

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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AIR FURY TAKES PANTELLERIA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
PANTELLERIA surrenders — before a SINGLE ALLIED SOLDIER had set foot on its soil. It was an exclusive AIR victory.

THERE are suggestions in the news that Pantelleria was an experiment.

Twice we called on its garrison to surrender. There was no response. So we turned loose our war birds.

Spearheaded by Flying Fortresses "in greater numbers than ever used before," our planes darkened the sky, flying practically nose to tail. So close together were our bomber waves that frequently a following formation had to CIRCLE AND WAIT while the preceding formation got out of the way.

Nothing like it had ever been seen before since the world began. Blankets of smoke and flame lay over the whole island.

AS at Tunis, when our planes blasted a path through Rommel's defending lines, flesh and blood could stand it only so long.

A white flag fluttered out from a hilltop 2000 yards from the shore.

It was ALL OVER. For the first time in history air power, alone, (without even parachute troops) had compelled the surrender of ground forces and TERRITORY.

IT has often been said that it can't be done. IT WAS DONE at Pantelleria.

WE were evidently taking no chances.

A little way out from shore, our ground forces were waiting in landing barges. When the white flag of surrender floated out from the enemy's hilltop command post (but NOT before the signal was given for them to land. Twenty minutes after the giving of the signal, the barges grated on the beach. Twenty-two minutes later, Pantelleria was in our hands.

THE fact that the landing barges weren't turned loose until AFTER the surrender flag was flown suggests that we were testing out the all-air assault to see if it would work but were all set with landing forces if it didn't.

BEFORE drawing too-hasty conclusions about the invincibility of completely organized air power, let us examine the situation carefully.

Two important factors appear: 1. Pantelleria is small (only 32 square miles in area) making overwhelming concentration relatively easy. 2. We had complete supremacy in the air (some of our bomber pilots never even saw an enemy fighter plane.)

EVEN so, these conclusions follow logically.

If we have the manufacturing and pilot-training capacity to provide overwhelming concentration NOW over 32 square miles, it is only a matter of time until we will be able to provide overwhelming concentrations over LARGER areas.

If we can drive the enemy out of the skies at Pantelleria, we can drive him out of the skies ELSEWHERE.

ANY way one looks at it, the lessons learned at Pantelleria and the demonstrations there given to what up to now has been theory are significant in the extreme.

They may influence the whole future conduct of the war.

PANTELLERIA is Crete in reverse. If you'll go back in your mind to the dark days of Crete, which the Germans took with air power and paratroops (they were THEN supreme in the air), you'll remember that (Continued on Page Two)

PAIR SOUGHT AS KIDNAPERS OF G. P. MAN

Dragnet Out for Beat-Up Duo; Amos Smith Alleged Victim

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11 (AP)—State police of Oregon and Washington threw out a dragnet today for two men, believed to be soldiers, who kidnaped Amos Smith, 61, Grants Pass, Ore., lumberman, robbed him of \$300, beat him, stole his car and left him lying in the woods near Portland.

Smith told State Police Sgt. Thomas J. Sheridan the men, wearing khaki shirts and trousers and overseas caps, approached him on the main street of Grants Pass at 11 a. m. Wednesday as he was about to drive to his sawmill on Williams creek.

They asked for a ride and Smith agreed. A short distance out of town one of the men said: "He isn't going the way we want him to." The other man then pulled out a white-handled revolver, stuck it against Smith's stomach and declared: "We'll make him go where we want him to."

They forced him to stop, turn around and drive back through Grants Pass at the point of the gun. A short distance south of Roseburg, Smith said, they passed a state policeman. Smith (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Claim Air Supremacy in Kuban Valley

MOSCOW, June 11 (AP)—The Russian air force has established supremacy in the Kuban valley after two months of violent aerial combat over the axis western Caucasus bridgehead, dispatches from the front said today, and this fact was declared to account for the comparative lull in fighting in that area.

An Izvestia dispatch said that since the end of May "our Stormovik bombers have been able to punish German troops on the battlefield at will, without loss to themselves."

