

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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AMERICANS STAB DEEP IN SICILY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S most exciting news is a report (NOT official) that battered German and Italian troops are fleeing in a general retreat toward Messina, hoping to get across the two-mile strait to Italy before it is too late.

That, if true, would mean that the END is BEGINNING in Sicily.

DATTON'S 7th American army is pushing across the body of the island, and as these words are written is only about 60 miles from Palermo, on the NORTH side.

The Americans, the dispatches report, are cutting a wide swath through the enemy line and are encountering "almost total lack of resistance from the Italians."

Hundreds of them are reported to be surrendering.

AN official report from Eisenhower's headquarters in Africa says there are many indications of mutinies by Italian troops commanded by German officers.

Unofficial reports add that some Italian units have killed their German commanders who tried to prevent surrender.

WERE still moving northward up the Catanian plain from its southern edge, bridging and crossing the rivers as we come to them. (Three principal streams cross the plain from west to east.)

Montgomery's 8th army is within two or three miles of the outskirts of Catania, and is continuing to beat off continued German tank attacks. Across the plain from Catania, in the hills at its western rim, the Canadians are crowding the communications center of Enna, and may by this time have taken it.

The British 8th army's pause before Catania is believed to be for the purpose of GATHERING STRENGTH for one of Montgomery's characteristic swift and terrible blows, and there are hints in the dispatches that he may be expected to boom on to Messina with little loss of time once he gets started again.

THE Berlin radio, in between crying its eyes out about our dastardly bombing of Rome, says Hitler and Mussolini are meeting in a northern Italian city to discuss military matters.

What with a growing certainty that the Italian army is planning to surrender to us as fast as possible, it is likely that they have plenty to discuss.

(A SWISS dispatch says today that Mussolini spent the Rome raid in a bomb-proof shelter specially constructed for him. This may be merely a dirty crack.)

THE Russians are reported today to be 30 miles WEST of Orel and threatening the Bryansk railroad by which the Germans receive reinforcements and supplies. They are approaching the city from three sides.

The Germans are said to be resisting stubbornly, with no signs of panic, and rushing in reinforcements.

THE Berlin radio reports a Russian amphibious attack on Varanger fjord, in extreme northeastern Norway, just west of the narrow Finnish corridor that runs up to the Arctic.

It would probably be an attack on German submarine and air bases threatening our Murmansk supply route to Russia.

Pacific Fight Flares Again; Japs Pounded

In North - Paramushiro

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—The navy announced today that Liberators heavy bombers, winging over the Japanese side of the North Pacific, had bombed the enemy base of Paramushiro Monday, starting fires and scoring near hits on shipping.

The big army planes were described as "a formation," which may have been a dozen or so. They apparently operated from the American base of Amchitka on the western Aleutians.

Close to Japan It is 861 nautical miles from Amchitka to Paramushiro. This is the first raid in which bombers of the American North Pacific force have struck so closely to Japan proper.

Paramushiro is at the northern end of the Kurile chain, which runs south like an arrow pointing to Tokyo about 1200 miles away. The attack puts pressure on Japan's northern defense positions in coordination with the offensive against New Guinea positions far to the south.

Last Week's Reports There were reports here last week that American planes had bombed Paramushiro.

William Peart Dies in Jap Prison Camp

TULELAKE — Mrs. Chester Stonecypher received word Saturday of the death of her brother, William Peart, in a Japanese prison camp. Young Peart, reported missing since the fall of Bataan, had served since early in the war as a member of the United States army. Official word was sent by the war department to Peart's mother, Mrs. William Peart Sr., Coquille.

Cecil Peart, a cousin of Mrs. Stonecypher, is also reported missing and believed a prisoner of the Japanese. He served on Bataan and prior to leaving for the service had been employed in the Tulelake area. William Peart was inducted in Coos county.

In addition to his mother and sister here, William leaves a brother Neal, in training with the Seabees, and a sister, Mrs. Clovis Church of Coquille.

