

Blackout Signal

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AMERICANS THUNDER UP COAST

Reds Push On

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE tenor of today's dispatches from Sicily is that it won't be long now.

OUR westernmost American column, in a pre-dawn charge, takes Castelvetro and its big airport and pushes on westward in the face of blown bridges and mined roads. The breakthrough was accomplished by infantry, with tanks and half-tracks pouring through the breach. They're now only about 50 miles from the western tip of the island.

AS to the fighting in western Sicily, an AP dispatch today says:

"Every spark of fighting spirit appears to have been stamped out in the ranks of an apathetic and disintegrating Italian army. New batches of prisoners complain that their officers are deserting them, wearing civilian clothes in an effort to escape."

ABOVE Enna, where General Patton's Americans are trying to break through to the coast of the Tyrrhenian sea and trap all axis forces to the west of the break-through point, the axis forces (probably heavily German) appear to be putting up a stubborn fight to prevent the closing of the trap.

Patton was reported only about 30 miles from the coast (through rough, mountainous country) yesterday, and is reported only about the same distance away today, indicating that he is encountering strong resistance.

THE axis German would be a more accurate word purpose appears to be reasonably plain.

Hope of holding any part of Sicily has probably been given up, and stubborn delaying operations are being fought north of Enna and at Catania to enable all possible German (and a few incidental Italian) forces to get to Messina, where they may be able to make a getaway across the two-mile strait to the Italian mainland.

Eisenhower says the Germans are still sending reinforcements to Sicily, and the Berlin radio amplifies his assertion with the statement that 38 fast motor launches are being used to ferry German soldiers across the strait.

(They're probably being sent merely to support the delaying battles.)

NOTE (because it is important) that while Italian morale is obviously crumbling the Germans are still fighting coolly, stubbornly and effectively.

THE British navy (apparently including battleships) bombards Crotona, in the gulf of Taranto at the sole of the Italian boot, inflicting damage on enemy installations and suffering NONE itself. This is further (Continued on Page Four)

Harold Hardisty Prisoner of Nazis

PFC. Harold W. Hardisty of Lakeview was today announced as prisoner of war in a press release from the war department. He is being held by the Germans.

His father, Argus Minto Hardisty, lives on Route 6 in Lakeview.

PFC. Hardisty is one of the four Pacific northwest men and soldiers reported as prisoners of war. Of the entire list, 151 are held by Germany and nine by Italy.

SOVIETS WIPE OUT LAST OF NORTH FORTS

Blast Launched Near Leningrad; Ore! Periled

LONDON, July 22 (AP)—The Russians captured Bolkhov today, thus finishing the "liquidation" of strongly fortified districts of the north of Ore! and have advanced from four to five miles in a continuing offensive a special Moscow communique recorded by the soviet monitor said tonight.

Bolkhov is 35 miles north of Ore!, but the red army is within nine miles of the big German base on the north east.

In ten days the Germans have lost more than 50,000 killed, the bulletin said. More than 8000 prisoners were taken. In the same period the Russians destroyed or disabled 776 tanks, and more than 900 planes and 882 guns.

In addition, the red army has captured 372 tanks, 720 guns, 800 mortars, 1400 machineguns, and other booty.

LONDON, July 22 (AP)—The Russians have launched a strong attack near Leningrad and heavy fighting has been raging since (Continued on Page Two)

Illinois Coal Contract Gets UMW Approval

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—A contract between Illinois bituminous coal operators and approximately 35,000 United Mine Workers members in Illinois calling for an eight-hour day and partial-to-total pay of \$1.25 until March 31, 1945, was approved today by the UMW policy committee as a basic agreement that would be acceptable in all other areas.

Concluding a three-day meeting, the committee authorized all of its districts to negotiate similar agreements, and union spokesmen said operators in some of the districts already had taken steps to enter into such agreements.

The Illinois contract, announced yesterday, must be approved by the war labor board (WLB) before it becomes effective and is also contingent upon the office of price administration (OPA) raising coal prices to offset higher production costs.