Military observers here said it was understandable that the German troops were not anxious to do battle if deprived of strong air support and that the German air force was unwilling to engage the stronger Russian air fleet, with its faster, higher-combining planes.

Denies Misconduct



WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 11 (AP)—Mrs. Jack Dempsey today denied misconduct with Benny Woodall, a former Lightweight Boxing Champion Lew Jenkins as charged by her husband, the ex-heavyweight boxing titleholder in his suit for divorce.

The denial came during questioning in state supreme court by Mrs. Dempsey's attorney, Gerald Donovan.

Q. "Did you commit adultery with Benny Woodall?" A. "No sir." Q. "With Lew Jenkins?" A. "Of course not." Adultery is the only ground for divorce in New York state.

This Is the Zoot Suit



Frank H. Teller (above), 22, held in Los Angeles county jail on a vagrancy charge, displayed a zoot suit, the conspicuous badge of roving bands of juveniles engaged in rioting with service men. His long drape coat was part of a \$75 suit, while the peg top trousers were part of a \$45 suit. The pancake hat featured a feather in the rear.

Soldiers Warned Against Rioting; Zooters Quiet

LOS ANGELES, June 11 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Maxwell Murray, commanding the southern California sector of the western defense command, today promised military punishment for all soldiers found guilty of riotous conduct.

General Murray issued his statement during a lull in the conflict which has raged nightly for a week between service men and zoot suited bands of juveniles, and as civil authorities expressed the hope that the situation was in hand.

"The charges of conspiracy to riot and inciting to riot are among the most serious of military accusations," said the general in a statement issued through the public relations office of the southern California defense command. "The necessary steps are being taken by me to control military personnel."

General Murray said in many cases members of the armed forces participating in the riots "were aided and encouraged by thoughtless civilians." "I am convinced," he said, "that the city of Los Angeles will take all necessary steps to curb lawlessness on the part of any group or groups," adding "the army... seriously objects to any group taking the law into its own hands."

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati.....7 14 1
Chicago.....4 10 4
Starr, Shoun (8) and Mueller; Warneke, Bithorn (6) and Hernandez, McCullough (8).

BIN COLLAPSES

COULEE CITY, Wash., June 11 (AP)—Gene J. Canady, 17, of Cheney was killed outright yesterday when the wall of a 2800-bushel temporary wheat storage bin collapsed, burying him beneath a mass of twisted timbers and flowing grain.

LABOR BEATEN IN FIGHT ON STRIKE BILL

House Passes Measure To Prevent War Work Stoppage

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—Compromise legislation to curb strikes in war industries and outlaw them in government-operated plants was passed by the house today. The senate has yet to act.

The house action, 219 to 129, was on a conference report drafted by a senate-house committee after the two branches disagreed to provisions of the stringent legislation, which is to remain in effect until six months after the war.

Labor Side Loses Opponents, claiming labor was being "pilloried and lynched," sought unsuccessfully to strike out provisions requiring a 30-day notice period and a ballot of workers before a strike could be called in a war industry not operated by the government. Their fight bogged down under a standing vote of 155 to 81.

Rep. Marcantonio (Am Lab-N.Y.) described the legislation as deliberately designed to outlaw the closed shop.

Urging rejection of the conference-amended measure, Marcantonio declared "labor is being pilloried and lynched."

A provision written into the bill by senate-house conferees, he contended, specifically prohibits the war labor board (WLB) from issuing closed shop or maintenance of union membership orders, a prohibition the house rejected last week.

"I challenge anybody to deny that this is the purpose of this bill," he shouted.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the military committee previously had described the compromise bill to the house as "a greatly improved" measure, while Representative Harness (R-Ind.), who wrote many of its provisions, said it was "the most effective solution which could be reached under the circumstances."

The compromise version eliminated only one major provision on which the house had insisted earlier, a requirement that unions file annual financial and membership statements.

Charley Denies Paternity But Willing to Pay

LOS ANGELES, June 11 (AP)—Although still denying charges of 23-year-old film aspirant Joan Berry that he is the father of her expected child, Charles Chaplin has agreed to pay her \$15,000 for various expenses pending the birth.

