

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls...

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Weather News

May 18—High 52, Low 27 Precipitation as of May 10, 1943...

MINES BLAST TWO GERMAN DAMS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
READING between the lines (which is still all we can do) there's apparently heavy fighting on Attu...

THE Japs are still our only source of direct news—and we mustn't BELIEVE much that comes from the Jap, for we know it is intended to mislead and confuse and NOT to inform.

A spokesman for the Jap army says we are landing a steady stream of reinforcements on Attu under naval and air bombardment.

The main force, he says, came ashore on the south on the first day (last Wednesday) and moved inland all day, but was driven back to the beach that night.

Our third force, attempting a landing on the east, he adds, was annihilated.

KEEP your fingers, your toes and your feet crossed as you read these reports—especially the one about annihilation of our landing force on the east.

If the Japs can make us suspicious and resentful of our government, he will have gained a point.

PAY no attention to the Jap tale that we are using poison gas.

OUR own army officers in Washington tell us our forces will be able to sweep the Japs from Attu as soon as the weather clears for combined sea-air-ground operations.

Colonel Dupuy, speaking on an army radio program on Sunday, says the Attu landing was the second step in a campaign designed to sweep the Jap from the western Aleutians and names Kiska as the next likely objective.

Present operations, he adds, are held up by a fog so dense that it simply stops everything.

WITH our men dying out there in the fog and the cold, Washington's silence is hard to take.

The Japs KNOW that. So they're trying in every possible way to sow suspicion of our leaders in our minds—taking advantage of a situation that is made to order for their purpose.

Don't let them get away with it. In war, we MUST have faith in the good intentions of our leaders. Otherwise, we'd be weakened, possibly fatally.

THIS Aleutians operation is no mere skirmish. ANY hint of its details could be of immense value to the Jap in meeting and defeating it.

That is the reason for Washington's silence. Any useful hint to the Jap can cost countless American lives.

IN Europe, air war is providing about the only news available today. British bombers hit the outskirts of Berlin and Rome and the Ruhr and Rhineland valleys.

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Almost Blind—1-A



Totally blind in one eye and able to see only two inches with the other Abraham Schwartz, above, is shown at his New York news stand after he was classified 1-A by his draft board.

CUT RECOMMENDED IN ICKES' FUNDS

Committee Criticizes WPB for Stopping Irrigation Work

By C. D. WATKINS WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP) A 60 per cent slash in the interior department's funds for the next fiscal year starting July 1 was recommended to the house today by its appropriations committee.

The committee asked that the department headed by Secretary Ickes, who had suggested economies himself, be held to \$72,861,316, a reduction of \$119,999,475 from the current year's appropriation.

The total was \$9,372,260 less than recommended by the budget bureau and the committee said it had reduced the appropriations for every activity except that for the grazing service, which was increased \$50,000 to take over work formerly handled by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The committee criticized the war production board for having stopped work on irrigation and power projects in the west and urged that orders halting work on 23 reclamation projects be rescinded to permit them to be used to increase food production.

Money for the projects was appropriated last year but the (Continued on Page Two)

Sgt. James Young Interned By Japs in Shanghai Prison

Word that her son, Sgt. James N. Young, 23, United States army air corps machine gunner, is now a prisoner of war interned at Shanghai by the Japanese, was received recently by Mrs. Sophia Young of West Klamath.

The information was released officially by the war department on Sunday.

Young, a graduate of Coquille high school and well known here, also served as radio operator on a bomber and was reported missing in action "somewhere in Asia," in a letter from the war department received last November. Information set forth that the action occurred October 25, 1942.

The airman's family has not been able to contact him since receiving word that he is a prisoner.

ATTU SMASH AGAINST JAPS 'CONTINUES'

Kiska Named Likely Next Objective In Nip Sweep

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The week-old drive to force the Japanese from Attu in the western Aleutians still is continuing. The navy reported this today in communique No. 389 which said only:

"North Pacific: "1. Operations against the Japanese on Attu island are continuing."

Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy, in a review of the week's operation on all war fronts, described the surprise landings on Attu, at the tip of the Aleutian chain and within 700 miles of the great Japanese base at Paramushiro, as "the second step in the process of sweeping into the sea the Nips on both Attu and Kiska."

