

Blackout Signal

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BLOCK BUSTERS RAID GERMANY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE long-range debate on Pacific strategy that has had us all more or less mystified is beginning to show results.

NAVY SECRETARY KNOX today assigns one of the present SEVEN U. S. fleets to Australia. War Secretary Stimson had previously promised "a constantly INCREASING flow of planes and other war supplies to the southwest Pacific."

(The disclosure that we now have seven fleets is interesting. Before the war, we had three—the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Asiatic.)

ON the floor of the senate today, Senator George (of Georgia) calls for the shipment to Australia and China of "all additional planes needed for those fronts."

He explains that he hasn't so far offered any suggestions about over-all strategy and that maybe the nearest way to China is through the Mediterranean, but adds:

"At the same time, I don't believe we have given an adequate and conclusive answer to the question why we can't send 500 or 1,000 additional planes to MacArthur and a like number to China, if they are necessary. I'm not convinced that we can't, in the light of the fact that we are producing from 5,000 to 6,000 planes a month."

Senator Chandler, of Kentucky, chimes in: "The Pacific theater has been ERRONEOUSLY relegated to a secondary of fair," and with this statement Senator Johnson, of Colorado, agrees.

SENATOR PEPPER (a thick-and-thin administration supporter) thereupon speaks sarcastically of "congressional strategists" as being no better than swivel-chair strategists and adds that Chief of Staff Marshall and his generals want to defeat the enemy as badly and as quickly as the rest of us.

"For myself," Senator Pepper says, "I'll defer to their judgment."

MAYBE, but how about MacArthur? He's a full general. He's on the ground in the Pacific. He got caught in one Bataan, and doesn't want to get caught in another.

IN trying to understand this strange situation, we must remember that MacArthur sent practically his whole staff to Washington several weeks ago.

They reported. They conferred. Presumably they explained their needs in the way of support. Then they returned to the Pacific.

There have been rumors (no direct statements) that they failed to get as much help as they asked for.

IT is just possible that this debate has been staged as a means of bringing the needs of the Pacific war to the attention of the American public as a whole.

Either that or it is a smoke screen designed to fool the enemy.

IN our Pacific situation (as on all our other fronts) SHIPS are the bottleneck.

Long-range bombers can be flown to their destination, but out shorter-range planes have to be carried in ships to the general area in which they are to be used.

With their stepping-stone bases scattered over the South Pacific, the Japs enjoy a great advantage in this respect, as they can fly even their shorter-range aircraft from island to island, thus getting them where they are needed QUICKLY.

THERE isn't much change in Africa. General Eisenhower today gives full credit to General Patton's Americans for keeping (Continued on Page Nine)

'Kill, Kill, Kill' Say Voices In Folkes 'Story'

ALBANY, Ore., April 17 (AP)—Voices that commanded him to "kill, kill, kill," sent Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro dining car cook, into lower 13 berth to slay Mrs. Martha Virginia James, an asserted confession read to the jury trying him for murder detailed today.

Prosecutor Harlow Weinrick read the statement, which he said was given by Folkes to him and police officers after the negro was returned to Albany from Los Angeles to face the charge of cutting Mrs. James' throat as she lay in her berth on the California bound Southern Pacific's West Coast Limited on January 23.

Master or God The weird statement attributed to Folkes the assertion that the voices, "a big one and a little one" that sometimes talked in cross purposes, as being like those of "a master or a God."

As Weinrick read the statement in a monotone, the jury listened intently, Folkes sat stolidly and impassively watching him, and the crowd in the tiny courtroom was silent. It was the third statement on the crime attributed to Folkes. Two others assertedly were made to Los Angeles police, who arrested the cook as he completed his run to Los Angeles.

Voices Come The voices came to him when he awakened about 4 o'clock in the morning, Weinrick read. He tried to fight them off, but he said he was in a daze from drinking whiskey the night before.

"They said, 'go to lower 13,'" the statement read.

Folkes was quoted as saying he went to car D, the death car, halted in front of the berth and peered at the number 13 in the dimly-lit Pullman.

