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NAZIS PUT FINLAND "ON SPOT"

Americans Take Isles

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Tunisia, our side is still inching forward, a hilltop at a time, through the mountain defenses that surround Tunis and Bizerte.

MONTGOMERY has taken fortified Takrouna mountain, including the old Berber citadel on the summit, which was great stuff in the pre-artillery days and important in the long pre-airplane period when cannon ranges were comparatively short.

The old citadel itself is meaningless now. The hot stuff in this campaign are the enemy machine gun nests that are dug into the mountain side.

IT will lend romantic interest to the news if you will remember that in this general area men have been fighting since the earliest dawn of history. Every inch of the soil has been watered with blood.

This tip of Tunisia has witnessed the development of nearly every weapon of war from the bronze sword and the bow and arrow to the heavy tank and the airplane.

It was in this mountain-ringed plain where Tunis and Bizerte sit that the fate of Carthage was decided once and for all. Then as now there were slow and heavy weapons, depending for their effectiveness on WEIGHT, and light, fast weapons designed to hit and run.

For his weight, Hannibal, the Carthaginian, depended on his ELEPHANTS and for his hit-and-run blows he relied on his horsemen. Rommel's Mark VI tanks are the lineal descendants of Hannibal's elephants. Motorized equipment has succeeded cavalry.

Only the airplane is NEW IN PRINCIPLE.

IN the great battle of Zama that sealed Carthage's doom, Scipio, the Roman, handled Hannibal's elephants by disposing his infantry in open order and permitting the charging beasts to pass between the files, thus cushioning the shock of their attack. He took care of Hannibal's cavalry by meeting it with MORE cavalry—as planes are now mastered by more planes.

LEADERSHIP, you see, has always been a prime deciding factor in battle.

VIEWED from this distance through the chilly medium of censored dispatches, the present phase of the battle of Tunisia seems monotonous and lacking in thrills.

If you want thrills, put yourself in the place of Montgomery's infantrymen creeping up, rifle in one hand and grenade in the other, on Rommel's thickly-sown machine gun positions, trying to keep yourself shielded from enemy fire while you get close enough to toss your grenade.

If your imagination is vivid, you'll get THRILLS ENOUGH.

TODAY'S pulse-quickener is the shooting down by allied fighter planes of EVERY ONE of 20 huge six-engined Messerschmitt 323s carrying troops and supplies to Rommel from across the Sicilian strait.

Each of these planes is capable of transporting 120 soldiers or ten tons of cargo. Each equals FOUR of the Junkers 52 three-engineers previously shot down by our fliers.

They were mastered by first disposing of their accompanying fighters and then popping the lumbering cargo carriers.

AIR transport ALONE, you see, is not sufficient. To make it work, you must have command of the air along with (Continued on Page Two)

Sisemore Tells of "Lower 13" Murder Trial, Conviction

L. Orth Sisemore, Klamath district attorney who served as special prosecutor in the Robert E. Lee Folkes "lower 13" murder trial at Albany, said on his return here Friday he believes the record in the case to be "clean" and that it will successfully withstand attack through appeal to the supreme court.

He paid tribute to Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling of Albany, who presided in the sensational trial. He said Judge Lewelling ruled fairly and with utmost caution throughout. He said he knew of no possibility of reversible error in the case.

Sisemore said that trial of the case, which received nationwide attention, produced terrific strain on all of those directly involved.

Folkes, Sisemore said, showed emotion throughout the case. On one day, he said, the defendant appeared to be in the highest spirits, and the next day extremely despondent. Sisemore said the prosecution was surprised when Folkes failed to go to the witness stand, and said this may have resulted from a defense fear that Folkes would make damaging admissions.

Sisemore said that he, personally, was convinced of Folkes' guilt from the time the negro dining car cook was brought definitely into the case as a suspect when the investigation centered here shortly after the train murder of Martha Brinson James, navy bride.

The Klamath attorney expressed great admiration for W. G. Brinson, father of the slain girl, who attended the trial. "There is a real gentleman," he said, and he paid similar tribute to Ensign Richard James, widower of the murder victim.

