

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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ALLIES STYMIED IN NORTH AFRICA

Roosevelt Warns Strikers

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S news from Tunisia carries a note of keen disappointment. Our side didn't break through the German defenses northeast of Medjez el Bab and sweep down into the Tunis plain—as obviously we had hoped to do.

THE British, attacking in two waves, reached the summit of Djebel Bou Aoukaz, the last major hill guarding the open plain before Tunis.

The first wave was cut to pieces by heavily protected enemy mortars and machine guns, but the second wave gained the crest. The Germans then threw in shock troop reserves, backed by tanks, in a desperate counter-attack, driving the British back "slightly."

(The dispatches do not specify the extent of "slightly." It seems likely we lost the hill.)

DANIEL DE LUCE, AP correspondent with the British, says in a dispatch today that the first phase of Alexander's offensive by way of the Medjez el Bab gate has been DEFINITELY concluded and that the hoped-for "climactic" breakthrough has not been achieved.

HE adds: "There is little hope that the enemy will collapse in Tunisia as long as supplies and reinforcements continue to arrive at axis ports and airfields and they are STILL COMING IN despite powerful allied air assaults against both air and surface craft."

TODAY'S dispatches say that along the western wall of the Tunis-Bizerte defenses the enemy troops are ALL Germans. In the south, where the country is unbelievably difficult, they are about 30 per cent Italians and 70 per cent Germans.

OUR operations in Tunisia are really a SIEGE of heavily fortified positions. To get the proper perspective, we must remember how long the Russians held off the Germans who were attacking in superior force at Sevastopol.

ON the home front today, FDR (in whose lap the eastern coal strike had been placed) goes over John L. Lewis' head and appeals to the miners, of whom some 70,000 are already idle, to return to their jobs by 10 a. m. Saturday or he will use all his power as President and commander-in-chief "to protect the national interest and prevent further interference with successful prosecution of the war."

THE miners, this writer thinks, will heed the President's appeal.

For two reasons: 1. The rank-and-file miners, for the most part, are patriotic citizens, with sons, brothers or other close relatives on the fighting fronts. 2. Public opinion is overwhelmingly against a strike.

PUBLIC opinion is a powerful force. If you doubt it, put yourself in the place of a striking coal miner. How could you face ten million parents and wives whose sons and husbands are in the fighting forces and desperately NEED the ships, tanks, guns and ammunition that are made with the indispensable aid of coal?

INCIDENTALLY, how would you like to be in John L. Lewis' place? FOR MONEY REASONS (dues and power) he is holding up the (Continued on Page Two)

Tokyo Fears New Raids As Allies Tear at Islands

By The Associated Press

Striking at the southeast flank of Japan's island empire, U. S. army bombers were officially credited today with a damaging assault on Tarawa Island in the heart of the Gilbert group, while in the north an American naval force bombarded Japanese-occupied Attu Island in the Aleutians.

A navy communique said the aerial raiders met enemy fighter opposition and anti-aircraft fire in the attack on Tarawa, but all returned.

Tarawa lies athwart short-cut routes for American supply lines to the southwest Pacific.

Fires Set The navy said U. S. warships set fires raging in the attack at Attu, and reported that American fliers blasted the enemy in a series of widespread raids that included Kiska, Kahili in the Shortland Islands, and Vila in the central Solomons.

Along with these developments, Japan sounded a new alarm today with the assertion that the United States was "making all kinds of preparation" to bomb Japan again, while in Washington Senator Chandler warned that the Pacific conflict may continue for many years.

"It is suicide, in my opinion, to permit the Japs time to dig in in the South Pacific," Chandler declared.

"If they are given this time, I fear they will grow so strong that the war in the Pacific may last 10 years or 20 years or may go on forever."

Appeals to People While Chandler broadcast an appeal to citizens to prod congress into a realization of "the danger which the country faces from the Pacific," Chairman Reynolds (D-N.C.) of the senate military committee declared that Japan's tightening grip on conquered islands in the Pacific was "extremely grave."

Tokyo's forecast of a new American bombing assault on Japan came in a domestic broadcast (Continued on Page Two)

Wilhelmshaven Slapped by RAF in Night Raid

LONDON, April 29 (AP)—RAF bombers attacked the German naval base of Wilhelmshaven last night and also carried out unprecedented mining operations in Baltic waters, it was announced today.

Twenty-three bombers were reported missing from the mission of large-scale raids on the continent after a one-night lull.

Wilhelmshaven was last attacked on March 22, when United States airmen carried out a daylight raid on the base.

