

Blackout Signal

One 5-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 18—High 70, Low 46 Precipitation as of April 12, 1943 Stream year to date 14.28 Last year 10.24 Normal 9.68

ALLIES BLAST AXIS TRANSPORTS

Job-Wage Control Ordered

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE news today is in another of those lulls that are inevitable in warfare. In Africa, our side is getting set for the final big push to crowd the Germans off the tip of the Tunisian hump. The fighting in Russia is still bogged down in the mud. Whatever may be brewing in the Pacific hasn't yet come to a boil.

IN the Mediterranean fighting, the highlight at the moment is the shooting down of German cargo planes. We got 58 of them Sunday and ten more this morning. Along with the 68 transports, 17 German fighters were shot down—making a total of 85 planes.

BRITISH military "quarters" in Cairo say these German transports were carrying axis personnel OUT of Africa. What kind of personnel—whether fighting men or technicians—isn't stated.

OUR American General Spantz says today the allied air force has won CLEAR-CUT SUPREMACY in the Mediterranean in spite of the transfer to that area of nearly one-fourth of the German air power.

OVER the weekend, our air forces made several heavy raids on Italy and her Mediterranean islands. Returning pilots describe the resistance encountered there as far less effective than in Germany.

That suggests (though it doesn't prove) that the Germans are keeping the bulk of their defensive armament—both planes and anti-aircraft guns—AT HOME instead of sending them to Italy.

YOU mustn't jump to wrong conclusions here. Giving up Italy would be a sign of weakness. Giving up ANYTHING because you can't hold onto it is a sign of weakness. But such a move would shorten the German lines and make fewer troops MORE effective.

Long centuries of fighting leave no doubt whatever that the line of the Alps is an extremely strong defensive line.

THERE'S a rumor today that Marshal Kettel, chief of the German general staff, has arrived in Bulgaria to organize a unified axis command in the Balkans.

To get the significance of that rumor, you'll have to get out your map and brush up on your history. The valleys of the Vardar and the Struma provide one of the not-too-numerous gateways by which the walls of the European fortress can be penetrated. The allies, entering this gate through Saloniki, did it in 1918.

THIS gate offers both an entrance and a rally port. From it, down through the ages, conquerors have issued forth to impose their will (or try to) on the (Continued on Page Two)

JUDGE REFUSES DIRECTIVE IN MURDER TRIAL

State Rests After Testimony From Psychiatrist

ALBANY, Ore., April 19 (P)—Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling today denied a defense request for a directed verdict of acquittal in the trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, on trial on a charge of first degree murder for the lower 13 slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James.

The court denied the request by Defense Attorney Leroy Lomax at a conference of counsel in the judge's chamber before state's attorneys could ask that it be denied.

Lomax Denied Lomax asked a directed verdict on grounds that the state had failed to show sufficient evidence to link Folkes with the slaying of Mrs. James. He contended also there was insufficient proof of corpus delicti.

Talks to Folkes De River testified that he talked with Folkes about 9 p. m., January 26 a short time after (Continued on Page Two)

Poll Taken of Senate Views On Post-War

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—Proponents of proposals to put the senate on record for post-war collaboration with other nations today called the result of an Associated Press poll on the question "highly satisfactory," but others thought the issue remained up in the air.

The poll, which reached 88 of the 96 members, showed 32 opposed, 24 favorable and 32 uncommitted on this question: "Do you favor committing the senate and country now to a postwar course of preserving the peace through an international police force?"

Medford Soldier To Plead "Insanity" In Smother Case

MEDFORD, Ore., April 19 (P)—Defense Attorney George A. Codding said today that Sgt. Bernard J. Lotka, indicted on a charge of first degree murder in the smothering of his 10-week-old son, "will plead innocent by reason of insanity."

Roosevelt Asks Additional Money

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—President Roosevelt submitted to congress today additional appropriation requests totaling \$2,614,536,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. A major share was allocated to the war shipping administration for the merchant marine.

Rough on Nazis



A "fightin' general" is star-studded Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., above, shown in one of the few pictures made of him during the Tunisian campaign. Official U. S. army signal corps photo.

