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ALLIES BLOCK CORSICA NAZIS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS is another of those days of comparative lull. All wars are like that. World wars especially so.

THE RAF makes another mass night raid on Hanover, one of Germany's larger cities and an important synthetic rubber center. In the rather sketchy dispatches, the raid is said to have been highly concentrated.

The Germans are keeping pretty quiet about it, and until the air photographs are analyzed we won't know much about the damage inflicted.

AS an interesting sidelight on the air war, Churchill announced in his recent speech that Britain's air strength is now FOUR TIMES Germany's. He added that British air losses in the first eight months of 1943 were SMALLER than in the corresponding period of 1942.

That indicates that losses suffered by our side in bombing Germany haven't been heavier than we can afford.

THE Russians take Gomel, about halfway between Kiev and Smolensk. A railroad crosses the Dnieper about 20 miles west of Gomel.

The Germans abandon Poltava, roughly halfway between Kiev and the Sea of Azov. They've held Poltava since 1941. They destroyed the city before leaving.

Today's dispatches report the Russians CHARGING FORWARD UNCHECKED along the whole 750 mile front in Russia.

SOME measure of the extent of the Russian drive can be gained from the fact that they have advanced an average of some 600 miles since Stalingrad.

AS a minor but perhaps significant side issue of the current discussion of Russian relations, it is announced today that direct telephone service has just been established between New York and Moscow.

The cost of a three-minute call is \$21. You'll probably not be calling up often.

The interesting question is WHO WILL BE talking to Moscow. And what about.

SPEAKING of money, our national debt is now approaching 200 billion dollars and congress may be asked soon to boost the limit to 300 billions.

Too big?
NOT if we WORK HARD ENOUGH after the war.

WAR is waste, and the only way to MAKE UP FOR WASTE is by thrift and hard work.

But who minds hard work when it's in a good cause? There can be no better cause than SAVING OUR COUNTRY.

GERMAN demolition squads are busy today WRECKING Naples.

Our headquarters reports officially that they've scuttled at least 30 ships, placing the hulks carefully so as to block practically every berth along the Naples docks.

Naples is a big port—Italy's second in importance, Genoa being first. Ports are immensely important to invading armies as supplies can be landed at them much more quickly than on beaches.

The Germans want to prevent us from using Naples' port facilities in our advance northward through Italy.

THERE'S a new development in New Guinea. MacArthur lands Australians from the sea above Finschhafen, the Jap base across the Huon peninsula from recently-captured (Continued on Page Two)

Poltava Falls to Russian Smash

AUSSIES LAND ABOVE NIPS AT FINSCHHAFFEN

Enemy Remnants On Arundel Island Wiped Out

By WILLIAM F. BONI
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 23 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today the seaborne landing of Australian troops above Finschhafen, enemy base 60 miles northeast of Lae on the New Guinea coast, and the destruction of remnants of a Japanese garrison on Arundel Island in the Solomons.

Under protection of warships and planes, the Australians went ashore against enemy opposition at dawn Wednesday six miles above peacetime mission headquarters and just below the Song river. At dusk on the previous day, Japanese bombers and fighters sought to attack ships involved in the operations but were intercepted between Lae and Finschhafen by B-40s which shot down four bombers and five fighters at a cost of one interceptor.

Give Control
Capture of Finschhafen on the Huon peninsula, which is more suitable for ground action than any other territory previously attacked on New Guinea, would give MacArthur control of a Gulf with easy overwater striking distance of Japanese-held New Britain and its stronghold of Rabaul.

On Arundel, directly west of New Georgia, American jungle troops destroyed enemy troops and reinforcements on the island's north shore and also on nearby Saga Karasa Island to move within artillery shelling distance of the Japanese garrison at Vila across Balckett Strait on Kolombangara. The Japanese guns at Vila were immediately opened fire.

Where the new blow was struck above Finschhafen, six (Continued on Page Two)

Baruch Called Back to Hearing On Father Draft

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch drew applause from a crowded senate committee room today when he reiterated, under vigorous cross-examination by Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), that Gen. George C. Marshall should have all the manpower he requests, including fathers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch, unofficial White House adviser, was called back before the senate military committee for an elaboration of his views on manpower today amid increasing evidence that administration leaders had rallied sufficient strength to shelve the Wheeler bill to postpone the draft of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. Baruch gravely advised the committee yesterday to put its faith in the army high command on the basis of what it has thus far accomplished in the war—and let the command have what it says it needs to complete the task.

ICE CREAM SATURDAY
Klamath kids!
Ice cream will be given Saturday, along with the last 25 cents towards your stamp book turned in at the Elks bond headquarters for bonds. Jack Linman, in charge of the Finish That Book, gave out the good news today, and another great rush of youngsters is expected at bond headquarters Saturday.



Pile of Loot

Police Chief Earl Neuvel and Sergeant Leigh Ackerman look over articles which Cpl. Everett Bercaft admitted taking from various Klamath homes after city police picked him up in a city-wide search Tuesday night. Bercaft told police he had escaped from a prison stockade in Kansas where he was awaiting court martial for desertion of post. Authorities have notified the army of the capture, but have not yet received an answer.