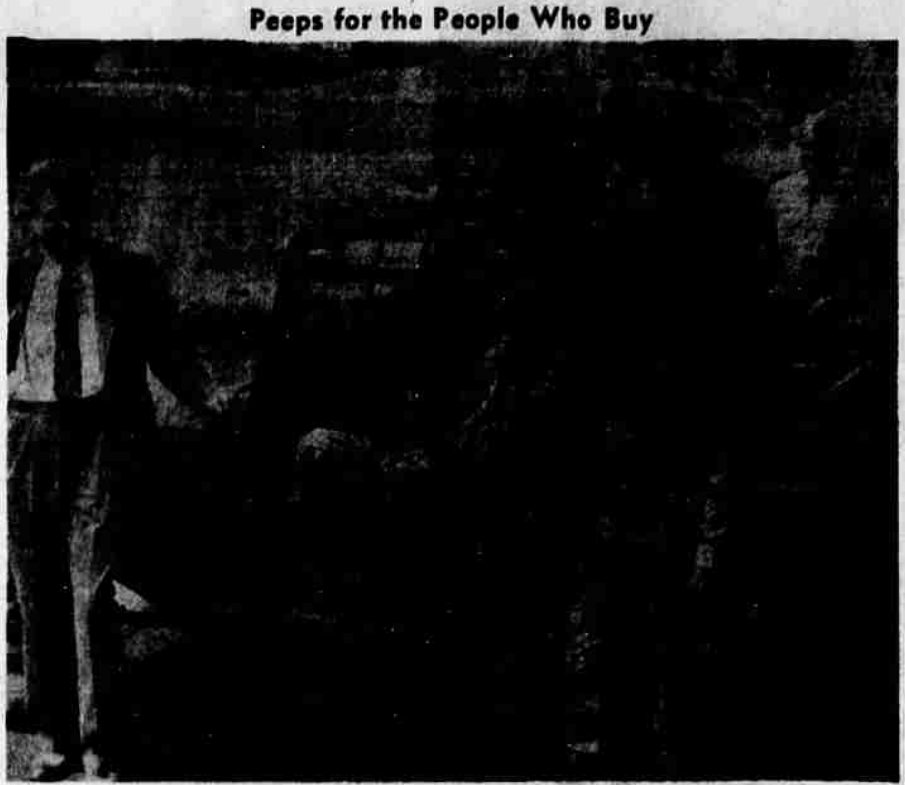
Just how much of an increase in the price of coal would be (Continued on Page Two)

Labor Issues Ultimatum on Brown, Wages, Food Prices

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—Organized labor served notice today it will demand removal of Price Administrator Prentiss Brown and scrapping of the Little Steel wage formula if prices are not rolled back to the September 15, 1942 level as stipulated by congress and the administration.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and Philip Murray, head of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, joined in this statement today after a meeting between President Roosevelt and the combined labor war board.

No Threat to FDR
Green said the threat to seek Brown's removal was not made to the president, but that the labor leaders did emphasize to the chief executive that unless prices are reduced they will demand that the war labor board cast overboard the Little Steel formula, under which wage increases of 15 per cent are permitted to compensate for rises in the cost of living since January 1, 1941.



Peeps for the People Who Buy

These six jeeps, known by the drivers as "peeps," will take Klamath Campers for \$2 rides Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Manning the peeps are PFC Wallace, from Camp Newell, Private R. C. Root, Private Joseph Parinella, Corporal Nelson Bridges, PFC B. L. Hammond and Corporal Malcolm Allen. Dick Nowell, of the Retail Merchants association, and Lieutenant G. P. Simpson are in front of the jeep line, and First Sergeant Aubrey E. Butler is at the right.

Jeeps Here to Give Klamath War Stamp Buyers a Ride

Eight soldiers arrived in Klamath Falls Thursday, complete with six jeeps in which to take Klamath people for rides after the Klamath residents have purchased \$2-worth of war savings stamps.

With Lieutenant G. P. Simpson in charge, the men will be stationed along Main street at various places designated by large placards. Rides will be given from 1:30 until 5 p. m., and from 7 to 9 in the evening Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Thursday and Friday evening, the men will use the Comando center as their headquarters and will operate the jeeps from there. The jeeps will be driven through the business district, and adults as well as children may take the rides.

Saturday evening from 7 to 9, the jeeps will be at Eighth and Main streets in connection with war bond sales by women's service clubs. A program has been arranged for Saturday night, in addition to the auction of merchandise and plane rides. The Oregon Women's Ambulance corps will assist in the program.

Alaska Highway Now Official Name for Alcan

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—Agreement on "Alaska Highway" as the official name for the highway from Dawson creek, British Columbia, to Fairbanks, Alaska, was announced today in an exchange of notes between the United States and Canadian governments.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull proposed the name as "suitable and in harmony with popular usage," at the suggestion of Anthony J. Dimond, Alaskan delegate in the house of representatives.

Leighton McCarthy, Canadian minister to Washington, replied that his government "concurs in the proposal."

Heretofore, the project has been known generally but unofficially as "The Alcan Highway."

Man Shoots Publisher, Self in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, July 22 (AP)—John S. McCarrens, 74, president of the Forest City Publishing company and general manager of the Cleveland Plain Dealer was shot three times and critically wounded at his office today by an assailant who then killed himself by firing a bullet into his head.

W. G. Vorpe, Sunday and feature editor of the Plain Dealer, said the publisher was shot twice in the left arm and once in the abdomen by Herbert L. Kobrak, associated with various foreign language publishing ventures in Cleveland, who had made an appointment with McCarrens.

Attendants at Charity hospital said Kobrak died shortly after he was admitted. McCarrens, twice president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, was taken to the same hospital in an unconscious condition.

BAIROKO JAPS SHATTERED BY BIG AIR RAID

Troops Within "Few Thousand Yards" Of Munda

By MURLIN SPENCER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 22 (AP)—United States bombers shattered Japanese positions at Bairoko harbor, above Munda on the north shore of New Georgia island, yesterday in the heaviest air attack ever made in the southwest Pacific.

