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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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BRITISH POUND INTO CATANIA

Reds Wrest Orel, Belgorod From Nazis Eighth Army Sweeps Around Mt. Etna Base

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
CATANIA falls to the British. Orel falls to the Russians. There's NEWS today. It's good news for our side; bad news for the Germans.

STATE POLICE STYMIED IN KIDNAP CASE

Public Aid Asked; Portland Lead Seems Best

ALBANY, Aug. 5 (AP)—Oregon state police invited the public into the Judith Gurney kidnaping case today with a request for any scrap of information that might lead to the tiny girl's return.

Admitting that investigation has failed to bring them any closer to a solution than when the tot was abducted from her crib at Albany general hospital early Tuesday at the age of two days, state officers asked that any tips be telephoned immediately to headquarters here.

Maybe Valuable
"Even though information may appear trivial, it may turn out to be a valuable lead," said Officer Curtis Chambers.

Police still sought a young woman who entered a Portland drug store with a baby in her arms Tuesday night and bought an infant's feeding formula of which she apparently had little knowledge.

Nearest Lead
Sgt. Earl Houston indicated this was the nearest thing to a tangible lead in the case thus far but reported no progress despite the combined efforts of state and Portland officers.

Employees of the drug store said the woman, accompanied by a soldier, bought a nursing bottle and nipple before asking advice on what formula to buy. Doctors ordinarily specify a formula for mothers. The soldier, reported one clerk, stood (Continued on Page Two)

German Troop Trains in Sweden To Be Halted

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5 (AP)—Transportation of German troops across Sweden to and from Norway will be halted August 20 and the movement of Nazi war materials will be discontinued August 15, a Swedish communication announced today.

The action had been expected here for weeks while Sweden carefully brought her military preparedness to its highest state of efficiency since the war began.

It was estimated that Sweden has close to 400,000 men under arms. The importance of the military traffic was revealed recently by the Swedish press, which said 250,000 German soldiers had moved annually between Germany and Norway via Sweden.

Flash Flood Drowns Nine In Central West Virginia

SUTTON, W. Va., Aug. 5 (AP)—Nine persons were drowned and at least seven others were missing today in a raging flash flood that swept through central West Virginia, trapping many persons in their homes as they slept.

State Police Sgt. L. L. Waugh reported that the bodies of Mrs. Lydia Queen, 38, and three of her children, Martin 12, Robert 10, and Alma, one year old, had been recovered from turgid O'Brien Fork creek at Heaters, 10 miles from Sutton.

Carried Away
Two other Queen children, Phyllis 8 and Peggy 2, had not been accounted for, and authorities figured they also had been carried away in the swirling torrents that followed the sudden storm.

Governor Visits Commando Service Room



Governor Earl Snell, in Klamath Falls Thursday to officiate at the western pine tree farm dedication, is shown at Commando headquarters which he inspected. Captain Bernie Heidemann of the Commandos is pouring a cup of coffee for the distinguished guest, while Lt. Bonell Aubrey and Lt. Mabel Soderstrom of the Commandos look on.

CAPTURE OF HILLS AT MUNDA EXPECTED

Jap, American Troops Battle at Fringe Of Airstrip

By C. YATES McDANIEL
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 5 (AP)—United States infantrymen fought at close grips today with Japanese on the south fringe of the Munda airfield opposite its center after breaking through a long, covered trench. The battle for possession of the New Georgia island air strip, which long since has ceased to serve Japanese planes but which (Continued on Page Two)

RAF Mosquitos Sting Rhineland In Night Raid

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Swift RAF Mosquito bombers attacked objectives in the Ruhr and Rhineland last night in a renewal of assaults on German industry, it was announced today.

The British planes made the night attacks without loss, it was announced. British naval aircraft also attacked a flotilla of eight German "E-boats" off Calais during the night and sank three and seriously damaged a fourth, the air ministry news service announced today.

Retroactive Pay Increases Get Recommendation

A recommendation made by Referee R. M. Steiner of the war labor board that Weyerhaeuser Timber company employees get a retroactive pay increase of 7 1/2 cents dated back to September, 1942, reached the local offices of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, today.