American Airmen Throw One-Two Punch At Nazi Airfields, Nantes, Hannover

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP)—The eighth U. S. airforce staged its first doubleheader in 14 months of operations today when Flying Fortresses bombed docks and shipyards at Nantes, France, twice during daylight while Marauder bombers made two forays into France to slash at Nazi airfields.

The attacks on Nantes were the second and third assaults in eight days by the Fortresses on that base for Nazi submarine, naval operations and important coastal shipping.

Sink Destroyer
They hit the same target last Thursday, sinking a new enemy destroyer and scoring possible hits on several big merchant ships.

This daylight activity followed

Man Fined Here For Theft of Auto Tax Stamp

Kenneth Willard Sanders was fined \$25 or 12 days in justice court Thursday in the first auto stamp theft to have been brought before court.

State police picked up Sanders on a void foreign license charge, after they had recognized the automobile license on the Sanders' car as one for which they had been asked to be on the lookout.

Police officers earlier had received word from Salem that a tax stamp had been stolen from a car in an Oregon town north of here and it was thought that the car with the stolen stamp was coming in this direction. The stamp in question was found on the Sanders automobile.

Under questioning, the defendant said that he did not know how the stamp got on his car. He had not even noticed it, he said.

Also found in the car, which had a Kansas license, was a bulldog which Sanders said that they had picked up in some town here in Oregon. Mrs. Sanders, on the other hand, said that they had brought the dog out west with them from Missouri.

Sanders paid the \$25 fine and the stamp was removed from his car to be returned to its rightful owner.

an RAF mass raid on the reich city of Hannover last night.

The air ministry said "a very strong force" of Britain's biggest bomb carriers roared into central Germany during the night to attack the important railway and factory city of Hannover. Twenty-six of the bombers were listed as lost.

"Preliminary reports show that a highly concentrated attack was completed in 30 minutes, leaving very large fires with smoke rising to a great height," a ministry communique said.

Smaller British bomber formations attacked the port of Emden, in the extreme northwest corner of Germany, and inland Oldenburg, a big arm, airforce and railroad center east of Bremen.

The American Fortresses, streaking across the channel at dawn even before the British formations had returned, attacked naval installations at Nantes and two airfields at Vannes-Meuron and Kerlin-Bastard in western France.

Airfields Bombed
Following up their long-range visit late yesterday to Everaux-Fauville, 45 miles west of Paris,

American Marauders this morning attacked airfields at Conches 60 miles west of the French capital.

The British night raid on Hannover was the fourth big allied air blow in three months against Nazi rubber sources. Amid Hannover's big industrial concentration of refineries, locomotive and tanks works is the Continental Gummiwerke, Germany's largest rubber factory.

This plant was hit in July by American Flying Fortresses which in June had attacked the (Continued on Page Two)

Slovene Troops Battle Jerries For Tireste

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Slovene troops of the Yugoslav army were reported tonight to have penetrated the Italian Adriatic port of Tireste, fighting the German garrison there with the aid of inhabitants.

Yugoslavs having communication with partisan armies fighting bloody battles in northwest (Continued on Page Two)

SOVIETS STAB INTO UKRAINE; WHITE RUSSIA

Last Nazi Fort Above Dnieper Bend Eliminated

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP)—The red army has smashed to a point only nine miles northeast of the German central front bastion of Smolensk, captured the Ukraine stronghold of Poltava, and swept up more than 300 villages in a drive on Gomel in White Russia. Moscow announced tonight.

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Premier Joseph Stalin announced today that Poltava, in the heart of the Ukraine, has fallen before a smashing Russian offensive that carried also to the Gomel area of White Russia.

Premier-Marshall Stalin's special order of the day announced triumphantly: "The troops of the Steppe front, successfully developing their offensive, forced the river Vorzka and after three days of fierce fighting today captured the regional center of the Ukraine, the town of Poltava, a powerful German center of resistance."

Base Wiped Out
Poltava's fall, which the Berlin radio had previously acknowledged, eliminates the last major German base above the vital Dnieper river bend.

The break-through into White Russia near Gomel had been announced earlier by the Moscow radio. Gomel is a rail center about midway between Kiev and Smolensk, a bare 15 miles from (Continued on Page Two)

Two Arrested In Rockefeller Elevator Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP)—Two striking Rockefeller Center elevator operators were arrested today as part of a service was established in the 12 buildings where attendants walked out last night.

The men were charged with disorderly conduct in threatening an operator who was running one of the 75 elevators in service. Still shut down, however, were 120 other lifts.

Despite the emergency service, thousands of office workers trudged up endless flights of stairs in order to begin their day's work. Many of them had walked down the same stairs when the walkout occurred at last night's rush hour.

