

Blackout Signal

One 3-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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REDS OPEN SUMMER OFFENSIVE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE long-expected German opposition in Sicily is beginning to appear. Just north of Augusta, the British 8th army was hit by powerful Nazi armored forces and driven back into the town. A whole British brigade was surrounded and isolated, but the battle-toughened 8th promptly staged a counter-attack of its own, drove the Germans back and then advanced four miles more in the direction of Catania—which is now the big immediate goal.

THAT seems to prove rather clearly that the forces we've ALREADY landed are numerous enough and well enough equipped to have great striking power.

THERE is every indication that the coming big battle will take place in the Catanian plain, which is wide enough to permit tank maneuvering.

The Hermann Goering armored division (one of Germany's best) which counter-attacked our Americans early in the battle and was driven off, is now reported to be dug in before Catania. Our air scouts have been reporting for some time heavy movements of axis reinforcements toward the plain of Catania.

The Germans are reported to be pushing in a large number of their 60-ton Tiger tanks, as well as tank destroyers.

AT the moment it looks like the battle of Tunis over again. Catania, like Tunis, is surrounded by a relatively wide plain, and in the surrounding plain occurred the battle that settled the fate of Tunis.

There is this difference: Before reaching the Tunisian plain, we had to battle our way at great cost through the encircling ring of mountains. In Sicily the problem was to land enough men FROM THE SEA.

There are dependable indications that we've done that.

TODAY'S dispatches tell us that in the developing battle of the Catanian plain we're dropping parachute and glider troops behind the enemy lines. These troops, after hurdling the enemy's front lines, attack him from the rear while the main body of our army smashes at him from the front, thus catching him between two fires.

It is an old and well-tested battle plan which before the airplane was carried out with cavalry. This was Lee's plan at Gettysburg. Pickett's world-famous charge was primarily a diversion. Lee had sent his cavalry around to hit the Union lines from the rear just as their attention was fully monopolized by Pickett's charging infantry. Lee's cavalry was STOPPED before reaching the Union rear and the plan failed.

This cavalry-from-the-rear, infantry-from-the-front plan (of which the use of parachute and glider troops is a variation) was one of Hannibal's favorites.

IF and when we take the Catanian plain and its airports, we'll face rough, mountainous, dangerous country between there and Messina, which is obviously our main objective.

With command of the air and the sea, we may be able to reduce Messina without having to (Continued on Page Two)

Veronica Lake's Premature Baby Dies

HOLLYWOOD, July 15 (AP)—Film Actress Veronica Lake's prematurely-born baby, Anthony, died today.

The seven-day old child had been in precarious condition since its birth July 8, a few days after Miss Lake suffered a fall at her studio. The actress was informed of Anthony's death, and studio officials said "she took it very hard."

Allied Jaws Bite Sicilian Axis



William F. Boni (above), Associated Press correspondent in New Guinea, received nine shell splinter wounds in an attack by Japanese planes on the Salamau front, the AP's Australian bureau was informed. Boni said his wounds were superficial.

COAL STRIKE STOPS AS JURY INQUIRES

Investigation Results On UMW Forwarded To Biddle

PITTSBURGH, July 15 (AP)—The insurgent coal strike in southwestern Pennsylvania collapsed today as a federal grand jury continued an investigation to determine who was responsible for continuing the walkout which began June 20.

Two mass meetings, with United Mine Workers (UMW) locals from the dozen mines which had remained idle represented, voted unanimously yesterday and last night to resume work today. All but about 3500 of the 10,000 holdouts went back yesterday.

"I have been called down to Pittsburgh by the FBI," Anthony Congello, president of the (Continued on Page Two)

Violent Air Fighting Reported Over France, English Channel

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—The German radio, in a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press, said violent aerial fighting had been taking place tonight over northern France and the English channel.

FOLKESTONE, Eng., July 15 (AP)—Great formations of allied planes, believed to include bombers, streamed across the English channel late today in the direction of northern France.

Beef for Meat-Starved---Gasoline for Pleasure, Predicted by Price Chief as Red-Haired Maxon Bounces From OPA

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown predicted today that beef-hungry civilians will receive increased supplies as the result of a heavy movement of livestock to market and said the pleasure driving ban in the east will be lifted for "A" card holders "as soon as possible."

Brown also told a press conference: 1. The price of corn will remain at present levels. He said corn is now moving to market under the present price regulation now that "uncertainty" has been eliminated by the house agriculture committee's refusal to require higher prices, as proposed by the senate. No Beef Ceiling 2. There is no "present move" to place ceiling at the live animal level on beef, because OPA

JAPS IN MUBO AREA PERILED BY NEW DRIVE

Aussie, U. S. Troops Close in for Action

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 15 (AP)—American and Australian troops in the New Guinea theater, keying their attack to the continuing all-American drive against Munda, 700 miles to the east, are closing in on Japanese positions in the Mubo area "for decisive action."