Knox, Admiral Scotch Quick Victory Rumors, Hit Production Slow Up, Say Navy Plans War Until at Least 1949

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Vice Admiral Frederick J. Horne revealed today that the navy is planning for a war against Japan to last at least until 1949.

The vice chief of naval operations, appearing at a press conference at which Secretary Knox strongly deplored current optimism over winning of the war in a hurry, declared we still have "tremendous distances to go in the Pacific and we have to build bases from the ground up as we advance."

Wishful Thinking Questioned about the time required to win victory in Europe, Horne said that his opinion was "entirely a guess" and he gave no date. He declared, however, that there is a "good deal of wishful thinking in expectation of a collapse of Germany."

He predicted there will be no such "moral collapse in the army" as there was in 1918 because, he said, German soldiers have been trained in Hitlerism and have been separated from the family connections through which a spirit of defeat was transmitted in the last war.

Complete Surrender Horne and Secretary Knox virtually joined in forecasting

Allies Bomb Rome; Vatican Spared

ALLIED airmen in making their first bombing raid on Rome concentrated their daring daylight assault on Italian railway targets and carefully avoided the Vatican and all non-military objectives of the Eternal City.

This aerial picture of Rome shows the broad avenue and circular colonnades that form the approach to St. Peter's. At right are some of the Vatican buildings which were undamaged in the bombing.

At the other end of the long Southwest Pacific battlefield, American troops enlarged their beachhead with a limited advance at Lillo, about three miles east of the Japanese key central Solomons airbase at Munda. The communiqué said 179 Japanese were killed, American losses were described as light.

Avenger and Dauntless bombers pounded Japanese positions north of Munda airbase and at Bairoko on Kula gulf, while Mitchells swooped low and machine-gunned the enemy on the beaches between Munda and Lambell.

On New Guinea, allied ground forces cleaned out another Japanese strong point on the slopes of Mount Tambu, near Salamaua, wiping out 82 Japanese, allied ground troops were supported by aircraft.

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Hitler, Mussolini Talk Army Problems By The Associated Press Adolph Hitler and Premier Mussolini "met in a north Italian city for discussion of military matters," the Berlin radio announced tonight in a Berlin dispatch recorded by The Associated Press.

The meeting occurred yesterday. A communiqué issued from Hitler's headquarters today said: "The fuhrer and il duce met Monday, July 19, in a city in upper Italy. Military questions were discussed."

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that the victory may be in the Pacific, long though it may be, will never stop short of complete surrender by the enemy.

"I expect we won't be satisfied with the fall of the Japanese fleet," Horne said. "I expect to see our people in Tokyo before this thing is over unless we want another war within a generation."

"We must make this so expensive for them," Knox said, "that they won't want another one."

Sicily Just Outpost Knox described the fighting for Sicily as the conquest of an outpost, and said American troops face in Europe an army of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 men.

"All talk about an early ending of war is wishful thinking," the secretary declared emphatically.

"It has caused a letup in production and we're already feeling the effects of this," he added. "It's just criminal to do it. We have immense armies to equip and get into the field."

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the war production board, backed up Knox's reports on production. A visitor at Knox's press conference, Wilson said that "We ought to have produced 8500 planes this month,

Reds Wheel Toward Orel; Strategic Town Captured

LONDON, July 20 (AP)—Mtsensk, a strategic town about 36 miles northeast of Orel, has fallen along with scores of other localities around Orel as the red army drive from three directions continued today against the vital axis "hinge" fortifications in central Russia, a special soviet communiqué announced tonight.

The newest Russian drive represented an advance of from four to six miles, the Russians said in a Moscow broadcast recorded by the soviet radio monitor here.

Stubborn enemy resistance was overcome in the advance in that sector, with 10 German counterattacks thrown back during the day, it was declared.

30 Places Taken The communiqué asserted that some 30 localities were taken in the area north of Orel, that 20 places, including the railway station of Voroshilov, were recaptured east of Orel, and that an advance continuing south of Orel had resulted in gains of from six to eight miles.

The Russian war bulletin also recounted that red army troops had forced crossings of the northern Donets river, apparently south of Izum and southwest of Voroshilovgrad, and that of the Iur, west of Rostov on the road to Taganrog, also had been forced.

