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NAZIS DRIVE WEDGE AT KURSK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ON the day this is written (at San Francisco) the war news is unbelievably good.

Our naval forces have met the Japs again in the Kula gulf, and AGAIN the Japs have been beaten—beaten badly. They lost nine of their warships certainly and possibly two more. We lost one cruiser in this second Kula battle, and previously had lost a destroyer and an empty transport.

IT had been fairly well established already that we could lose ship for ship with the Japs and still come out ahead in the war of attrition. When they lost three to our one, under such circumstances, it HURTS.

THE battle took place in the Kula gulf, which lies between New Georgia and Kolombangara islands. The Kula gulf is shaped roughly like a funnel, with a narrow opening at the bottom and a wide opening at the top.

The Jap ships apparently came in through the narrow opening at the bottom, thus placing themselves at a distinct disadvantage. Our ships in the wider opening at the top, had maneuvering room whereas the Japs at the narrow bottom did not.

The fact that they would enter a potential trap such as this indicates the desperate nature of their situation.

They HAD to do something.

OUR ships were disembarking troops on the north shore of New Georgia island to attack the Jap airbase on the island's southern side. The purpose of these troops was to push inward and meet ANOTHER column of our land forces (already landed on the southern side) and thus pinch off and surround the Jap airfield that is the main objective of the fighting there.

The Jap ships entered the potential trap in a desperate attempt to STOP the landing.

They failed, suffered heavy losses, and had to retire beaten.

AS an interesting sidelight, the dispatches tell us the battle began at 2:30 a. m., and at that hour it is completely dark in the South Seas.

It is probable, therefore, that aircraft had nothing to do with locating the Jap ships. It seems to have been a surface navy fight entirely.

One suspects that our radar equipment was working pretty well.

THE entire battle took less than two hours and the preliminary phase of it, in which the Japs lost four and possibly five ships, lasted only five minutes.

That's a high tribute to the accuracy of American night gunnery.

WE mustn't get the idea that the news is unbelievably good just because we're taking two or three more islands. Among the thousands of islands in the South Seas, two or three aren't important.

The point is that AGAIN we have demonstrated fighting superiority over the Jap.

That's the thing that counts.

THE fighting in the center of the Russian line, between Orel and Belgorod, is best told by the statistics given out by the Russians.

Since the fighting started there a few days ago, 30,000 Germans have been killed, 1539 tanks have been destroyed or damaged and 649 planes have been shot down. These are truly staggering losses.

NO army can take them without suffering severely.

THESE losses inflicted on the Germans, of course, are Russian CLAIMS. But they are official claims. And, taking them by and large, the Russian official claims have been pretty well borne out.

In the light of what has gone

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'Squeeze' on Munda

Yanks Land Near Munda



United States forces probed Jap lines today three miles from Munda airfield after they landed at Rice anchorage on Kula gulf (upper black arrow) and at Zanana (lower black arrow) preparatory to squeezing the Japs off New Georgia Island (open arrows). General MacArthur's headquarters announced. The toll of Jap ships lost in the Kula gulf engagement rose to at least nine and possibly 11.

Explosives Rain on Sicily For Sixth Consecutive Day

By BELMAN MORIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 9 (AP)—Hundreds of allied planes shuttled back and forth across the Mediterranean yesterday for the sixth consecutive day to rain explosives upon the Sicilian airbases and ports which constitute Italy's first line of defense. It was announced today.

Heavy and medium bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters from northwest African bases, Malta and the middle east joined in the missions of destruction.

Full Military Funeral Accorded Lt. Ben Horsley

A full military funeral was accorded Flight Officer Benjamin Otis Horsley, killed early Monday afternoon when his plane crashed at Kingman Field air base, Kingman, Ariz., with taps sounded at the family plot in Bonanza Friday afternoon.

Members of a firing squad, the pall bearers and the bugler, came from Camp Lowell in full army dress. The Rev. Arthur Charles Bates of the First Christian church officiated at services held in Whitlock's chapel. The flag draped casket was surrounded by many flowers sent as tribute from family and friends of the young flyer.

At the conclusion of words spoken at the cemetery by the Rev. Bates, the flag was presented to the airman's wife, Josephine, who arrived here Friday morning from Kingman.

Then followed the firing squad and taps. Young Horsley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horsley, well known Bonanza residents. His body arrived here late Thursday night from Kingman accompanied by Flight Officer J. W. Gossnell as escort. He presented the flag to the wife.

