

DUESSELDORF TARGET FOR RAF RAIDERS

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hombloads on Messina, the Sicilian ferry terminal.

Yet another large force of U. S. Liberators from the African desert, dropping 175 tons of bombs on Messina, teamed up with waves of Flying Fortresses to knock at the shaky resistance of Italy, invited by Prime Minister Churchill yesterday to get out of the war while there is yet time. Already, it was reported, Italy was confronted with a refugee problem similar to that of fallen France in 1940, as Italians sought safety from the bombed centers of the south.

Other war headlines:

Italy—Washington diplomatic sources predict quick collapse of resistance of Italy if allies invade and Germans desert here.

Germany—Purge of Nazi party hinted.

Finland—Finnish radio says allied invasion of continent certain and Russian front will become secondary.

Jap Admission

Far Pacific—Adverse weather limits operations in southwest Pacific; no change in situation reported in North Pacific, with a fleet, now hampering U. S. attack on Attu; Japanese admit damage to 19 of their ships since April, claim without confirmation sinking of 13 allied ships, 17 submarines.

Russia—Tense calm prevailed on the long front as a whole, but the Russians shifted the center of their "feeler" attacks from the south to the sector northwest of Moscow where they announced the capture of four settlements.

German Pressure

Balkans—The greatest German pressure was reported being exerted on Rumania, dispatches from Turkey said, to send another large army for a summer campaign in Russia.

Twenty-seven planes of the RAF's raiding force were lost in the Dueseldorf attack, which the British air ministry said was in "very great strength"—the same language it used to describe the record 2000-ton bomb load that was dumped on the flood-ravaged Ruhr and Dortmund Sunday night.

Black Busters

At least three-fourths of the 500 bombers were the four-engine block-buster carriers, observers said.

An informed source added that "it would not be surprising to hear that the weight of bombs" dropped on Dueseldorf approached or equaled the tonnage left at Dortmund.

Tank Center

Dueseldorf, a city of 429,000, is 50 miles southwest of Dortmund and the third largest inland port in Germany. It is a tank, gun and armament center on the Rhine where 190,000 persons were reported homeless last December as a result of the RAF's offensive.

The raid—marking the second extension of the bomber offensive since Prime Minister Churchill declared the elimination of Germany from the war by air assault might be worth trying if other methods were not excluded—was the fourth "saturation" attack of May. Two were against Dortmund, one against Dueseldorf and another against Duisburg.

The mounting assault on Italy, already reported attempt-

Jerry Thomas to Leave for Basic Training at Fresno

Jerry Thomas, local insurance man, is leaving Sunday for Fresno, where he will take basic training in the air force.

Thomas announced that R. C. Dale is taking over his insurance business, and will take care of his customers.

Mrs. Thomas, who is with the Kesterson Lumber company offices here, will remain in Klamath Falls.

ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING DATE SET

The annual chamber of commerce meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 2, at 7 p. m. at the Willard hotel.

Guest speaker will be Cyrus Crane Willmore, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, a prominent national figure and good speaker. Program details will be announced very shortly by Fred Southwell, chairman of the forum committee.

The annual dinner meeting is open to the public, and those wishing to attend can obtain tickets and reservations at the chamber of commerce.

Wage Increase Recommended Rail Workers

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the shop crafts, clerks and maintenance workers. Their average earnings as of last October were 73.8 cents an hour, the board said. About half of them received less than 70 cents an hour.

Not affected are the switchmen and the four other brotherhoods who actually operate the trains. They have filed an independent demand for a 30 per cent increase. Hearings in that dispute will begin before another emergency board in New York on June 7.

ing to deal with swarms of refugees trying to escape from the threatened Italian "toe" and imperiled island outposts, was paced by joint attacks on Messina by Flying Fortresses from the northwest African air force and heavy U. S. bombers from the desert air force.

GROUND FORCE REMOVES NIPS AT CHICHAGOF

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rades in the ridge overlooking the narrow coastal plain.