Details affecting all the operations affiliated with the IWA-CIO were not given, but in some cases it was learned that the retroactive date extends back farther than September. Pelican Bay employees working a split shift were recommended a 3 cent per hour increase above the night shift differential. Further details were expected when copies of the recommendation were received by the local office.

Snell Marks Weyerhaeuser Holdings in Klamath as Nation's Top Tree Farm

With appropriate ceremonies, the first marker designating the Weyerhaeuser Timber holdings here as the nation's No. 1 tree farm, was placed beside Greensprings highway today by Governor Earl Snell.

Commenting on his principal mission here, Governor Snell remarked that "Oregon leads the nation" in a complete forestry program including fire prevention, orderly cutting, sustained yield, tree planting, and the utilization of the waste by-products of lumber.

Public and civic officials were present at the brief roadside ceremonies, symbolic of conservation practices established throughout the 506,000 acres of Weyerhaeuser holdings here. The marker stands in the midst of vigorous young pine growth, with a mature ponderosa pine in the background. It was the first of many to be placed at strategic spots on the tree farm. Governor Snell was confronted with a busy program this morning when he came in on the overnight train from Salem.

In addition to the marker ceremonies in the afternoon, he was scheduled as principal speaker at the tree farm banquet to be held at the Willard hotel this evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Others on the banquet program are A. J. Vove, president of the Western Pine association, N. S. Rogers, state forester; J. P. Weyerhaeuser, executive vice president of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company; R. R. Macartney, general manager of the WTCO operations here. Mayor John Houston will introduce Governor Snell, whose topic will be "What Tree Farming Means to Oregon." President Vern Owens of the chamber of commerce will preside.

First Certified
The Weyerhaeuser farm is the first to be certified in the Western Pine association area, and the largest in the country. A tree farm is an area devoted to forest products production, protected against fire, insects, disease and over-grazing, with the (Continued on Page Two)

Wesley D. McNee Succeeds Don Drury At Kalpine Plant
Wesley D. McNee, present manager of the Ralph L. Smith Lumber company, Inc., will assume management of the Kalpine Plywood company on August 15, it was announced Thursday.

At Kalpine, McNee succeeds Don Drury, who has gone to Mexico City to take over an industrial post. McNee came here in February, 1942, from Spokane, where he was sales manager for the White Pine Sash company.

R. C. Hastings, office manager of the Smith Lumber company, will take temporary charge when McNee leaves. Hastings previously was with the Algoma Lumber company.

KEY BASTIONS TOPPLE UNDER RUSS HAMMER

Kharkov Endangered By Loss of Two Towns

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Red armies crumpling the German lines in south-central Russia have captured Orel and Belgorod, 165 miles to the south, Moscow announced tonight in a special communique.

Seizure of Orel ended German possession of a prize defense base the nazis had held for nearly two years, and the capture of Belgorod found the Russians again holding another key railway city from which they had been ousted by the Germans last March.

Endangers Kharkov
Belgorod's fall also endangered the German garrison at Kharkov, the big Ukrainian base only 45 miles to the southwest.

The scope of the Russian drive suggested a general offensive throughout south-central Russia.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP)—The battle for the stronghold of Orel reached its blazing climax today with the red army fighting its way through the streets of the city to complete the reconquest of its first major objective of 1943, and signs of danger (Continued on Page Two)

Plane Crash Kills Eleven At NuBieber

BIEBER, Calif., Aug. 5—Killing at least 11, and perhaps 12 men, a four-motored army plane crashed into an open field one mile west of NuBieber shortly before midnight Wednesday.

The wreckage burned fiercely and bodies were found scattered over an acre. Eye witnesses said the plane flew low over NuBieber from the northeast before it struck in a field close to Big Valley mountain.

Deputy Coroner James Ryan of Lassen county notified the Sacramento army air depot of the accident. Lassen County Sheriff Olin Johnson guarded the wreckage pending the expected arrival of army authorities. Parts of the plane were strewn along a mile of Big Valley soil.

