

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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ENNA FALLS TO U.S. ADVANCE

Reds Squeeze Orel

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT looks like Sicily's days as an axis defense bastion are numbered.

We've taken Enna, which is the center of the Sicilian spiderweb of railroads and highways. Immediately after Enna's fall, the dispatches report today, axis forces began a general withdrawal from western Sicily toward the Messina ferry, hoping to escape thence to the Italian mainland. From Enna, our forces are pushing on northward, hoping to cut the enemy off at the seacoast.

Axis resistance in the western part of the island is reported weakening hourly, almost to the point of collapse.

AT Catania, the Germans are fighting a desperate delaying operation, sending wave after wave of infantry and tanks against Montgomery's 8th army, which is piling the plain with German bodies and the wrecks of German armored vehicles.

Today's reports hint strongly that Montgomery has opened another of his famous crusher assaults by massed artillery, tanks and troops preliminary to a final drive up the coast to Messina, 50 miles away.

The German purpose is to hold him back until axis forces from the rest of the island can escape across the two-mile Messina strait.

OUR headquarters in Africa continues to report mutinies by Italian troops against their German officers, adding that Sicilian crowds have to be restrained from attacking German prisoners as they are marched through the streets of captured towns.

Captured Italians complain bitterly both at the Germans and their OWN GOVERNMENT— which, they say, provided them with insufficient food and only scanty and obsolete weapons.

They say the Germans, following their tactics in Africa, are abandoning the Italians every time the situation becomes hopeless and are fleeing with all available transport.

MUSSOLINI is believed to have made an urgent appeal to Hitler (at their recent meeting) for more help.

Mussolini is on a hot spot. He has to have GERMAN aid to protect him against HIS OWN betrayed people. And he knows Hitler will cut his throat any moment when it serves Hitler's purposes to do so.

"INFORMED sources" in Switzerland doubt strongly if Germany will squander her reserves to protect a nation that is on the verge of cracking up internally, and military analysts in Washington think Hitler's best bet is to abandon Italy and prepare to defend the Brenner pass.

The fly in that ointment is that abandonment of Italy would open up the German flank and rear in the Balkans. (Look at your map at this point. It makes that situation crystal clear.)

From the airfields of northern Italy, our planes could hammer the German REAR disastrously in the event of an invasion by our forces up the Vardar and Struma valleys.

THE rumors are flying thicker than usual today in the Balkans.

Istanbul (Constantinople) says Premier Antonescu has flatly refused German demands that Rumania join in the fighting this summer and says that hereafter (Continued on Page Nine)

SOVIETS NINE MILES FROM NAZI BASTION

Rail Station Taken In Three-Sided Advance

LONDON, July 21 (AP)—Russian troops captured a railway station within nine miles of Orel in a continued advance on three sides of the central German base, a special Russian communique said tonight.

Sweeping in from the north, the Russians overran 40 populated places. Another 50 were captured in a drive from the east including the railway station of Zolotarevo, only 11 miles from Orel.

Yet another army driving up from the south advanced "in the face of heavy fire, enemy resistance and counter-attacks," the communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor from the Moscow radio, said.

Fight in South
"Fighting of local importance" was reported south in the Donets basin where the Russians were said to have improved their positions south of Izum and southeast of Voroshilovgrad.

Nothing further was reported on the engagements along the sea of Azov where the red army forced the Mius river which protects the strong German base of (Continued on Page Two)

Pioneer Rancher Killed in Camp White Accident

Harry James Ticknor, 71, Langell Valley pioneer rancher, was killed instantly about 9 o'clock Monday morning in Medford, according to word received here.

Mr. Ticknor was run over by a heavy gravel truck, backing up to unload gravel in the Camp White area, according to the camp provost marshal's office. Mr. Ticknor was employed by Russell Olson, contractor, as a checker and spotter of trucks at the gravel pile. The truck struck Ticknor with the right rear wheel. Funeral services are being arranged by Conger's in Medford.