This new offensive, announced in a special statement tonight from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, was said by an official spokesman to be designed to clear the long-contested Mubo zone of all enemy troops and pin the Japanese back to their lines around Salamau, on the eastern New Guinea shoreline 12 miles to the north.

Green Hill Taken As a preliminary success, the allied forces captured Green Hill, one of the key strongpoints in the Mubo defense system, following continued pressure against Japanese positions from both ground and air, the announcement said. In addition, an enemy force of "medium size" has been cut off at Mubo. Allied patrols were reported engaged in intermittent clashes with the Japanese north of Salus (Continued on Page Two)

Fonda Denies Parenthood of Divorcee's Child

LOS ANGELES, July 15 (AP)—Screen Actor Henry Fonda has denied categorically, through his wife and naval authorities where he is stationed, that he is the father of a daughter born three weeks ago to Mrs. Barbara Thompson, 25-year-old brunet divorcee.

The denials were in answer to Mrs. Thompson's suit asserting Fonda is the father of the girl she has named Sharon Fonda and demanding that he pay \$5000 medical expenses, \$10,000 attorney fees, \$2500 court costs and \$2000 monthly support.

Fonda, now a navy quartermaster third class attached to a destroyer, phoned his wife yesterday from Seattle. Mrs. Fonda, the former Frances Brokaw, reported this conversation: "Henry told me he didn't know the girl and had never (Continued on Page Two)



President Wladyslaw Raczkiewicz of the Polish government-in-exile emerges as that nation's strong man following the death of Premier Sikorski.

RUNWAY EXTENSION TO START FRIDAY

Dunn Gets Order From U. S. Engineers To Proceed

Machinery will be in motion Friday morning on the \$200,000 airport construction job. It was announced today by C. A. Dunn who received orders from the United States engineers' office in Portland to proceed immediately with the work.

Contract calls for extension of one runway and an additional taxiway, grading, paving, elimination of all hazards, leveling the canal bank, installation of drains and rearranging of lights and other incidental items.

To Start Friday Dunn said that work would start early Friday morning. Grading will be done first and as it will be impossible to use very many men outside the regular Dunn crew for the next several days, those wishing employment are asked to go to the AFL union headquarters and they must present a certificate of availability.

Dunn said truckers would not be needed until the surface operations are underway, which will be some time in early August. Sufficient notice will be given those interested in the job, Dunn said. All old employees wishing jobs on the new airport construction project, are asked to get in touch with the C. A. Dunn office, the contractor stated.

Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns R, H, E and rows for Cleveland, St. Louis, Bagby, Milnar (8) and Rosal; Sundra and Hayes.

Heavy Casualties To Be Expected, Patterson Warns

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—The Sicilian campaign is progressing far ahead of schedule, but sharp fighting and heavy casualties must be expected when the imminent battle comes with strong axis forces on the island, Undersecretary of War Patterson reported today.

He said the current phase of the campaign calls for "consolidation and enlargement of our beachheads, reinforcing and supplying our troops advancing inland in preparation to meet the inevitable counterattack by mobile forces of the axis."

Patterson warned against considering the campaign on Sicily as the opening of a "second front," saying "I would rather think of it as the first step in liberating Europe."

Combined Forces Make Big Advance In Ragusa Sector

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 15 (AP)—The jaws of an allied clamp have taken a deeper bite on eastern Sicily after a furious battle in which the British eighth army hurled back a powerful counterattack by Nazi armored forces, headquarters reports said today.

The greatest advance was scored by a combined American, Canadian and British force in the center where a gain of six or seven miles was made in the Ragusa-Vizzini sector on a line parallel with the British east coast force.

Led by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., the Americans on the west flank dug into the difficult mountains, marking up a gain of about four miles, capturing another important airfield and taking important heights.

Italian General Surrenders Another Italian general, commanding the 54th Napoli division, surrendered with his staff south of Vizzini. Vizzini is about 25 miles west and slightly south of captured Augusta, and about the same distance northeast of Gela.

Hurled itself forward against sterner resistance, the British eighth army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery drove to the town of Brucoli, four miles north of the port of Augusta after weathering a crisis yesterday in which the German armored forces mounted a powerful counterattack and actually reached the harbor at one time.

Wage Scale for Farm Help In Basin Outlined at Meet

TULELAKE — A suggested wage scale, which will cover all agricultural work in the basin area, was outlined by the Tulelake Growers association at a meeting held Wednesday night in the Tulelake high school.

The following scale will be sent to the farm extension service in Berkeley for approval: Potatoes: \$1 per hour, trucking and bucking; 8 cents per sack for picking.