Congress Goes Home After Bowing to Administration Forces on Rollbacks

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON, July 9.—Free for the first long recess of the war, the 78th congress left today to talk things over with the voters back home after a session hectic in its division over domestic issues but historic in its mustering of the nation's resources for victory.

Work-worn and weary, the tempers short and nerves taut, the lawmakers called time out after six busy months of trying to mesh the American civilian economy with the ever-mounting demands for more and more planes and ships, more and more men and munitions.

In the closing hours, the ad-

ministration won its major victory of the year, with the senate abandoning its battle for a ban against use of subsidies to carry out President Roosevelt's plan for rolling back retail food prices.

The retreat saved the life of the commodity credit corporation (CCC) extension bill, to which the anti-subsidy rider was attached, for at least another six months. But, as congress bowed, members of both houses served notice they would take up the cudgels again on the issue this fall.

Three Money Bills In the final three appropriations measures—a \$253,000,000

deficiency bill, \$2,911,697,244 for the 18 war agencies, and the \$1,137,167,010 labor-security-manpower measure—the house won the major points in controversy with the senate.

As a result, the senate's effort to gain confirmation-control over the hiring of \$4500-a-year or more employees of the war agencies and the manpower commission was defeated. The house also blocked the senate's efforts to restore funds for the federal crop insurance program.

Returns in Fall Not until September 14, unless an emergency develops, will congress return. It will be con-

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TROOPS PROBE JAP LINES ON NEW GEORGIA

Vila Supply Depot Holed by High-Power Bombs

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, July 9 (AP)—Only three miles from Munda, United States invaders are probing Japanese defenses of that New Georgia island air base and over both the Solomons and New Guinea allied planes have dealt new blows with nearly 100 tons of bombs. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

On the other hand, the hard-hit Japanese airforce, having lost nearly 200 planes over the Solomons within a week, has diminished the weight of its punches.

Munda Pincers The pincers which American marines and soldiers began applying on Munda July 5 by landing both above and east of it pressed nearest at Elelo, on the east, where advanced patrols (Continued on Page Two)

Miners Violate Picket Lines To Dig Coal

PITTSBURGH, July 9 (AP)—Miners went through picket lines to go back to work at one coal mine today in the troubled Fayette county fields, but an insurgent group which has refused to comply with the United Mine Workers' order to produce coal kept a score of mines idle or operating with reduced crews.

With curses and cat-calls disrupting the dawn quiet, feeling ran high among the two factions as the "We will work" group drove cars to the pits, some forcing pickets to leap aside.

Jury Summoned Almost simultaneously, Federal Judge F. P. Schoonmaker ordered a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh to convene July 14. This was upon the petition of U. S. Attorney Charles F. Uhl, who attributed the action (Continued on Page Two)

Plane Collision Results in Deaths DAYTON, O., July 9 (AP)—Two army planes collided over Wright Field today, and base officials said "several crew members were known to be dead."

Wright field officials said the planes, a four-engine transport and a twin-engine transport carrier, collided almost over the field, and that two crew members leaped to safety in parachutes.

Britain, meanwhile, passed a raid-free night.

Proving Ground Disapproves WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP) Treasury Secretary Morgenthau used his press conference yesterday as a testing ground for a suggested slogan for the third war loan drive scheduled to start in September.

He told reporters the war savings staff had offered this: "The more bonds and sweat, the less blood and tears."

"What do you think of it?" he asked the group.

There was a deep silence. "Well, we won't use that one," said Morgenthau.

President Grooms General Giraud



Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud, commander of the French North African armed forces, is welcomed to the White House by President Roosevelt as Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff, looks on. In rear are two of General Giraud's personal aides.

Giraud Pledges Aid in Whipping Japs; FDR Promises to Equip African Army

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—General Henri Honoré Giraud, disclosing that President Roosevelt had promised to equip a French North African army of 300,000 men, pledged today that French forces will help fight the Japanese after defeat of the axis powers in Europe.

Giraud told a room-full of correspondents, gathered in Secretary of War Stimson's conference chamber:

"I give you the following pledge: "France will be at your side to liberate the Pacific from Japanese domination, even as she will remain with you to build a peace that will be lasting and just but also realistic."

