

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.

MESSINA UNDER ARTILLERY FIRE

Bryansk Next

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT'S a fair guess this morning that the Germans (or at least the bulk of them) are already out of Sicily.

ONE has to guess, because the official dispatches are fuzzy. But one of our bomber pilots is quoted as saying that the German evacuation got under way on August 7 (nine days ago) in small boats "which could buzz across the narrow waters in 20 minutes."

This pilot adds:

"The strait of Messina is built for this very kind of evacuation. The Germans have a natural time, and they are smart enough to make the most of it."

The German radio boasts today that allied efforts to break up the evacuation failed.

THE dispatches are also fuzzy regarding the status of the negotiations for declaring Rome an "open" city. London newspapers think these negotiations are only another Badoglio trick to gain time for the Germans to get out of southern Italy.

All railroads on the western side of the long, narrow Italian peninsula pass through Rome. The eastern rail route is relatively long and slow. It isn't unlikely that the Germans who have been getting out of Sicily since August 7 have been pouring through Rome.

Badoglio would naturally want to keep the important Rome gateway open for them as long as possible.

RAF bombers coming from England hit Milan last night for the third time in four nights. Swiss dispatches say the city is "one gigantic ruin," with debris piled 15 to 30 feet high in the streets and thousands of its citizens trying frantically to get out.

Other thousands of them paraded the streets this morning in another demonstration for peace.

MILAN is in the Po valley, where the Germans are supposed to have dug themselves in. They don't seem to be able to provide much protection for it.

BERLIN was bombed again last night by swift British Mosquitos. No details whatever have been given out. It may have been merely a reconnaissance raid to gain information regarding the city's defenses.

AMERICAN daylight bombers blast six big German airfields in France and Holland. From these fields German fighters would rise to harass our bombers headed for southern Germany, northern Italy, etc.

An attack on German airfields would also precede an invasion attempt by us.

THE news today is vague and indefinite, suggesting heavy censorship. The usual crop of rumors from the neutral countries and the Balkans is almost totally missing.

Such a condition often precedes the launching of big military movements.

IF we're going to launch another front this year, it's apt to come at any time now, as the end of the best fighting season isn't too far off. If we're going to hit from the west, we'll naturally want to do it while the Russians are hitting hardest from the east.

THE Russians take Karachev, 28 miles east of Bryansk, and immediately move on into the (Continued on Page Two)

SOVIET STORM TOPPLES NAZIS IN KARACHEV

Reds Trying to Halt German Defense Of Desna

By The Associated Press MOSCOW, Aug. 16 — Four red army divisions pushed ahead from the captured German bastion of Karachev on the 26-mile road to Bryansk today after severing the last main line of escape for Nazi troops trapped in the Orel salient.

The communist party newspaper Pravda said that the Soviet forces were cutting through defense forests, seeking to prevent the Germans from organizing adequate defense lines on the Desna river.

Reds Storm Karachev Karachev fell, Pravda said, when four Russian divisions stormed Nazi fortifications on the hills commanding the approaches to the city and then pursued the fleeing Nazis into the streets of the burning town.

The occupation of Karachev closed the main line of escape for Germans remaining in the Orel salient following the Russians' lightning drive westward. Orel Encircled The size of the enemy force encircled could not be estimated immediately but earlier dispatches indicated that the Germans (Continued on Page Two)

Stage Show to Precede Army Movie Premiere

A half-hour stage show will precede the premiere showing of "This is The Army," at the Pelican theatre Wednesday evening, the committee in charge announced today.

The show, starting at 8 o'clock, will include numbers of the service command unit band under Lt. Harlan, Sergeant Karrech, an impersonator, and Corporal Fred Maxin, a singer. All of these features are from Camp White.

With tickets going at a fast pace, a full house is assured for the big theatre party, proceeds of which go entirely to army emergency relief. People who plan to attend the premiere program were urged to buy their tickets immediately at the Pelican box office.

Doors of the theatre will open at 7 o'clock. The Camp White band will give a concert at 7:15 o'clock in front of the theatre.