More than 150 Avenger torpedo bombers and Dauntless fighters, operating under a strong diver cover, pounded the area in a day-long series of raids.

133 Tons of Bombs
"One hundred thirty-three tons of bombs were dropped and the area was extensively strafed," the daily report from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said. "It was the heaviest air attack that has been executed by the allied forces in the southwest Pacific area."

A spokesman added that it also surpassed anything the Japanese ever had done.

The communique said the raid was made "in support of our ground forces." This might indicate American troops were advancing from Enogai Inlet, two miles northeast, where last week they destroyed the entire Japanese garrison.

Supply Base
Bairoko is the supply base for Munda, key Japanese defense point in the central Solomons, but allied forces blocked traffic between the two points last week.

Only one sentence was used in reporting the ground action at Munda:

"Enemy ground forces launched a strong counter attack and were repulsed with heavy losses."

Close to Munda
(From Admiral William F. Halsey's South Pacific headquarters, however, came an official statement that U. S. troops (Continued on Page Two)

Work Stoppage Stalls Making Of Army Tires

AKRON, O., July 22 (AP)—Production of military, truck and passenger tires was halted today at the General Tire & Rubber company as a work stoppage, second within a week, spread among 800 employees of the division.

Emmett B. Harper, president of the CIO United Rubber Workers local at General, said all employees of the tire division joined an "unauthorized walkout" protesting the company's "refusal to take back a worker with 11 years' service."

A company spokesman, who declined use of his name, said (Continued on Page Two)

Strike Halts Street Cars, Buses, But Million Angelinos Get to Work Anyway

LOS ANGELES, July 22 (AP)—A million Angelinos got to work today — somehow — despite a work stoppage that halted cars and buses of the Los Angeles Railway company at 3 a. m.

Thousands of motorists, fortified with new gasoline ration A coupons that became good today, backed their cars from garages and filled them with job-bound war plant workers.

Down town thoroughfares soon took on the semblance of Rose Bowl New Year's Day traffic as automobiles thronged the streets that were strangely quiet in the absence of clanging street car gongs and the rumble of steel wheels.

Plants Pick Up Men
War plants sent out trucks and trailers equipped with makeshift seats. Chartered buses hauled workers to some airplane

Flies to Husband



Countess de Marigny (above), 19, the former Nancy Oakes, paused at LaGuardia airport, New York, en route to Miami and the side of her husband, Alfred de Marigny, charged at Nassau, Bahamas, with the slaying of her father, the wealthy Sir Harry Oakes.

SEVENTH ARMY HAS MARSALA, CASTELVETRAND

British Ships Blast Crotona; Air Field Raided

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 22 (AP)—The American seventh army has captured Castelvetro and Sciacca on the Sicilian south coast in a thunderbolt drive which has placed them but a little over 20 miles from the western tip of Sicily, allied headquarters reported today.

(Acting Secretary of War Patterson said in Washington that late reports indicated the American seventh army had reached the outskirts of Marsala, virtually completing a dash to the western extremity of Sicily.)

Crotona Hit
A strong force of British warships bombarded Crotona on the Gulf of Taranto in the Italian mainland Tuesday night, coinciding with a heavy allied air raid on the airfield there, and allied motor gunboats again swept Messina strait where they sank two Italian motor torpedo boats.

A navy communique said a chemical works was hit in the Crotona bombardment and that the fleet suffered neither casualties nor damage.

No Shipping
The round-trip circuit of motor gunboats through Messina (Continued on Page Two)

American Sub Presumed Lost On War Patrol

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The navy announced today the American submarine Triton, bold raider of Japanese shipping, "must be presumed to be lost" on a war patrol.

The Triton, which had destroyed more than a dozen enemy warships and merchantmen, was commanded by Lieutenant Commander George Kenneth MacKenzie Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The vessel carried a normal complement of about 60 men.

It was the tenth United States undersea boat to be lost in this (Continued on Page Two)

WLB Presses to Up Shipbuilders' Wages

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The request of the nation's shipbuilding workers for a general wage increase to offset the increased costs of living has been turned down by the war labor board, the Washington Post says.

The CIO industrial union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers had sought a 9 per cent pay increase, while the American AFL metal trades department asked only an increase to compensate for increased living costs.

Strike Reasons

Sprawling Los Angeles' two transportation systems are the Los Angeles Railway company, operating the "yellow" trolleys and buses, and the Pacific Electric Railway company, operating the "red" cars and buses.

Operators for Pacific Electric, which also serves the numerous suburbs, presently are voting on a similar work stoppage. Pacific Electric workers, getting from 77 to 87 cents top, had been granted a 13-cent raise by the railway labor panel emergency board. Fred M. Vinson, director of economic stabilization, ordered this cut to three cents.

Possibility of army interference in the work stoppage was dispelled with a statement by Brig. Gen. R. E. McQuillen, second in command of the southern California sector of the western defense command.