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FR ORDERS MINERS BACK TO JOBS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS is another day of invasion jitters, with rumors flying thicker than leaves in an autumn wind.

LA LINEA (Spain) comes back into the picture with a report of two allied convoys—including transports, freighters, merchantmen, tankers and a hospital ship—steaming eastward into the Mediterranean from Gibraltar yesterday morning.

(La Linea, you will remember, was telling two days ago of a large allied war fleet that allegedly had left Gibraltar for points unknown.)

THE London News-Chronicler says: "An invasion of Pantelleria (the Italian Malta lying between Tunisia and Sicily) can be expected momentarily, and the Italian fleet is prepared to steam into battle at a moment's notice."

THE Italians are obviously scared pink.

A Rome military spokesman says: "Our fate will be **TERRIBLE** if we lose the war. **NOBODY** will be spared."

Another Italian commentator asserts that "not much quarter will be given the British and American invading forces. It will be a matter of butcher and be butchered."

MUSSOLINI'S propaganda hatchet men, you see, are trying to scare the Italians into fighting Hitler's battle by arousing fears of the frightful things our side will do to them if we win.

That has been the axis propaganda line for some time—'we're rats in a trap and we've GOT to fight to the death, for every man's hand is against us and our fate if we lose will be awful.'

THE Berlin radio is trying to calm 'em down today by speaking reassuringly of the invincibility of the axis continental armies with their millions of well-trained and well-equipped troops.

The Berlin radio some time ago set June 22 as "der tag" (the day) for the allied invasion of Europe. (June 22 is the anniversary of the French armistice.)

IN all this mass of rumor and propaganda, there are two significant incidents in the news:

1. Last night, off Cape Spartivento, at the toe of the Italian boot, an allied destroyer force pilled into an axis convoy passing through the Strait of Messina—which is Italy's equivalent of our Panama Canal, since it is the shortest water route between the Italian east and west coasts. **LITTLE OPPOSITION** was encountered.

2. Moscow says today that 500 German planes attacked the Russian base at Kursk yesterday and 123 of them (or nearly 25%) were **DESTROYED**—93 by Russian pilots in air duels and 30 by Russian anti-aircraft guns.

This is the biggest mass of planes the Germans have concentrated ANYWHERE for months and the loss suffered was one of the biggest single day's bags anywhere, any time, in this war.

THE naval fight at Cape Spartivento indicates that we have unquestioned naval supremacy in the Mediterranean and the German's staggering loss at Kursk suggests that we may be getting air supremacy EVERYWHERE in Europe.

There seems to be little doubt that we've had air supremacy in the Mediterranean ever since Tunisia.

IF you feel you HAVE to guess, an invasion thrust by our side somewhere in the Mediterranean is easily the best bet. We can look for it to be accompanied by a threat somewhere else (to combat).

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DEATH SCENE DESCRIBED IN TITUS' TRIAL

Trouble Between Bly Justice and Wife Told on Stand

State's Witness William C. Pankey, Bly deputy, related on the witness stand Thursday how he found Mrs. Erma Titus sitting dead in a swivel chair beside the living room desk in the Titus residence at Bly on the morning of February 15.

Pankey was testifying on the third day of the trial of William E. Titus, Bly justice of the peace, charged with the first degree murder of Mrs. Titus.

The witness said he was at home in bed when Titus knocked on his door and told him to get up. He said he dressed and went out to find Titus lying on the sidewalk. He helped the defendant up and the two went across the street to the Titus home.

Arriving there, the deputy sheriff said, he found Mrs. Titus sitting in a chair by a desk, her legs crossed, the left leg over the right one, hands hanging down at her sides and head slightly bowed. She showed no signs of consciousness.

While the defendant and he were in the room, Pankey continued, Titus suddenly took a shell out of his pocket and started to pull up a gun which was lying on the floor. The deputy sheriff stopped him and took Titus out of the building.

"**Mama Got Me**"
"I asked Bill if he was hurt," Pankey said, "but he wouldn't tell me. Then I noticed blood on his side. Pankey took Titus into a nearby restaurant and, examining him, found a hole in the defendant's left side. A few minutes later Titus said that he wanted to lie down, saying, 'I guess it's all over. Mama got me.'"

It was decided that Titus should be taken to a doctor and Pankey and M. M. Cline, who ran a hotel next door to the Titus home.

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Mona Defies Klamath's Cops



Mona, elephant from the Polack Brothers circus, is shown blocking traffic at Eighth and Main streets this morning. The three city police trying to induce Mona to get out of the center of the street are Odell Olson, Sid Herbert and Walter Thorne. The Polack Brothers circus is playing at the armory through Sunday.

CHINESE SURROUND 4000 JAP INVADERS

Defenders Drive to Right Bank of Yangtze

CHUNGKING, June 3 (AP)—Chinese troops have driven to the right bank of the Yangtze opposite Ichang in an air-supported counter-offensive against the Japanese and have surrounded 4000 of the invaders further down the great river, the high command announced tonight.

A Chinese army spokesman said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces yesterday recaptured the town of Chankyang, 12 miles south of Ichang, and also occupied the port of Chinkiang, 35 miles downriver from that Japanese base.