It was announced that all reservations made over the past week should be picked up by 7 p. m. Monday, or they will be put back on sale.

Churchill in Quebec After Three-Day Visit With FDR; War Conference This Week

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL QUEBEC, Aug. 16 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill was back in Quebec today after a three-day visit with President Roosevelt at Hyde Park, and the American chief executive was expected here shortly for the opening of their war strategy conference.

An announcement from the White House in Washington yesterday gave the impression the meeting of the president and the prime minister was primarily social. But there appeared little doubt they gave preliminary consideration to the conference agenda.

FDR To Join The prime minister returned here yesterday and immediately set to work. A White House announcement said the president "is returning to Quebec, but he will join the Quebec conference this week."



The arrest of 23-year-old Barbara Ross, above, of Oakland, Calif., charged with illegal possession of 2896 gasoline ration stamps, brought to light existence of a ring with at least \$6,000 stolen "A" gasoline coupons in its possession. The girl pleaded not guilty to the charge.

NAVY MAY MAKE USE OF AIRPORT

Gunnery Practice In This Area Under Consideration

A recent revival of rumors about a mythical Upper Klamath lake naval base appears to track back to the possibility of navy aviation activity at the Klamath Falls airport.

It is understood that navy officers from Seattle have been in Klamath Falls a number of times recently in connection with proposed use of the local field as a base for gunnery practice on ranges east of here next fall and winter.

Lakeview Visited Lakeview has been visited by navy officers seeking possible sites for the gunnery ranges. One proposed range is in territory south of Hart mountain, extending to the Nevada line.

The navy officers who have visited Klamath have made no announcements concerning their plans, but local reports indicate they have advanced steadily since the possibility first came to local attention. Final decision will not be known until a formal announcement is made.

The fact that the navy men have been here apparently started new rumors about a "boot face on the bar-room floor."

Portland, Aug. 16 (AP)—William Johnson wondered today about the respective evils of drinking and not drinking.

He refused a drink from a sailor, he told police. The sailor then knocked him down, kicked him and forced a drink down his throat, he said. He was treated at a hospital for bruises.

Equipment Sale May Stop Logging At Grass Lake

Logging operations at Grass Lake for the Long-Bell Lumber company are expected to close as a result of the sale of logging equipment by Elmer Sheldon, Weed, who has been logging there for the Long-Bell company.

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Bombs Lay Waste to Milan

PANIC, FIRES SWEEP ITALIAN INDUSTRY HUB

Berlin, Paris Also Receive Aerial Pounding

LONDON, Aug. 16 (AP)—Large formations of heavy bombers and medium bombs of the USAAF and RAF Ventura and Typhoon bombers attacked six airfields in France today, including Le Bourget, the great Paris airrome, a joint British and American announcement said tonight.

"Visibility was excellent and good bombing results were reported," the announcement said.

LONDON, Aug. 16 (AP)—More than 100 two-ton bombs were dropped on Milan last night, the air ministry announced today, as neutral sources reported the city swept by panic and huge fires.

"Fires started 24 hours earlier were still burning when our bombers arrived," the air ministry reported.

Reconnaissance photographs showed three oil fires burning in one factory. Defense Stronger Milan defenses were reported stronger last night than ever before, but the flak was not severe. The Germans put up night fighters over France to intercept the bombers, but at least two were shot down.

Mosquito bombers which again (Continued on Page Two)

Layton Goes On Trial for Rape-Slaying

DALLAS, Aug. 16 (AP)—Richard Harry Layton, 36, independent contractor, former Missouri police chief, went on trial for his life today. He is charged with first degree murder in the rape-slaying of Ruth Hildebrand, 17-year-old Dallas high school girl, on the night of June 7.

Aside from jury veniremen, few persons were in the courtroom as the case opened before Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker. Selection of a jury was expected to take up the day and part of tomorrow.

District Attorney Bruce Spaulding was faced by Defense Attorneys Roy R. Hewitt, Salem, and Harry G. Hoy, Portland. Hewitt notified the prosecution he would rely on an insanity plea in defending Layton.

