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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ALLIES POUND GATES OF CATANIA

Reds Inch Forward

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ON the Catanian plain, which is the key to Sicily, we're getting set today for the big works.

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WE'RE moving onto the plain from its southern edge. Montgomery's famous 8th army is heading northward up the coast. Farther west, in the center, are the Canadians, fighting their way through difficult hilly country. Still farther west, at the left of the line, are our Americans, fighting in still rougher, more mountainous country.

The idea is to hit the defending axis forces on a fairly WIDE front, instead of driving a narrow wedge which they might be able to bite off.

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AN interesting and maybe highly significant point today is the statement that we've beaten off ANOTHER German armored counter-attack. That makes four times in a row, suggesting inevitably that the Germans lack their customary punch.

(But we mustn't forget that they may be just saving up to hit us harder later.)

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KEEP this in mind, for it is important:

We have a foothold (as contrasted with a mere toehold) along some 150 miles of Sicily's southern coast, and at least two PORTS through which to pour reinforcements and supplies. With our command of air and sea, we're badly disrupting axis supply lines from the Italian mainland.

(It's like getting your opponent by the throat and slowly choking him. If you can keep that up long enough, you won't need to KNIFE him.)

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THE Russians today are reported within 25 miles of Orel, coming from the north and east, following railroads in both cases.

They're within heavy artillery range of Orel itself and also of the Orel-Bryansk railroad, by which the Germans receive supplies from the west.

Watch this situation. It's extremely important in the whole picture.

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THE Paris radio (never reliable) is telling today of concentrations of TURKISH troops opposite the Italian Dodecanese islands off the Turkish coast and of daily reconnaissance flights over Bulgaria by unidentified planes.

The situation will likewise bear watching. It might get hot at any moment.

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AN interesting sidelight: Field Marshal Baron von Richtofen, cousin of the famous World War 1 ace, is directing the German air defense of Sicily. He isn't doing so well, having lost 163 planes to our 69.

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HERE is a thrilling line from the South Pacific: "Munda is being dive-bombed to destruction."

Dive bombers are nearly as accurate as artillery. More than 100 of our planes of this type are attacking the Jap airfield, picking their targets—such as Jap gun positions, etc.

The Japs haven't been able to stop us.

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IN New Guinea, our men and the Australians are creeping in on Salamaua, from which their front lines are less than seven miles distant at two points.

Salamaua and Lae are the two principal Jap positions there. Both have big airfields develop-

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Vere Is Dot Man Rommel?

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—The Algiers radio, which said it was quoting a reliable Swiss source, reported today that Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel hurriedly left Aix Les Bains, France, for Lyons the night of the allied landings in Sicily and that since then no news has been received of his whereabouts.

The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

(A report that Rommel was shot down in a transport plane en route to Sicily was broadcast over an underground German radio station Tuesday night. The broadcast was recorded in Sweden and the story was relayed to Great Britain. There was no allied confirmation of the report.)

DIVE-BOMBERS LAY EGGS OVER MUNDA

Eighty - Two Tons of Explosives Hit Japs

By C. YATES McDANIEL

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 17 (AP)—Munda is being dive-bombed to destruction.

Eighty-two more tons of bombs burst Friday upon the Japanese air base whose defenders, from their foxholes, have seen the central Solomons skies darkened by dauntless dive bombers and Avenger torpedo bombers from the first day of the American invasion on June 30.

Pick-Your-Target

More than 100 of these planes delivered the latest of these low level pick-your-target attacks which in a short while have exploded in excess of 300 tons of bombs on Munda.

Twenty-eight tons of 1000 and 2000 pound bombs blasted at Munda's guns and men on July 3; 70 tons on July 9; 67 tons on July 10; 52 tons on July 11; 31 tons on July 13. Other raids

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SOVIETS PUSH NEARER OREL IN NEW DRIVE

Nazis Throw Two New Divisions Into Spearhead

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—Russian forces advanced another six to eight miles today on the vital Orel front, a special Russian communique broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the soviet monitor said tonight.

These were on top of advances of 12 to 28 miles the first three days of the soviet offensive and six to 10 miles yesterday.

"During July 17," the communique said, "our troops on the Orel sector of the front, overcoming enemy resistance and counterattack developed their offensive and advanced 10 to 12 kilometers."

