

### Blackout Signal

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### Weather News

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Last year .....13.17 Normal .....12.39

# ALLIED AIRMEN POUNCE ON AXIS

## Randazzo Falls

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
CAREFUL panning of today's news yields a few nuggets of fact and large masses of speculation.

THE scanty nuggets of fact have to do with bombings. Rome is hit again by American daylight bombers—on a scale at least equal to last month's attack.

Milan and Turin, in Italy's industrial Po valley, are smashed by RAF bombers in what the British air ministry describes as "greater strength than ever before."

Berlin is bombed by swift British Mosquitos, whose job is to flit in and out so fast the anti-aircraft gunners can't hit them.

Nine American Liberators from somewhere in the north hit the Jap Kuriles again.

TO these kernels of fact, let's add a few guesses. The Italian bombings, both in Rome and in the valley of the Po, are intended as threatening hints to the Italians that they'd better quit stalling.

The Berlin attack is intended to keep the Germans jittery. The Kuriles thrust is intended to show the Japs they can be hit from the north and so they'd better be careful about extending themselves to the south.

THE German evacuation of Sicily is reported to be proceeding at a quickened pace. Ships are scuttling back and forth across the Messina strait under an unprecedented umbrella of anti-aircraft fire designed to keep our murderous bombers away. This means, of course, that the end of Sicily is near.

THE Russians roll on. They're 25 miles from Bryansk and only 5 miles from Kharkov. They appear to the Germans there will apparently fight to the finish instead of attempting a strategic retreat.

It looks like another German fight to GAIN TIME to prepare another defense line.

THAT about finishes the factual developments. On the speculative side of the news Russia's absence from the Churchill-FDR session easily tops the list.

Russia announces through Tass, the official government news agency (an institution which we, thank the Lord, don't have) that the soviet government "did not receive an invitation to be present at the meeting."

Tass adds: "Because of the NATURE OF THE CONFERENCE, participation of any one representative of the soviet government is not envisaged."

IF you can figure that out, you're good. This writer has a notion that it's just as well not to try.

All this fuss about Stalin's absence from the current Churchill-Roosevelt confab may be just dust in the enemy's eyes. It may have been agreed in advance that Churchill will return via Moscow to give Stalin a firsthand report of everything that was done.

## SEVENTH ARMY TAKES GERMAN STRONGHOLD

### Nazis Speed Retreat Across Messina Straits

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 13 (AP)—The allies have captured Randazzo, key axis stronghold in the center of the front in northeast Sicily, it was announced tonight.

The American seventh army troops entered the city this morning, thus collapsing the center of the shrinking axis lines remaining on the Messina bridgehead.

Storm From West  
The Americans stormed into the highland town from the west and north barely ahead of British troops thrusting up from the south.

Large numbers of German grenadiers were believed to be facing capture in the area, although the bulk of the troops probably tried to escape eastward to the coast in the neighborhood of Taormina. The latter point itself is menaced by British troops advancing from the south.

The Germans were being pursued along a 20-mile road from Randazzo to Taormina.

Reach Edge of City  
By nightfall yesterday the Americans had reached the edge of the city, ravaged by shells and air bombs. They fought (Continued on Page Two)

## Support Plan Splits Subsidy Opposition

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—The administration appeared today to have split opposition to its food subsidy rollback program with its billion dollar 1944 agricultural price support plan.

While Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.) declared the new idea "looks like the subsidy of the consumer by subterfuge," Senator Aiken (R-Vt.), another leader in the recent farm bloc fight against subsidies, predicted congress would welcome any workable plan which would guarantee agricultural prices to encourage production.

"I think such a proposal would have a good reception in congress," the Vermonter told an interviewer. "It would cost the least of any program thus far suggested and in my opinion it would be the best means of assuring adequate production."

Food Administrator Marvin Jones reportedly is preparing to request an increase of upwards of a billion dollars in funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to finance price guarantees to farmers on selected crops.

The money would be used to support farm prices at levels designed to encourage maximum production. Where support (Continued on Page Two)

## Churchill, FDR Talks May Emphasize Military; Commanders to Be Selected

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
QUEBEC, Aug. 13 (AP)—A Moscow announcement that Russia was not invited to sit in on the councils which President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill will open here soon suggested today the conferences would emphasize military rather than political aspects of allied war plans.

Prime Minister Churchill and Family in Quebec



British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, his wife and daughter, are shown with Canadian Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King after their arrival in Quebec. Left to right: Mrs. Churchill, Prime Minister Churchill, Prime Minister MacKenzie King, and Mary Churchill, who is a subaltern in the British auxiliary territorial service.

## Russ Squeeze Tighter on Kharkov; New Front Told

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Russian troops smashed to within a mile of Kharkov on the northeast today, reached a point 32 miles from Bryansk, and made gains of up to 13 miles in a new offensive aimed at Smolensk, Moscow announced tonight.

directions: From the district northwest of Spas Demensk southwards from the region southwest of the town towards the northwest.