Details Lacking Details are lacking on the Attu fighting, Dupuy said, but at last first step a heavy fog still was impeding operations, not only preventing the use of air and surface bombardment, but bringing (Continued on Page Two)

Hull Advocates Renewal of FDR Trade Powers

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Secretary Hull advocated renewal of the administration's power to negotiate reciprocal trade pacts today with the assertion that the time has arrived to "start the general direction of our post-war course and begin to make decisions on policies."

Appearing before the senate finance committee in behalf of house legislation for a two-year extension of the trade agreements act, Hull testified that a "clear cut extension" of this authority would be of "even greater historical significance" than its original adoption.

The secretary of state said that the proposal to renew the executive authority to make reciprocal trade agreements with other countries presented congress "with the first significant test of the country's basic sentiment toward the future."

A vital factor in the economic, political and peace structure of the post-war years is involved, he said.

Named to OWI Post



Palmer Hoyt (above), publisher of the Portland Oregonian, was appointed domestic director of the office of war information.

RED PLANES, GUNS VEX NAZI OFFENSE

Soviets Spread Fires Behind German Lines

By WILLIAM MCGARRIN MOSCOW, May 17 (AP)—The red army employed planes and artillery to good effect in further harassing German preparations for any new offensive as another week of the war opened today with still no definite sign of the expected great summer campaign.

During the past week the soviet air force spread fires and explosions in raids behind the German lines along almost the entire length of the long Russian front.

Ferocious War An indication of the ferocity of the aerial warfare was given in the midnight communique which said that red airmen had destroyed 1300 German planes (Continued on Page Two)

City Parade To Note "African Victory Day"

A downtown parade will be held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday as the major feature of the local celebration of "African Victory Day."

E. Mullis of the Lions club said the club is arranging the parade, which will include high school units, fraternal drum corps and the sheriff's posse.

The Lions said they are asking business houses to close from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. to give workers a chance to participate in the parade.

Local whistles will blow at 2 p. m. Governor Earl Snell has proclaimed Wednesday as "African Victory day" and a local proclamation has been prepared by Council President J. J. Keller in the absence of Mayor John Houston.

Titus Trial to Open June 1

Next major criminal trial scheduled for circuit court is that of William Titus accused of shooting his wife, Erna, at Bly some months ago.

Titus, who faces a first degree murder charge, and who has been in the hospital until just a few weeks ago, seems to be recovered from the three gunshot wounds found in his body after the shooting.

WLB, JOHN L. LOCK HORNS IN COAL DISPUTE

Lewis Absence From Hearings Seen As Defiance

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, announced today he would comply with a government request for the miners to continue work after the Tuesday deadline at midnight, pending further negotiations.

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The war labor board risked its existence today in an all-out, head-on conflict with UMW President John L. Lewis.

Interpreting the mine leader's refusal to attend a WLB meeting to arrange a resumption of collective bargaining in the coal wage dispute as a defiance of "the lawfully established procedures of the government," the board instructed the soft coal operators not to proceed with negotiations "until both parties are ready to proceed under the instructions of the division of the board."

Truce Expires "No other agency of government," the statement added, "is now authorized to direct otherwise."

The possibility of another tie up of the industry thus became more acute, with expiration of the present 15-day truce under which the mines have been operating due at midnight Tuesday.

The board made no official reference to the truce, and Lewis has declined to say whether he would extend it. He said yesterday he was ready to bargain with the operators at New York but refused to make his arrangements through the board as it directed.

WLB Tells The WLB made known its views, first, in a formal statement declaring the issue is whether Lewis "is above and beyond the laws" applying to other citizens and, secondly, in a transcript of a closed meeting held by a division of the board with the operators.

In its formal statement the WLB said: "The issue," said the statement, "now confronting the nation in this dispute is whether Mr. Lewis is above and beyond" (Continued on Page Two)

Basin Farmers Groan Under Frosty Nights

Klamath basin farmers were a pretty discouraged lot with Sunday's minimum temperature of 27 degrees, the fifth below freezing night experienced in this area during the past week.

