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JAPS FLUNG OFF ATTU DEFENSES

Floods Peril Nazi Industry

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN this period of tense waiting, which is certain to be broken sooner or later by heavy fighting, there are three hot spots to watch:

1. Italy.
2. Turkey.
3. Bombing of Europe.

THESE reports of scanty plane and anti-aircraft defense in Italy that are being brought back by our bomber crews are interesting and might be significant. They COULD indicate that Germany doesn't plan a costly and stubborn defense of Italy.

IF you're in a speculative mood and like to guess, get out your map. Take a good long look at the Mediterranean. You'll be struck by the relatively great extent of Italy's coastline. Then try out, for a moment, the well known recipe for finding a mule (imagining you are a mule and trying to figure where you would be.) Imagine yourself in Hitler's place.

If you had too few men and too many places to put them (with every spot a hot one) you might not like the job of defending Italy's vast coastline. You might prefer to withdraw to the historically strong and extremely short defense line of the Alps, where few men (and planes) could put up a tougher defense.

It's just possible that Hitler may feel the same way about it.

DON'T jump to any wrong conclusions.

If the Germans give up Italy, it will be because they HAVE to and not because they WANT to. They'd RATHER keep it. We'd much rather have Italy than NOT to have it—for reasons that are obvious. Possession of Italy would clinch our control of the Mediterranean. It would give us closer bases for bombing Germany and also for operations against Greece and the Balkans.

The point is that if Hitler should give up Italy it would be an admission that he's getting in a tight spot. For that reason, what he does there will be worth watching.

THE map will tell you clearly why Turkey is a hot spot. The Saloniki gate to the fortress of Europe lies at the head of the Aegean sea, which is sprinkled with islands almost as liberally as the South Pacific. It is generally assumed that the Germans have air bases on most of these islands—at least on all the strategic ones.

Experience in the South Pacific (as well as elsewhere) indicates that sending a sea-borne invasion force through islands heavily supplied with land-based aircraft is a highly difficult and dangerous operation.

TURKEY is the key to this problem. If she should come over on our side (and she has been talking that way increasingly of late) the way into the Balkans would be made much easier for us.

WATCH very closely indeed the growingly intense bombing of Germany and her adjacent (Continued on Page Two)

Deficiency Fund Bill to Senate

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today a \$134,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill with amendments denying funds for the salary of three government employees and prohibiting the use of any of the president's emergency funds for the farm security administration or the national resources planning board.

HOUSE HEEDS RUMORED FOR TAX BILL VETO

Senate Skip - a - Year Measure Downed Third Time

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—Heeding the threat of a possible presidential veto, the house rejected for the third time today the senate-approved skip-a-year income tax bill.

The action, by roll call vote of 202 to 194, came on a motion to instruct its delegates to a joint house-senate conference committee to accept the senate measure.

Stalemate Seen
By its decision—which opens up the possibility of a new stalemate—the house stood pat on its own measure, the Robertson-Forand bill which would abate a year's tax obligation for approximately 90 per cent of the nation's taxpayers. The vote, tolled off in a tense climax to the seamy struggle which has gripped congress for months, came after Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) predicted flatly that the modified Ruml skip-a-year plan, if passed, would be vetoed.

Immediately after the vote was announced, Chairman Doughton, (D-N.C.) of the tax-writing ways and means committee, said to newspapermen:

Ruml Plan Dead
"The Ruml plan is dead. We have killed it. As long as Frank- (Continued on Page Two)

Two Fined for Pulling Feathers From Peacocks

The case of the peacock feathers-reached city police court late Monday afternoon and two young men were given fines of \$10 or five days in the town jail for taking part in molesting the Moore park birds, on Sunday, May 9.

William B. Galloway, 18, and Clint Hamblin, 20-year-old mill worker, appeared before Police Judge Harold Franey, after city police had worked on the case following complaints filed by E. E. Spencer, Moore park caretaker.

Galloway and Hamblin were charged with violation of Ordinance 3093 which specifically sets forth that it is unlawful to "injure, molest, harass, or destroy animals, birds or fowl either within or belonging to said park."

The 18-year-old pleaded guilty (Continued on Page Two)

Marked Hospital Ship Sinks in Flames As Jap Sub Torpedoes Without Warning

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 18 (AP)—The Australian hospital ship Centaur, brilliantly lighted and unmistakably marked, was torpedoed and sunk in flames by a Japanese submarine off the coast of Australia last Friday with a loss of 299 lives.

No warning whatever was given. The ship capsized and sank within three minutes. Sixty-four of the 363 aboard, including only one of 12 women nurses, were saved. Forty-three of the crew of 73 and 245 Australian and British medical staff men went down, most of them trapped on a lower deck of the blazing ship.