Crack Line  
The troops moving south cracked the strongly fortified German defense line on a front of 22 miles, the bulletin said.

This column in the north advanced 13 miles, while the column in the south gained 11 miles after breaking through the front in a nine-mile swath.

The two attacks apparently (Continued on Page Two)

## Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Washington	11 11 1
Detroit	3 6 2
Candini and Gulliani; O'err, mize, Dana (1), Gorsica (2), Orrell (7) and Unser.	
New York	4 7 0
St. Louis	0 9 0
Chandler and Sears; Niggelung, Potter (8) and Ferrell, Hayes (8).	
Philadelphia	4 9 2
Cleveland	6 10 2
Black and Swift, Harder and Rosar.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Chicago	4 12 2
Boston	5 10 2
Passeau and McCullough; Andrews and Masi.	

## Landis Heads for New Job in War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—James M. Landis, civilian defense director, appeared today to be headed toward a new job in the war effort.

Stephen Early, press secretary at the White House, said he would not deny published reports that Landis would resign soon to become a lend-lease adviser at Cairo, Egypt.

yesterday and then left for an unknown destination.

## NAZI GOVERNMENT LEAVING BERLIN

Major Offices Said Shifted to Vienna

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 13 (AP)—Reports reaching here said today that a substantial part of the Nazi government machinery has been transferred from Berlin to Vienna for safety from allied air raids.

These reports also claimed that Nazi authorities were considering proclaiming their capital an open city in an effort to save it from the same fate which struck Hamburg, Cologne, Dueseldorf and other German cities.

However, pending any decision, many major offices of the reichs-chancellery, foreign office, high command and ministries of marine, air and home affairs were said to have been (Continued on Page Two)

## Couple Arrested on Liquor Theft Charge

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP)—Assistant U. S. Attorney Mason Dillard said today the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Ruffy Vivian Morris and his wife, Edna, at Baker in connection with theft of whiskey from a railroad car several weeks ago at Huntington.

The couple has been charged with receiving a number of cases of the stolen whiskey, Dillard said. The arrests were made last night.

## Merchant Vessel Sunk in South Atlantic

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—The navy reported today that a medium sized United States merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine early in July in the South Atlantic. Survivors have landed at Miami, Fla., and New York.

The navy said none of the 40-man crew was killed or seriously injured.

## Gusiev New Soviet Diplomat in England

MOSCOW, Aug. 13 (AP)—The president of the supreme council of the soviet union announced today appointment of Fedor Tarasovich Gusiev to the post of soviet ambassador to Great Britain.

## American, RAF Bombs Tear Railway Yards, Air, Navy Bases in - -

### Rome

By RELMAN MORIN  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 13 (AP)—An American air armada of possibly 500 planes swarmed over Rome shortly before noon today, smashing the San Lorenzo and Littorio railroad yards, key hubs of the axis communications system in Italy.

The first waves of Flying Fortresses from Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's command roared over the San Lorenzo yards a little after 11 a. m., while lighter Mitchells and Marauders were coming in at low level over the Littorio yards, bombing and pouring tracers into the Albany burning target area.

Equal First Raid  
The number of bombers participating in the mass attack was said to equal those that raided the Italian capital July 19, when 500 heavy American bombers and 200 fighters took part. A total of 1100 tons of explosives were loosed then.

The attacks today brought home to the Italian people recent (Continued on Page Two)

### Milan

By FRANK BRUTO  
ON THE SWISS - ITALIAN FRONTIER, Aug. 13 (AP)—The British air attack on industrial Milan early this morning was described by that city's newspapers as "the most violent" of this war, with destruction sown in all parts of the city.

The alarm sounded shortly after midnight and the all clear was not given until 2 a. m. Bombers swept over the city in waves and were met by the most intensive anti-aircraft fire yet put up by Milan's batteries.

Night Batteries  
From Chiasso, Swiss town on the Italian border, Italian night fighters could be heard in the air. Two planes were distinctly seen falling in flames as the whole sky glowed with the effects of numerous explosive and incendiary bombs.

The Milan newspapers asserted that one of the spires of the city's noted cathedral was hit. The famous Palazzo Marino on the Piazza Della Scala, seat of the municipality, was burned to (Continued on Page Two)

### Kuriles

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN  
ADAK, Alaska, Aug. 12 (Delayed) (AP)—In a raid which caught the Japanese by surprise, nine Liberators dropped fragmentation and incendiary bombs yesterday on Paramushiro and Shimushu, fought off 40 enemy fighting planes and shot down at least five.

Two American planes failed to return. Three Liberators were damaged but returned without casualties.

No Enemy Planes  
Returning pilots reported no enemy planes were in the air as they arrived over the target, the raid apparently surprising the Japanese as did the first Paramushiro bombing July 20.

