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U.S. TROOPS SLASH INTO MATEUR

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE coal strike is off, and the miners are trickling back to work.

It was a foregone conclusion. Public opinion against stoppage of work in the vital coal industry was simply too strong to be bucked.

John L. Lewis showed extremely poor judgment in trying to buck it.

DON'T be too hard on the individual coal miners. They've been poorly led.

Don't even hold their 35-hour war-time work week against them. Working in a hole in the ground, away from the light and the sunshine and the air, warps men's minds.

Under such circumstances, men don't think as straight as they should. It is their LEADERS' job to think straight for them.

John L. didn't do it.

WE mustn't forget, of course, that working down in a coal mine seven hours a day for five days a week is no harder on men than fighting 24 hours a day in a fox-hole for weeks on end.

But our boys who do that cheerfully on the battlefields know what they're fighting for and are WELL LED.

Leadership makes a lot of difference.

IN Tunisia, General Giraud says the end will come in May. It is beginning to look like it.

Our Americans enter Mateur this morning after an unusually rapid advance of 12 miles. The French are reported to be only 15 miles from Bizerte and pushing CLOSER.

It seems likely that from Mateur our forces will try to push in between Bizerte and Tunis, thus making it impossible for the Germans to shuttle their defense forces back and forth between the two cities.

THE Germans are still holding their lines in the Medjerda valley below Medjez el Bab. They have to hold there. An allied breakthrough with tanks in this comparatively open country would spell the beginning of the end.

IN Russia, the red air force is still harrying the German communications all along the vast eastern front. Our natural conclusion is that the Germans are bringing up new forces and the Russians are trying to forestall an offensive.

Moscow reports that the Germans have definitely abandoned their Kuban offensive after suffering terrific losses. There are scouting operations all along the Russian front. The mud is beginning to dry a little, especially at the southern end. As the mud dries and the ground gets firmer, we can look for resumption of fighting there in all its former terrific fury.

PRAVDA (official communist party newspaper in Russia) echoes Stalin's recent laudatory words about us and the British. Facing the U. S. embassy in front of the Kremlin in Moscow, this sign now hangs: "Long live the gallant Anglo-Americans now defeating the German-Italian fascists in North Africa."

For some reason or other, the surface tone of our relations with Russia has taken a turn for the better.

THE tone of reports from our headquarters in Australia remains pessimistic.

A spokesman there tells us today that the Jap submarine campaign in the southwest Pacific has been about as efficient as the German campaign in the Atlantic.

Our losses there, he says, have been running about two per cent as compared with two and a half per cent in the Atlantic.

THE Japs delivered a heavy air attack on Darwin over the

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Coal Crisis Nipped

RUSSIAN GUNS RAKE NAZIS IN KUBAN SECTOR

Reds Tell of Raids Over East Prussia In Night

MOSCOW, May 3 (AP)—Red army artillery raked German positions in the Kuban sector of the western Caucasus throughout the night although the soviet midnight communique announced that German efforts to expand their bridgehead in that region had been abandoned after a six day drive in which the nazis lost 7000 men.

The mid-day communique said the Russian shellfire killed 200 more of the enemy, and that 16 mortar and artillery batteries were silenced and ten German blockhouses were destroyed.

(The German high command communique, broadcast from Berlin and recorded by The Associated Press, said the Russians failed yesterday in fresh attacks on the Kuban bridgehead.)

(Several planes raided east Prussia last night and one was shot down, the bulletin said. It did not report the nationality of the raiders, but red army bombers have ranged across east Prussia on several forays this year.)

Air Struggle
A violent spring air struggle continued along the entire Russian front as soviet bombers and fighters sought to disrupt any German plans for an offensive.

While announcing that there were "no significant changes" on the front, the Russian noon communique did report that a battalion of German infantry at

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Roosevelt Asks Appropriation For Shasta Dam

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to provide \$16,400,000 to expedite completion of the Shasta dam and power plant of the Central Valley project in California.

The work yet to be done includes installation of two kilovolt-ampere generating units transmission and switching facilities for which authority has been granted by the war production board.

The request for funds was submitted to the house.

