

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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NAVY BLASTS MARCUS ISLANDS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Pacific war bobs into the news today—in a rather interesting way.

THE first thing this morning the Japs broadcast the news that WE are bombing and shelling Marcus Island, due west of Hawaii and about 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo.

Instead of remaining silent, as normally does, our navy IMMEDIATELY says (in effect): "Yes, WE ARE—with a task force that should have arrived at Marcus on September 1, and presumably did, although we've no direct report of it because of the military necessity for radio silence."

THE navy's attitude indicates confidence that our task force is powerful enough to handle anything the Japs may be able to throw against it—maybe it is even sweeping the seas west of Hawaii and DARING the Jap navy to come out and fight.

The unusual nature of our prompt admission that we're doing just what the Japs say we are suggests that something out of the ordinary is in the wind.

TO avoid becoming confused by the time element, you must remember that when it's today here it's TOMORROW west of the international date line.)

OUR Assistant Secretary of War Patterson, who is touring the South Seas, adds his two bits worth to the situation (what-ever it is) with these words: "There will be MORE surprises for Japan before very long."

Remember in this connection the build-up given to the Pacific war by Churchill and FDR. It's getting about time for something to happen.

Maybe it is STARTING.

ON the other side of the world, Berlin is raided again—apparently by another LARGE force. The British air ministry says that "fleets" of RAF bombers struck "in massive weight." Losses were 48 bombers.

THE air ministry adds: "The enemy put up VERY large FIGHTER forces over the capital and its APPROACHES in an UNSUCCESSFUL attempt to prevent the launching of the concentrated attack and large numbers of his fighters were destroyed."

WE always have to read between the lines of these official statements.

Using that method, in an effort to find out what happened, we guess that the Germans are still relying on night fighters (probably radar-equipped) to stop our night bombers. Learning of our approach by means of warning devices and aircraft observers, they get their fighters into the air NOT ONLY at Berlin but ALL ALONG the line of our approach.

WATCH this contest between the German night fighters (Continued on Page Two)

Airplane Aids Hunt For Missing Man

Officials of the Baker Gravel and Cement company sent an airplane over the Mount Hebron district Wednesday to see if they could locate any trace of the tan pickup in which Tony Schiro, 44, mysteriously disappeared Saturday afternoon.

The plane will check all side roads and out of the way places in an effort to find some trace of the missing man.

Schiro left his home at 2515 Ward lane early Saturday afternoon and said that he was returning to work. He was in a tan company pickup and was last seen near the company gravel pit at Mount Hebron about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He has not been seen since.

Red Trap Snaps on Nazis

Dandelion Crop



Long rows of Russian dandelions, or kok-saghyz, are shown here in the 40-acre tract near Worden. Larry Mays, area superintendent of the rubber project, is showing some of the plants to Marjorie Young. The seed crop is now ready for harvesting.

Lawn-Growers Nightmare At Worden May Be Sweet Dream for Tire-Starved

By MARJORIE YOUNG

A lawn-grower's nightmare—or the dream of a tire-starved public—is encompassed in the 40 acres near Worden devoted to the growing of kok-saghyz, or Russian dandelion.

Seed harvesting has begun on the now foot high plants and will continue through September and October. The seed-harvester works on a vacuum cleaner principle, brushing the fuzzy seed from the head of the blossom and

sucking it into a drawer in the machine. Harvesting is a daily operation.

This year seed will be the major "crop" from the dandelions, with only a few of the roots being tested for rubber production. Rubber is extracted from the roots of the plant by a beating and washing process, and compares favorably in resiliency to that found in the South American rubber trees.

The Klamath rubber project is one of several being conducted in various parts of the United States, and condition of the plants here is said to be about as good as any yet produced. There are two tracts in this area, one near Worden and one near Spring Lake. The Spring Lake tract is 29 acres in mineral soil. Dandelions growing here are in about the same state of growth, but the quality is not quite so good as dandelions grown in the peat soil, according to Larry Mays, area superintendent of the project.

The plant itself looks just about like the native dandelion, but when a root is broken, a white sticky substance oozes out. The rubber producing qualities of the dandelion were discovered in Russia by some scientists who noticed a native chewing something. He told them it was "kok-saghyz," or "chewing root." Thousands of acres of the dandelions are now being cultivated by the Russians as a substitute for the regular product.

Alcohol By-Product In the process of extracting

Pope Pius XII Appeals for Peace in War's Fifth Year

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

LONDON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Pope Pius XII, appealing for peace and expressing hope that it comes before the end of this, the war's fifth year, declared to the world's leaders today that "real strength need have no fear of generosity" in behalf of nations "less favored than others by the trend of war at any given time."