O. C. Johnson of Langell Valley, long time friend of the Ticknor family, received word of the accident. The Ticknors moved to Medford several years ago and purchased a home in the valley. They had made their home in the Langell Valley section for a good many years where Ticknor operated one of the large ranches in that area. At one time Mr. Ticknor was (Continued on Page Two)

Truce Likely Between Administration, Lawmakers on Farm-Food Policy Quarrel

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, July 21—The executive branch and legislative leaders appeared to be headed toward a truce on some of their major farm and food policy differences today as:

1. Senator Russell (D-Ga.) called on his farm state contemporaries to meet the administration halfway on any move it might make toward reconciliation of those differences, and,

2. The agricultural adjustment agency (AAA) forbade its 200,000 field employees and committeemen to distribute information about AAA farm programs through news channels.

Pleased at Plan
Russell told reporters he was pleased that War Food Administrator Marvin Jones planned to consult with congressmen before making final decisions affecting future farm programs.

"It would do well for the ad-

Worry! Worry!

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—Of all the things to have to worry about, now the treasury comes along with the disheartening announcement that \$10,000 bills are getting scarce.

Nearly 4000 of the longest of this country's long green have found their way back into the treasury in the past two and one-half years. There are fewer than 2200 at large.

POPE DEPLORES BOMBING OF ROME

Letter to Cardinal Read in Vatican Broadcast

By The Associated Press
The Rome radio broadcast today what it described as a letter written by Pope Pius XII to Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Salvagiani, his vicar-general for the district of Rome, deploring Monday's bombing of Rome.

The broadcast, in French, was recorded by the Vatican City dispatch of the Italian agency Stefani as authority for a purported partial text of the letter.

The British ministry of information in London recorded a Vatican City radio broadcast giving the text of a letter from the pope to Cardinal Marchetti-Salvagiani which it said appeared to be the same as that broadcast by the Rome radio.

Rome Broadcast
The Rome radio also broadcast a Stefani dispatch that the pontiff's letter was given the place of honor in L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper.

The Rome radio broadcast of the letter quoted the pope as recalling in efforts as bishop of Rome to ensure the safety of the city and then saying:

"But alas our hope was vain. (Continued on Page Two)

Lewis Makes Deal to Merge UMW With AFL

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—Return of the United Mine Workers (UMW) to the American Federation of Labor (AFL) hinged today, it was reported, on a deal whereby UMW President John L. Lewis would be given a rather free hand in the coal belt provided he gives up organizing workers in other fields.

Labor spokesmen, emerging from the UMW-AFL conference on the proposed merger yesterday, disclosed this plan was in the wind:

1—Lewis and his UMW would be given jurisdiction as virtually (Continued on Page Two)

ministration and members of congress to approach such conferences in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, and without chips on their shoulders," the senator added.

He said congressional sentiment still favored better farm prices rather than government subsidies, but he believed a "spirit of give and take" would iron out differences of opinion on the subsidy question, as well as other issues.

Prohibits AAA Salaries
His assertions followed an agriculture department interpretation of a provision in its new appropriation act which prohibited the use of federal funds in paying salaries and expenses of any AAA information employee.

The announcement told the employees, as well as the state, county and local farmer committeemen, that they must not carry on any promotional activity for

Nine Rides for Me—Please!



Seven-year-old Barbara Lee Wonch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wonch of 325 Division street, has spurned ice cream cones and candy bars in order to save her money for jeep rides. Tuesday she purchased \$18 worth of stamps for which she'll get nine rides. With 75 cents left over, Barbara Lee has enough for her own bond. The Senior Service Scouts, left to right, are Lois Cada and June Bosworth, taking care of the J. C. Penney booth.

American Bombers Sink Jap Cruiser, Destroyers Attempting to Aid Munda

By C. YATES McDANIEL
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 21 (AP)—American bombers were credited today with sinking a cruiser and two destroyers of a Japanese convoy attempting vainly to run the allied sea and air blockade around the big Munda airbase in the Solomons.