"It seemed to turn pale, but I kept looking at it," the prosecutor read, "then something said, 'go ahead.'"

"Then the little voice said, 'Go ahead, go ahead.'"

"When I got into the berth and was astraddle of the woman, a squiddy little voice told me to go ahead, and I plunged the knife into her."

"When I got out of the berth I turned one way and the little voice said 'Not that way—turn the other way.'"

The statement then returned to the scene of the berth.

Woman Asks Folkes was quoted as saying that Mrs. James awakened (Continued on Page Three)

High Boise River Threatens Homes BOISE, Idaho, April 17, (AP) Fairview bridge, at Boise's western city limits, was closed to traffic today when one of its piers showed signs of weakening under a terrific pounding by the flooded Boise river.

Farmers and village dwellers in the lowlands of Boise valley prepared to move to higher ground on a moment's notice as the first test of flood conditions approached.

Navy Reorganization Adds to Rumors of Strong Reinforcements for MacArthur

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) Reorganization of the United States navy into seven fleets, with one assigned to the Australian area, strengthened the possibility today that strong reinforcements might be destined for General Douglas MacArthur.

Meanwhile, a congressional controversy concerning Pacific and over-all allied strategy was highlighted by a call from Senator George (D-Ga.) for shipment to Australia and China of "all the additional planes needed for those fronts."

There was no further official comment from the navy on Secretary Knox's disclosure yesterday of the reorganization, but it was promptly pointed out elsewhere that there have been no previous reports of major use of naval forces by MacArthur.

Commands Noted It was presumed from previous navy mention of separate commands that the fleet alignments might be in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, European, Southwest Pacific, South

Harmon Found



Lt. Tom Harmon, above, former University of Michigan football star and one of the nation's all-time grid "greats," was reported missing April 8 in a flight over Latin-American territory. Today word came that he had been found after his plane crashed over a South American jungle. Story on sports page.

FURIOUS AIR RAIDS BATTER KISKA JAPS

Numerous Explosions, Fires Noted In Installations WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) The furious aerial offensive against Japanese forces on Kiska island hit another peak of intensity Thursday, the navy disclosed today, when bombers of the Aleutians command raided the island 13 times causing "Numerous fires and explosions" among enemy positions.

Enemy anti-aircraft guns shot down one United States heavy bomber. Navy communique No. 346 said:

"North Pacific: "1. On April 14th, two additional attacks were made by army War Hawk (Curtis P-40) and Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters against Japanese installations at Kiska, raising to ten the total of attacks on that date."

Thirteen Raids "2. On April 15, Japanese installations at Kiska were attacked 13 times by formations of U. S. army bombers. Liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24), Mitchell medium bombers (North American B-25), and Lightning and War Hawk fighters carried out these raids. Many hits were scored in the main camp and on the runway and hangar areas, causing numerous fires and explosions. One heavy bomber was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire."

French Sweep French forces which swept the Tunisian eastern dorsal clean of the enemy hammered at strong points to which Rommel had anchored the western end of his southern defenses, and the eighth army probed this line, running 30 miles due west of Enfidaville, where enemy artillery was employed on the high ground 50 miles south of Tunis.

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Soviets Open Slow Drive in Kuban Delta MOSCOW, April 17 (AP)—The red army has opened a new, slow-going but thorough drive in the Kuban delta of the Caucasus, with strong artillery and bomber preparation preceding an infantry advance into German positions, the Russians said today, but the push was momentarily slowed as gains were consolidated and new operations prepared.

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Red Star, the army newspaper, reported that rain, mud and a stiff defense by the Germans made attacks extremely difficult.

In yesterday's opening battle, Red Star said, Russian Stormovik bombers and soviet artillery kept up a steady pounding of the German's rear positions while the infantry fought his way into the German basic points.

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ALLIES PUSH ON GATES TO TUNIS PLAINS

French Experience Vigorous Action In South

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 17 (AP)—British infantry of the first army has renewed its pressure in the rugged hills guarding the gateway to the plain of Tunis after seizing the dominating height of Djebel and north of Madjel-el-Bab, a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today.

