

### 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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### Weather

August 2—High 78, Low 48  
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Stream year to date ..... 17.65  
Last year ..... 13.17 Normal ..... 12.18

# NAZIS' M. ETNA LINE BUCKLES

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
A FEW outlines of probable fact are beginning to emerge from the fogs that have shrouded the Italian situation in the past week and a half.

THE Germans seem to have handled a bad situation rather well.

They've gained the time they so critically needed to organize strong defensive positions in the valleys of the Po and the Adige—Italy's most important industrial and strategic areas.

They've plugged what might have been a nasty gap at Fiume, at the eastern tip of the Isthrian "peninsula," which is the finger of Italian soil that curves around the upper end of the Adriatic sea. Through this gap, if it hadn't been walled up, we might have been able to move LATER from Jugoslavia into the rear of the German positions in northern Italy.

In the face of possible disaster, they've moved swiftly and boldly, with no signs of panic.

FOR an accurate and realistic estimate of Badoglio and his little partner Victor Emanuel, we shall have to wait—possibly for the verdict of history.

But we know already that Badoglio is no superman, to be included in the list of the great patriots of history.

If he had been, he would have known that Hitler is the enemy of the Italian people and would have taken advantage of the confusion following Mussolini's downfall to STRIKE HARD AT GERMAN.

Instead he temporized and fiddled and gave the Germans precious time.

IT may be, of course, that WE didn't strike boldly enough when the iron of Italian upheaval was hot. But there were limiting military factors, such as lack of sufficient forces for an enterprise of such magnitude. We were probably compelled in the sudden emergency to lean upon Badoglio, who has proved to be a weak reed.

YOU must understand that these are pure guesses, based upon the flimsiest kind of evidence.

We outsiders are a mere audience sitting before a stage with the curtains down and speculating from obscure noises, blurred shadows and such-like undependable testimony as to what is going on behind the curtain.

Our opinions can't count for much.

AT any rate, we're emerging from rosy dreams and getting back today to the hard realities of war.

We're going after Sicily for blood. Patton's 7th American army is pounding its way eastward along the northern coast toward Messina. The Canadians are driving a wedge in the center toward Mount Etna. Montgomery is in action at Catania.

We're taking Sicily the hard way, in order to use it as a base for the accomplishment of whatever has to be done in Italy.

DON'T get the idea we haven't GAINED by what- ever has happened in Italy. We have. We've gained and the Germans have lost. We're far better off than we were.

AND don't take your eye off Italy, even for a moment. Much remains to happen there yet, and most of it will be useful over the long pull of us.

DNB (German propaganda service) says today FDR has offered a seven-point armistice proposal to Italy—involving stopping of fighting by the Italian army and navy, the end of Italian collaboration with Germany, bringing back of Italian troops now in the Balkans and France, handing over war materials undamaged, a British-American-Russian military government for Italy, arrest of war

## TROOPS PUSH TO EDGE OF MUNDA FIELD

### Biblo Hill Seized in Drive; Resistance Lessens

**By C. YATES McDANIEL**  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 3 (AP)—The battle of Munda neared its climax today with United States forces breaking down final Japanese defensive positions after a general advance of 500 to 1,200 yards carried them almost to the edge of the strategic New Georgia airfield.

Supplementing General Douglas MacArthur's Tuesday communique which announced the advance, a naval spokesman for Admiral William F. Halsey's command in the South Pacific said American troops reached a point "close to the eastern edge of the field."

**Biblo Hill Taken**  
A portion of Biblo Hill, enemy stronghold defending the northeast approach to Munda, was captured in the American onrush, the spokesman said. He disclosed that tanks, flame throwers and artillery supported marine and army units in their advance.

Many Japanese were killed in the attack. Although there was no indication of retreat, Japanese resistance was not as strong as heretofore.

Simultaneously allied forces in New Guinea brought the Japa-

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## Lewis Appears Before WLB for UMW Portal Pay

**By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—John L. Lewis told the war labor board today that American miners "are the only mine workers in any civilized country who do not receive compensation for travel time at each end of the shift."

Without a trace of belligerence before the board he long defied and ignored, Lewis appeared in behalf of a proposed supplemental wage agreement with the Illinois coal operators which would increase miners' earnings a minimum of \$2.75 a day, including \$1.25 for travel time.

Lewis' United Mine Workers contended the miners are entitled to portal-to-portal pay not only under the wage and hour law, but under their contract, as a just correction of a working condition. Wayne L. Morse, public member of the board, said this was a new approach to the portal-to-portal pay problem.