Onions: \$1 per hour; 18 cents per sack. Grain: \$1 per hour.

Earlier Advisement Operators were advised earlier in the season it would be necessary to set a scale before Mexican nationals could be brought into the basin to relieve the labor shortage. The government also demands that some organization sponsor the bringing of the Mexican labor here and D. M. Crawford, secretary of the Tulelake Growers association, pointed out that in order to get foreign labor, the farmer must be affiliated with the association.

Lassen Farmer Held On Murder Charge

SUSANVILLE, Calif., July 15 (AP)—John Tanner, 57, Lassen county farmer, was held on a murder charge today for the fatal shooting of his farm hand, B. D. Driver, 32, Sheriff Olin S. Johnson reported.

Growers observed at Wednesday night's meeting that no opposition to Mexican labor had been encountered and that everything was working out "100 per cent."

Wendell Willkie Chooses to Run

NEW YORK, July 15 (AP)—Wendell Willkie chooses to run in 1944. The 1940 republican presidential nominee in an interview made that plain today in challenging Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, to a hammer-and-tongs campaign for the Illinois preferential primary vote.



German Gen. Gunther von Kluge, veteran of Polish and Flanders campaigns and man who almost took Moscow in 1941, commanded the Nazi offensive on the Orel-Kursk-Kharkov front which today was by-passed by the new summer offensive begun by the Soviets north of Orel and 200 miles south of Moscow.

WARSHIP SHELLS JAP POSITIONS ON KISKA

Navy Reports Fourth Surface Attack in Eight Days

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—The navy reported today that an American light warship bombarded Japanese defense positions on Kiska island Wednesday, making the fourth surface attack on the enemy base in an eight-day period.

Kiska was shelled previously on July 6, July 9, and July 11. The attacks were the first by surface craft since August 1942, and might presage an amphibious assault designed to crush the strong Japanese garrison on Kiska and restore the island to American control.

Time Short Meanwhile, the time for an American offensive against the Japanese base on Kiska island in the North Pacific is growing short. Responsible opinion here is that if the strategic base is to be recaptured from the enemy this year weather conditions make it essential that operations begin as soon as possible.

An amphibious attack on Kiska, where the Japanese have elaborate defense installations, an unfinished airfield and a force estimated as high as 10,000 men, would be a logical follow-up to the conquest of Attu island, completed a month and a half ago. But whether and when it will be made is a high command secret which the bomb-battered outflanked Kiska garrison may try to figure out as best it can.

Father Draft May Be Held Until October

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—A selective service official said today enough men already are classified in I-A or I-A-O to fill draft calls through September.

This assertion by Major Emmett Solomon was the first official assurance that the general draft of fathers will be postponed until October at the earliest. Solomon's remarks mean that, generally speaking, men with children born before last September 15, would not be in (Continued on Page Two)

Dutch Radio Warns of Fake Invasion Plot

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—The free Netherlands station radio Orange warned the Dutch people tonight that the Germans were planning to stage a fake invasion of The Netherlands coast in order to trick patriots into exposing themselves.

SOVIETS MAKE BREAK NORTH, EAST OF OREL

Russians Advance 12 Miles; Towns Topple

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—The Russians announced tonight in a special communique the start of their first summer offensive—an offensive timed when the Sicilian invasion was three days old—and said they had broken through heavily fortified German lines on two wide fronts north and east of Orel in a sector 200 miles south of Moscow.

More than 110 populated places toppled to the red army's hot weather drive, said the special announcement broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the Soviet monitor, and 12,000 German officers and men were killed and 2000 captured.

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—A special Russian communique announced tonight that the red army had gone over to the offensive against Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow, and advanced 12 to 15 miles on a 25-mile front (Continued on Page Two)

Condition of Injured Youth Remains Same

Three persons, seriously hurt in a two-car collision on the Merrill highway Tuesday afternoon, remained in Klamath Falls hospitals, according to a check made Thursday.

Auburn Shade Nelson, 17, is at Klamath Valley where his condition remained unchanged. The youth was conscious only at intervals, it was learned. He has a sister, Wanda Nelson, employed at Weyerhaeuser. His mother is Mrs. Gertrude Nelson of Hollister, Mo.

Two women occupants of the second car, Mrs. Cecil E. Adams of Tulelake and Mrs. Edith Curry of Los Angeles, were reported improving at Hillsdale. They are suffering from severe cuts and other injuries.

DIG UP DOLLARS FOR DOOLITTLE!

It will take \$1.00 in War Stamps from every man, woman and child in the country to build the

"SHANGRI-LA"

Advertisement for War Stamps featuring a map of the Pacific and the slogan 'SHANGRI-LA'.