A grand jury indicted Layton July 9 on a charge of murder while attempting to commit rape. Two days earlier, state police had announced that Layton, serving a year's sentence in the Washington county jail at Hillsboro for assault, had confessed attacking Miss Hildebrand and knocking her into the Willamette river.

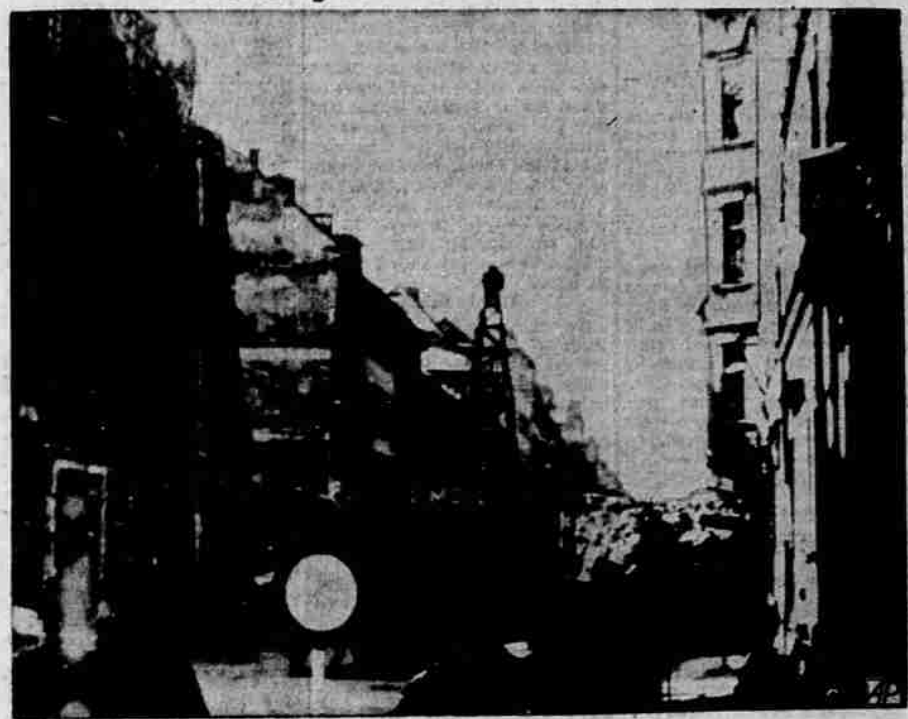
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Allied Bombing Fills Munich Streets With Rubble



Bombs dropped by allied fliers during an April raid so filled the streets of Munich, Germany with wreckage that heavy power shovels (center) were employed to clear traffic lanes. Residents watch the work. Picture obtained from undisclosed sources by OWI.

VICTORY IN SKIES OF SOUTH PACIFIC

48 Jap Planes Downed At a Cost of Five U. S. Ships

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 16 (AP)—Allied warplanes, displaying in the protection of their ground forces a vigilance equal to the zeal with which they carried the attack to the enemy, shot down 48 Japanese aircraft — 23 of them bombers — over the southwest Pacific battlefield yesterday.

This success, reported in today's communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, was achieved at a cost of only five allied planes and not more than three pilots. The ratio of nearly 10 to 1 bettered by far the all-over score of approximately 4 to 1 established in the six weeks since (Continued on Page Two)

Milan Workers Demand Peace After Bombs

CHIASSO, ON THE SWISS-ITALIAN FRONTIER, Aug. 16 (AP)—Milan workers marched through the burning ruins of that once-great industrial city in a new demonstration for peace early today, telephone reports to the frontier here said.

These reports added that the demonstration began at 6 a. m. today (midnight eastern war time), about five hours after the end of the latest RAF raid on the city.

Disregarding armed guards thrown about the still burning and smoking areas, the demonstrators picked their way through the rubble in the streets, raised cries that the war should be ended and shouted against those who caused it, the reports added.