Bloodhounds Trail Escaped Folsom Inmates

FOLSOM PRISON, Calif., April 23 (P)—Bloodhounds picked up the still wet trail of two missing convicts early today as prison authorities found evidence that the felons, one of them described as a "killer," effected a unique escape from Folsom state prison.

The convicts, Frank Pedrini, 35-year-old convicted Napa county slayer, and Walter J. Smith, 34, Riverside county robber, made their break sometime last night while 1000 other inmates attended a movie between 7 and 11 p. m.

State and county officers joined prison guards in a search for the escapees in the hilly, rock-strewn county surrounding the institution.

German Reinforcements Fail to Dent Red Line

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, April 23 (P)—The Germans hourly have reinforced their land armies in the Kuban and have shifted hundreds of their bomber and fighter planes into the Crimea for use in the North Caucasian battles, but despite incessant attacks by these new forces the Germans have failed to dent the Russian lines, it was declared today.

Red Star, the army newspaper, said the nazis were employing numerous Rumanian troops and that during the last few days had forced them to spearhead the assaults which are costing them hundreds of dead.

Enemy Slaughtered
The noon communique told of 500 of the enemy slaughtering in two Kuban sectors alone in the last 12 hours, bringing the toll for the past 20 hours well above 800.

The German communique said the Nazi air force carried out a heavy attack last night against the Soviet Black sea port of Poti, described as a naval base. The communique said "no fighting of importance took

ELLICE ISLANDS OCCUPIED BY U. S. FORCES

Captured Points Just 300 Miles South Of Japs

By The Associated Press
American forces have occupied islands of the strategic Ellice group about 300 miles south of the Japanese-occupied Gilbert islands in the South Pacific, the navy disclosed today in a communique reporting an enemy bombing attack on U. S. installations there.

A navy spokesman said the occupation was unopposed, although a communique in October, 1942, told of a surface engagement in the adjacent waters and it was assumed then that the Japanese had moved in.

East of Solomon
The island group of nine palm-covered atolls lies 1100 miles east of the Solomon islands and abutted allied supply routes to Australia.

Axis broadcasts indicated today that Japan had broadened the scope of her threats of "severe punishment" of captured American fliers to include all pilots and crews "who have been found guilty of having committed cruel and inhuman acts" anywhere in Japanese territory or zones of Japanese war operations.

The Tokyo radio also quoted a Japanese cabinet spokesman, Tomokazu Hori, as saying: "Japan can never agree with the absurd and groundless contention that the mere fact that enemy soldiers are wearing military uniforms make them immune from responsibility of willfully committing any and all kinds of inhuman acts."

Death Promised
A Tokyo dispatch, broadcast by the Berlin radio, said the Japanese government had notified the United States government of its intention to punish (Continued on Page Two)

Ickes Gets New Authority Over Solid Fuels

WASHINGTON, April 23 (P)—President Roosevelt by executive order today conferred broad new authority over solid fuels on Interior Secretary Ickes, including the power to determine whether coal rationing to civilian users should be instituted.

The presidential order abolished the purely advisory office of solid fuels coordinator for war and created in its stead a solid fuels administration for war with Ickes as administrator.

The order sets up the new administration within the interior department and authorizes it to establish basic policies and to formulate plans and programs to assure the "conservation and most effective development and utilization of solid fuels" in the United States, its territories and possessions.

Practice Bombs Fall on Village in Washington

SPOKANE, April 23 (P)—Five practice bombs fell in the village of Warden from a lone bombing plane early Wednesday morning, Warden's correspondent for the Spokesman-Review reported last night.

The town blacked out during the incident, the article said. All bombs hit within the village but no buildings were struck. Army authorities here would neither affirm or deny the occurrence.

Warden is 40 miles southeast of the Ephrata air base.

Commando Guests Visit Printing Plant



The four wounded soldiers visiting here as guests of the Commandos are shown above as they looked over printing equipment in the plant of The Herald and News. The men are here from Letterman hospital, San Francisco. All were wounded on combat duty. Left to right: Private First Class Ray G. Buddon, Klamath Falls; Sergeant Bernard L. Scott, Boston; Sergeant Joseph S. Kirby, Boston; Private Orville P. Carlson, Fort Dodge, Ia.