GERMANS STIFFEN KUBAN DEFENSES

Russians Throw-Back Counter Attacks By Nazis

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, April 19 (P)—The Germans are stiffening their ground forces in the Kuban region of the Caucasus with large air units in an effort to hold their positions against a red army drive to push them into the Black Sea, a dispatch to Pravda said today after the Russians had thrown back repeated German counter-attacks.

Clarification Expected on Martinique

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—Further clarification of the situation on Martinique was expected in diplomatic quarters today as a result of information brought to Washington by Marcel Etienne Malle, United States consul general at Fort De France.

House Votes Down Crop Insurance

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—The house voted 93 to 65 today against continuing government insurance of wheat and cotton.

Bond Buyers Train For Hitler's Party

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RAF Flies Over Alps to Blast Italian Base

LONDON, April 19 (P)—British home-based bombers made the long trip across the Alps again last night to blast the Italian naval base of Spezia for the second time in six nights, it was announced today.

MODIFICATION OKAYS CHANGE FOR MORE PAY

Essential Workers Must Get WMC Permission

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt disclosed today that his job-wage control order would be modified to permit essential workers to take higher paying jobs with new employers anywhere in the country provided the WMC first approves.

AMERICAN FLIERS HIT SOLOMON JAPS

Enemy Cargo Vessels Battered; One May Be Sunk

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—American fliers, battering the Japanese in the Solomons, damaged two enemy cargo vessels, probably sinking one, and started big fires at the enemy base at Kahlia, the navy said today.

Government Pay Increase Bill Passes Senate

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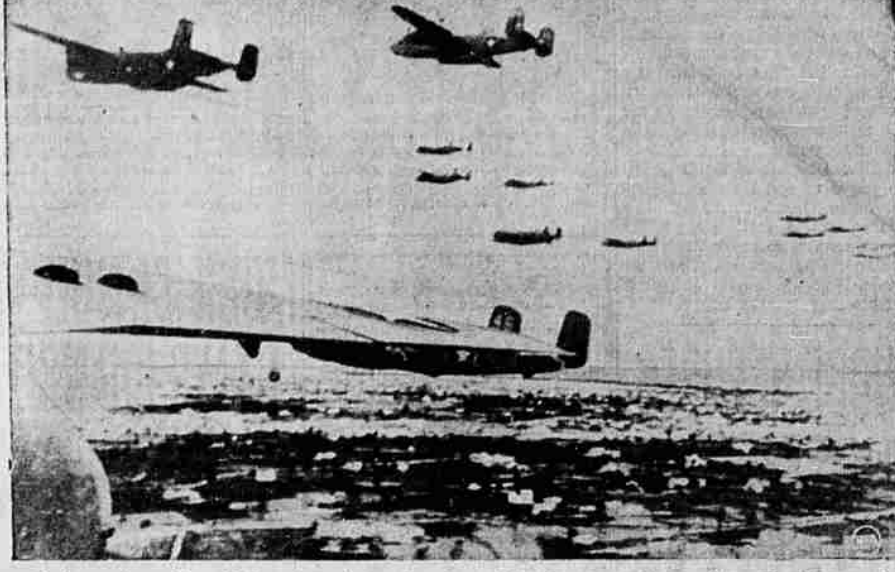
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U. S. Heavy Bombers Darken Tunisia Skies



A large formation of American heavy bombers skim low over the southern Tunisia country on their way to raid axis-held cities to the northwest. Below may be seen white-painted mud houses of the African natives. Official U. S. air force photo.

Order to Loggers Seen as Pattern for Conscription

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19 (P)—Observers said today the war manpower commission order to loggers to get out of high-paying war industry jobs and back into the woods probably would set the pattern for any future civilian conscription.

Judiciary to "Listen in" on Press Meetings

WASHINGTON, April 19 (P)—The senate judiciary committee disclosed plans today to "listen in" on press conferences of government agencies preliminary to acting on legislation calling for an investigation of their "dissemination and control of information."

Japanese Claim Knowledge of Shangri-la

A Japanese government spokesman was quoted by the Berlin radio today as saying military quarters "knew well where the American aircraft which bombed Tokyo a year ago came from."

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