A force of three light cruisers, six destroyers and two transports, undoubtedly seeking to aid the hard-pressed garrison at Munda, was spotted by Catalina flying boats shortly after midnight yesterday in Vella Gulf just west of Kolombangara island.

Follow Convoy
The Catalinas followed the convoy until strong formations of Liberators, Mitchells and Avenger bombers arrived with bombs which blasted at least three warships to the bottom and sent the remainder fleeing or limping northward.

A third destroyer was listed

Army Halts Issue Of Burning Permits

The army has notified the forest service and the Klamath Forest Protective association that no burning permits are to be issued until further notice.

This order is to become effective immediately and will be in force until further notice is given. This is the second year that army authorities have declared a ban on burning permits.

Coultes Awarded \$6000 Damages From Conifer Company

Henry Coultas was awarded \$6064.50 plus costs and disbursements Tuesday by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg following civil action on the damage suit of Henry Coultas versus Conifer Lumber company.

Vandenberg was asked to rule on the case in motions by both parties for a directed verdict after a three-day civil trial.

In the suit Coultas asked \$20,000 for hand injuries received while he was employed by the defendant.

Los Angeles Bus, Streetcar Men Protest WLB

LOS ANGELES, July 21 (AP)—Buses and streetcars of the Los Angeles Railway company will suspend operations for 24 hours beginning tomorrow at 3 a. m., union officials have announced, in protest against the war labor board's refusal to review a wage increase case involving San Diego streetcar employees.

Henry Mann, local secretary of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, said last night that the 3000 employees of the Los Angeles Railway company will be joined in their one-day holiday by approximately 150 employees of Lang Transportation company, operating buses in nearby Long Beach, Calif.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron, in an effort to prevent the tieup of public transportation in this warplant center, called a conference of all parties concerned.

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

| Team | R | H | E |
|--|----|----|---|
| Brooklyn | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 11 | 13 | 0 |
| Higbe, Allen (3), Melton (7) and Bragan; Riddle and Mueller. | | | |
| New York | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| St. Louis | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Fischer, Adams and Lombardi; Mungler and Cooper. | | | |
| Boston | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Chicago | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Andrews and Klutz; Bithorn and McCullough. | | | |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 10 | 14 | 1 |
| Conger, Dietz (7), and Livingston; Klinger and Lopez. | | | |

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| Team | R | H | E |
|---|---|----|---|
| Chicago | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| Boston | 3 | 9 | 2 |
| Dietrich and Tresh; Hughton and Conroy. | | | |
| St. Louis | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| New York | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| Sundra and Hayes; Wensloff and Dickey. | | | |
| Cleveland | 7 | 11 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Smith and Rosar; Flores and Swift. | | | |

COAST LEAGUE

| Team | R | H | E |
|--|----|----|---|
| Sacramento | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 21 | 0 |
| MaeVaden, Pillette (3), Malone (5), and Peterson; Gehrman and Holm, Sarni (6). | | | |

JEEP RIDES BOOST SHANGRI-LA SALE

Tickets Given With Every Two-Dollar Purchase

The "ride-a-jeep" ticket sale was going nicely Wednesday and Klamath's chances of reaching the \$40,000 goal set in the Shangri-La national war savings program appeared brighter as merchants reported shoppers buying their \$2 worth of stamps and asking for the jeep ride cards.

The little jeeps from Camp White and Camp Newell were scheduled to arrive Thursday morning. They will be stationed along Main street at points designated by large placards. To each holder of a \$2 war stamp purchase ticket, goes a ride through the business section. This project is not just for children, but the entire population.

Any number of rides may be purchased, the retail merchants committee pointed out. Hours are from 12 o'clock noon to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rumanian Aid To Nazis in Russia Refused

ISTANBUL, July 19 (Delayed) (AP)—Diplomatic sources said today that Premier Ion Antonescu of Rumania has flatly refused German demands that Rumania participate in the fighting this summer against Russia.

Antonescu was reported to have told Nazi representatives two weeks ago that Rumania already had made great sacrifices and henceforth would only defend her own borders.