General Giraud spoke in French to the press conference. He avoided discussion of the political situation in North Africa, where he shares the chairmanship of the French

RAF Batters Germans After Four-Night Lull

LONDON, July 9 (AP)—The RAF, returning to the assault on Germany after a four-night lull in the allied aerial offensive, made a heavy attack on the Rhineland industrial center of Cologne last night, the air ministry announced today.

Eight bombers were lost in the raid, the announcement said. Mines also were laid in enemy waters during the night and British fighters on intruder patrols simultaneously attacked enemy airfields and railway targets in France and northwest Germany. Three German mine-sweepers were reported damaged in sweeps along the French coast.

The heavily British bombers had scarcely returned from their night foray over Germany when formations of allied fighters swept out across the channel in the direction of northern France to continue the offensive by daylight.

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Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 7 11 0 Boston 0 3 1 M. Cooper and W. Cooper; Barrett, Farrell (4) and Poland; Chicago 5 11 1

New York 3 10 2 Wyse and McCullough; Wittig, Adams (9) and Lombardi.

Pittsburgh 7 12 3 Brooklyn 8 13 1

Herbert, Resigno (7), Gornicki (8), Klinger (10) and Lopez; Newsom, Head (8), Higbe (10), Brandt (10) and Bragan.

TIGER TANKS POUND REDS AT BELGOROD

Germans Punch Lines At Terrific Cost

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN MOSCOW, July 9 (AP)—German armored columns led by 60-ton Tiger tanks battered again today at the Belgorod end of the Kursk salient, where they succeeded yesterday in driving a wedge into Russian defenses at a terrific cost.

Reports from the front tonight said the battle on the debris-strewn steppes of Kursk was growing in violence. Otherwise little was known of the fifth day's fighting in the new German offensive.

(A transoceanic dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press declared that "in widening the break through the deeply echeloned soviet defense system" and that the innermost red army line was falling before the attacks of Nazi infantrymen.

Break Through (German armor was declared to have broken through from Belgorod 36 miles toward the north in the direction of Kursk. The dispatch indicated that Gen. Constantin Rokossovsky, a soviet hero of the battle of Stalingrad, commanded the Russian defense. It said the red army threw fresh armor into the battle and it was assumed that General Rokossovsky has even greater tank reserves at his disposal in the Belgorod sector.")

Both in the Belgorod area and against the unyielding northern sector of the soviet line the Ger-

Layton Indicted For Rape-Slaying Of Dallas Girl

DALLAS, July 9 (AP)—Richard Harry Layton, 36, former Monmouth police officer, was indicted by the Polk county grand jury today on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the rape-slaying of Ruth Hildebrand, 17, Dallas.

The jury submitted its indictment to Circuit Judge E. M. Page, Salem, who fixed July 17 as the date for entering a plea.

The only witnesses to appear before the jury were Layton and State Police Sgt. C. Emahiser, Salem.

Emahiser brought Layton here today from the Hillsboro jail. State Police Lt. R. G. Howard said Layton confessed raping the girl near the bank of the Willamette river 15 miles south of here, Howard said Layton claimed she fell in a river and was drowned after a scuffle.

Layton is serving a six months' sentence in the jail at Hillsboro on an assault charge brought by another girl whom he attacked.

Lawmaker's Spending Spree Halts at 144 Billion Mark

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—The 78th congress in six months appropriated \$144,000,000,000 in new money—enough to aim \$7000 worth of bullets at each axis soldier.

The total approved by the lawmakers from the time they convened in January until the start of a summer recess yesterday was \$33,000,000,000 short of the previous high in congressional spending for one session. However, the actual direct appropriations to the armed forces was a record.

The stupendous sums provided for the army and navy this year are calculated to give the United States the biggest air and naval forces the world ever has seen.

Direct appropriations for the war department were \$59,034,839,673, exclusive of \$12,472,839,200 in reappropriation of

funds provided in previous years but not spent. The navy's share of the 1943-44 outlay was \$31,473,402,317. Last year the navy got \$25,558,982,181 and the army \$42,820,000,365 plus a carry-over of \$29,000,000 in money previously appropriated.

Other Services For other services connected with the war but not directly tied in with the war and navy departments proper, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) estimated the 1944 appropriations were \$17,000,000,000. Added to the \$90,000,000,000 for the armed services, this put the war outlay for the six-month session at approximately \$107,000,000,000, with non-war items accounting for the remaining \$7,000,000,000 appropriated.

During the entire first World War, Cannon estimated, the army spent only \$25,000,000,000.