The high command issued a statement.

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Baseball
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago	6	12	4
Boston	4	8	2
Haynes, Grove (6) and Tresh; H. Newsome, Chase (3), Karl (7), Judd (9) and Partee.			
Cleveland	4	9	2
Philadelphia	10	18	0
Dean, Levig (4) and Rosar; Black and Wagner.			
St. Louis	1	4	0
New York	2	6	1
Muncie and Hayes; Bonham and Dickey.			
R. H. E.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York	6	11	2
Pittsburgh	9	10	2

EXPLOSION ROCKS MARYLAND PLANT

14 Injured in Blast At Big Celanese Factory

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 3 (AP)—At least 14 persons were injured today when an explosion rocked one building of the Celanese Corporation of America's plant here. First reports indicated that no one was killed.

The blast occurred in the cellulose acetate building of the plant, blowing four huge holes in the roof of the structure.

One of the workers not seriously injured said the inside of the building was a shambles.

The first persons at the scene of the blast counted 14 injured persons, and every available ambulance in the city was called to the plant.

Officials at Memorial hospital said five persons had been admitted shortly after the explosion, and added that none of them appeared to be critically hurt.

17,083 Americans Held as Prisoners

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—The enemy now holds at least 17,083 American soldiers captive, Secretary of War Stimson reported today, and 11,307 of them are in the hands of the Japanese.

These figures are incomplete, he said, including only those whose names have been reported through the international Red Cross. On this basis, Germany holds 3312 prisoners and Italy has 2484.

Rodeo Slated for Fairgrounds Here On July 4 and 5

A streamlined Fourth of July rodeo has been definitely scheduled for July 4 and 5 at the Klamath county fairgrounds, it was announced by the local rodeo committee Thursday.

The event will feature amateur performers, as was the case last year, but the livestock will not be featured. Mack Barbour is bringing his string of rodeo buckers and other stock to give the participants a run for their money.

The committee announced the rodeo will be handled definitely as a benefit for a worthy cause, details of which will be announced later.

A feature will be four horse races daily arranged by the sheriff's posse.

Punishment for Work Interruption Gets Administration Leadership's Approval

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—The administration leadership in the house today endorsed the principle of senate-approved legislation to fine or imprison anyone who instigates interruption of work in a government-operated plant.

Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, the democratic leader, in giving this endorsement, told his colleagues, however, that the house military committee went too far in broadening the senate's Connally bill.

Cautioning against legislation "in anger," McCormack said Representative Ramspeck (D-Ga.), majority whip, would introduce a substitute for the committee bill embodying the general provisions of the senate measure.

Penalties for Interference
The major provision of this measure calls for \$5000 fine and one year imprisonment for anyone instigating or inducing an interruption of work in a government-operated plant, aiding in a lockout or strike, "giving direction or guidance" in a strike, or furnishing funds for its continuance.

As amended by the military committee, the pending labor bill is known as the Smith-Connally measure. The house refused today on an overwhelming vote to kill it outright.

A motion by Representative Celler (D-N.Y.) to strike out the enacting clause, thus to kill the measure, was defeated on a standing vote of 133 to 37.

Celler complained that the labor committee had not had a chance to consider the legislation and that the military committee had not given labor an

Huge Pine Mill Stands Idle

LEWISTON, Ida., June 3 (AP)—Logs splashed idly in the great pond back of the world's largest white pine sawmill today and the big saws of the Clearwater plant of Potlatch Forests, Inc., were silent for the second day as workers remained off the jobs due to a walkout Tuesday night by a 38-man stacker crew.

Approximately 1000 mill workers were affected.

Company and union officials met last night in an attempt to iron out difficulties which both said resulted from the lay-off of three men for alleged acts

Invasion Jitters Rise

RADIO QUAVERS SHOW FEARS OF AXIS MOUNTING

Big Allied Convoy on Way From Gibraltar, Report

By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Allied warships boldly striking near Italy's own shores were officially credited today with sinking three vessels and driving a destroyer ashore in an attack on an axis convoy off Capo Spartivento, and Rome announced a third allied naval assault in four days on the "Italian Gibraltar" at Pantelleria.

Both Rome and Berlin plucked nervously at the specter of an allied invasion of Europe, with axis broadcasts ranging from Nazi defiance to fascist appeals for courage.

"Our fate will be terrible should we lose this war," said a Rome military spokesman, apparently seeking to frighten the Italians into a last-ditch stand.

"Nobody will be spared."
"No Quarter" Threat

Another Italian commentator declared that "not much quarter" would be given British and American invading forces, and added:

"It would be a matter of butcher and be butchered."

Meanwhile, dispatches from La Linea, Spain, reported a huge movement of allied shipping from Gibraltar, leaving the harbor at the great British stronghold virtually deserted.

Two convoys totaling 137 ships—troop transports, freighters, merchantmen, tankers and a hospital ship—steamed eastward into the Mediterranean at dawn yesterday en route to North Africa ports, it was reported.

Previously, an allied armada of three battleships, three aircraft carriers, several cruisers and destroyers was said to have left "the rock" for destinations unknown.