Navy communique 390 said: "South Pacific: (all dates are east longitude):

"1. On May 23, the small United States auxiliary vessel Niagara was attacked by Japanese planes east of Cape Surville, San Cristobal island. Considerable damage was inflicted on the vessel, which was subsequently sunk by U. S. forces after members of the crew were taken aboard accompanying naval units.

Strafe Positions

"2. On May 24 Avenger (Grumman F4F) fighters bombed and strafed Japanese installations at Ringi cove, west of Vila on Kolombangara island.

"3. On May 25, Dauntless (Douglas SBD) dive bombers, Avenger torpedo bombers and Wildcat fighters bombed and strafed Japanese installations at Rekata bay, Santa Isabel island. Ammunition dumps were exploded and large fires were started.

Clear Sides

"North Pacific:

"4. On May 24, United States army ground troops cleared out both sides of Chichagof valley. An assault was made by combined northern and southern forces along the ridge north of the valley and was reported as continuing. Assisting in the assault were United States army air forces consisting of Liberators (Consolidated B-24 heavy bombers), Mitchell (North American B-25 medium bombers), and Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters. These planes bombed and strafed Japanese positions in the Chichagof area and started fires."

Situation Uncertain

Since the Attu action disclosed today was accomplished Monday the communique left uncertain the military situation on the island at this time.

The navy had reported last Saturday that as the battle for Attu entered its final phase the battered Japanese defense forces had been split into three groups.

These groups occupied Chichagof harbor, at the northeastern tip of the island; Chichagof valley which lies southwest of the harbor and the north side of Lake Nicholas which lies still further south and to the east of the valley.

Defense Calendar

CIVILIAN DEFENSE TRAINING PROGRAM

Time: Friday, May 28, 1948, 8:00 p. m.

Place: Auditorium, Klamath Union High school.

Subject: Fire Defense and the Unexploded Bomb.

1. Fire Defense—Keith Ambrose.
2. The new fire bomb—film.
3. The Unexploded Bomb—Harold Franey.
4. Airplane Identification—film.
5. Summary—Gus Krause.

Chamber Heads Vote Protest On OPA Shift

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that Malheur and Harney counties, Oregon counties in the Boise, Idaho district, should be moved into the Klamath district if state lines are going to play a part in the formation of the OPA districts.

It was also brought out that Deschutes county should logically have been located in the Klamath district.

Developments Expected

Further developments with regard to OPA administration in this area may be expected soon, it was indicated in the discussion.

Lee Jacobs announced that the retail trade bureau will suspend operations, as such, for the duration, and will function as a department of the chamber of commerce. Close relationships between merchants and the chamber will be maintained through committees.

Journal Carrier Wins Bond Award

The Oregon Journal of Portland has awarded a bond to the most outstanding Journal carrier in the Southern Oregon district. The award went to Harold Haddock, 12, of Klamath Falls.

Harold has just completed the seventh grade at Fremont school and has been a Journal carrier since last fall. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Haddock, and three brothers at 821 Oak street.

LaMARR TO WED HOLLYWOOD, May 26 (AP)—Hedy LaMarr and John Loder of the films have announced they'll be wed when they can find a lull in busy studio schedules.

Australian-born Hedy and Loder, son of a British army officer, applied for a marriage license yesterday at Santa Monica, Calif. They met six months ago.

FLOODS PERIL INDUSTRIES IN ILLINOIS AREA

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ever-rising Mississippi waters and the situation was termed "critical" by coast guardsmen at the scene. The plant, which supplies power for Illinois south of Tuscola, including many coal mines, also covers 2000 acres and it was ringed with sandbags. The plant's intake for the generator cooling system is located on the normal bank of the Mississippi.

Mayor C. D. Gardiner, who reported that water covered 80 per cent of the town, urged the immediate evacuation of 50 per cent of the 800 inhabitants and the 400 refugees.