Hollywood Stars to Boost Klamath's War Loan Drive to Victorious Finish; Two Million Dollar Mark Passed Today

Klamath's Third War Loan drive roared over the \$2,000,000 mark and on toward a victorious finish today as a group of Hollywood stars, headed by Actor Dennis Morgan, came into the picture to add glamour to the final campaign attraction—the Camp White army show at the Pelican theatre September 28.

"I'll be there," Morgan telephoned Matt Finnigan, Klamath Elk, on Thursday morning. Coming with Morgan will be Big Boy Williams, Eddie North and Russell Hayden, all well known Hollywood figures, and all will have a part in the happy show to be staged for bond-buyers at the Pelican next Tuesday.

Mayor John Houston, in charge of the arrangements for the show, said that special hon-

ors are to be paid at the show to the two Klamath men who buy the most bonds between 6 p. m. Thursday and 12 noon next Tuesday. Tickets for the show may be obtained by buying at least a \$25 bond at Elks bond headquarters across from the courthouse.

Meanwhile, a final rush was on for bond-bought reserved seats at the Grant high school football game Friday evening, and it looked as if the bond sales on the game might reach or approach \$100,000.

Two seats are available to the largest bond buyers this week up to 8 p. m. this evening. Dave Liskey has one for \$15,400, and Gus Krause, up to now, has had the other at \$10,000. Henzel's purchase will eliminate Krause, unless the lumberman raises the ante, and there might be some spirited bidding at the last minute. Press box bidding will be handled at the chamber of commerce or through Malcolm Epely at The Herald and News.

E. B. Hall, Elks bond chairman, and Andrew Collier of the county war finance committee reported the total purchases in the county had passed \$2,000,000. The quota is \$2,518,000, and bond buyers, particularly E bond purchasers, were urged to hurry.

Last Seaport Under French, Yank Pressure

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 23 (AP)—Allied sea and air power threw a blockade around Corsica today, cutting off German troops fleeing from French and American troops closing in on Bastia, the enemy's last seaport.

It appeared doubtful that the Germans would be able to hold out on the small island much longer under combined air, land and sea pressure.

Allied warships bombarded the strip of coast where the road of retreat runs close to the sea, and supported the troops which carried out a furious attack near Solenzara, 60 miles south of Bastia.

Predicts "Wipe Out"
Gen. Henri Giraud, French commander-in-chief, just returned by air from a two-day trip to Corsica, predicted all Germans would be ousted or killed on the island in "from 10 to 15 days."

Gen. Rene Chambe, Giraud spokesman, in relating details of the French commander's visit to the island, said that the attack had been prepared for six months and that 10,000 Corsicans had been armed with tommyguns which had been dropped by parachute or taken in by submarine since last February.

French Give Orders
Eighty thousand Italians on the island were taking orders from the French, he added, but only a handful were fighting the Germans.

"We have put them to work rebuilding roads and bridges that were blown up, and they must leave Corsica as soon as transportation can be arranged," Chambe declared at a press conference.

The Italians are not prisoners, he said, but under strict control while disposition of their arms awaited the orders of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Italy Advance
Allied headquarters announced advances of 10 to 15 miles in central and southern sectors of Italy today in a forward sweep which was gradually forcing Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring to uncover the inland approaches to smoke-smothered, dynamite-shattered Naples.

Victorious French soldiers and American rangers pressed the Germans back farther into the northeastern corner of Corsica while allied air forces bombed and machine-gunned (Continued on Page Two)

Key Diplomatic Assignments Await President

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Four key diplomatic assignments—all bearing on United States' relations with Russia and the projected Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference—are awaiting executive action.

They are the appointment of: 1. A new undersecretary of state. 2. An envoy for the preliminary foreign office discussions at Moscow. 3. A regular ambassador to the soviet union. 4. The American representative on the inter-allied Mediterranean committee.

Two of the vacancies—undersecretary and ambassador—do not officially exist as yet, but Sumner Welles has informed diplomatic friends of his resignation as undersecretary and Admiral William H. Standley is expected to relinquish his Moscow post soon, for personal reasons.

OMAHA, Sept. 23 (AP)—Warren H. Atherton, Stockton, Calif., lawyer, who advocates a universal service act, was elected commander of the American Legion at its national convention today.

Atherton, 51, a native of San Francisco, had served the Legion as department commander of California, national executive committee member, and up to the time of his election as national commander was national defense chairman of the Legion.

OMAHA, Sept. 23 (AP)—The American Legion national convention today adopted a report (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball
NATIONAL LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Brooklyn 4 9 1
St. Louis 3 8 1
Wyatt and Owen: Brazle, Brecheen (8), and W. Cooper.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Detroit 0 2 2
New York 1 7 1
Gentry, Newhouse (8), and Richards; Russo and Dickey.

Navy Destroys Two Nazi Aegean Convoys
ALEXANDRIA, Sept. 23 (AP)—Two enemy convoys operating in the Aegean sea were destroyed recently by light allied naval forces without loss to themselves, a British navy announcement said today.

The escort of one of the convoys was sunk, and vessels protecting the other were damaged, the announcement said.

Allied naval forces have been operating in the Dodecanese islands in close cooperation with the army and RAF.