At the same time the French to the south in the strategic Bau Arada and Pont Du Fahs area, with vigorous patrol action, continued to bear on the western flank of Marshal Erwin Rommel's Enfidaville line while the British eighth army engaged outposts and patrols in frontal activity.

Axis Fares Badly Again the axis air forces came off badly, losing 22 planes yesterday and Thursday night, 12 of them big Italian or German transports, in clashes with Northwest African, Western Desert and Malta airmen. The desert pilots destroyed 10 planes in one engagement when Spitfires sighted 12 to 18 transports with fighter escort over the Tunisian coast. Altogether the allies lost eight planes.

The pressure by the first army of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson against the relatively thin screen of high ground standing between it and the open country to Tunis, 30 miles distant, was continued with fierce determination, but the communique did not indicate any advance of the British mountain brigades since they took firm hold of Djebel Ag, eight miles north of Medjel-el-Bab, in mid-week.

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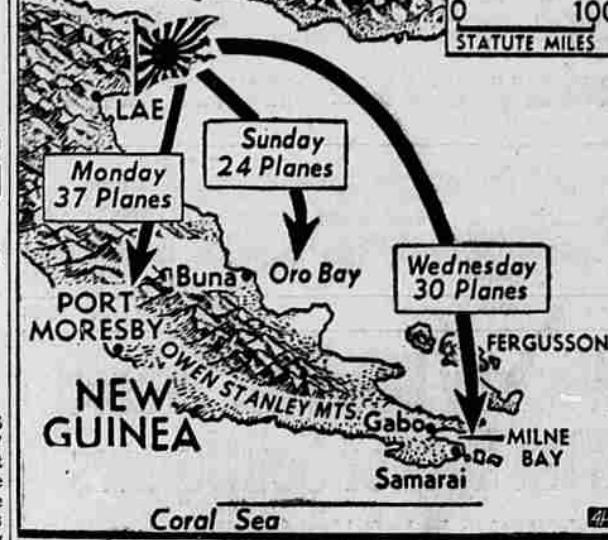
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Raids Cost Japs Heavily



Loss of 30 Japanese planes on a raid against allied installations at Milne Bay, announced by allied headquarters in Australia, brought to 91 the total number of enemy planes destroyed over New Guinea. The Japs lost 37 planes attacking Port Moresby, 24 at Oro Bay, and 30 at Milne Bay.

Weyerhaeuser Buys Bond Paddle to Spank Hitler

As Klamath prepared to "spank Hitler on his last birthday" Tuesday in a great bondbuying smash, Weyerhaeuser Timber company came through Saturday with a resounding preliminary swat at the axis big shot.

An even \$100,000 bond purchase was made by the timber company, biggest industrial operation in the county. Announcement was made by Andrew Collier, county war finance co-chairman, after the purchase

had been made by Manager R. R. Macartney by Weyerhaeuser. The Weyerhaeuser buy is the largest so far made by a private firm in Klamath's rush toward a \$269,000 war finance goal set for April. It brought the total purchased so far to \$556,000 Collier announced.

Tuesday being the birthday of the German Fuehrer, Klamath war finance leaders decided today to celebrate it in a big way throughout the day. Various special events are planned, including the Captain Jack sale over the radio under sponsorship of the junior chamber of commerce, all designed to give Hitler a thorough birthday spanking.

Expressing a hope held by millions throughout the world, the Klamath war financiers decided to call it Hitler's "last birthday," and the motto of the local celebration is to be, "Spank Hitler on his last Birthday."