Situation Same

It said that in the Orel-Kursk section of the front some 200 miles south of Moscow Russian forces in two days of fighting "completely restored the situation they occupied before the of-

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"Non-Military Surprises" May Come From Italy

BERN, Switzerland, July 17 (AP)—Further Italian reaction to the Roosevelt-Churchill appeal to abandon the struggle was awaited today following hints from within Italy that "non-military surprises" were forthcoming.

The exact nature of the expected developments was not stated, but a Swiss telegraphic agency dispatch said there was much discussion about "non-military surprises." Dispatches from Rome suggested they would take the form of a sweeping political change to bolster morale and form a regime to carry on the war pending an opportunity to

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Russian Gains

The Russian offensive hammering the nazis southeast of Moscow so soundly that the Germans have thrown two new divisions into the fray, has advanced—it was reported Saturday—to within 15 miles of Orel. A major break-through is expected.

Colonel Jeers at Willkie Chances In Preferential

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP)—Commenting on Wendell Willkie's challenge to oppose him in the Illinois presidential preference primary election, Colonel Robert R. McCormick, Chicago Tribune publisher, said yesterday that at present he did not believe Willkie could "carry a single state west of New Jersey—either in the primaries or the general election."

"Anybody can beat Willkie in Illinois," said the publisher. "He's a Joe out there."

Willkie, 1940 republican presidential nominee, challenged Colonel McCormick to run, after the publisher had been asked by resolution of the republican nationalist revival committee to permit his name to be entered in the primary. The committee recently was organized with an announced aim to help maintain the republican party as the "nationalist" party in United States politics.

Colonel McCormick has not indicated whether he would accept the offer of the committee, which also stated its opposition to Willkie.

Asked specifically by newsmen if he would enter the Illinois primary, Colonel McCormick brushed aside the question.

BOMBS PLASTER NAZI INDUSTRY IN AMSTERDAM

Italian Electricity Is Target for Night Raiders

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—American heavy bombers raided industrial targets at Amsterdam in the occupied Netherlands and in northwest Germany today, it was officially announced.

Bombs were seen to burst in the target areas.

The unescorted Flying Fortresses encountered clouds of enemy fighters on their way home and early claims indicated that upwards of 50 were destroyed by Fortress gunners.

Two bombers were missing from the daylight raid.

Second in Four Days

This marked the second time in four days that the Germans have lost 50 or more fighters. On Wednayesd at least 51 fighters were destroyed during raids on aircraft works and airfields in France, at least 45 of them by Flying Fortresses.

The day raids followed attacks by Britain-based RAF bombers on Italy's transportation system in their second straight assault across the Alps and upon Munich.

Italian Targets

Last night's targets in Italy, as was the case the night before, were transformer and switching stations through which flow the current generated in the Alps to keep Italian rail supplies moving.

The strength of the raiding force was not given immediately, but the fact the RAF bombers set alarms wailing in west-

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Former Police Officer Indicted In Rape-Slaying

DALLAS, July 17 (AP)—Richard H. Layton, former Monmouth police officer, was arraigned today on two indictments charging first degree murder in the rape-slaying of 17-year-old Ruth Hildebrand of Dallas.

Layton had been scheduled to enter a plea in circuit court today to an earlier indictment, also charging murder in the first degree, but District Attorney Bruce Spaulding said he had requested the Polk county grand jury to reconsider the case.

The grand jury this morning returned two indictments.

One charged premeditation in the drowning of Miss Hildebrand. The other, similar to the first indictment, charged murder in the committing of rape.

Layton, a husky six-footer who, state police said, had boasted of his prowess with women, asked for additional time for preparation of pleas to the two indictments. The court set next Thursday as the time for his pleas.

The two indictments apparently were designed to give the state a choice on which to try Layton, who admitted, state police Capt. Vayne Gudrane announced July 7, raping the girl and knocking her into the Willamette river.

Allies Advance in Sicily

From the allied line on the map above the British have advanced from Brucoli to Lentini and Scordia at the gate to the Catania plain, while the American-Canadian troops have pushed inland to Caltagirone and are now threatening the right flank of the Germans defending Catania.