The budget bureau, transmitting the interior department's request to the president, said the work was considered "vital additions to the hydro-electric power supply of that area, for the production of war material and the conservation of fuel oil."

Patterson, Jeffers View Field Trip To Settle Rubber Vs. Gas Question

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson disclosed today that he and Rubber Director William Jeffers will attempt to settle a priorities squabble by a personal inspection designed to "break bottlenecks where we find them" in rubber and gasoline plants.

After telling the senate's Truman committee that the allied offensive in the air is threatened with "a serious shortage in 100 octane gasoline," Patterson said that "Jeff and I" had discussed the problem and decided to make "a field trip together to view the situation in a practical way."

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Horace J. Andrews, regional forester, will make his first visit to Klamath Falls in that capacity next Friday, when he will address the Stop Forest Fires banquet Friday evening. The public is invited to this dinner, which is set for 7 p. m. at the Willard.

FLIERS BLAST JAP RUNWAY ON KISKA

Hits Also Scored on Field, Revetment Area on Munda

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—American fliers bombed Japan's Aleutians base at Kiska 13 times on Saturday, the navy reported today, causing a heavy explosion at North Head, the mouth of Kiska harbor, setting several fires and damaging the airplane runway.

The same day other bombers attacked Attu, a Japanese outpost 200 miles from Kiska, but results of the raid were not reported.

The text of navy communique No. 363, which told also of a new raid on much-bombed Munda in the central Solomons:

"South Pacific (all dates are East Longitude).
"1. On May 2nd, during the day, a force of Avenger (Grum-

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Mussolini Asks Aid From Hitler

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—The Morocco radio in a report credited to "Berlin correspondents of neutral papers" asserted tonight that Premier Mussolini in a note to Adolf Hitler had asked for immediate military and economic assistance.

It said that the note also asked that Italian troops be removed from Tunisia simultaneously with and under the same conditions as German troops.

The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

Chautemps Tells Of Attempts to Move Capital

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—Camille Chautemps, French vice premier at the time of the German armistice, said in a letter to the New York Times published today that Marshal Petain arranged for him to transfer the French government to North Africa in June, 1940, and that violent intervention by Pierre Laval, now chief of government, prevented fruition of the plan.

Admiral Jean Darlan "worked loyally" for the plan though he had no part in the decision, Chautemps wrote.

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MEN TRICKLE TO DIGGINGS AFTER ORDER

Flags Wave at Shafts As Government Takes Over

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—John L. Lewis declared today that the United Mine Workers' demands on the federal government in the miners' wage dispute would be the same as the original one made upon the operators and added that he was "awaiting the initiative from Mr. Ickes."

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, May 3—The coal crisis averted, miners started back to work today in a trickle that promised to grow into a stream by nightfall and to have the mines running fully by tomorrow morning.

Their new employer was the United States government, whose commander in chief, President Roosevelt, called on the men to get back to digging the coal so necessary for war production.

The stars and stripes waved over the shafts, symbolic of the government which stepped in when John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers stopped work last week.

Flag of Truce
A symbolic flag of truce, too, accompanied the return. For Lewis and other UMW officials asked the miners to resume work tomorrow morning on a 15-day temporary basis.

Most of those who have been on strike appeared delaying their return until Lewis' date of tomorrow, and in some instances today where men showed up

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Boys Operate Basement 'War Plant'

Jerry Merrill (left), 15, and his brother, Giles, 12, operate this tiny "war plant" in the basement of their home at Fort Wayne, Ind., where they produce delicately tooled airplane parts for the army air forces. Army officials said that the boys' product, composed of eight finely tooled parts, was as good as that turned out by large firms.