A dispatch from Folkestone said that big formations of high-flying bombers, which may have been United States craft, streamed across the channel this morning in the direction of Abbeville and Boulogne, in northern France, indicating a resumption of round-the-clock pounding of the continent.

Lt. Marsha, Local Pilot, Unloads Bombs on Axis Hill



Lt. Marsha

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 29 (AP)—First Lieut. Trevis D. Marsha of Klamath Falls, Ore. was among the pilots of American bombers which dropped tremendous loads of fragmentation and demolition bombs on an axis hill strong point, 15 miles northeast of Medjez-el-Bab Tuesday.

As the planes flew away from the target the crews saw ground troops storming the hill under cover of their own artillery fire.

"The enemy really got it," Major Marion J. Akers, squadron commander, said in describing the close coordination of air and ground attacks.

The parents and wife of 1st Lt. Trevis D. Marsha of Klamath Falls heard the name of the young flyer mentioned in a 9 o'clock news broadcast Wednesday night and were thrilled to hear of the local youth's activities (Continued on Page Two)

FR DEADLINES COAL MINERS WORK RETURN

Senate Views Bill to Let Government Take Mines

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—Terming walkouts of more than 70,000 soft coal miners "strikes against the United States government itself," President Roosevelt today set a deadline of 10 o'clock Saturday morning for a return to work or action by him to prevent interference with the war effort.

Coupled with his flat statement that he would "use all the powers vested in me as president and as commander in chief" to protect the national interest, was an appeal by Mr. Roosevelt "as the friend of the men who work in the coal mines" for them to return to their jobs and let the war labor board handle the controversy between the United Mine Workers and the operators.

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Volunteers Aid Patrol After Ohio Tornado

CLEVELAND, April 29 (AP)—Civilian defense volunteers aided police here and in nearby Akron in maintaining an all-night patrol against looting as northern Ohio slowly recovered today from the effects of a series of tornadoes.

The twisters indirectly caused a fourth death when Herbert J. Sutherland, 28, a municipal light and power lineman, was electrocuted while repairing damage in a west side neighborhood.

Also killed in the storm were: Arthur C. Cawse of Cleveland, vice president of the Dairymen's Ohio Farmers Milk company, as the tornado destroyed or damaged all the buildings on his farm near Oberlin; and Richard Paternoster, 12, and Anthony Fernbach, 9, Akron orphans, trapped in a barn which collapsed on a farm near Medina.

Ray Myers, police and fire department signal superintendent in Akron, said the damage there would run from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Baseball AMERICAN

Table with columns for R, H, E for St. Louis, Detroit, Hollingsworth, Caster, and Hayes; Trucks and Parsons.

NATIONAL

Table with columns for R, H, E for Boston, New York, Barrett and Klutz; Mungo, Coombs (7), and Mancuso.

KUHS "Sweetheart" Sees Sights at Portland Launching

PORTLAND, April 29 (AP)—Vivian Dirschl of Klamath Falls "took in the sights" in Portland yesterday as reward for being the leading war bond salesperson in Klamath Union high school.

Miners Play Cards



With 28 western Pennsylvania coal mines closed and 14,700 men not working, these men, part of the 1400 strikers at the Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation's Vesta No. 4 mine at California, Pa., play cards awaiting strike developments.

Klamath Bond Sales Ring Bell at 4 Million Mark

Klamath county rang the bell at noon Thursday when it rolled up a smashing total of \$4,322,828.25, in the second war loan drive with virtually two more days to go before the May 1 deadline.

This overshadows the U. S. treasury department's goal of \$100 for each man, woman and child in Klamath county.

Individual purchases alone are over \$1,600,000. This is more than 20 per cent above the quota of \$1,289,000, set for the personal buyer.

Big Sales Made Purchases which greatly augmented the more than satisfied

Russian Planes Splatter Nazi Communications

MOSCOW, April 29 (AP)—The red air force is continuing its heavy attacks day and night upon German communications and airbases, the Russians reported today, declaring they had destroyed more than 50 places within 24 hours, had raided two enemy airbases and had smashed German truck supply columns.

The German communique, broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press, said that Russian attacks yesterday against the Kuban bridgehead and southeast of Leningrad were unsuccessful. The German air force, it was declared, destroyed 52 Russian planes without any loss of axis planes.

Nikolai Akimov, a military reviewer of the Moscow News, re (Continued on Page Two)

Invasion of Nazi Europe Impossible, Says Nazi Minister

The Berlin radio broadcast today an article written by Dr. Paul Goebbels in the latest edition of Das Reich in which the Nazi propaganda minister asserted Germany had not put out "peace feelers in neutral countries" and that "never again shall we have as good chances for total victory as just now."

