

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.

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RUSSIA CUTS TIES WITH POLAND

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS TODAY'S dispatches indicate that the mountain walls protecting the German armies in Tunis and Bizerte are beginning to crumble.

THE French are reported this morning to be within three miles of Pont du Fais, which lies in a nest of hills at the head of a valley that leads directly to Tunis.

THE Germans are reported this morning to have started WITHDRAWING before Patton's Americans, and it is added that there is no indication as yet as to how far their retreat will continue.

ALLIED headquarters says the Germans have thrown NEARLY THE LAST of their armored reserves into a fight to the death with massed allied tanks jabbing dangerously into the German positions.

SMART co-ordination between American ground and air forces is reported in the dispatches.

IN the mountain country in which our men are operating tanks are of little value, and so the bombers are called in. At one point, our troops were blocked by powerful German cannon and machine gun positions on BOTH sides of a valley through which we had to pass.

THESE scattered glimpses paint a picture that looks like the beginning of the end, with the Germans outnumbered and outweighed but fighting stubbornly for every inch.

POLITICAL news from Europe is mixed with the fighting news.

Russia severs diplomatic relations with the Polish government-in-exile, charging the Poles with carrying on a hostile propaganda campaign against the soviet "to please Hitler's tyranny."

Our state department in Washington expresses regret over the break.

AT the same time, it is reported today that a break in relations between the United States and Finland is regarded as only a matter of hours.

Finland and what is left of Poland are little countries under the thumb of Germany. We've been getting a bit impatient with the Finns. It is understandable that the Russians should be similarly impatient with the Poles.

IN the Pacific, four of our fighter planes tackle ten Jap bombers escorted by 20 Zeros to the north of Guadalcanal. They shoot down five Japs, but lose two of their own—or HALF their number.

In China, 25 Jap planes are jumped by half that number of (Continued on Page Three)

Axis Yields West Wall

Strikes Mushroom As Lewis Ignores Mediation Efforts

Strike reports came from two more sectors of the bituminous coal fields today as John L. Lewis continued to ignore the war labor board's efforts to settle contract disputes affecting his 450,000 soft coal miners.

The United Mine Workers' president allowed to expire without a word from him the WLB's 9:30 a. m. deadline for submitting nominations for a labor member of a three-man fact-finding panel.

Germany Said Bringing Strong Pressure On Country

STOCKHOLM, April 26 (AP)—A break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Finland appeared imminent today—perhaps only a matter of hours—as advisers from Helsinki indicated little possibility of a change in Finnish foreign policy which might ease the situation.

While the Finnish public was reported deeply disturbed by the prospect of a break, Finland's official position was summed up tersely by a source close to the government with these words:

"The Americans cannot expect us to tie a noose around our own necks."

The statement was an obvious reference to American desires that Finland settle her differences with Russia, break her ties with Germany and withdraw from the war.

Germany has been reported bringing strong pressure on Finland (Continued on Page Three)

Cafe Prices To Be Frozen in Pacific States

SEATTLE, April 26 (AP)—The office of price administration today announced the freezing of restaurant prices in Washington, Oregon and California, effective May 1, to halt rising costs to consumers. The order will freeze prices of food and beverages for immediate consumption in the three states at highest charges for the week April 4-10, 1943.

Frank E. Marshall, recently appointed west coast regional OPA administrator who issued the order, said the prices established by the regulation are in accordance with the president's order to take action which will stabilize prices effecting the cost of living.

American Fliers Gamble Skill Against Weather to Hamper Japs in Aleutians

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—Gambling their navigation skill for a chance to slow up construction of a Japanese airbase in the Aleutians, American fliers have resumed their bombing raids on enemy installations at Kiska.

For two days the United States pilots apparently were earthbound because of fog and storms which in the North Pacific can roar up into plane-crushing blasts in a matter of minutes, but yesterday the navy disclosed the raids have started again.

Roar Through Storm Despite storms, bombers and fighters took off Saturday to roar down on the rocky island near the end of the Aleutians chain, loosing explosives and strafing enemy positions with machine gun fire. The weather was so bad, how-

Flyer



First Lieut. Jack D. Lindh, son of Gus Lindh of this city, took part in a successful raid off the North African front. (Story on this page).

MODOC PINE TAKES OVER ACKLEY MILL

Change in Operation Announced by J. R. Shaw

Modoc Pine, an associate company of the Shaw Lumber company, Monday took over operation of the Ackley Lumber company, it was announced by J. Royal Shaw, president of Shaw Lumber company.