In return for the financial provision, Miss Berry promises in a stipulation, signed by both sides, to submit her infant to blood tests. The 54-year-old producer and director thus hopes to establish definitely that he is not the father.

Slow Sale of Auto Use Stamps Brings Official Warning

Sales of the 1943 auto tax stamps have not lived up to post office expectations, with only 53 stamps sold on the initial day of the sales.

Post office officials warned that stamps should be purchased early in order to save a last-minute rush and to avoid standing in line. The \$5 stamps went on sale June 10 and will continue to be sold until July 31. Beginning August 1, the stamps will cost \$4.59, and the cost decreases approximately 42 cents each month.

All those who intend to use their car during and after July must purchase the \$5 stamps now on sale.

Pantelleria One of Many Sea Targets



Plane symbols and arrows on the above map show main allied targets in the Mediterranean theatre. Pantelleria, taken by air assault today, is seen as one of several objectives of the mounting Europe-pointed United Nations' attack.

Japanese Evacuees in Camp At Poston Expected to Aid Invader Force, Says Witness

LOS ANGELES, June 11 (AP)—Japanese evacuees looked for a speedy defeat of the United States, and cached stolen food in the desert for expected paratroopers and other invasion forces, a former official of the Poston, Ariz., relocation center told the Dies congressional subcommittee.

The testimony was included in a transcript of a secret session held by the committee here May 26 at which Harold H. Townsend, former chief supply and transportation officer at the Poston camp, was the witness.

Townsend testified that he had been told at least a score of times by occupants of the camp that "they would have our country before long. 'In other words,' he added, "that camp is 100 per cent of the idea that Japan will have the United States in a few months." They are very frank about it."

"There are over 1000 Japanese soldiers and Japanese officers in that camp," Townsend declared. "If you ask them, 'were you fellows organizing on the west coast?' they will say, 'yes, we had our program all set up.' I have asked them, 'what were you going to do? And the answer was, 'as soon as our soldiers come over, we were going to help them.'"

The Japanese he testified, are "drilling over there almost daily in military tactics, right under our noses in that camp."

Through the operation of a "thieving ring" in the camp, Townsend said, approximately \$500 worth of supplies was stolen daily, either from trucks transporting it from the rail head at Parker, Ariz., and the camp, or from the camp warehouse.

Nazi Warplanes Fail in Attack On Landing Crew

AN ADVANCED U. S. FIGHTER BASE, North Africa, June 11 (AP)—Speedy American Lightning fighters broke up an attempt by from 50 to 60 German dive-bombers to smash British forces landing on Pantelleria after the garrison of the Italian island surrendered today.

One hour after they displayed the white tokens of unconditional surrender, the Nazi squadrons struck at British naval craft, pouring thousands of soldiers and numbers of tanks onto the island.

The German warplanes suddenly roared in through the rain which fell throughout the operation on the great mass of men and ships in the sea below.

The Lightnings simultaneously swarmed in and forced the enemy aircraft to get rid of their bombs haphazardly in order to keep from being destroyed.

Warren Opposes Evacuee Return

SACRAMENTO, June 11 (AP)—Return of the Japanese to the Pacific coast during the war "would be a body blow to our security," Governor Earl Warren of California, asserted today.

"The evacuation of the Japanese saved our state from terrible disorders and sabotage which might have wrecked our war industries," he continued, "and if they were to be brought back here those things still might well occur."

Battered Isle Yields Under Record Blow

By DANIEL de LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 11 (AP)—Aerial bombardment of the greatest fury the world had ever known compelled the little island fortress of Pantelleria to surrender unconditionally today, but British troops landing under cover of naval guns had to fight 22 minutes against scattered enemy defenders.

The strategic stepping stone, some 60 miles from Sicily and 45 from Africa, was occupied at 12:22 p. m. (3:22 a. m. PWT) after a noon landing by assault forces 20 minutes after the display of white flags on Pantelleria's hills and a white cross on its air field.