Morse implied that so far as he is concerned the problem had been considered exclusively in the light of requirements laid down by the wage and

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## Roosevelt's Seven-Point Armistice Demands Revealed as Badoglio Stalls

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—A DNB broadcast of a Geneva dispatch to Il Popolo Di Roma, recorded by the Associated Press, declared today President Roosevelt had advanced a seven-point armistice proposal to Italy.

(There was no comment in Washington.)

The axis account, without confirmation from allied quarters, listed the points proposed as follows:

- 1—The Italian army and navy are to cease all resistance.
- 2—Collaboration with Germany must cease at once.
- 3—Italian troops in Greece, Albania, France and former Yugoslavia are to be withdrawn at once.
- 4—War materials must be handed over to the allies undamaged.
- 5—An Anglo-American-Soviet military government will be

## Battle Hero



James Stalp, 23 (above), sea-man first class from Nashville, Tenn., gunner on a small ship carrying gas and vehicles off Guadalcanal, was a hero in the big air battle off the island, June 18. His ship was hit and set afire by Jap bombs. He rescued three men, carrying one of them the length of the burning ship. He then returned to his gun and shot down a Jap bomber. Associated Press photo from U. S. signal corps.

## TEN-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNS IN CANAL

### Eugene Jackson Slips Down Bank; Body Recovered

The government's "A" canal through Klamath Falls claimed another life Monday evening when Eugene C. Jackson, 10, slipped into the stream and was drowned near the Main street bridge. It was the first canal drowning this year, but it added to a heavy toll covering a period of several years.

The Jackson boy slipped down a near-vertical bank at the east side of the bridge while throwing rocks into the stream, (Continued on Page Two)

## Klamath Men Awarded Oak Leaf Clusters

Two Klamath county men have been awarded Oak Leaf clusters to their Air Medals, it was announced today by the war department. They are Captain John B. Harding of Klamath Falls who received his eighth bronze Oak Leaf cluster to his Air Medal and Staff Sergeant Ray R. Cryderman of Keno who received his first bronze Oak Leaf cluster to his Air Medal.

Harding, who was here on furlough recently, is a pilot of a Flying Fortress and has seen considerable action in North Africa and from England. His wife, the former Margaret Horton, and he, attended Klamath Union high school.

Staff Sergeant Cryderman re-

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## NEWELL WRA PROJECT TO BE ENLARGED

### Strong Fence, Housing For More Guards To Be Built

Well-founded reports that the Tulacake WRA project is to be enlarged immediately to house 10,000 evacuees, an addition of about 3000 over the present capacity, were received here Tuesday, and aroused apprehension in the basin lest a building program at the project will upset the labor situation here as it did when the original camp was built.

**Larger Guard**  
It was also reported that additions will be made to the military guard facilities to house a battalion, and that a strong fence is to be constructed around the project.

The whole development program now in prospect, it is understood, results from the decision of the WRA to segregate all disloyal evacuees in the 10 WRA camps and concentrate them at the Tulacake project.

It was reported a well-known contracting firm has been given the contract and is to finish the job by October 1.

**Labor Disturbance**  
The Klamath county chamber of commerce received messages of concern from farm sources in the basin over the possibility that the reported building project would create a serious disturbance in the delicate basin labor supply situation. Chamber executive com-

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## Three-Day-Old Girl Kidnapped From Hospital

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP)—The mysterious disappearance of a three-day-old girl from a hospital nursery here today sent state, county and city police on a hunt for a kidnaper.

The baby was born to Mrs. B. W. Gurney, wife of the president of a labor union, Veneer & Plywood Workers, AFL, here Sunday. She was taken early today from the second floor nursery of the Albany General hospital, Chief of Police Perry Stellmacher said.

Although Chief Stellmacher hinted that the case might be "broken" soon, he said there was an absence of clues. The parents are not wealthy, precluding the probability that ransom was the motive. The Gurneys, parents of another 8-year-old girl, insisted they had no enemies.

A nurse, Mrs. McQuaid, the police chief said, heard a baby crying in the nursery at 2 a. m. When she investigated, she found the Gurney baby missing. A blanket had been rolled and placed in the crib, possibly to make it appear that the occupant still was there.

Established in Italy until the end of operations.

6—The arrest of all war criminals.

7—The release of all allied prisoners of war on Italian soil.

