

WANK TANKS CRASH HITLER LINE

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE are still only straws in the news winds from Europe. In the Pacific, there is hard and vitally important fighting.

ITS take a look at the worst first. The Chinese at Loyang (up on the Yellow river) are surrounded and cut off. Meanwhile the Japs are pushing toward Tungkwang, where the Yellow river breaks through the mountains (like the Ganges and the Pitt), providing a pass into the great interior of China.

Some 600 to 700 miles to the southwest of this pass, reached winding river-valley routes, the Chungking, the present seat of the Chinese government.

It is at least a fair guess that the Japs are trying to knock Chungking completely out before we get effective help to her.

DOWN in Burma, we are trying to blast through a land route by which we can get effective help to China—trying especially, DARINGLY and, as early as we get, intelligently.

The news from Burma today is good. Merrill and his Marauders (American commandos) are fighting in the outskirts of Myitkyina. They have blocked the road to Mogaung, the nearest Jap base, to keep the Japs from attempting to the rescue of Myitkyina.

Airborne reinforcements are being sent into Myitkyina airfield, which we hold. Eighty miles to the east, 20,000 Chinese are pushing through rugged and difficult mountain country in an effort to effect a junction with the Myitkyina.

Such a junction, we are told, would make possible the LINKING of the Ledo and Burma roads, enabling us to bring in heavy equipment to the Chinese. At present we can bring in only light supplies by the air route over the Himalayas.

It looks like a race, you see, between us and the Japs, trying to get help to the Chinese before it is too late, and the Japs in the north, trying to knock out the Chinese before we can get help to them.

MACARTHUR takes another step in New Guinea. He has landed on and we're reaching today for its airfield—some 800 feet long and capable of being extended to 7000 feet to accommodate heavy bombers.

From this field we can reach Palau island, 695 miles away, the Dutch East Indies Jap base at Halmahera, 750 miles away, and even Davao, in the Philippines, 1000 miles away.

The South Pacific war is a stepping-stone war (so far), and MacArthur gives us another stepping-stone.

THE Tokyo radio says today we attacked Soerabaja (former Dutch naval base in Java) on Wednesday and again on Thursday. According to the Japs, Wednesday's attack was by naval bombers from a task force and Thursday's by long range heavy bombers, presumably from Australia.

We're keeping the Japs as busy as we can EVERYWHERE, so they will be afraid to CONCENTRATE anywhere.

GENERAL ARNOLD (U. S. air force head) tells the Washington reporters today that the war over Germany has YET TO REACH ITS PEAK. He speaks of an air COMBAT force of 1,300,000, and adds that we don't know what air war can be in the way of knocking out (Continued on Page Three)

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 Stream year to date 7.70
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 Forecast: Rising temperatures.

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BACK-TO-WORK TREND STALLED BY NEW FIGHTS

Bus Strike Strands Many War Workers; 15,000 Idle

By The Associated Press
A bus system strike delayed or stranded thousands of war workers in Pennsylvania today while a back-to-work trend developed in several other labor disputes and approximately 15,000 men and women remained away from their jobs.

A walkout of 56 drivers tied up the buses of the Schuylkill Valley Lines, Inc., principal transportation company serving 100,000 persons in Norristown and about 20 smaller communities in southeastern Pennsylvania. The strikers, members of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees (AFL), were engaged in a controversy over a bonus wage plan.

Leaders of the CIO Textile Workers union advised the war labor board they would ask striking members at the three Duplan corporation plants in Hazleton, Kingston and Berwick, Pa., to resume work. Approximately 2000 had been affected at those centers.

The WLB directed union chiefs to call off a strike of 125 adherents of the AFL International Association of Machinists which had made 1800 workers idle at the Granite City, Ill., Steel company.

Publication resumed at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Times-Leader Evening News and the Wilkes-Barre Record was resumed when printers returned to their posts after an 11-day stoppage in a contract disagreement.

The work stoppages, none affecting more than 2000 employees at any individual plant, affected a variety of industries and touched four sections of the (Continued on Page Two)

Unlucky Housing Job Going Again

The unlucky Klamath federal housing project was getting into full swing today after a struggle with wage problems, materials lack and finally a flood.