Axis Lifeline to Sicily Disrupted by U. S. Planes

By RELMAN MORIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17 (AP)—Allied air units struck new paralyzing blows at the axis lifeline from Italy to Sicily yesday and the previous night with heavy attacks on the Messina strait transport system and enemy air bases from heel to toe on the Italian boot.

American Flying Fortresses battered San Giovanni, mainland terminus of the Messina ferry route, following up a night attack on the same target by Wellingtons of the RAF.

Docks Hit

The big bombers planted rows of explosives on docks, railroad sidings and the ferry line itself. Aerial reconnaissance showed that at least 50 direct hits were scored in the target area.

Other allied raiders battered air fields at Reggio Calabria and Vibo Valentia in daylight raids, continuing assaults that started the previous night on these objectives and another airfield at Crotone, and air units operating over Sicily kept up their pounding of axis communications in support of allied invasion forces.

Planes Downed

Allied air units operating from North African and island bases meanwhile accounted for 13 enemy planes, four of them

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Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	7	13	3
Boston	5	11	3

Davis, Head (8), and Owen; Salvo, MacFayden (6), Odom (8), and Kluttz.

St. Louis	3	8	0
Pittsburgh	7	9	0

Breechen, Krist (6), Munger (7), and Odea; Butcher and Lopez.

Chicago	5	12	0
Cincinnati	6	11	1

Derringer, Prim (7), Warneke (7), Hanyzewski (7), Burrows (8), and McCullough; Starr, Riddle (9) and Mueller.

New York	1	2	0
Philadelphia	2	10	0

Wittig, A. Adams (9) and Lombardi; Conger and Livingston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	11	1
New York	5	11	0

Black and Swift; Borowy, Turner (9) and Dickey.

Cleveland	1	6	0
St. Louis	3	9	1

Reynolds and Rosar; Galehouse and Hayes.

Detroit	2	7	1
Chicago	5	6	1

Newhouser, Oana (7), and Parsons; Dietrich and Tresh.

IWA Demands Certified to Committee

Fourteen-point demands by the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, will be certified to the West Coast Lumber committee for action and decision in the very near future, according to Tim Sullivan, local union head.

Among the demands are a $1.02½ per hour minimum wage for common labor, which is a 15 cent per hour increase in present wages. A corresponding adjustment is demanded in other brackets.

A night shift differential has been asked for. Ten cents per hour above the day rates for all employees with working hours between the hours of 6 p. m. and 12 midnight, and 15 cents more per hour for all employees with working hours between 12

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GOERING TANKS SMASHED BACK; JERRIES QUAKE

Joint Yank - British Army Government Set Up

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17 (AP)—The axis' situation around Catania in eastern Sicily was reported in front line dispatches tonight to be growing more critical by the hour.

The allied announcement that a joint American-British military government had been established ashore and was beginning to take control was interpreted as meaning that complete occupation of Sicily was considered to be only a matter of time.

Near Catania

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's great desert army was believed to be approaching the outskirts of Catania today after smashing back the Hermann Goering end elements of the 15th German armored divisions in the biggest battle yet fought for Sicily.

Going forward with a powerful allied war fleet on his seaward flank gunning the enemy's positions, Montgomery has captured both Lentini and Scordia, at the entrance to the Catania

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President Signs Bill Extending Life of CCC

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—A bill extending the life of the commodity credit corporation (CCC) has been signed by President Roosevelt—with the understanding that it permits "standardizing" of commodities where necessary for a price-fixing program.

The president said the language of the measure was so ambiguous that he felt obliged to give his own interpretation. He wanted, he said, to be certain the office of price administration is

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All Packed, But Train Was Late

AN ALLIED FORCE COMMAND POST IN NORTH AFRICA, July 15 (AP) — A train loaded with Italian soldiers captured in Sicily rolled slowly through the African tableland and a Yank riding along an adjacent highway in a jeep couldn't restrain himself.

"Hey, where you fellows been?" he called.

Back came the reply in perfect English:

"We've been packed and waiting three weeks ago. Where have you been?"

Frank Ira White, Pioneer Klamath Realtor, Dies in Portland Friday

Frank Ira White, 72, prominent Klamath resident and pioneer realtor, died at 10:20 p. m. Friday at 3233 Northeast 39th street, Portland, where he had been for the past six weeks in the hope of improving his health. Mr. White was bailiff of the circuit court at the time of his death.

