplanes pressed home the attack on a nine-ship Japanese convoy off Northern New Guinea today, after crippling three vessels in the opening assault and pounding other enemy targets across a wide expanse of the 2500-mile South Sea battle arc. Spotted at dusk yesterday off the base at Wewak, the enemy convoy consisted of six merchant vessels, a light cruiser and two other warships. Fortresses pounced on the enemy with these results: an 8000-ton cargo ship left sinking; another 8000-tonner floating lopsidedly, and a 5000-tonner beached. "We are continuing the attack," allied headquarters said. At the far north end of the Pacific war zone, a navy bulletin said, American bombers ran up their two-day total of attacks on Kiska to 18 with eight more heavy bombings assaults on the Japanese outpost in the Aleu- (Continued on Page Two)