Tuesday morning's temperature was chalked up at 25 degrees. Warmest morning of last week was Thursday with a minimum of 33, one degree above freezing. These are temperature figures given out by the U. S. bureau of reclamation and at various points in the basin, the thermometer dropped even lower.

Farmers who put white rose potatoes in the ground for early crops, found many fields blackened by the cold snap. Favorable weather will restore the vines but continuation of the cold spell will be damaging.

C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent, said there would be some replanting of grain with fields hit here and there by the below normal temperatures. Some small seeds in fields were also damaged.

According to the weatherman's records, mean minimum for the first 16 days of May is 32.7. But last year was even colder for that period and the mean minimum was 32.4. These two years have been colder than usual as preceding two years showed the mean minimum was 41.2 and 42.1 degrees.

General Von Arnim Surrenders



Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim, who succeeded Rommel as axis commander in North Africa, stepped from a car at Gen. Kenneth A. H. Anderson's tent headquarters, to surrender to the British first army commander. A 100-mile auto trip brought Von Arnim to Anderson. British photo radioed from Algiers by signal corps.

Allies Roar Over Rome on Way to Mash Seaplane Base

By WILLIAM B. KING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 17 (AP)—Allied bombers roared over Rome in bright moonlight last night and blasted the Lido di Roma seaplane base at the mouth of the Tiber 15 miles southwest of the Italian capital, it was announced today.

RAF Wellingtons which carried out the attack bombed and machine-gunned the Lido di Roma hangars, moorings and planes at will, with no interference from enemy fighters and almost no anti-aircraft opposition.

Bursts Seen "Bursts were seen among parked aircraft," the communique said. Two hangars were set afire. No bombs were dropped upon the Eternal city, but the raid marked the closest announced approach of the allied aerial offensive to its outskirts.

(Prime Minister Churchill announced September 30, 1940, that he would not hesitate to bomb Rome "if the course of the war should render such an action convenient and helpful" and this attitude has been repeated.)

At the same time the situation confronting Mussolini gave rise to a flood of rumors concerning the internal situation in Italy, the most sensational of which was a report by the Morocco radio that King Vittorio Emanuele would abdicate in favor of Crown Prince Umberto. These reports were without any confirmation, however, and telephone calls later in the night by neutral journalists gave no indication of any unusual situation.

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(The rumor was received skeptically in London, where it was pointed out that King Emanuele's prestige was now higher than at any time since the fascist march on Rome in 1922. It was recalled that the Rome radio's accounts of the final fighting in Tunisia had closed with "long live the king—long live Italy," conspicuously omitting Mussolini's name.)

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for National League and American League teams (Cincinnati, New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati) and their statistics (R, H, E).

RUHR VALLEY FLOODS PERIL NAZI INDUSTRY

Power Stations, Ship Yards, Bridges Inundated

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The German high command said civilian casualties were heavy. The air ministry said its report was based on a partial reconnaissance of the Ruhr valley, industrial heart of Germany, and the district near the Eder dam.

No Details Details of the attack were not reported, but an unofficial source said the air ministry insured destruction of the barriers by using mines which would be (Continued on Page Two)

Italy Tightens Defense; King's Quitting Rumored

By WILLIAM B. KING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 17 (AP)—Italy's grave position in an allied-controlled Mediterranean was being hammered home to her people today as a part of Premier Mussolini's redoubled efforts to tighten his defenses, reports reaching neutral Switzerland said.

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Democrats Plan Final Battle on Modified Ruml

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) said today democratic leaders will make a third and final battle against the modified Ruml plan when the house votes tomorrow on whether to accept a senate bill embracing the skip-a-year income tax proposal.

The party leaders made their decision at a meeting with Rayburn while house republicans simultaneously claimed sufficient strength to send the senate version to the president's desk.

Synthetic Rubber Outlook Good But Still No Tires

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The 358,000 barrels a day allotted for civilian use. "We just cannot continue to operate on any such basis," Ickes said.

No Extra Gas Brown, who did not define the drastic steps that might be taken, stressed meanwhile that there is no extra gasoline for vacation travel, for war workers or anyone else.

Jeffers' implication that mileage rationing might be prolonged through 1944 was seen in his assertion that 30,000,000 tires is "the probable minimum replacement program that the country can get by with" in 1944, even by "keeping present conservation measures."