Chiloquin Boy Held Prisoner In Philippines

Definite information that their son, Robert, is a prisoner of war in the Philippines, was received in Chiloquin by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greear of that city through the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. Greear were thrilled to receive a telegram on April 13, a few months of waiting for a letter word. "Bob" joined the United States army air corps January 29, 1940, and sailed for the Philippines on April 27 of that year. He was stationed at Nichols field at Rizal, when the when the Japs made their attack. No word had reached the Greears since Christmas, 1941, when they received a telegram through the Red Cross, until February, 1942, when a lieutenant on Bataan wrote his family in Butte Falls, Ore., to get word to Mr. and Mrs. Greear that "Bob" was alive and with the office force until the last week when ambulance crews were so badly needed and "Bob" was helping in the transfer of the wounded from the front lines to the hospital station on Bataan. This letter did not reach Butte Falls until the latter part of April, a year ago. From that time until April 13, the family has heard nothing concerning the youth.

"Bob" Greear lived his entire life in Chiloquin and the community has been greatly interested in his welfare.

Spain Appeals to World for Peace

BARCELONA, April 17, (AP) Spain has come forward with an appeal for world peace, voiced by Count Francisco Gomez Jordana, Spanish foreign minister, before an audience that included the Papal Nuncio, the ambassadors of Portugal, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, and other members of the diplomatic corps from South Africa.

Eisenhower Reports About African Battle, Casualties

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 17 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower disclosed today that the second U. S. army corps had captured 4680 prisoners in recent fighting on the Tunisian front, destroyed or captured 683 axis vehicles, destroyed or damaged 69 tanks and captured 150 guns.

At the same time he revealed that second corps casualties were 5372 killed, wounded and missing.

Americans Do Job "The second American corps accomplished what it set out to do, drawing off the German troops from in front of the eighth army and, at the time in the battle when Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces broke through, was holding approximately 35,000 axis troops in the El Guetar-Maknassy area," the commander in chief

declared at one of his rare "on the record" press conferences. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Eisenhower's deputy in charge of land operations, earlier had cited Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., for the work of the second corps, saying that it had executed assigned tasks, foremost of which was to secure Gafsa as an administrative base for the eighth army.

Alexander expressed "my gratitude and thanks" to Patton, his staff and his men for "their local support and active cooperation in the part they played in this great victory."

Trophies Taken In addition to the prisoners and other materials taken, the trophies included 150 machine-guns and 25,000 land mines. A American casualties were listed by Eisenhower as 903 (Continued on Page Nine)

SKODA WORKS BATTERED IN NIGHT BOMBING

American Planes Hit Focke-Wulf Plane Factory LONDON, April 17 (AP)—More than 50 enemy planes were destroyed by American heavy bombers today in a raid in strong force on the Focke-Wulf aircraft factory at Bremen, Germany, the U. S. army's European theater headquarters announced.

LONDON, April 17 (AP)—More than 600 bombers roared out in moonlight last night to strike heavily at Mannheim, Ludwigshafen and Pilsen—the latter in German-occupied Czechoslovakia, the home of the Skoda Munitions Works—in what the air ministry today called "the biggest night operation this year."

Fifty-five planes are missing in the raids, it was announced. The air ministry's description of the raid indicated that it surpassed the 1000-ton bomb assaults on Lorient, St. Nazaire and Essen in February and March.

10 Per Cent Loss Although the loss of 55 bombers approached 10 per cent of the raiding force, the authoritative view was that the losses were not out of proportion to the damage done to important targets. A 10 per cent loss has been commonly regarded as too extravagant, if sustained over a

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American Subs Sink Five More Japanese Ships

WASHINGTON, April 17, (AP) Five Japanese ships, including three merchantmen, were sunk and two were damaged by American submarines during operations in the Pacific, the navy announced today.

Navy communique No. 347 said:

"Pacific and far east: "1. United States submarines have reported the following results of operations in the waters of these areas:

"(A) One large supply ship sunk.

"(B) Two medium sized cargo ships sunk.

"(C) One large mine layer sunk.

"(D) One small patrol ship sunk.

"(E) One destroyer damaged.

"(F) One medium sized transport damaged.

"2. These actions have not been announced in any previous communique."

"By navy communique report, American submarines in the Pacific have now sunk 148 Japanese ships of various types, probably sunk 24 and damaged 42—a total of 214.