No Americans
There were no Americans aboard. The ship, en route from Sydney to New Guinea, carried no patients. Survivors, crowded on make-

Tank Men's Choice



Miss Mary Oliver (above), 23, of Camp Campbell, Ky., won the title of Miss Armorette in a nation-wide voting contest among armored force soldiers in the U. S.

Parade to Mark Celebration of "Victory Day"

A parade and a blast of whistles will mark Wednesday's celebration in Klamath Falls of "African Victory Day." The observance will be statewide, and will mark the state's first war festivities since the armistice of 1918.

The parade is scheduled to start at 1:30 p. m., from The Herald and News corner, and will pass down Main street. Whistles will be blown at 2 p. m. The event will be in charge of the Lions club, which is running this month's war bond drive.

Most elaborate celebration in (Continued on Page Two)

Allies Rain Fire On Sardinian Port, Airfield

By WILLIAM B. KING
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 18 (AP)—Carrying on an unrelenting attack on Italy's Mediterranean islands, allied air force Wellingtons of the RAF bombed the airfield and port of Alghero on the west coast of Sardinia last night.

Bomb bursts were seen in the town and Port areas and one (Continued on Page Two)

RIOTS RUMORED AFTER BRITISH AIR BATTERING

Americans Alternate Night, Day Raids With English

LONDON, May 18 (AP)—New reconnaissance pictures taken today showed that floods started when the RAF ripped open the Mohne and Eder dams still were spreading in two directions, in the neighborhood of industrial Kassel and toward the center of the Ruhr industrial valley.

Official German figures, broadcast by Berlin, said water levels were unusually high in the Rhine at Duisburg, where the Ruhr enters the Rhine, and in the Weser river below Kassel.

Riots Told
Wholly unconfirmed reports broadcast by the Morocco radio said riots had occurred at Duisburg and in other Ruhr valley towns. Dortmund was said to be threatened with complete inundation, with the toll of dead and homeless growing hourly. Air raid shelters were declared flooded in Duisburg, one of the hardest hit cities in the RAF offensive.

The drive against Hitler's European fortress continued today with the heavily-gunned American Thunderbolts patrolling Belgium in strength. One of the P-47s was shot down and the flight bagged one Messerschmitt. A (Continued on Page Two)

Mexican Farm Labor Arranged For Tulelake

Final arrangements were announced Tuesday for bringing 80 Mexican laborers to the Tulelake district for work on farms in that area. The Mexicans will arrive from Old Mexico about May 24.

Chester Main, president of the Tulelake Growers, said that the growers' group has contracted with the FSA to bring the laborers to Tulelake. They will be housed at the Tulelake CCC camp, which was inspected and approved Monday by W. L. Gertz, FSA official from Portland.

The Mexicans, who will not be accompanied by families, will work on 14 farms. Farmers who have arranged for this labor met Monday with the growers' group and federal officials. The arrangement for Mexican labor was made in view of a serious shortage of white help in the basin district.

Central Indiana Torn by Worst Flood Since 1913

INDIANAPOLIS, May 18 (AP)—One of the worst floods since 1913 tore through central and northern Indiana today.

At least four lives have been lost in the raging torrents. More than 500 families have been moved from flooded homes in Marion, Frankfort, Wabash, Indianapolis and other places. Flood waters surged over thousands of acres of lowlands, damaging early-planted farm crops. Numerous victory gardens have been washed away.

Nine blocks of sandbagged levee and the Charles Mills dam at Marion held back the swollen Mississinewa river. Three hundred families in the area were evacuated.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 18 (AP)—The "big inch" pipeline running from Texas to Illinois to relieve the eastern seaboard oil shortage was broken today by the Arkansas river flood, War Emergency Pipelines, Inc., disclosed.

Shaft Rises in Memory of Soldier Dead



Still surrounded by scaffolding, Klamath's World War II memorial shaft is shown in the above picture. Names of Klamath county soldier dead will be painted on the white sides of the obelisk, which will soon be completed and will be dedicated on Memorial Day.

KUBAN ROW FLARES AS NAZIS ATTACK

Expected Summer Offensive Still Not Begun

By WILLIAM B. KING
MOSCOW, May 18 (AP)—The Kuban front flared into action again today when German troops stole through the forested hills and sprang upon the Russians in a violent effort to regain important positions lost weeks ago.

Latest Russian reports said that German infantry which attacked several times supported by tanks, planes and artillery, was thrown back each time with heavy losses. The German counterattacks are aimed at driving the Russians back from the inner positions of the Black Sea port of Novorossisk.