The axis garrison commander, it is believed, was unable to inform all his troops of the decision to capitulate before the actual invasion began and isolated gun posts fought on briefly.

British cruisers and destroyers hurled shells at scattered points of resistance as assault boats bore the British infantrymen ashore.

Creeping Barrage Blockade by air and sea and a "creeping barrage" by hundreds of allied bombers which laid waste the area about Pantelleria harbor and town in systematic and complete devastation reduced the enemy's defenses to pitiful weakness. (London estimated 8000 were in the island garrison.)

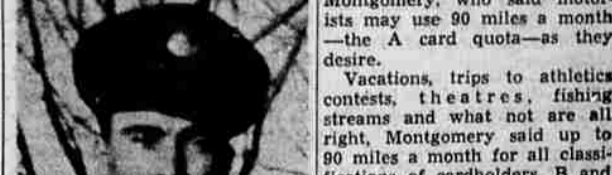
Pantelleria depended partly for water on supplies from Sicily and the population was reported to have been stricken by a water famine.

It was the first time in history that an enemy island fortress gave in to an air force ultimatum for surrender. No destructive achievement in the record of the German air force matches this. The ring of fortified islands guarding southern Europe from invasion is ruptured.

The Germans opened this field of warfare by the capture of Crete with air-borne troops two years ago but this is now overshadowed by the allied feat in forcing an enemy island stronghold to surrender through the shock of aerial bombardment.

Leaders On Cruiser Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied commander-in-chief and Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, head of Mediterranean naval forces, were aboard a British cruiser and personally participated in a naval bombardment of Pantelleria's harbor guns Tuesday. Enemy shells fell with (Continued on Page Two)

Prisoner



Albert E. Smith Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Smith of Bonanza were notified recently by the war department that their son, Private Albert E. Smith, is being held a prisoner of the Japanese somewhere in the Philippines.

Private Smith had previously been reported as missing—first in May, 1942, and again in February, 1943.

Smith joined the army in July, 1940, and was stationed at March Field, Calif., in the quartermaster corps until August, 1941, when he was sent to the Philippines. His parents received one letter from him since then, dated February 14, 1942.

Smith is 24 and attended Bonanza schools.

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FDR INVITES ITALY TO GET OUT OF WAR

Mussolini Target of Pointed Remarks By President

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that the surrender of Pantelleria was very good news and at the same time he appealed indirectly but strongly to Italy to get out of the war.

He told a press conference that the United Nations could assure the Italian people the opportunity of choosing the kind of non-Nazi, non-fascist government they want established after fascism has been put down, and the Germans have been driven from their territory.

Duce Under Fire It is the hope and intention of the United Nations, Mr. Roosevelt said, that Italy be restored to nationhood and take her place as a respected member of the European family of nations.

The chief executive made it obvious that he considered Mussolini and his aides responsible for the position of Italy in the war, rather than the Italian people. (Continued on Page Two)

OPA Head Admits Autoist Gets 90 Miles "On Own"

PORTLAND, June 11 (AP)—Clarification of mileage rationing regulations came today from District OPA Director Richard Montgomery, who said motorists may use 90 miles a month—the A card quota—as they desire.

Vacations, trips to athletics contests, theatres, fishing streams and what not are all right, Montgomery said up to 90 miles a month for all classifications of cardholders. B and C cardholders must limit driving above that amount to occupational purposes.

Ration boards will revoke coupons of cars not displaying stickers, which must be the highest allotted to each vehicle, he said.

Argentina Gets Recognition by U. S., Britain

BUENOS AIRES, June 11 (AP)—The United States and Great Britain today recognized Argentina's new provisional government, set up under the presidency of Gen. Pedro Ramirez after a revolt just a week ago today.

Their actions followed by a day, recognitions extended by Germany and Italy, with which Argentina still maintains diplomatic relations, the only Western Hemisphere nation doing so. In a move hitting squarely at axis embassies here, however, and implementing its promise of cooperation with other American republics, the Argentine government has banned use of all code messages in international radio communications.