The sources also said the Germans, in reprisal for this refusal, had threatened to turn pro-Nazi iron guards into Rumania to continue anti-semitic activity and terrorist campaigns which Antonescu suppressed late in 1941.

New Gas Coupons Worth Four Gallons

PORTLAND, July 21 (AP)—District OPA Director Richard Montgomery said today that "each coupon in the new series of a mileage ration books, which are valid tomorrow, will be worth four gallons unless unforeseen conditions compel a change."

The No. 6 coupons, which expire today are good for four gallons each.

Fire Rages Through Astoria Finn Colony; 200 Homeless

ASTORIA, July 21 (AP)—This war-crowded city at the mouth of the Columbia river grappled today with a housing problem made more acute by a fire which swept a congested Finnish colony district last night, leaving more than 200 homeless.

The fire started in the attic of one of the wooden structures from an unknown cause and spread so swiftly many residents were unable to save personal belongings.

Axis Sicily Nears Collapse; British Pound at Catania

By RELMAN MORIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 21 (AP)—American and Canadian troops have seized Enna—defense prop of all central Sicily—cutting off large numbers of axis forces and forcing a general withdrawal as resistance on the island weakened hourly almost to the point of collapse.

To the east, British eighth army units hammered at the doors of Catania—last bastion protecting the entire east coast—shattering another Nazi counter-assault with heavy casualties and advancing on the seaport, it was officially announced.

Half of Sicily now is in allied hands, for all tactical purposes. Cuts Communication
Enna's fall cut off Catania from western Sicily except for one long, rough northern coastal road.

Allied observers reported a general retreat along all roads leading up from the center of Sicily and Italian prisoners declared bitterly that German forces in the central sectors were speeding eastward for a quick getaway.

The withdrawal appeared intended for a last stand or possible evacuation in the Messina area of northeastern Sicily, or between Catania and Messina.

Italians Complain
Italians complained against their own government as well as the Germans. The Nazis, they declared, were repeating their African tactics of abandoning them every time the situation became hopeless, fleeing in all available transport.

They asserted their own fascist government had given them too few guns and food, and issued obsolete transports, armor and ammunition.

The U. S. and Canadian troops were spreading deeper into Sicily beyond Enna in a swift, powerful advance. They are only some 40 miles from the north coast of Sicily and they are rapidly splitting the island in two.

Enna Evacuated
(The Italian communique announced earlier that Enna had been evacuated, and the German war bulletin said that "in the western sector of the Sicilian front, German and Italian forces unopposed by the enemy executed ordered movements according to plan." British attacks at Catania were repulsed, it said.)

The fall of Enna threw the whole axis communication system (Continued on Page Two)

England Drafts Boys to Work In Coal Mines

LONDON, July 2 (AP)—British boys from 16 to 18 years of age must be drafted for work in English coal mines to boost the lagging production of coal for the nation's fuel-hungry war industries, Ernest Bevin, minister of labor, told the Blackpool Mine Workers Federation yesterday.

Pleading with the federation not to "raise a political storm" over the issue, Bevin said it was urgent that 30,000 to 50,000 youths be called up. He disclosed that although 47,000 miners have returned to pits from other higher-paid jobs, the number of miners has fallen to 690,000. He estimated the absolute minimum needed to keep production (Continued on Page Two)

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No Injuries
There were no serious injuries although several were overcome by smoke.

Valiant volunteer work by 244 navy men and additional coastguardsmen checked the flames after they had burned

a triangular section of about a city block's area. The men, two big pumps, nine trucks, chemical equipment from the naval station at the port dock commanded by Capt. J. D. Barner, were aided by two fire engines from the Tongue Point naval air station and another pumper from the auxiliary navy air station at Clatsop airport.

Families Homeless
Thirty families made homeless were putting up with friends and relatives elsewhere in the city and about 100 single men were making out as best they could. No definite housing plans for them have been made yet. The area was so thoroughly burned out that firemen said (Continued on Page Two)