

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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ATTU JAPS CORRALLED IN HILLS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SAY "boo!" anywhere in Europe today and just about everybody in hearing will jump. The situation, as reflected by the day's dispatches, seems to be just that tense.

THE Germans are said to be reinforcing their garrisons in western Europe with their best motorized divisions. A London "informant" tells the AP Hitler is too nervous over an invasion of the continent to launch his Russian offensive.

(Both British and German motor torpedo boats are prowling around unaccountably in the English channel and getting smacked by the other side's planes. Why? You guess.)

THE Rome radio tells of concentrations of allied landing craft in the ports of Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, and an Italian commentator thinks the allies are planning an invasion of Italy by thousands of barges under an air umbrella.

The naval correspondent of the London News-Chronicle promptly points out that our side has been building invasion barges heavily for months, and says millions of tons more are under construction.

THE Germans are muttering nervously in their beads, threatening "far-reaching reprisals" against England with "new, diabolical engines." They say it's better to be in Berlin today than in London day after tomorrow.

STOP here and do a little psychoanalyzing. When, in your boyhood days, you began threatening the other fellow with the terrible things your pop would do to him if he didn't look out you were NERVOUS.

Your threats were intended to COVER UP your nervousness.

OUR side is certainly doing nothing to calm the axis jitters.

Lord Beaverbrook's London Express says our next move may be taking Pantelleria.

The News-Chronicle's naval correspondent (already quoted in invasion barges) adds that the greatest naval operation in history is imminent.

We're obviously turning against the enemy the war of nerves he used against us so long and in many ways so effectively.

A WASHINGTON military expert gets into the game by pointing out that there are ten possible invasion routes into Europe.

That's nothing. You can get out your own map and point out a dozen without half trying. But he adds that the Germans have 100 divisions in western Europe and 220 on the Russian front.

If he knows what he's talking about this disposition of forces shows that Russia is the BIG FEAR in the German mind.

THE Russians today report sharp activity in five key sectors of their long front—the Caucasus, west of Rostov, the Donets river, Smolensk and Leningrad.

The Russians have been unaccountably quiet for a long time. It's reasonable to suppose they're just gathering strength for their next blow.

Still— IF our side is going to invade the European continent, you may be certain that as we hit from one side the Russians will hit from the other, with the idea of making the Germans fight at the front door and the back door at the same time.

That is the situation Germany has always dreaded and tried to avoid.

ON Attu, we've taken Fish Hook ridge, and the Japs are now said to be "contained" in a mountainous area of only three or four square miles. ("Contain" (Continued on Page Four)

Klamath's World War II Memorial Ready for Dedication



A white shaft against the sky in the above picture, Klamath's memorial to the dead of World War II will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Sunday morning as a part of the Memorial Day observance here. The photograph was made from the front of the memorial on the courthouse lawn, showing the names of World War II dead.

KLAMATH TO HONOR WAR DEAD SUNDAY

Business Houses to Be Closed Monday

Memorial Day observances will be held in Klamath Falls on Sunday and Monday to honor those who have died in the services of their country.

On Sunday morning at 9:45, a naval ceremony will be held at the Link River bridge by the American Legion. At 9:50, participants will march to the courthouse for the dedication of the temporary memorial to those who have died in this war.

This ceremony will be conducted jointly by the veteran groups and the citizens memorial committee.

This service will be held at 10 o'clock with veterans groups, a military band, and other groups participating. During this service, Coleman O'Loughlin of the citizens committee will light the perpetual light.

Speakers for the morning will include Reverend Father Casey of the Sacred Heart church; Fred LaForge, American Legion commander; Reverend L. K. (Continued on Page Two)

Allied Invasion Threat Worries Axis Militarists

By EDWARD D. BALL LONDON, May 29 (AP)—Invasion talk dominated headlines today in most of London's newspapers which featured front page stories speculating that an allied blow was imminent.

Military writers had little concrete evidence, but some were spurred by the conclusion of the Roosevelt-Churchill talks in Washington.

Action Seen Axis reports suggesting that major action was a matter of days were carried prominently. One of these reports that landing craft were concentrated in Tunisian, Algerian and Moroccan ports was a favored topic. The Rome radio repeated the story of the landings craft today.