Strikers at Celanese Plant Return to Jobs

NEWARK, N. J., April 26 (AP)—Less than 48 hours after a presidential directive to end a walk-out, employees of the Celanese Corporation of America's plastics division returned to their jobs this morning.

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Folkes Dressed in At Penitentiary

SALEM, Ore., April 26 (AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, convicted negro slayer of Mrs. Martha Virginia James in berth lower 13 of a speeding limited train, was dressed in today at the Oregon state penitentiary where he is under sentence to die in the lethal gas chamber May 28.

Other planes launched attacks at Vila on Kolombangara island, not far from Munda, without observing results; bombed the Japanese airbase at Kahili in the Shortland island area and bombed and strafed enemy positions at Rekata bay, a Santa Isabel island seaplane base. Some indications were seen in the South Pacific that the recent comparative lull in operations, highlighted in recent days only by news of the occupation of the Ellice islands by American forces, might be a prelude to new offensive actions.

HILLS TAKEN WITH LITTLE OPPOSITION

French "Hinge" Wins Five Mountains From Nazis

LONDON, April 26 (AP)—A French communique broadcast by the Algiers radio announced today that French forces had driven to a position little more than three miles from the German Tunisian stronghold at Pont Du Fais.

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Patton Hits Nazi Line Again



Wearing his pearl-handled revolver, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. is shown in a typical pose as he sits out on an open hillside and watches his U. S. troops move forward against enemy-held hills on the Tunisia front. Old "Blood and Guts," as his men call him, may be directing operations just like this as his armored forces spearhead a new drive toward Tunis. Today his troops were reported advancing as the Germans withdrew from defenses.

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POLES ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY WITH GERMANS

Story About Officer, Killings Charged As Propaganda

MOSCOW, April 26 (AP)—Soviet Russia severed relations with the Polish government in exile yesterday, accusing it of being in league with the Germans in carrying out a "hostile campaign" against the soviet union in connection with German charges that the Russians had killed 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk.

Foreign Commissar Molotov handed the Polish ambassador a bitter note, denouncing the Polish government, the news agency Tass reported. It charged the Poles with carrying on a hostile campaign against the soviet union along the same lines as the recent German propaganda diatribe, accusing the Russians of murdering 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk. The Russian note flatly charged that the Germans had killed the Polish officers.

"The Polish government, to please Hitler's tyranny, deals a treacherous blow to the soviet union," Molotov's note said. "The soviet government is aware that this hostile campaign undertaken by the Polish government in order to exert pressure for the purpose of wresting from it the territorial concessions at the expense of the interests of the soviet Ukraine, soviet Byelorussia and soviet Lithuania.

"All these circumstances compel the soviet government to recognize that the government of Poland, having sided to the path of accord with Hitler's government, actually have discontinued allied relations with the USSR and adopted a hostile attitude toward the soviet union. On the strength of all above, the soviet government has decided to sever relations with the Polish government.

Lt. Jack Lindh On "Successful" Sardinia Raid

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—First Lieut. J. D. Lindh of Klamath Falls, Ore., was on a "successful" U. S. army air force raid on harbor and dock installations at Port Torres in Sardinia April 18, the war department reported last night.

The raid was carried out by B-25 Mitchell medium bombers of the northwest African strategic air force. Direct hits were (Continued on Page Three)

Klamath's Easter Thousands Pray for War-Racked World

The khaki and blue of the armed forces, mingled with Easter finery as thousands flocked to Klamath Falls churches Sunday in observance of the most solemn day in the Christian calendar.

Without exception, ministers reported their places of worship filled to capacity and in several churches late comers stood during the services as they listened to the story of the resurrection and knelt in prayer for the men of the army, navy and air. Pulpits and altars were banked with Easter lilies and greenery and many of these beautiful flowers were moved after the final service into sick rooms and hospital wards. Ministers reported numerous floral gifts as memorials to those who have passed.

Attendance this year was greater than in years past, several pastors reported, although others said that despite overflowing pews and extra chairs, none were turned away as in past years. Sermons stressed the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but messages also held the strain that peace would soon come to war torn countries and that hatred and strife would be buried by a Christian world which prayed for tolerance of all peoples.

PORTLAND, April 26 (AP)—Services around the clock at the shipyards and a record church (Continued on Page Three)