MOSCOW, July 20 (AP)—Russian siege guns were blasting the pivotal Nazi bastion of Orel from three sides today as the red army tightened its semi-circle around the fortress, dispatches from the front said today.

West of Orel a powerful soviet column penetrated 30 miles into the German rear as far as Ilinskoye, scooping in 130 more villages, bringing to 240 the total taken since the Russian counter offensive began.

While the soviet communiqué reported only a modest advance of from four to six miles, it indicated how furiously the Germans are resisting with the disclosure that the Russians are during 12 enemy counter attacks buffed the day.

Newell Jap Found Asleep In Stolen Car Tamotsu Mishido, said by Modoc county officials to be a two-time loser from San Quentin and since January interned at the Japanese relocation center at Newell, was apprehended 10 miles west of Canby at 8 o'clock Monday night by Alturas officers.

Mishido was asleep in a previous Buick sedan which had previously been reported stolen by J. L. Jacobs of Malin, rancher.

By Mishido's side was a rifle which officers said had been stolen from the home of Chester Hosen of Canby. In the pockets of the Japanese were both shotgun and 22 shells, according to Deputy Sheriff E. R. Server who made the arrest.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low was advised late Monday that the Bob Thompson home at Malin had been entered and robbed, and that the Jacobs car was missing.

Mishido will be charged with robbery in Modoc county, according to District Attorney Charles (Continued on Page Two)

Platinum Smuggler Seined By FBI Anti-Espionage Net

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said today that Harold Ebury, 45, a British subject, had been taken into custody at Monterey, Calif., and that the arrest had plugged a leak through which the axis was believed to have obtained in recent months more than 7000 grams of platinum.

Hoover said the metal, essential for war uses, had been purchased illicitly in Latin America and sent to Buenos Aires. He accused the man under arrest of "heading a nationwide platinum smuggling ring."

Using Code Ebury, Hoover asserted, admitted violating censorship regulations by using code in cable and mail communications concerning the alleged smuggling, the platinum being referred to as "Colombia cloth."

Ebury is held in jail at Sallinas, Calif., under \$5000 bond for (Continued on Page Two)

Rome Rail Yards, Airdromes Socked By U. S. Raiders

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in NORTH AFRICA, July 20 (AP)—Allied headquarters described yesterday's shattering aerial assault on Rome as an "outstandingly successful operation" today and disclosed officially that more than 500 American bombers carried out the raid with a loss of five planes.

Aerial reconnaissance showed heavy damage to all targets and a 9th U. S. air force communiqué from Cairo said the Littoria railroad yards "were completely destroyed."

"Very severe damage" was caused to the vital San Lorenzo rail yards, also within the limits of the imperial city, while 9th U. S. air force communiqué from Cairo said the Littoria railroad yards "were completely destroyed."

Steel Plant Hit The Tabonelli steel plant and a large chemical works were battered by the waves of American raiders which swept over Rome for two and a half hours, challenged by what was described officially as only "slight opposition" from enemy fighter planes.

Two enemy interceptors were blasted out of the air by Lightning fighters which escorted the heavy and medium bombers on the war's first aerial attack on the Italian capital.

Congratulations Lieut. Gen. Carl A. Spatz, commander of the northwest African air forces, sent congratulations today to Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the strategic air force, for the success of the attack.

"It is one of the many accurate attacks which your forces have carried out during the present battle, all of which had a marked significance in their successful outcome," Spatz said.

The Middle East communiqué said four-engine Liberators of the 9th U. S. air force alone dumped nearly 300 tons of high explosives for their part in the mammoth assault.

"String after string of bombs criss-crossed yards and photographs indicate that an area of 400 yards by two miles long is a mass of twisted steel rails, gaping bomb craters and wreckage of rolling stock and buildings," the bulletin declared.