Speaking of "the powerful and the leaders of the peoples," the Pope declared:

"May their wisdom, their moderation, their strength of mind and their deep sense of humanity throw a ray of comfort upon the tear and blood-drenched threshold of the fifth year of war, and give the survivors of the im-

mense conflict, bent under a load of sorrow, the joyful hope that the year may not end under the sign and in the shadow of slaughter and destruction—but may be the beginning and dawn of a new life of brotherly reconciliation, and a thorough and concordant reconstruction."

In a 14-minute message to the world from Vatican City—translated here and made available by the ministry of information—the pontiff did not mention the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

Hope of Peace

He dwelt at length, however, on the theme that all belligerents must be given "justified hope of a worthy peace which

FORTS PRESS AIR BLOWS ON ITALY

Pisa Rails, Airfields Pounded; Warships Throw Shells

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 1 (AP)

Pressing the aerial offensive against Italy with ever greater vigor, American Flying Fortresses yesterday made a 1000-mile round trip from Northwest African bases to pound railway lines, airfields and an aircraft factory at Pisa.

Medium bombers meanwhile delivered strong blows at railway communications at Salerno, (Continued on Page Two)

Wheeler Moves For Showdown On Father Draft

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) has notified leaders he will move for a showdown September 15 on the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and an administration strategist conceded today the chances are better than even the senate will vote to postpone their induction until after January 1.

Wheeler has sent word that on the second day after congress reconvenes he will call his measure, already approved by the senate military committee, prohibiting the drafting of fathers for the remainder of this year.

Although polls have been impractical because of the absence of most senators, an administration lieutenant who declined to be quoted by name said indications pointed toward approval of the measure. The attitude of the house remains in doubt but Rep. May (D-Ky.) plans to offer a somewhat similar bill there.

Under directives issued by War Manpower Commissioner Paul W. McNutt, local boards are to begin calling pre-Pearl Harbor parents October 1.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE (Final on suspended game).

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	6	14	0
Pittsburgh	5	10	1
M. Cooper and W. Cooper; Sewell and Lopez.			

JERRIES FLEE RUSSIANS IN DONETS BASIN

Steady Gains in 600-Mile Battle Line Announced

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Sept. 1 (AP)—A death trap closed by the red army's encircling drive to the Azov sea shore west of Taganrog cost Hitler more than 35,000 men in killed alone, with 5100 others captured, the Russians announced tonight in a communique disclosing steady new gains through four key salients along a 600-mile battle line.

Continuing advances rolled the Germans back almost everywhere up to, and in some places well beyond, the battle line they held at the end of the first nine months of war with Russia.

Altogether the Russians in their continuing drive captured more than 290 settlements, including the town of Dorogobuzh, 50 miles east of Smolensk. Gains were made from the Taganrog area in the lower Donets basin up to the Smolensk front, ranging in distance from four to seven miles.

The soviet announcement, (Continued on Page Two)

Engle Wins in California Race For Congress

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1 (AP)—A 31-year-old state senator, Claire Engle of Red Bluff, appeared well on the way to being California's newest and youngest congressman today, on the basis of returns from most of the 2nd district's 427 precincts.

He was opposed in yesterday's special election in 18 northern and east-central counties, comprising a third of California and an area equal to the state of Alabama, by two republicans—Mrs. Grace Jackson Englebright of Nevada City, widow of the congressional veteran who died last May 13, and State Senator Jesse Mayo of Angels Camp.

Senator Mayo said he wished to issue "congratulations and the best of luck."

The vote from 336 of the more populous precincts: Engle 10,547; Englebright 8895; Mayo 7240.

Consolidated reports from all three precincts in the Tulare area showed Engle received 58 votes, Mrs. Englebright 28 and Mayo 14.

New Congressman



Claire Engle appeared to have been elected representative from California's second district today on basis of returns from most of the 427 precincts in the district. He takes over the post left vacant by the death of Harry Englebright.

Elks Practice What They Preach



The Elks lodge, which accepted leadership of the Third War Loan at the request of the county war savings committee, did a little bond-buying itself Tuesday, when the trustees authorized purchase of a \$10,000 bond. Left to right, Trustees Lloyd Goble, E. B. Hall and F. C. Adams, bond a bond order to Exalted Ruler Malcolm Epley. And to sweeten the pot, Hall, who is general chairman of the Third War Loan, came up with a personal check for \$1000 for a war bond. The local lodge has been a regular purchaser of war and defense bonds since before Pearl Harbor.

