

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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CHURCHILL, FDR PLOT NEXT BLOW

Cap Bon Resistance Melts

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHURCHILL shows up in Washington today—which is always big news.

His absence from London had been detected by the alert German spy service, and Berlin had been fishing for information as to his whereabouts—putting out stories that he was in Cairo, etc., hoping to get a rise from our side that would provide a tip-off.

THIS is interesting to us of the Pacific Coast:

He is accompanied by General Wavell, British commander in India; Admiral Somerville, commanding the British Eastern fleet based in Ceylon; and Air Marshal Peirse, RAF commander in India.

That leads to the guess that he and FDR will discuss Japan, among other enemies.

THERE is no indication in the news that high American officers from the Pacific are in Washington for the conference, but within the past two or three weeks General Stilwell from India and General Chennault from China have been there.

Earlier still, members of MacArthur's staff had been in Washington.

KEEP in mind, in this connection, Tojo's recent statement in Manila that Japan is all set now in her newly conquered East Asian empire and ready for "decisive" action.

It may have been pure bluff. But you never can tell about these Japs. The fact remains that they DID tell us, months before Pearl Harbor, exactly what they were planning to do in the South Pacific.

We laughed indulgently, but they went ahead and did it.

THE Japs know, as well as we do, that opening the Mediterranean sea route will shorten our communication lines and thus strengthen our position in India—which is important in any plans we may have for action against Japan.

HITLER'S fortress of Europe is having a good case of invasion jitters.

The German radio says Hitler has moved his headquarters from the east to the west—meaning from Russia to Europe. Mussolini's newspaper mutters nervously that a "British and American landing in Italy will not prove as easy as bombing Italian towns."

Trigger-brash Germans in Holland are betraying their uneasiness by shooting Dutchmen.

THE Berlin radio propaganda machine is making sneering cracks about Stalin's absence from the Washington conference, hoping to drive a wedge of suspicion between us and the British on one side and Russia on the other.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN Former President Benes is also reported in Washington—maybe, it is surmised, to figure out a scheme for a post-war federation of Central and Eastern European small nations that will be friendly to Russia.

That raises an interesting question: What will be the place of small, weak nations in the Europe of tomorrow?

WILSON championed the sentimentally admirable ideal of self-determination for small nations. Insofar as his ideal was worked out in practice (which wasn't very far) it resulted in (Continued on Page Four)

SOVIET BATTLE LINE SURGES WITH ACTIVITY

Russian Guns Pound German Scouting Operations

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, May 12 (AP)—More than 1000 German troops have been killed on the Leningrad front in the last 24 hours, Russian dispatches said today, as the entire battle line surged with new activity from that northern sector to the continuing struggle around Novorossisk, on the Black sea.

The action before Leningrad, whose 515-day siege was broken in mid-January, appeared to be only a scouting operation in force, intended to establish a new German sector line and not the beginning of an out-and-out offensive. The German attempts failed after two attacks.

Guns Open Russian guns opened up after the assaults and have pounded and damaged the German positions since, it was said.

The red army generally held the initiative everywhere along the line, and the government newspaper Izvestia said editorially "the war with Hitlerite Germany has entered its decisive phase."

The battle for Novorossisk apparently had resolved itself into (Continued on Page Two)

Arkansas River Flood Breaks Water Conduit

FORT SMITH, Ark., May 12 (AP)—The flooded Arkansas river today broke the conduit supplying water to this city and to Camp Chaffee. About 18,000,000 gallons or a six-day supply was in storage.

The conduit is suspended under the Fort Smith-Van Buren bridge, which has been patrolled ceaselessly against the possibility of the big pipe would break. The bridge floor itself was under from two to three feet of water when the conduit gave way.

The homeless numbered in the thousands. The Red Cross said 900 evacuees were being cared for at Fort Smith and about 100 at Van Buren. In the Morrilton area about 350 families left their homes. Although bottom land families had to move all along both rivers, apparently this was accomplished early for even livestock losses were reported small. Thousands of acres planted to food were flooded.

New Operations in China Rumored as India Leaders Arrive for Conference

By The Associated Press
Indications that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill might be charting new moves to aid China were seen today as the White House disclosed that three important leaders from the India theater of operations have arrived in Washington.

The trio included Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander-in-chief in India; Admiral Sir James Somerville, commander-in-chief of the eastern fleet based at Ceylon; and Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, air officer commanding in India.