Monday's flood from the government canal spread over the project site near the southeast city limits and slowed down the start of work.

Contractors' men said today, however, that the flood had subsided, materials are on hand, and wage question has been ironed out, and the job was looking up.

Forty units of war housing will be built by K. T. Henderson, Longview, the contractor.

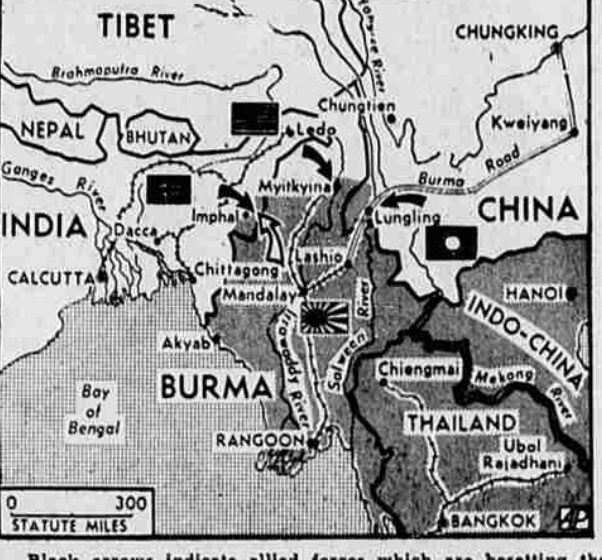
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Triple Offensive Hits Japs



Black arrows indicate allied forces which are besetting the Japanese with a triple offensive. British troops are pressing the Japs in the Imphal area. In north Burma General Stilwell's Chinese-American forces peril the town of Myitkyina after capturing the airport two days ago. From China troops are driving westward in an attempt to join Stilwell and thus open a land supply route from India to China.

Nazis Mow Down 47 RAF Officers in Prison Break

LONDON, May 19 (P)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden disclosed today 47 RAF officers had been shot by Germans after a mass escape from a war-prison camp near Dresden on March 25. Seventy-six officers participated in the break. Eden told the house of commons. Fifteen were reported captured alive, and 14 still at large.

Some were shot resisting arrest and some in the course of a new escape attempt after they were captured, Eden said. It was the first such episode of the war.

"The government is profoundly shocked by this news and I have urgently requested the protecting power (Switzerland), through which notification of the deaths came to the relatives and the air ministry to demand from the German government a full and immediate report of the circumstances in which these men met their deaths, and an explanation of its failure to report the facts at once to the protecting power," Eden said.

RAF Members
The men were members of the "RAF Dominion Allied" air forces, the customary terminology embracing the RCAF, RAAF, RNZAF and other national groups in the RAF like the Poles, the Dutch and the Norwegians.

As far as is known there were no Americans involved, although Eden did not say so specifically. The dead included several heroes of the battle of Britain (Continued on Page Two)

Trappers Spark Forest Fires

PRINCE GEORGE, B. C., May 19 (CP)—Trappers' camp fires buried in the snows of northeastern British Columbia last winter which smoldered throughout the spring in the dense undergrowth of the muskog country, were blamed today by fire-fighters for the giant forest fires now raging in uncontrollable fury along the lower stretches of the Alaska highway.

At least 30 major fires and hundreds of spot fires are raging northwest and southwest of the Peace river block, an aerial survey has revealed. There are about 14 major fires along the Alaska highway.

New Low in Vote Volume Seen in Klamath Primary

A handful of voters had gone to the polls by mid-afternoon and it appeared the 1944 primary would mark up a new record low in balloting volume here.

An example was precinct 6, where the polling place is at the Presbyterian church. At 2:15 p. m., 24 republicans and 14 democrats had voted, out of a registration of 124 republicans and 138 democrats.

It appeared that generally, more republicans are going to the polls than democrats, despite the lead in democratic registration.

Weather conditions were excellent, but a lack of interest, absence of many registered voters, and pre-occupation with other matters, were factors keeping the voting volume down. County Clerk Mae K. Short said she did not believe voting would reach 35 per cent of all voters.