"Victory Concert" to See Bond Sweetheart Crowned

Klamath's war finance drive neared the \$1,000,000 mark Friday, but E bond sales were still lagging and a determined effort was planned to boost this type of purchases to the sub-chaser goal by April 30.

Helping out will be tonight's "victory concert" to be staged by musical organizations of the high school under direction of Andrew Loney. At least a 50 cent war stamp purchase will be

War Finance Total
\$982,687
Goal—\$1,289,000 by May 1

asked for as admission to the concert, which will feature many musical selections in keeping with the patriotic theme.

An event of the concert program will be the crowning of the "Sweetheart of Klamath High." The "sweetheart" will be one of the four girls who have been candidates in the high school war savings contest sponsored by union labor, and the winner will go next week to Portland at labor's expense to see a ship launching. The program starts at 8 p. m., and the public is urged to attend.

Two substantial purchases that helped boom the war finance drive Friday were \$40,000 by Montgomery Ward and company and \$50,000 by the Shaw Lumber company.

The Ward company as a whole is buying \$20,000,000 in bonds, according to County War Finance Co-Chairman A. M. Collier, and has allocated \$40,000 for a Klamath purchase. Shaw Lumber company is a Klamath concern, with operations at Tionesta, Calif., and made one of the largest private purchases announced here so far.

Meanwhile, from the farm districts came word of substantial bond-buying with a county campaign well organized and bond

Americans Raid Kiska Japs on Round-Clock Basis

AT AN ADVANCED ALEUTIAN ISLANDS BASE, April 17 (Delayed) (P)—American aerial attacks on Kiska, which are now approaching an around-the-clock basis as increasing daylight makes longer runs and more runs per day possible—has, for a second time in a year, virtually removed Japanese planes from the air over Kiska.

Accuses Government Of "Featherbedding"

WASHINGTON, April 23 (P)—George P. McNear Jr., president of the government-operated Toledo, Peoria and Western railroad, said today the government has "inaugurated featherbedding" in its management of the company, "with a resultant boost in wasteful personnel."

promoters at work in various districts. Percy Dixon and Henry Semon, working in the Henley area, reported bond sales of \$10,000 and \$17,000 respectively, in their solicitations.

On local streets, people appeared wearing badges designating them as members of the "100 club." All persons wearing these badges have bought at least \$100 in bonds in April. Badges will be given out by any issuing agency with the purchase of a \$100 bond.

The club plan is in keeping with the treasury department appeal for a \$100 average in war savings in April by all Americans.

Klamath war finance total Friday was exactly \$982,687.

Ceiling Prices Put on Meals in Southern States

ATLANTA, April 23 (P)—The regional office of price administration today placed ceiling prices, effective April 26, on all meals and food items, including wines and other alcoholic beverages, sold in eating and drinking places in the southeastern states.

North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and Alabama were affected by the order. Under the order, issued by James C. Derieux, regional OPA director, maximum prices will be limited to the highest price charged for each meal, food or drink item during the week of April 4 to 10.

Subject to the order were all restaurants, hotels, cafes, delicatessen stores, soda fountains, boarding houses and "any other eating or drinking place."

NLRB Refused Order To Force Union Financial Reports

PORTLAND, Ore., April 23 (P)—Trial Examiner Robert N. Denham today refused a national labor relations board motion to force Pacific coast AFL machinist unions to produce financial reports.

The motion was part of a hearing of CIO charges of unfair labor practices against three Henry Kaiser shipyards hereabouts.

Ways, Means Fails Tax Plan Approval

WASHINGTON, April 23 (P)—The house ways and means committee failed today to approve a pay-as-you-go tax bill in a session at which democrats previously had indicated they had sufficient votes to produce a bill to apply the easier, 1941 rates and exemptions to 1942 income.