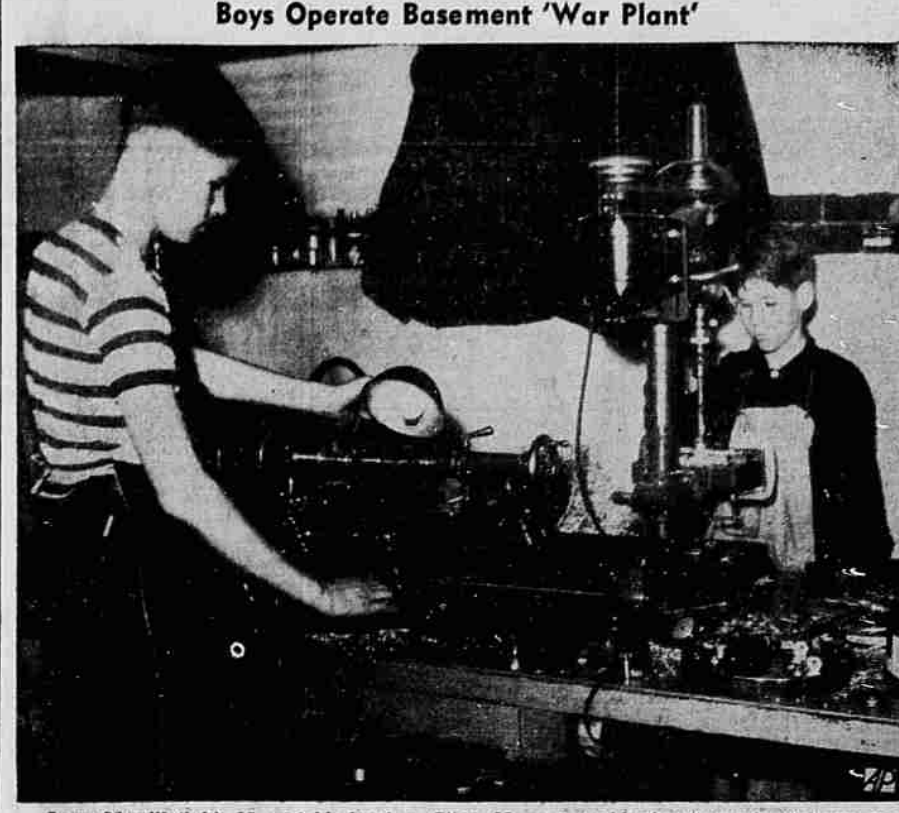
NATIONWIDE JOB CONTROL DROPPED

Regional Agreements Replace Previous Order

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said today that plans for a nationwide employment stabilization order have been dropped. Twelve regional agreements are to take its place.

Most of the regional management-labor pacts, of which nine have been completed, will require essential workers to get a "certificate of availability" before transferring to a new job, regardless of whether it calls for more, less or the same wages.

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Savage Air Battle Over Australia Batters Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 3 (AP)—A powerful fleet of Japanese airplanes—21 bombers and 30 fighters—struck savagely at the allied airbase near Darwin, Australia, Sunday and inflicted heavy losses on allied fighters in a fierce air battle.

Spitfires, manned by Australian and British pilots, rose in force to intercept. The ensuing battle raged over the Darwin area and the Arafara sea to the north. Thirteen enemy planes

were destroyed or damaged, the noon communique said. "Our own losses were heavy," it added.

First Heavy Loss
There was no elaboration. It was the first time, however, in a year of aerial warfare in the southwest Pacific that a communique had referred to allied air losses as heavy.

Three enemy fighters were destroyed; one bomber and nine fighters were damaged.

Even as the Japanese appeared above Darwin airbase, allied airmen ranged over enemy targets from New Britain to Timor. The Mubo area, 15 miles south of the Japanese base of Salamaua, New Guinea, came in for a particularly concentrated attack. A medium force of Boston attack bombers made 42 bombing and strafing runs over the Green's

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House Debates Pay-as-you-go Tax Measures

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Opening the climactic house debate on pay-as-you-go tax legislation, Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the ways and means committee termed the republican-supported Ruml skip-a-tax-year plan "an iniquitous tax policy."

He shouted to the house that he hopes "it will be overwhelmingly rejected and killed so dead that it will never again be resurrected."

Republicans, in addresses prepared for delivery, countered with charges that the democratic-supported bill to apply 1941 rates and exemptions to 1942 income, calling for a partial doubling up on income taxes, is "a seventh heaven for loan sharks."