Speculation Rife
Speculation quickly arose in Washington quarters that a joint land, sea and air offensive might be opened against the Japanese—perhaps an attempt

This Man Finds Government Has Real Bargains

REEDSPORT, May 12 (AP)—James Ford, Wohink lake timberman, says when the government offers a bargain it's really a bargain.

He sold part of his property to Uncle Sam for army use and when the army moved in it inadvertently encroached on some property that Ford retained—including a shed in which he stored his tractor.

When Ford arrived a day or so later he found the tractor covered with government tags and stamps, including an appraisal card valuing the machine at \$80.

"And I had just installed some appliances on the machine which cost \$600," ejaculated the timberman.

Ford promptly made out an affidavit claiming his own property.

TAX SKIP SEEN AS JUMP TO INFLATION

Cancellation May Endanger Price Control

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Opposing the finance committee's bill for current collection of revenues, Senator Connally (D-Tex.) told the senate today a proposal to skip a year's taxes "may prove to be the crucial move of a hop-skip-and-jump into inflation."

Connally attacked the measure after Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), one of its proponents, had decried criticism by those who say its proposed abatement of the lesser of 1942 or 1943 taxes for all persons would prove a boon to the rich.

Class Baiting
These external critics of the bill are not to be blamed for this because of the treasury's prejudicial class-baiting arithmetic on this subject," Vandenberg shouted.

He said that all taxpayers would be treated alike and that naturally large taxpayers would have larger monetary abatements because they contribute more to the revenues, adding that they would continue to pay more taxes than smaller earners.

Connally voiced the belief that cancellation of any taxes, as proposed in both the house and senate bills, would "endanger our system of price control."

In a majority report on the revised Ruml-Carlson "skip a year" revenue bill, the senate finance committee said today that if a "pay as you go" measure is adopted by congress it will become "unnecessary to pass retroactive increased tax legislation which has resulted in so (Continued on Page Two)

AXIS WARRIORS SURRENDER TO BRITISH ARMOR

Tanks Stab Inland After Circling Peninsula

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 12 (AP)—A special communique tonight announced that "organized resistance except by isolated pockets of the enemy has ceased" in Tunisia.

The text: "Organized resistance except by isolated pockets of the enemy has ceased. General Von Arnim, commander of the axis forces in Tunisia, has been captured. It is estimated that the total of prisoners captured since May 5 is about 150,000. Vast quantities of guns and war material of all kinds have been captured, including guns and aircraft in a serviceable condition."

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 12 (AP)—A rough circle nine miles in diameter in the gaunt Tunisian hills north of Enfidaville was all that was left to the axis in North Africa tonight and it was crumbling rapidly under allied assault from all sides.

German resistance already had dissolved on Cap Bon to the north where British armor made a complete tour of the peninsula and then cut inland and began rounding up tens of thousands of unnerved Germans (Continued on Page Two)

Cut-Back in War Plant Building Ordered by WPB

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Because the nation now has the plants and tools needed "to build production to beat the axis," the war production board today ordered a sweeping cut-back in new war plant construction and machine tool output.

An estimated \$4,000,000,000 worth of approved government-financed plant projects and machine tool contracts will be reviewed by the WPB, and in every case where existing plants or machines can do the job, the contracts are to be canceled and plant construction stopped.

Signaling the final breaking of the machine tool bottleneck, WPB said a number of tool makers would go out of that business and into direct production of munitions.

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Tying the Can On the Axis!



Students of Klamath Falls schools brought thousands of tin cans to their rooms Wednesday morning to help Uncle Sam in his salvage drive. Shown here with boxes of the flattened cans are Ann Newman and Lawrence Lebow, third graders from Mrs. James Lear's class at Roosevelt school.

NAZI PROPAGANDA FEIGNS CALMNESS

"Battle for Germany" Brought in Focus By Conference

LONDON, May 12 (AP)—The impending "battle for Germany," sharply focused by Prime Minister Churchill's conferences in Washington with President Roosevelt, found axis propaganda agencies attempting to present an outward front of calm confidence today.

After fishing yesterday for news of the whereabouts of the British prime minister in broadcasts asserting he was in Cairo, the Berlin radio said today that "Churchill's arrival in Washington caused no surprise in Berlin."

Political Talk
It told its listeners that Washington talks probably would center less on military problems than on "the political situation which is marked by Stalin again being absent."

"In Washington, the problem therefore will probably be now to bring Stalin's de facto, already recognized demands in unison with the understandable wish of the Anglo-Americans to maintain an outward semblance of the already rather pale Atlantic charter."