Allied headquarters gave no inkling of explanation for these reports, but declared that a small force of allied destroyers attacked an axis convoy off Capo Spartivento, just off the southern tip of Sardinia, and sank two enemy merchant ships and an escorting torpedo boat and drove

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Colonel's Pants Fly From Plane

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 3 (AP)—Two 11-year-old boys spotted khaki pants hurtling through the air late yesterday and rushed to the rescue of what they thought was a man. Instead, they found only a pair of trousers.

In a pocket was a wallet, containing \$36 and a card which identified the owner as Lieut. Col. Clifford H. Rees. The boys hiked to Bowman field and returned the airborne bundle to base headquarters.

Rees had taken off earlier from Bowman field on a routine flight to a North Carolina field and his spare pair of "officer's pinks" accidentally dropped through the plane's open bomb bay.

UKASE NAMES MONDAY TIME TO 'GET GOING'

Ickes Told to Proceed With Coal Operations

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt ordered striking coal miners today to return to their jobs on next Monday.

He said in a statement that he has instructed Secretary Ickes who had possession of the mines for the government, to proceed to reopen them. They have been closed since Tuesday on the refusal of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers to work without a contract.

Just as soon as the miners return to work," Mr. Roosevelt said, "the disposition of the dispute between the miners and the operators will forthwith proceed, under the jurisdiction of the war labor board and in accordance with the customary and established procedures governing all cases of this sort."

Bit in Teeth

The chief executive's order followed the action of the war labor board in turning the coal dispute over to him after the operators and officers of the United Mine Workers failed to reach any agreement.

The president's statement said: "Most of the nation's coal mines are closed because of a general strike which has taken place in defiance of the government of the United States. I have instructed the secretary of the interior, who has possession of the mines for the government, to proceed to reopen the mines."

"The secretary of the interior will continue to operate the mines under the terms and condition of work which obtained under the old contract which was extended by order of the war labor board plus those new terms and conditions which have been approved by the board and which were announced in the board's order of May 25th."

"As president and commander in chief I order and direct the miners who are not now at work in the mines to return to their work on Monday, (Continued on Page Two)

AXIS CONVOY LOSES 4 SHIPS OFF ITALY

Daring Allied Assault Shows Supremacy in Southern Waters

By DANIEL DeLUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 3 (AP)—Allied destroyers sank two axis merchant vessels and an escorting torpedo boat and drove an enemy destroyer ashore burning Tuesday night in an attack on a convoy off Capo Spartivento, Italy, it was announced today.

Capo Spartivento is at the toe of Italy.

The daring allied naval attack struck at the heart of Italy's sea communications in defiance of the Italian fleet.

Together with two naval bombardments this week of Pantelleria, it indicated that in Italy's southern waters the allies have achieved naval supremacy to match their air supremacy.

The Italians are dependent on the Strait of Messina between Sicily and the toe of the Italian mainland to sail cargo ships between the west and east coasts. Capo Spartivento stands at the southern approach to the Strait of Messina.

The naval blow off Capo Spartivento.

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Nazis Send 500 Planes at Reds; 123 Shot Down

MOSCOW, June 3, (AP)—A force of about 500 German planes attacked the Russian base at Kursk yesterday afternoon and at least 123 were shot down, the Russians announced today, signaling a new and growing phase of the bitter aerial battle on the eastern front.

The Nazi air fleet represented the largest single mass the Germans have concentrated in any sector for months and their reported losses marked one of the biggest single day's bags in any theater of aerial war.

A Moscow broadcast said 93 of the raiders were brought down by Soviet pilots in air duels and that anti-aircraft guns shot down 30 more, after some planes got through to the city and haphazardly dropped bombs which inflicted material damage and casualties.

Negro Ordnance Workers Stay Off Job Under White Men

ST. LOUIS, June 3 (AP)—Approximately 3700 negro employees of the St. Louis Ordnance plant, refusing to continue work under white foremen, remained away from their jobs today.

A company spokesman said the negroes were employed in three shifts at one of the plant's production units.

White foremen have supervised work in the unit since its formation in July, 1942, but negro employees were selected this month for training as supervisors to replace them, he explained.

French Executive Group 'Activated'

ALGIERS, June 3 (AP)—The French executive committee was formally brought into existence today and given the name of the National Committee of Liberation.

The members of the National Committee of Liberation besides Generals Giraud and De Gaulle are:

Gen. Alphonse George and Jean Monnet as members selected by Giraud; Rene Massigli and Andre Philip as members selected by De Gaulle; Gen. Georges Catroux, accepted by both Giraud and De Gaulle.

Animals to Boost Bond Sales

A circus show Saturday from 11 to 1 o'clock was slated today as a major feature of the week's war bond drive headed by the Klamath Kiwanis club.

The Polack Brothers' circus, here for a four-day stand at the armory, is providing the elephants and other talents for the Saturday noon performances at Eighth and Main streets.

Everybody downtown Saturday is invited to see the circus performance. Polack's patriotic animals have had outstanding success in other cities in street bond shows.

Competition mounted Thursday among Kiwanians who represent various county communities in the contest for naming the four fighter planes expected to be purchased with this month's Klamath bond sales.