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 16 (AP)—The Italian socialist party has issued a proclamation demanding peace and the suppression of the monarchy which it accused of "responsibility for fascism and the war that has brought Italy to ruin."

The socialist newspaper, Libera Stampa of Lugano, published the proclamation in a copy (Continued on Page Two)

Trickery Seen in Rome's "Open City" Declaration

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, Aug. 16 (AP)—Belief that the Italian declaration of Rome as an "open city" was merely a trick by Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio to spare it from further bombardment appeared to be growing in Great Britain today and Lord Beaverbrook's London Daily Express bluntly demanded that allied air attacks be continued until Italy quits the war.

There has been no official comment in London on the Italian declaration and none was anticipated in the absence of Prime

Practice Bombs Drop on Small Nebraska Town

TARNOV, Neb., Aug. 16 (AP) Six "practice" bombs were dropped on this Platte county village of 70 population at 4:15 a. m. today, causing no casualties and resulting in no explosions.

One of the bombs hit a house, missing by two or three feet two children in their bed.

Seventh service command officials at Omaha said the bombs came from planes on a routine practice flight, and that the planes apparently overshot a bombing range. Officials did not disclose where the planes were based.

Evacuation of 11 families from the "bombed" area was ordered as a safety precaution. Two officers from command headquarters, one an expert on identification of bombs and the other, a liaison officer for the OCD, investigated.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
	R H E
Cincinnati	5 8 0
New York	2 8 0
Vandermeer and Mueller; Wittig, Feldman (2) and Mancuso.	
R H E	
Pittsburgh	5 7 1
Boston	1 7 2
Gee and Lopez; Javery, Odum (8), and Kluttz.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	R H E
Washington	6 11 1
Cleveland	3 9 1
Lefebvre and Early; Bagby, Salveson (8) and Desautels.	

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ALLIES PLUNGE TO WITHIN 15 MILES OF CITY

Shells From Mainland Rother Advance Along Shore

By RELMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 16 (AP)—Allied vanguards closed to within artillery range of Messina today and, although German shore batteries opened up against the British eighth army from the Italian mainland, it was officially stated that the end of the campaign "is at hand."

The U. S. seventh army swiftly overran axis rear guards at Milazzo, 14 miles west of Messina.

Through Taormina The British struck northward through Taormina to a point 35 miles south of Messina. There, a field dispatch said, the forward elements were shelled by the long-range Nazi rifles emplaced along the toe of Italy to guard Messina strait.

The 15-inch batteries have a range of 20 miles. The Americans, pushing up between 12 and 15 miles, advanced well beyond Barcellona to within heavy artillery range of Messina and it was assumed that this main-escape hatch was already under ground fire as well as aerial bombardment.

Barcellona lies six miles south-southwest of Milazzo and 16 miles west of Messina. Nazis Flee The Germans were in flight. All indications are that the Nazis have pulled out even their delaying parties and left Italian units to face the climactic British and American push.

The U. S. seventh army and the British eighth army races (Continued on Page Two)

OPA Moves Out Professors; Plan Outlined

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) The professors went out of the office of price administration's policy-making jobs today and General Manager Chester Bowles outlined plans to simplify OPA's price and rationing program.

One result, Bowles told a news conference, may be the consolidation of rationing and price controls so business groups will be dealing with only one department in future regulations.

"We've got an order from congress and I'm going to comply with it 105 per cent," Bowles told reporters. "I'm going to do it up brown. There is no reason why OPA and business cannot get along."

The general manager said he (Continued on Page Two)

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assure transfer of workers to jobs aiding the war effort, and to supply men needed for the armed forces without cutting war production.

To that end, these steps were ordered: A list of 149 "critical occupations" was announced. Persons employed in them gain super-eligibility for deferment from induction.

Consider Occupation Draft boards were instructed to give greater consideration than ever to occupational deferments.

Twenty-three additional activities, 27 specific job-occupations, were added to the non-deferable list. Registrants, even fathers, who remain in such occupations become subject to reclassification unless it can be shown they (Continued on Page Two)