Headquarters Moved
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No, They Didn't Explode After Eating Dynamite

DALLAS, May 12 (AP)—No ill effects were suffered by the 4 and 7-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moen and the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. King who dined on dynamite earlier in the week.

Attending physicians said the children mistook a stick of dynamite for a candy bar and munched part of it before discovering their mistake.

Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE

R. H. E.	
Philadelphia	2 10 0
Detroit	3 13 3
Wolf and Swift; Bridges, Trucks (9), and Richards.	

House Limits Reciprocal Trade Act to Two Years

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The house rejected today a move to give congress power to review and to veto the administration's reciprocal trade pacts within 90 days after their drafting.

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The house voted today against extending the reciprocal trade act beyond two years, but backed up the administration in its fight against import duty restrictions asked by republicans.

Frenchmen Held For Plotting Against Vichy Government

BERN, Switzerland, May 12 (AP)—The Gazette de Lausanne reported here today that 150 Frenchmen, many of them government officials, have been arrested in Vichy on a charge of plotting to overthrow Pierre Laval, chief of the French government at Vichy.

The action by French police and the German gendarmes was said to have resulted from a letter sent by Adolf Hitler to Marshal Petain, chief of state, in which Hitler warned him of the existence of a plot aiming at "another Dec. 15"—the date in 1940 when Laval was ousted from the government by Petain.

Nazi Subs Downed By Convoy Escorts

LONDON, May 12 (AP)—The admiralty said today four U-boats were destroyed and six others probably destroyed in a fight with escort ships of a recent west-bound Atlantic convoy.

This was declared to have been the greatest success yet scored in the war against Germany's undersea fleet. The admiralty said that "powerful" attacks and counterattacks extended over an eight-day period during the latter part of April and early in May.

Planes Fire Jap Airbase at Kahili

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The navy reported today that American planes of the South Pacific command had attacked Japanese positions in the central and northwestern Solomons Tuesday, starting fires at the Kahili airbase and setting a sea-plane aflame at Rekata bay.

RADIO INSTRUCTIONS
LONDON, May 12 (AP)—The Netherlands station Orange here repeated instructions tonight to Holland's 400,000 ex-service men to defy German orders to register for re-imprisonment and told them to "defend" themselves against arrest, the Aneta news agency said.

LEADERS MAY STRESS FIGHT AGAINST JAPS

British Chief Comes to Washington for Meeting

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are holding another council of war today with the trumpets of the Tunisian victory still sounding and the allies poised to pound the axis in both Europe and the Pacific.

The commuting British chief-tain arrived last night on his MOSCOW, May 12 (AP)—Russians interviewed after the announcement of British Prime Minister Churchill's trip to Washington said today they interpreted it in only one way—as presaging a second front.

third wartime trip to Washington, accompanied by a staff of military and naval experts.

As he and Mr. Roosevelt sat down to bring the enemy still closer to their "unconditional surrender" demands, the Tunisian success a war of offensive strategy to a point where the United Nations high command could start activating plans for the next blow—plans undoubtedly blocked out at previous meetings between the two leaders and now due to be perfected and extended.

Hitler Shifts
Across the sea, Hitler suddenly shifted his headquarters from the east to the west, according to the German radio, and doubtless wondered where the blow or blows would fall.

With no White House comment forthcoming as to the specific nature of the Washington discussions, speculation ran free. Informed persons here saw no reason to believe, however, that previously-laid strategy would be shifted—for instance, to provide (Continued on Page Two)

Way Cleared For Action on Strike Bill

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The house rules committee today cleared the way for prompt house action, probably late this week, on the Connally-Smith bill to restrict strikes in war plants and require union financial statements from labor unions.

The committee's action was taken in executive session after Representative Marcantonio (Amn-Lab-N.Y.) and a spokesman for the American Federation of Labor had opposed the measure.

Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) said no record vote was taken and Representative Delaney (D-N.Y.) told reporters he was the only member who opposed the procedure.

Long-Missing Klamath Man Prisoner in Philippines



A telegram from the war department, which reached them at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, advised Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benson of Alameda street that their son, 1st Lt. Gordon S. Benson, 22, was a prisoner of war in the Philippines.

This is the first word the Bensons have had from their pilot son since a message reached them March 19, 1942, from Cebu. Later they learned from a fellow airman, who had reached Australia, that Gordon's plane was the only one to get off Iba on Zamboanga, a part of the Luzon mainland, to join General Douglas MacArthur at Bataan. Gordon was shot down in the early part of the war, was hospitalized, (Continued on Page Two)