At Beardstown (Ill.) the Illinois river continued to rise, touching 29.78 early today and indications were that it would reach the 30-foot crest today or tomorrow. Army officials termed the situation "potentially serious."

About 5500 of the river town's 8500 residents have been evacuated.

OBITUARY

LEONORA A. ELLIOT

Leonora A. Elliott, for the last six years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away at her late residence Tuesday evening, May 25, 1948, at 9:20 p. m. following an illness of six months. She was a native of Illinois. Surviving are her husband, C. S. Elliott; one son, John Adolph; one daughter, Emilie Elizabeth, all of Klamath Falls, Ore. Mrs. Elliott was a member of The Daughters of the Nile and Friendship Court No. 11, Order of the Amaranth. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine Street at Sixth, where friends may call after 12 noon Thursday. Notice of funeral to appear in the next issue of this paper.

Returns to Duty—Corporal E. Ivan Congleton has returned to Gelger field, Wash., after spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Congleton, 2060 1/2 Wantland avenue. His sister Mercia, accompanied him as far as Pendleton to visit her sister, Mrs. Ralph Jensen, for a few weeks.

House, Senate Conferees Find Tax Compromise

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holding levy against the taxable portion of wages and salaries, to be applied against income and Victory tax liabilities.

Require quarterly payments of the current year's tax by persons with income from sources other than wages or salaries, and from persons in upper salary brackets.

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—Payroll collections on the 5 per cent victory tax will drop to 3 per cent July 1, if the compromise pay-as-you-go income tax bill becomes law, but taxpayers still will have the problem of computing complicated post-war credits in their final 1948 tax returns which must be filed next March 15.

Little Street Repairing to Be Done This Summer

Frank Z. Howard, acting city engineer, said today that very little street repairing will be done this summer because of a lack of labor and supplies.

According to Howard, available oil supplies are so small that it is not practical to ship. Some work is being done on state highways by the state highway department, but city streets will not have much repair work done.

PRISONERS AVAILABLE

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—Officers commanding prisoner of war camps, the war department said today, have authority to announce that they have prisoners available for farm work.

TOWER

ENDS TONIGHT!

ALL FUN SHOW!

Seven DAYS LEAVE

MUSIC MIRTHY MELODY!

VARSITY SHOW

with DICK POWELL FRED WARING

LATEST NEWS EVENTS

Lake County Girl Named Officer of Advertising Club

EUGENE, May 26 (AP)—Mary Ellen Smith of Lake Grove has been awarded the Eve B. Collins cup, which goes annually to the University of Oregon woman contributing outstanding service to Gamma Alpha Chi, women's advertising honorary. Among new officers elected by the chapter were Helen Johnson, Sheridan, treasurer; Lois Clause, Lakeview, reporter.

Defense Overruled In Baby Smothering Trial at Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., May 26 (AP)—Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna today overruled a motion by Defense Attorney Otto J. Frohmayer for a directed verdict of acquittal as the state rested in the first degree murder trial of Tillie Michalski, 22, Cleveland, Ohio.

Frohmayer argued that none of the state's evidence connected the defendant with the slaying of her 10-week-old son by Sgt. Bernard Lotka the night of April 1 in a Medford auto park cabin.

Out of Office—C. C. Proctor of the office of defense transportation will not be in his office in the Balsiger building on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Chinese Roll Back Attacking Japanese

CHUNGKING, May 26 (AP)—Chinese troops have rolled back one column of a Japanese army driving toward China's rice bowl west of Lake Tungting and slowed up a three-way drive which may be aimed at China's provisional capital at Chungking, the Chinese central news agency said today.

NEW TODAY

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YOU WANTED MORE AFTER 'SINGAPORE!'

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IN TECHNICOLOR!

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Screen Play by Harold Shumate

Last Day!

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Rhythm in the groove!

Laughs on the loose!

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It's a feud... feast of fun and fireworks!

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