The passing of Mr. White ends one of the most colorful lives of this community. He was an old newspaperman and particularly interested in young reporters. On many occasions he contributed to this paper and it was one of his sincere pleasures to type out a story of early days of this country, especially as they pertained to development of property. Mr. White was a kindly man, and leaves scores of friends to mourn his death.

Born in Kansas

Frank Ira White was born August 1, 1870, in Atchinson, Kas. His early newspaper experience was obtained on the Denver Post in Denver, Colo. He became interested in Oregon and in 1904 went to the Oregonian in Portland where he served as city editor for one year. Just about that time there was strong development noted in the Klamath basin and he arrived here in 1905 to identify himself with real estate holdings. He was particularly involved in the growth of Mills addition and named many of the streets in that section of the city.

Mr. White returned to Portland in 1918 and served as financial editor of the Oregonian. He was responsible for the first colored supplement issued by that paper. Later he was identified with the Portland chamber of commerce and served as secretary of the foreign trade department. After several years in Portland, Mr. White returned to Klamath Falls to make his home.

Early Day Stories

Stories of early day development of the city interested Mr. White. One which he told with relish concerned members of the old chamber of commerce, J. D. Carroll, J. Frank Adams, Nate Merrill, Judge George Baldwin and himself. The five made a trip to Sacramento back in 1906, found Ringling Brothers circus playing in the city and made a deal with the circus head to advertise the Klamath basin and especially Klamath Falls. How they took over the "circus" was a new high in chamber of commerce community advertising and one never equalled. Mr. White was one of the early chamber presidents.

Mr. White's old office still stands on South Fifth street on the alley back of the Emporium. The family home, "Home Crest," included some 60 acres facing the main canal southeast of the city. Arthur street now runs through the property which Mr. White subdivided.

Realty Secretary

At the time of his passing

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Frank Ira White

Local Shoe Ration Eased

Good news on the shoe front was released Saturday from the office of price administration when it was learned that a certain percentage of footwear now on Klamath merchants' shelves will be sold ration-free starting Monday, July 19, through July 31.

The new order will affect shoes for the whole family from infants up to size 15.

Along comes another note from the OPA office to the effect that evening slippers, baseball, track and football shoes, and men's and women's knee-height riding boots, have been taken off the rationing list and from now on these particular shoes will not demand a stamp.

Shoe merchants in the city said they would be ready by Monday morning to offer the allowable stock for sale ration-free. The order was made by OPA to help dealers clear their stocks of small lots of odds and ends prior to the arrival of fall merchandise.

Buyers are advised that only a small percentage of the shoes on hand are included in the ration-free list, and that all shoes do not fall in this category.

Kiska Raided Four Times Thursday

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) The navy announced today that army bombers raided Japanese positions on Kiska island four times Thursday, starting several fires among the enemy's anti-aircraft batteries.

The air attack fell the same day as the latest shelling of the enemy-held island, which had been reported by the navy yesterday. A small American warship bombarded Japanese defenses at Gertrude Cove, southwest of Kiska harbor in the early morning.

Cotton vs. Rayon Provides Fuel for New Rubber Fight

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) Cotton versus rayon as a base for synthetic tires stirred a bristling argument today between the senate's Truman committee investigating the war effort, and two high government officials directly concerned with rubber output.

The Truman group, in a report sharply critical of the war department, called for a halt to further expansion of facilities for making rayon cord as a substitute for cotton in tire manufacture. It is said rayon had "displayed no superiority over cotton to warrant the great investment in critical materials which is now being made to produce facilities for rayon cord."

No Proof of Value

Said rubber director William Jeffers:

"So what? The committee says there is no proof that rayon cord is better than cotton. Experts of the army, the industry and my office disagree." He said he'd "string along" with the "experts."

Robert Patterson, acting secretary of war, chimed in:

"Large, heavy-duty tires with rayon cord are better and safer than with cotton cord. Our decision rests on field tests. Is supported by practically all the tire industry, and it is to be borne in mind that the tire industry has a heavy investment in cotton mills."

Asserting it was "too late to stop a current rayon expansion program equal to about one-third of the normal tire cord demand, the committee warned, however, that "a second program totalling 100,000,000 pounds is now starting, virtually to double this expansion."

"The committee considers many other competing programs more worth this great expenditure of dollars, men and materials," said the report.