Fire, Steel Sweep Berlin On War's Fourth Birthday

By GLADWIN HILL
LONDON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Great fleets of RAF heavy bombers blasted Berlin last night in a flaming, 45-minute, concentrated assault of block-buster and incendiary bombs to usher in the fifth year of war for Germans with an ordeal of fire and exploding steel.

"Great damage" was inflicted on the Nazi capital in this second massive assault in eight days, the air ministry announced. Mosquito bombers hit Berlin twice following a saturation raid a week ago last Monday night.

Forty-seven lost
Forty-seven bombers and one fighter were lost as the bombers fought through stiff defense by German fighters, and other planes struck targets, including airfields, in France and the low countries. "Several" Nazi fighters were downed.

The first formations of bombers, with Canadians throwing their heaviest planes into the attack also, began pouring down explosives at 11:30 p. m., and continued the hail into the morning of another year of war.

Eight of the heavy bombers lost in this rekindling of fires in Berlin were Canadian. The German communique reported 47 bombers downed.

New Defense
Again the Germans relied on new tactics of defense—throwing out swarms of fighters while hundreds of searchlights probed

Five Companies Ask to Operate Air Service Here

Five companies have applications before the civil aeronautics board to operate service to Klamath Falls, it was disclosed in a letter read at Wednesday's chamber of commerce directors' meeting from an official of the board.

Those whose proposals for service are before the board include United Airlines, Western Airlines, West Coast Airways, Oregon Airways and the Greyhound Bus company. The latter firm has proposed helicopter service to communities now on its bus lines.

On the basis of recent chamber correspondence, it was said, it appears that Western Airlines and United Airlines are the most active applicants for through service at the present time. The Greyhound proposal had not been previously announced here.

The chamber directors voted to send a delegation to a meeting of the Northwest Aviation Planning council to be held in Wenatchee, Wash., September 17-18.

PACIFIC FLEET CHALLENGES JAPS TO FIGHT

Washington Admits Tokyo Report Of Attack

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—The United States Pacific fleet, challenging Japan's still powerful navy to battle in its own home waters, has hurled a powerful force of war planes and ships against the enemy bases on Marcus Island.

News of the operation against the strategic outpost came from both Washington and Tokyo. The Washington announcement said the action was planned for September 1 (Japanese time; August 31 domestic time) and indicated it might still be in progress today. If this were true the onset apparently would be to level the island's defenses.

Tokyo News

The first information came from Tokyo which said that many planes and naval guns poured bombs and shells into Marcus at dawn. Washington followed this with an announcement before noon today saying that a carrier task force raid was planned for September 1, that the plane-laden ships, and their escorts should have arrived on schedule and that the attack "is presumably in progress" although no reports have been received and none is expected until radio silence can be broken.

Marcus Island is west of the international date line and September 1 there was August 31 in Washington. Thus the navy statement that the attack presumably continues meant that American warships were operating in waters the enemy heretofore has dominated long after their presence became known.

Northeast of Wake
Marcus Island is 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo and 900 miles northwest of Wake Island on a line with Tokyo.

The action is the first against this enemy-held outpost guarding vital Japanese positions in the Central Pacific since March 4, 1942.

There was no indication in (Continued on Page Two)

Enrollment in County Schools Same as in 1942

First day county school enrollment figures, which have been completed for most of the rural schools, show that in outside districts as well as in the city, the number of pupils registering on August 31 was about the same, with only a slight decrease, as that of last year.

Below is a comparative table of figures showing the number of students this year in some of the schools and the number who (Continued on Page Two)

Battered Jap Air Force Counts Losses at Wewak

By OLEN CLEMENTS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 1 (AP)—The Japanese air force, so badly mauled on New Guinea that its reinforcement bases are being pulled back, counted losses at Wewak alone above 360 as the result of a new allied raid in which from 20 to 25 Japanese planes were wrecked on the ground.

No Opposition

Big four-engined raiders, meeting not a semblance of opposition in the air, in contrast with 60 Zeros sent up in sky battles the day before, blasted Wewak's airfields with 92 tons of bombs Monday, today's communique reported. Sunday's raiders, which shot down 25 planes and destroyed at least 12 more on the ground, suffered light losses but Monday's attacking force got home without a loss.

Headquarters disclosed that the Japanese have been rushing in air reinforcements to New Guinea, probably from the Philippines and Formosa. But these are being pulled back dangerously far from the garrisons they are intended to support and are being based at such points as Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.

Bombers Blasted

The majority of Monday's bag were medium enemy bombers blasted to bits on the Dagau airfield. Fires set there by the raiding Liberators were so intense they could be seen 50 miles away. These were believed to be in fuel dumps.