BRITISH CAPTURE TAKROUNA; PUSH ON

Eight Army Slashes On Towards Bou Ficha

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 23 (P)—The British eighth army has captured Takrouna and pushed six miles from Engidaville toward Bou Ficha in twin drives northward and the British first army has stabbed ahead three miles against stubborn axis resistance in the Bou Arada sector on the western Tunisian front, it was announced today.

These gains around were coupled with aerial action during which Kittyhawks and Spitfires shot down every one of twenty six-engined Messerschmitt 323s, some carrying troops and others laden with freight, and ten of their escorting fighters encountered over the Gulf of Tunis.

Transports Told
The giant Messerschmitt transports, which dwarf such carriers as the Junkers 52s upon which Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has relied largely for reinforcements and supplies, are designed to carry 120 soldiers or almost 10 tons of cargo.

The transports were carrying gasoline and personnel to Tunisia and "the entire formation" was destroyed, an official statement said.

Sizable Plane
"Although not many aircraft were shot down, the size and importance of the formation" (Continued on Page Two)

Officers Drive on Parents In Juvenile Delinquencies

Juvenile authorities continued their concentrated drive against parents who permit their children to be out after curfew hours, and Friday afternoon brought Mrs. Mary Osborn, mother of an 11-year-old boy, before Police Judge Harold Francis.

Mrs. Osborn entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$10, \$5 of which was suspended by the judge. The child was picked up by city police Thursday night at 11:10 p. m. on Main street. Police said the boy told them he had been at the movie and was "supposed to meet his mother later." The mother told the court that she was not aware of the ordinance which states that minors are not permitted on the streets after 10 p. m.

Ignorant of Law
She gave as one reason for her ignorance of the law, that she was unable to read and consequently had not known of the existing curfew regulation. The boy, Juvenile Officer Dave

SHOWDOWN ON RELATIONS OF NATIONS SEEN

Six Legation Clerks Fly Today to Stockholm

By EDWIN SHANKE
STOCKHOLM, April 23 (P)—Six clerks from the United States legation at Helsinki arrived in Stockholm on a special plane today and left only a skeleton diplomatic staff in Finland as the whole question of whether that nation is going to string along with Germany militarily seemed headed for a showdown.

With the clerks were their families. Only Charge d'Affaires Robert Mills McClintock and one clerk remained in the expensive colonial style red brick legation in Helsinki, built by the United States as a sign of good relations between the two countries which are now so strained.

The withdrawal of the bulk of the staff climaxed weeks of sketchy reports of tension in Finland, during which the country was subjected to heavy German pressure.

Censorship Clamped
Censorship was clamped on all political dispatches out of Finland. Clerks from the Helsinki legation were assigned to duty in Stockholm. One officer had been transferred from Helsinki earlier this week.

The step developed along with a possibility being discussed in Finland that the American minister, H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, (Continued on Page Two)

Unrest Blamed For Walkout of Goal Workers

PITTSBURGH, April 23 (P)—A walkout of more than 2000 soft coal miners, producing 12,000 tons of fuel daily for war-busy steel mills, was blamed today on "tremendous unrest of the workers" by a United Mine Workers official who joined two others in predicting a general coal strike unless the union-operator deadlock over wages is broken by May 1.

Joseph Yablonsky, international board member of district 5 (Pittsburgh), said the immediate cause of a work stoppage at three pits of the Republic Steel corporation Wednesday and Thursday was the appearance of Pennsylvania motor police during a controversy involving 20 men, but he added:

"In the background is the tremendous unrest of the men... against the stalling tactics of the operators."

Bridge stated, was not attending school, the mother saying the family had moved to Klamath Falls from California and felt the time too short to enroll the child.

Father of the youth, Dale Osborn, voluntarily appeared in court. He is employed nights, according to Bridge, and in this light only a complaint was filed against the mother as she was held responsible during these hours for her child's actions.

The lad was ordered to attend school, starting Monday morning. The child's mother assured the court, "I will give you my word, you won't have any more trouble."

Officer Bridge said this was one of many cases which he had unearthed, where parents place their children in movies while they go elsewhere. This automatically releases the child after the curfew hour, and parents will be held responsible.

Appearance of Mrs. Osborn in court Friday was the second in two days of parents charged with violation of the ordinance.