Italian Situation Still Unsettled as Government Meet Stirs Peace Hopes

By The Associated Press
The Rome radio broadcast a royal decree yesterday (Thursday) formalizing the dissolution of the fascist party, the grand fascist council and other fascist organizations.

The decree also ordered the suppression of the use of the word fascist in connection with government institutions and offices.

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP)—The Swiss radio reported that all members of the old fascist grand council except Gen. Angelo Rossi, Giuseppe Astianini and two others attended a meeting of Premier Badoglio's Italian cabinet today.

By DANIEL De LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 5 (AP)—British eighth army troops seized Catania early today and swept around the base of Mt. Etna to the northwest capturing Paterno, 10 miles away, to crumble the German line on the east coast of Sicily, headquarters announced.

Catania fell to the eighth army at 8:30 a. m. (2:30 a. m., EWT) today, after a bitter defense since July 15, and the British pounded ahead in a lightning advance clockwise around the base of Mt. Etna.

HEART BROKEN
The heart of the German army corps appears to be broken.

Paterno is 10 miles northwest of Catania, and it was assumed that Misterbianco, three miles northwest of Catania, also had been engulfed.

German withdrawal of non-essential personnel from Sicily has been in progress for the last five or six days, it was learned authoritatively.

MT. ETNA LINE BLAST
The German defense road around Mt. Etna was blasted apart by the British successes today and the next German line was expected to run from Taormina across the northeastern tip of the island to the seacoast on the northeast behind San Fratello, which already is menaced by U. S. seventh army troops.

This would mean abandonment of the whole Mt. Etna area by the axis.

CLEANUP EXPECTED
The east coast stretch of road between Catania and Taormina was expected to be cleaned up by the eighth army with great speed.

The days of the enemy's resistance in Sicily were greatly shortened, but there is a possibility that a fair share of the German and Italian forces might be withdrawn in small boats across the two-mile-wide Messina Strait.

ESCAPE POSSIBLE
Regardless of allied naval patrols and the continual hammering by allied war planes, small vessels can slip across this narrow channel with some success by avoiding regular harbors and using beaches.

The whole German left flank based on the heights of Mt. Etna was in grave danger from the British success achieved after terrific and incessant combat since the giant allied offensive on the entire Sicilian front began on Sunday.

Line Breaks
Pressed back from the western edge of the Catania plain and smothered under a furious, massed artillery barrage that continued day and night, the German line around bomb and fire-scarred Catania broke early today.

Catania was taken despite strong enemy resistance, a special communique said. The allied advance continued all along the front, headquarters said, as American, Canadian and British troops drove the Germans back toward their last escape port of Messina, 55 miles north of Catania, and tremendous aerial and sea blows were hammered home in support of the great drive.

Shell Taormina Road
British warships rained shells upon the Taormina road and railway midway between Catania and Messina yesterday, giving that exposed communication center what was believed to be its heaviest bombardment yet.

American cruisers and destroyers (Continued on Page Two)

One Dead, 17 Poisoned From Cream-Based Pie
EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—A child died today and 17 persons were brought to hospitals here suffering from what Dr. C. L. Lindgren, Lane county health officer, said was poisoning from eating cream-based pies.

Lindgren said the pies were distributed by a bakery at Cottage Grove, some 20 miles south of here, but he had not determined whether the poisoning resulted from the handling of the pies in the bakery or by purchasers.

NOTE that Italians getting out of the trouble zone seem to be going in large numbers to Spain—at least those who can get air transportation.

Why? One explanation is that it's farthest from Germany.

WHAT will happen in Italy is still anybody's guess. But what everybody WANTS in Italy (Continued on Page Two)

Signs Scribbled
A Swiss correspondent in Milan said an air of desperation had settled on the Italian people and signs were scribbled on walls at night reading: "Death to Badoglio and the King."
"We want Peace and Work."
"The Germans Must Get Out of Italy."
Cardinal Maglione, papal secretary of state, meanwhile convoked an extraordinary session of the 16 cardinals now in Rome for the apparent purpose, said (Continued on Page Two)