No Summer Offense
From the figures mentioned in dispatches it is obvious that the Kuban activity is hardly the prelude to the expected German summer offensive, but it is the most vivid action on the long Russian front in several days.

The exact extent of German losses in the new Kuban drive was not stated, but at least 200 were known to have been killed (Continued on Page Two)

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In the meantime, the city has been advised that the matter is being adjusted by the Columbia Utilities company.

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Pelican Bomber Receives Boost

Klamath's drive for a Klamath Pelican bomber received a boost today from out of town. Mrs. J. L. Richey, Portland, former resident of Klamath Falls, wrote the war savings committee that she had read in the paper about the Lions club campaign to buy a plane to bomb Tokyo.

"We'd like to help do that," she wrote. "It would be a special pleasure to have a Klamath Falls boy fly that Klamath Pelican. Enclosed is application blank and a check. There will be another for each week of May. We have been buying bonds here, but we want to have a part in that 'Klamath Pelican'."

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Baseball NATIONAL

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	0	5	1
Boston	4	5	0
Sewell, Herbert and Lopez;			
Javery and Poland.			
	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	9	0
New York	1	5	2
Riddle, Beggs (8) and Mueller;			
Sayles, Adams (8) and Lombardi.			
	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	7	11	0
Brooklyn	1	3	0
White, Brechert (7) and W. Cooper;			
Wyatt, Allen (5). Webber (9) and Owen.			

'BEAT JAPS FIRST' PLEA ENCOURAGED

Speech Seen as White House "Sounding Board"

By JOHN H. WIGGINS
WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—An idea that a senatorial appeal to "beat Japan first" may have served as a sounding board for White House strategy sifted through the capitol today in the wake of a three-hour senate row over diverting American military might to the Pacific.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky.), who started the wrangle with warnings that if Germany is beaten first the United States may count on little or no help from Britain or Russia to whip the Nipponese, acknowledged himself that he was "encouraged to make the speech."

Declines Source
The Kentuckian declined to say from what source the encouragement came but he expressed (Continued on Page Two)

British Subs Sink Italian War Ships

LONDON, May 18 (AP)—British submarines torpedoed and sank an Italian destroyer and at least five supply ships during a recent series of Mediterranean encounters, the admiralty announced today.

The destroyer was sunk off north Sicily. Several other ships were declared damaged.

City Council Moves to Acquire Cemetery Land

The city council, in session Monday night, took steps toward acquiring the proposed new city cemetery site overlooking Klamath river when an ordinance passed the first and second reading authorizing the purchase of the property.

The city will pay to Northwest Utilities of Portland, the sum of \$5000, to Klamath county, \$1308.20, and to Gomer and Helen Caseman, \$100 plus \$3.36 in taxes. It was brought out by the city attorney, J. H. Carnahan, that Northwest Utilities is furnishing title insurance at their expense, but that the city would provide insurance on the other pieces of land.

Ordinance Read
The newly introduced ordinance reads: "Linkville cemetery is almost filled and the rate of burials has not diminished and (Continued on Page Two)

ARMY TROOPS SEIZE RIDGE AT HOLTZ BAY

Casualties Lighter Than Expected; Navy Support

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—Army troops which began the reconquest of Japanese-held Attu island a week ago have captured ground which apparently was the enemy's main defense position.

The ridge, lying between the two arms of Holtz bay on the northern side of the eastern extremity of Attu, was taken after bitter fighting, a navy communique disclosed today. Earlier Secretary Knox had disclosed the capture of the strategic position.

Strong Attacks
Saying the victory was won last night, the communique reported that American troops were successful "in spite of strong counter attacks by the enemy."

The same communique disclosed new air blows against Japanese outposts in both the Central and South Pacific as well as the anchor at the northern end-of-their long ocean battle line.

Southern Blows
On Saturday, it related, army Liberators heavy bombers assaulted Wake island and shot down two out of 22 enemy Zero fighters which sought to intercept. Another fighter probably (Continued on Page Two)

Retail Grocers Appeal to FDR Over OPA Prices

CHICAGO, May 18 (AP)—The national association of retail grocers, stalling it spoke for 350,000 storekeepers, appealed to President Roosevelt today for relief from new price ceilings ordered by the office of price administration.

"Retail grocers of the nation, shocked and stunned by the advertised maximum prices on a number of canned foods listed in yesterday's newspapers, face a grave crisis," the association said in a telegram to the White House.

"Items in some areas are actually below replacement cost, and any mean actual loss to retailers considering operating costs, decreased volume and other expenses. Isn't violation of price control act for OPA to force changes in business practice and to issue all regulations without consultation with industry which they affect?"

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