"The enemy intends to invade Italy with thousands of barges full of marines under an enormous air umbrella," a military commentator on the Rome radio said today in a broadcast heard by The Associated Press.

Two State Pen Escapees Captured After Shooting

SALEM, May 29 (AP)—Two 18-year-old escapees from the state penitentiary here, one of whom overnight had become a gunman, were captured by state police and prison guards who closed in on them in the brush two miles west of Mill City at approximately 7 o'clock this morning.

Recovery Doubtful R. E. Shields, Mehama, mill employe, shot by Merlyn Gene Kensler, according to the youthful convict's written statement on file with state police, hovered between life and death today at Salem Deaconess hospital, six hours after Kensler and Doyle Clark McCann had forced a hostage to call him to the door of his home at 4:15 this morning.

Declaring Shields' recovery still in question, Dr. R. P. Anderson, one of the attending physicians, said, "I think he has a good chance."

Still at large is George W. Durham, Multnomah county, who walked out of the penitentiary flax fields Friday afternoon after McCann and Kensler had disarmed the two guards there. Durham's age is listed on prison records as 33.

Three Hostages Three hostages were taken by McCann and Kensler at various times during the night of chase. Near the J. G. Zollner place, 3 1/2 miles north of Mehama they turned loose T. M. Freeman, guard, whom they had kidnapped as they left the flax yards. Zollner they forced to fix them a meal, shine their shoes and give up a number of firearms, some of which had been left with him by a friend in the army.

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American Heavies Sock Airfields in Northern France

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—"Large formations" of heavy U. S. bombers attacked targets in western France this afternoon after British bombers pounded air fields in northern France, the United States army air force announced tonight.

The British bombers and some of the Americans were escorted by fighters. The announcement did not specify targets, although late in the afternoon waves of four-engine bombers, presumed to be Flying Fortresses, were reported crossing the south coast of England headed toward the German submarine lairs of St. Nazaire and Lorient on the French coast.

Force Returns Hours before, a great force of the Forts returned from raids on the continent, flying four miles high and unescorted over the Folkestone area.

The Air Ministry News service said Spitfires, Typhoons and Typhoon-bombers of the fighter command were out in force over northern France during the afternoon.

In the operation, Typhoon bombers, escorted by Typhoon fighters, attacked an enemy air field at Maupertus, on the Cherbourg peninsula.

Spitfire Escort Fight command Spitfires escorted Ventura bombers in an attack on the Caen air field. The ministry said all aircraft returned safely.

The Fortresses came back in several close-flying formations and were barely distinguishable as they returned to base at 20,000 feet.

There was no immediate announcement. (Continued on Page Two)

Flying Forts Batter Italian Port of Leghorn

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 29 (AP)—Almost 100 Flying Fortresses, striking the most distant objective yet assigned in the attack on Italy from North Africa, bombed Leghorn yesterday and left a smoky trail of devastation in the oil refineries, docks and shipyards of that large port 160 miles north of Rome.

At the same time, Cairo dispatches said, some two score American Liberators smashed at Foggia and dropped 80 tons of bombs on that air base 80 miles east of Naples.

(Dispatches from London said large units of Italy's fleet, which has seldom ventured to sea since the start of the war, may have been at Leghorn—known as Livorno to the Italians. (Continued on Page Two)

EARLY PAPER MONDAY The Herald and News will go to press at noon Monday in order to give employes freedom from duty for a part of the Memorial holiday.

Two Local Men Reported Missing By War Department

Riley H. Keyser, seaman 3/c on a torpedo submarine, and son of O. S. Keyser of Williamson river, is reported missing in the Pacific area, according to an official telegram received by his father from the war department.

Keyser is known here, having spent three or four years tramping in Klamath county. He is a graduate of Lemon Cove high school, Calif.

Riley has a brother, Kermit Keyser, who lives at Williamson river, and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth West and Marguerite Keyser, both of Modesto, Calif.

Word has also been received from the war department that Pvt. Bernard B. Perkins is reported missing in the North African area.

Pvt. Perkins is the son of Mrs. John Cole of Klamath Falls and was employed in this city before entering the service.



Cyrus Crane Willmore, St. Louis, 1943 president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and president of Cyrus Crane Willmore organization, Inc., will be principal speaker at the chamber of commerce annual meeting to be held at the Willard hotel, Wednesday evening, June 2.