The broadcast, recorded by The Associated Press, quoted the Goebbels article as saying that an "invasion of the European continent is absolutely impossible . . ."

Sgt. Wissenback Returns to U. S.

Tech. Sgt. Irwin Wissenback, who was shot down in a bombing raid October 9, over Lille, France, and made his way back to rejoin his American squadron in England, has arrived in Washington D. C., according to word received late Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wissenback of Shady Pine.

Young Wissenback, whose twin brother, Darwin, is a prisoner of war in Germany, hopes for an immediate furlough when he will come to Klamath Falls.

Axis Tightens Defense Hold On Tunis Hills

WITH U. S. FORCES NORTHEAST OF BEJA, TUNISIA, 8:10 A. M., April 29 (AP)—Heavy fighting has developed along the southern sector of the American front, where the Germans have launched a number of counterattacks in trying to block a continuing Yankee advance.

Nazi air raiders were active overnight in attempts to bomb forward troops and break morale.

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 29 (AP) United States troops gained some important ground in North Tunisia yesterday, but axis resistance has stiffened along the entire front and all indications are that the Germans are determined to resist to the end.

Tank-supported German shock troops counterattacked twice yesterday against British vanguards which had bloodily won the summit of Djebel Bou Aoukaz, 12 miles northeast of Medjez-el-Bab, and, although their own losses were heavy, compelled the British to withdraw slightly.

Before this retirement, the British were in positions only 20 miles west of Tunis.

French Break Axis A French high command communique said French artillery had broken an axis counterattack in the Pont du Fahs sector and French flanking forces had made another important advance, capturing Djebel Krimir and Djebel Berhalla, nine miles northwest of Djebibina, in close liaison with the left wing of the British eighth army.

Gains in the Pont du Fahs sector were declared consolidated.

In the northern coastal sector, the French volunteer corps captured Djebel Esgena, inflicted severe casualties on tank supported German infantry and captured some prisoners, the communique said.

Daniel De Luce, Associated Press correspondent with the British first army, said in a dispatch from the field it appeared that the first phase of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's offensive had been definitely concluded and a climactic breakthrough had not been achieved.

Combat Troops German combat troops, husbanded by the axis command for the showdown, have taken over all positions on the western front before both Lieut. (Continued on Page Two)

England, U. S. See Mediation Course

LONDON, April 29 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt were reported in diplomatic circles here today to have reached an agreement on the course to be followed in attempting to patch up the differences between soviet Russia and the London Polish government-in-exile.

Some sources declared a personal appeal would be made to Premier Stalin of Russia to cooperate in the move.

It was understood on good authority here that either—or perhaps both—the British and the United States ambassadors were scheduled to confer with Stalin, and no further conferences were planned here currently.

However, British Foreign Secretary (Continued on Page Two)

Titus Pleads Innocence to Murder Charge

William E. Titus, former Bly justice of the peace, entered a plea of innocence to the charge of murder in the first degree before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg late Thursday afternoon.

Titus' attorney, Joseph C. O'Neill, filed a notice the defense would give evidence the defendant was temporarily insane at the time of the alleged homicide. Titus is charged with the fatal shooting of his wife, Erma, on February 15, at their Bly home.

The defendant and his attorney appeared in circuit court at 10 a. m. Thursday at which time Attorney O'Neill filed a demurrer which was argued and overruled by Judge Vandenberg. Titus is held without bail in the county jail.

Vegetable Gardeners Swing Seed Sales Into Big Jump

Klamath county vegetable gardeners have tackled the "Food for Freedom" program in an amazing manner, and seed dealers Thursday reported a more than 200 per cent increase in sales over last year.

There'll be plenty of chicken in the pot, too, with "feather merchants" reporting it impossible to keep up with the demand for the baby chicks.

Big Three of the garden plot are peas, beans and corn, with carrots, lettuce and radishes following.

Acres Increase Exact acreage figures were not available from the county agent's offices, but C. A. Henderson stated that the demand for farm and gardening bulletins was three times that of previous years, and that a low estimate would be to triple last year's garden space.

Amount of city operated gardens would be guess work, it was observed, but the California Oregon Power company announced a satisfactory sign-up for the Victory garden water rates.

Green Gardeners Many a green gardener, grown in experience but long on ambition, visited seed stores and sought advice on type of seeds best suited to Klamath county's weather. Those who put in cabbage plants last week found that they had to replace them after a recent nippy night.

Tomato plants are going over in fine fashion and it is estimated (Continued on Page Two)