Havoc Created The official pictures of the havoc created by the bombers showed that the Ciampino airport was severely damaged, with a number of hangars blasted or set afire and a large number of parked aircraft nearby (Continued on Page Two)

Oakes' Daughter Enters Bludgeon Death Picture

MIAMI, Fla., July 20 (AP)—Her face and upswell hair-dressed by a black veep, pretty 19-year-old Nancy Oakes de Marigny arrived by plane here today on her flight to Nassau where her husband, Alfred, faces a murder charge in connection with the death of her wealthy father, Sir Harry Oakes.

Questioned about the purpose of her trip, she smiled quickly and replied: "Well, obviously—"

"Are you going to help your husband?" she was asked. "I don't think I would say that," she declared.

She was unaccompanied on the trip and after waiting at the airport went into Miami alone in a taxi.

She disclosed she had received a letter from De Marigny last week but written before her father was found bludgeoned to death in his Nassau home. She did not comment on the letter's contents.

Another General Taken by Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in NORTH AFRICA, July 20 (AP)—General Giulo Porcinari, commander of the 54th Napoli (Naples) division, has been captured in Sicily, the fourth Italian general there to fall into allied hands.

EIGHTH ARMY STORMS GATES OF CATANIA

Italians Reported in Mutiny Against Nazi Chiefs

By DANIEL de LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in NORTH AFRICA, July 20 (AP)—American troops are stabbing deeper into western and central Sicily against weakening axis resistance by Italians reported mutinying against German officers, and British forces in the vital battle for Catania have smashed back desperate German tank attacks, it was announced today.

Allied troops were within artillery range of Enna—central Sicily stronghold commanding main roads and railroads east and west—and pounding at the gates of Catania, the prop of all eastern coast defenses.

Advance Ten Miles Front dispatches said U. S. troops had advanced 10 miles west of Arigento on the southwest coast.

"There are many indications of mutinies by Italian troops commanded by German officers," and hundreds of Italians are surrendering to American troops striking ahead westward, the allied communiqué said.

On the smoke-covered Catanian plain, British eighth army advance guards shattered a series of Nazi tank assaults launched in desperate defense of the great seaport.

Hold Line With several bridgeheads established over the network of (Continued on Page Two)

Korean Named Chief of Jap Army Air Force

By The Associated Press Lieut. Gen. Prince Gin Ri, head of the former royal house of Korea, has been appointed commander of the Japanese army's air force, according to a war ministry announcement broadcast today by the Tokyo radio and recorded by The Associated Press. He succeeds Lieut. Gen. Kumachi Teramoto, whose new assignment was not announced.

Prince Ri is the first Korean to rise so high in the Japanese military service and his promotion appears to some observers to be a gesture seeking Korean support for the Japanese war effort.

After Japan annexed Korea in 1910 the Korean royal house was given the status of a collateral branch of the Japanese imperial family and Prince Gin Ri, then heir to leadership of the house, was married to a Japanese princess.

Camp White Volunteers Will Drive Jeeps Here for "Shangri-la" Stamp Sale

Volunteers to drive Jeeps from Camp White to Klamath Falls for the three-day Shangri-La war stamp promotion here Thursday, Friday and Saturday, were easy to get, according to Lt. Henry A. Sigmon of the valley cantonment who will be in charge of the men during their stay in this city.

Lt. Sigmon wrote the Klamath county chamber of commerce: "Needless to say, that was one time I had no trouble in finding men. We appreciate very much the opportunity to be of service to you and enthusiastically anticipate the splendid time that past experience has given us reason to expect."

The Jeeps will arrive from both Camp White and Camp Newell early Thursday and will set up business along Main street. There will be sidewalk signs designating the jeep parking places.

Rides will cost \$2 in war stamps, the tickets to be purchased from any merchant in the city. You can have as many rides as you want, according to C. S. Elliot, head of the retail merchants committee of the chamber of commerce. All you have to do is buy \$2 worth of stamps for every trip around the town.

The Jeeps are brought here to stimulate sale of stamps in the "Dollars for Doolittle" program, Klamath county's quota, far from being reached Tuesday, is \$40,000. Men, women and children are invited to ride the jeeps.

Hours are from 12 noon to 5 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m., throughout Thursday, Friday and Saturday.