CHILOQUIN REQUESTS PROPERTY TAX CUT

Board May Consider Matter With State Man

A request for a blanket one-third reduction of all property tax assessments in the city of Chiloquin was given Saturday to the county board of equalization by the officials of the northern Klamath town.

The proposal, said to be unprecedented locally, was signed by Mayor Walter Zimmerman of Chiloquin and filed by Henry Perkins, attorney for that city. Perkins was told the county board would probably consider the matter when a state tax commission representative comes here.

Questions Arise Whether a blanket reduction could be granted, or each piece of property must be considered (Continued on Page Four)

Failure to Put Out Fire Brings Fine In Justice Court

First case of the year involving forest or brush fires was brought in to justice court Saturday morning when Frank LaSalle appeared before Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney, charged with failure to extinguish a fire.

LaSalle, according to the complaint, failed to extinguish a fire which was burning nearby where the accused was herding sheep, southeast of Klamath Falls.

Judge Mahoney fined LaSalle \$100, 10 days in the county jail and \$7.50 costs. \$75 and the 10 days were suspended.

Pepped-Up Congress Offers "Confusion Cutting" Suggestions for Home Front

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, May 29—Visibly pepped up by President Roosevelt's order placing James F. Byrnes in command of the home front, members of congress hastened today to propose additional moves to cut through the "confusion" many of them said has marked the domestic war effort.

Ranking widely in variety and subjected to immediate controversy, the suggestions included: 1. Passage of compulsory manpower control legislation to "vitalize" this aspect of the far-reaching program outlined for the new office of war mobilization headed by Byrnes.

Civilian Supply 2. Creation by congress of a separate civilian supply agency having equal claim with the army and navy on resources and materials, and its representation on Byrnes' mobilization committee.

3. Reorganization and consolidation of civilian war agencies, with a 25 per cent reduction in "unnecessary" personnel and the elimination of duplicating efforts.

4. Operation of the mobilization committee—which includes Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Knox, Chairman Harry Hopkins of the munitions assignment board, Chairman Donald Nelson of the war production board and Judge Fred M. Vinson, who succeeds Byrnes as stabilization director—as an actual war cabinet to resolve disputes without public controversy.

Byrnes' Responsibility Indicating his intention to grapple with some of these problems, Byrnes told a press conference yesterday he would have full responsibility over the home front, with power—subject only to Mr. Roosevelt's approval—to formulate policy as well as to direct operations. He will direct, he said, programs entailing the maximum

NIP POSITION ON FISH HOOK RIDGE SEIZED

Enemy Force Squeezed Into Three Square-Mile Area

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—United States troops have captured Fish Hook ridge, important Japanese stronghold on Attu island, the navy reported today, and the main enemy force on the island is now contained in a mountainous area of only three to four square miles.

The conquest of Fish-Hook ridge, flanking the main remaining Japanese-held area, was described by officers here as contributing to the security of American lines stretching northward along the base of the north eastern peninsula on Attu into the Chichagof harbor area.

Above Clouds A navy communique said that the Japanese positions on Fish-Hook ridge were entrenched above the cloud line and American soldiers had to scale 60-degree ridges in the face of strong enemy fire to reach them.

Navy communique 394 said "North Pacific: "1. On May 27th, on Attu island, United States army troops, capturing the strong Japanese position in Fish-Hook ridge, previously reported as neutralized in navy communique 393, fought (Continued on Page Two)

Stalin Talks On Dissolution Of Comintern

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN MOSCOW, May 29 (AP)—Premier Stalin outlined his views of the dissolution of the comintern in a letter to Reuters' Moscow correspondent today and observers considered that he intended, among other things, to convince skeptics that the dissolution was to be permanent and not just a wartime measure.

Addressing Harold King, the correspondent, Stalin said the dissolution was proper and timely and would "result in further strengthening of the united front of the allies and other nations in their fight for victory over Hitlerite tyranny."

The Russian people have not yet learned of Stalin's interpretation. Neither the press nor radio carried it.

There seems no question, however, according to veteran foreign observers who cannot be (Continued on Page Two)

PRICE LOWERED WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—The government's plan to subsidize living costs, it was learned today, will start with a five-cent per pound reduction in butter prices.