Irwin Wissenback Arrives Home After French Air Action

Tech. Sgt. Irwin Wissenback, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wissenback of Shady Pine, arrived home Monday morning after flying from Washington, D. C., to Sacramento, and from there by train to Klamath Falls. He is wearing the Purple Heart and the Air Medal, received in England.

Young Wissenback, who made his way back to England after being shot down in France, was ordered to return to this country for a rest. He was sent to Washington by the war department.

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Four-Motored Army Bomber Crashes

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho, May 3 (AP)—A four-engined army bomber, believed to be from Gowen field, at Boise, crashed about a mile and a quarter east of here early today, barely missing several farm houses.

Wreckage was strewn over a farm for a quarter of a mile.

Residents said they saw the plane, flying low, pass over Mountain Home at 2:55 a. m., Mountain War time, and a minute later heard an explosion and watched the plane glide for a short distance and crash. The bodies of three airmen were found near the wreckage.

DE GAULLE MEETING
ALGIERS, May 3 (AP)—General Henri Giraud has asked General Charles de Gaulle to meet him in North Africa "as soon after May 5 as possible" to conclude an agreement between the Giraud and Fighting French forces, it was announced tonight.

GERMANS TAKE UP STAND IN TUNISIAN HILLS

12-Mile Push Tops Weeks of Bitter Fighting

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 3 (AP)—United States troops captured Mateur today in a 12 mile-push, climaxing almost two weeks of bitter fighting as the Germans pulled out of that communications base and other northern positions to take up a stand in their last mountain lines.

French and American forces operating along the coast swept to within 15 miles of the Bizerte naval base.

Mateur Taken
A special communique announced that Mateur, a key of rail and road lines between Bizerte and Tunis, was occupied by United States forces this morning.

The text of the special communique:
"After heavy fighting and maintaining pressure during the past few days, American troops have forced the enemy to make a considerable withdrawal in coastal areas and occupied Mateur this morning. Several hundred German prisoners have been captured."

Entry Told
Advices from the front this afternoon told of the American

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Rain Run-off Floods Sections Of Poe Valley

Run-off from an unusually heavy spring rain, which pelted the Klamath basin last week, is flooding some sections of Poe valley, according to the US bureau of reclamation. Outside of a delay in crop planting and damage to some pasture land, little harm is expected from the two-inch precipitation.

Fair Results Told as Fish Season Opens

Water was high but fair results were reported from the opening of the fishing season last weekend. Gas rationing materially reduced the size of the fishing crowd from the army that has rushed to streams and lakes on the opening weekends of other years.

One lucky angler was Mrs. Clarence Snodgrass, who took a 64-pound Dolly Varden and three Silversides from Odell lake. Good catches were general at that lake.

Successful catches were reported on Rock creek, Sprague river and Butte creek.

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	3 7 0
Brooklyn	5 12 0
Gettysburg, Rowe and Livingston; Higbe and Moore.	
Pittsburgh	5 11 3
Cincinnati	7 17 1
Butcher, Dietz (6), Brandt (6), Shuman (8), and Baker; Vandermeer, Riddle (7), and Mueller.	

Omaha World-Herald Given Newspaper Pulitzer Prize

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—The Omaha, Neb., World-Herald was awarded the Pulitzer prize today for "the most disinterested and meritorious public service rendered by an American newspaper" during 1942.

Hanson W. Baldwin, of the New York Times, received the annual prize for "distinguished correspondence" for his report of his tour of the southwest Pacific.

The award for distinguished editorial writing went to Forrest W. Seymour of the Des Moines, Iowa, Register and Tribune.

Gold Medal
The gold medal award to the Omaha World-Herald for disinterested and meritorious public service was made, the trustees announced, "for its initiative and originality in planning a statewide campaign for the collection of scrap metal for the war effort."

"The Nebraska plan was adopted on a national scale by the daily newspapers," the trustees said, "resulting in a united effort which succeeded in supplying our war industries with necessary scrap material."
Sinclair Gets Award
Prizes were awarded to Upton Sinclair for his novel "Dragon's Teeth" and to Thornton Wilder for his play "The Skin of Our Teeth."
Frank Noel, of The Associated Press, received the award for "an outstanding example of news photography" for his photograph entitled "Water," distributed by (Continued on Page Two)