SURPRISE STAB GRABS CONTROL OF WAKDE ISLE

Chinese Picture Not So Rosy; Loyang Men Trapped

By RICHARD C. BERGHOLZ
Associated Press War Editor
Allied bombers smashed twice at the powerful former Dutch naval base at Soerabaja in the Netherlands East Indies, Tokyo radio reported today, simultaneously with land offensives that brought the Wakde area of Dutch New Guinea and a Japanese air base at Myitkyina, Burma, under allied control.

Tokyo radio said the first blow at Soerabaja Wednesday apparently was struck by 50 carrier-based planes making a daring sweep from the Indian ocean. Heavy bombers, presumably from Australia, made the second strike Thursday morning.

Heavy Raid
If true, this is the heaviest raid carried out on the great naval base since the Japanese captured it two years ago. Soerabaja, on the island of Java, lies 1900 miles southwest of Wakde and 2500 miles south-east of Myitkyina. It has been periodically bombed by small forces of heavy bombers from northern Australia.

American sixth army troops hopped more than 100 miles up the Dutch New Guinea coast from Hollandia for a speedy amphibious conquest of the Wakde island area, site of an important air base from which General MacArthur's forces might speed the clean-up of New Guinea and bring the Palau and Philippine islands under air assault.

Latest reports indicated the Americans had pinned the last Japanese defenders of Wakde against the edge of the 4700-foot coral airstrip and were wiping out determined enemy mortar gun crews. On the whole, Japanese defenses were "negligible," MacArthur said.

Allied headquarters said the strip can be lengthened to 7000 (Continued on Page Two)

1,163,000 Leave Army Since 1941

WASHINGTON, May 19 (P)—The war department announced today that separations from the army from Pearl Harbor through March 31 of this year totaled 1,163,000.

The term "separation" is used by the department to describe all personnel losses, including discharge, death or enemy-capture. Separations ran as high as 90,000 a month the latter part of 1943 but averaged only 50,000 a month during the first quarter of this year.

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You're Invited

Klamath citizens are welcome to visit The Herald and News office or to telephone for information tonight on election returns. Doors will be open throughout the evening and the blackboards will be in operation.

Radio station KFJI is co-operating with The Herald and News in gathering and tabulating returns, and will broadcast local information obtained under the joint enterprise.

Associated Press wires will bring statewide election information into The Herald and News office. This will be available to visitors at the office and to those who inquire by telephone.

First information available at 8 p. m.—and more from then on into the wee hours.

Admits Wife-Killing Hoax



Pvt. Joseph F. Hollingsworth (left) of Canton, O., admitted to Colorado Springs, Colo., police that his sensational story of the "trunk murder" of his wife was a hoax after Seattle, Wash., detectives found pretty Mrs. Hollingsworth (right) alive and well and very much surprised to learn that she was a murder "victim."

Berlin, Brunswick Bombed

As Allies Resume Air War

By GLADWIN HILL
LONDON, May 19 (P)—American Fortresses and Liberators and fighter escorts, described officially as a strong force and probably numbering up to 1500 planes, resumed the allied aerial offensive after a five-day lapse today and struck at targets in the Berlin and Brunswick areas.

The attack, coming less than 24 hours after Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of U. S. army air forces, had declared Germany had not yet seen the full weight of allied air power, precipitated a running air battle right across

Will Rogers "Going Home"

CLAREMORE, Okla., May 19 (P)—The body of Will Rogers is coming home to a new resting place in the soil of his native state.

The last remains of the famous Oklahoma humorist will be taken from the Glendale, Calif., cemetery tomorrow and will be interred in a native stone crypt beside the Will Rogers Memorial museum here.

A brief private ceremony will be conducted when the body arrives. Members of the family requested that the time of the burial be kept secret to avoid curious crowds.

Less than 100 persons will be invited, including newspaper men and photographers.

AFL, CIO See Pay Denial Harm

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Some of the gliders were to have been towed away today, according to John E. Parker, president of the corporation. It was the second time in less than two weeks that gliders parked at the edge of the airport were uprooted by strong wind and damaged.

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