One force concentrated on the Katsuka naval base, and the second force worked on the Japanese army's Kashiwabara staging base.

## "Gas Rich" Klamath Boys Bring Wrath Of OPA on Heads of Service Stations

Intention of proceeding against at least one service station in Klamath Falls was announced here Friday by George R. Lewis, OPA enforcement attorney, following disclosure of a sensational incident at Ashland last weekend involving two "gas rich" Klamath Falls boys.

Lewis said that the disclosures made by the youths, upon questioning, indicated violations of OPA rulings by gasoline stations and that suspension procedure in at least one case was planned.

Caught in Park  
According to the Ashland Tidings, the two Klamath Falls youths and two Klamath girls were apprehended in Lithia

park in Ashland last Sunday night and lodged in jail, while the girls were taken to their parents. One boy, under 18, was fined \$10 for loitering in the park after hours, and the other boy, just 18, was fined \$10 for "aiding and abetting" a minor to evade Ashland's curfew law.

But what interested OPA officials here was the discovery of various gas coupons and a five-gallon can of gasoline in the car used by the youths, followed by a statement from one of the youths concerning their evasion of gas rationing restrictions.

Youth Quoted  
The youth was quoted by Ashland authorities as follows: "I applied to the Klamath

Falls ration board for a non-highway ration book and fraudulently stated I was going to use the gasoline for a tractor. Instead, I used most of the gasoline in my own car, a 1930 Ford roadster. I did not have an A book on this car and brought it to Klamath Falls from Portland, using the "E" ration tickets. Usually, I had the service station attendant put the gas in a can and later I would put it in the car, but on several occasions they put it directly into the gas tank of my car."

Later, the minor youth told of going into a Klamath Falls service station in the older boy's car Sunday morning, where (Continued on Page Two)

## Colorado Police Hunt Clues in Torture Killing

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 13 (AP)—In a search for clues in the torture slaying of a shepherd, Under Sheriff William MacFarlane said today one possibility was that the elderly victim was bound and left to die by sheep thieves.

The body of Bert Purdy, 65, was found in his camp wagon yesterday in a remote gulley about 18 miles south of Hayden, Colo. His arms and legs had been drawn back and tied at the small of his back. He had died, authorities said, of exposure, shock, or heart attack. He had been dead about two days.

While explaining that it was not certain Purdy was the victim of rustlers, MacFarlane said several livestock and sheep thefts had been reported recently in this northwestern Colorado section.

Purdy's employer, Eber Howell, noticed that the herder's 1300-sheep flock had scattered. The howling of Purdy's dog attracted Howell to the wagon. The dog lay beside the body.

MacFarlane said Purdy was bound by an expert. The herder he struggled to become free, the tighter he drew the cords. The rope was a quarter-inch cotton (Continued on Page Two)

## Mussolini Reported Drowned in New York News Story

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP)—The New York Post said today that, "according to reports in circles frequently very well informed, Benito Mussolini, Italy's ex-duce, drowned like a trapped rat during a van attempt to escape from Italy."

The Post, which declined to give any further information as to its sources, said the reports indicated Mussolini had embarked in a submarine from an Italian port, "probably Leghorn," shortly after his fall from political power.

"The submarine reportedly was spotted by allied airmen, who bombed it repeatedly and sent it to the bottom," the Post story continued. It added that details of the reported incident were not made clear.

## Tank Helps to Advertise Army Premiere Show

A light tank rumbled through Klamath's streets Thursday night, helping to advertise the forthcoming premiere benefit show, "This is the Army," slated for the Pelican theatre for August 18.

The tank, a Camp White contribution to the local show, has a 250 horsepower airplane engine, makes a speed of 40 miles an hour, and for armament has five 30-caliber machine guns, one 37-millimeter cannon, and one sub-machine gun.

The tank weighs 25,000 pounds, and each track weighs 2640 pounds. It can jump a seven-foot trench.

It is on display in front of the Pelican, and will be there until after the premiere showing, pro- (Continued on Page Two)

## Haying Season Over Peak; Threshing Help Needed Next

Haying season is over its peak and as yet no difficulty has been experienced by most farmers in securing help, it was announced Friday from the United States Employment office.

According to report, haying hands on the whole are better than average this year, too, especially in remaining on the job. A standard wage for farm hands was set this summer resulting in workers staying on one job instead of looking around for a place which pays higher wages.

Turn Away Men  
At the beginning of the hay season, Andy Anderson of the employment office said, as many

as eight or 10 farm hands had to be turned away each day and lately at least two or three a day, showing that there is no shortage of this kind of help at present. From July 15 to 31, 308 workers were sent out on farms from the office here.

Threshing will start next week and binders, jiggers, cutting men, sowers, cat skimmers and machine operators will then be needed.

Weeding is through for the summer. Employment office records show that between 500 and 600 youngsters helped on this project, and farmers who employed them reported a good (Continued on Page Two)