The roundabout report through axis channels followed up repeated German and Italian rumors of negotiations for an armistice, as opposed to the allied demands for unconditional surrender.

**Badoglio Silent**  
Premier Marshal Badoglio continued his silent defiance of the allied warnings of air bombardments and invasion to come.

Anti-fascist forces inside Italy were reported gathering strength to aid allied divisions when defenses of the Italian mainland are finally breached.

That an allied landing on the southern shores of Italy is not far distant was promised the Italian people yesterday by

## "Peace!" Is Cry of Italians in Turin



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## FIFTY MORE TOWNS FALL TO RED PUSH

### Nazis Claim Russian Breach in South Nullified

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Driving soviet divisions crashed into the suburban villages of embattled Orel tonight capturing the railway station of Dominio, seven miles east of the city, Filatovka and Stish, five miles to the south.

The special Russian bulletin, recorded by the soviet monitor, also indicated that the second big German summer offensive in Russia had ingloriously petered out like the first at Orel last month.

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The Russians, driving upon Orel from the south, have captured the town of Stish, 10 miles below the big semi-circled nazi bastion, and have advanced from four to six miles on various sectors of the Orel front, Moscow announced. (Continued on Page Two)

## RAF Batters Hamburg for Eighth Time

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—A great fleet of the RAF's biggest bombers returned to battered Hamburg last night and gave that once-thriving German port its eighth pounding in 10 days to break all records for sustained attacks upon a single target.

Fires set in the last assault on Hamburg Thursday night were still burning as the RAF swept over the city to add to the havoc created by some 8,000 tons of bombs dropped in the seven previous raids.

Thirty bombers were reported lost in the raid, which was carried out in great force and was accompanied by attacks upon other objectives in northwest Germany, an announcement said.

An air ministry communique said that in addition to the raid on Hamburg, other bombers blasted objectives in the Ruhr valley, and that Beaufighters and Mosquitos from the fighter command flew deep into Holland and northwest Germany. Airfields and targets at Syll and Cuxhaven were bombed, but results were not announced. Two (Continued on Page Two)

## No Wedding Bells for Memphis Belle Pilot

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 3 (AP)—Romance has flown from the hearts of Margaret Olk and Major Robert K. Morgan, the heroic young pilot of her Flying Fortress namesake, "The Memphis Belle."

That word came last night from blond Miss Polk who revealed: "There will be no wedding. But Bob and I will always be good friends."

## General Tax Rate Cut Set For Klamath in 1943-1944



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Reflecting the effects of the new state school support law, 1943-44 tax rates for Klamath county as announced today show a general reduction under last year.

Only Malin's rate is higher than 1942-43, due to an increased

City	42-44	42-43
Klamath Falls	72.4	74.1
Bonanza	49.5	51.2
Chiloquin	32.7	39.0
Malin	70.8	67.7
Merrill	55.7	58.9
Principal suburban	33.8	40.8
General country area	27.7	31.0

budget and a somewhat lower valuation. The rate in every other taxing unit is lower.

County Assessor Newton Nelson disclosed that the amount available from the state school support fund was sufficient to offset the entire budget for the county unit elementary district.

The result was that no levy was necessary in that district, and this omission shows up favorably in the combined levies for outside communities and the county.

**Funds to District**  
Under the new law, funds from the state income tax are distributed to the various school districts throughout the state on a pupil day basis. Klamath county's total allocation was \$188,578.30, divided as follows:

- Elementary school district, No. 1—\$52,703.17.
- Union high district No. 2—\$26,407.78.
- County unit elementary—\$86,493.42.
- County unit high school—\$22,973.93.

The county's assessed valuation for the coming year is \$386,142.15 under that of the previous year. This year's total is \$32,619,824.14.

Assessor Nelson said the assessed value reduction was due to a marked curtailment in building construction, together with an exceptionally heavy timber cut, and county foreclos-

## Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R. H. E.
New York	5 13 1
Cincinnati	3 5 1
Feldman and Lombardi; Riddle, Shoun (9), Fisher (7) and Mueller.	

	R. H. E.
Boston	6 7 0
Pittsburgh	1 5 1
Andrews and Masi; Riscigno, Podgajny (6) and Baker.	

	R. H. E.
Detroit	4 11 0
New York	0 3 1
Trucks, Henshaw (6) and Richards; Bonham and Dickey.	

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Cleveland	11 15 4
Boston	9 16 2
Bagby, Reynolds (9) and Rosar; Terry, Ryba (5) E. O'Neill (6) and Partee.	

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