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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war news today is just plain, hard fighting. The spectacular thrills that have been treading on each other's heels for days have died down.

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WITH overwhelming force—on the ground, in the air and on the sea—at our command, we're cleaning up the 20,000 or so abandoned Japs on Saipan. Not much is being said about it, but you may be quite sure that on Saipan we're building a base that will give the little yellow men something to think about.

We can GET GASOLINE to Saipan. At best, with great difficulty, we can get only a trickle of gasoline to China.

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THE frantic Japs are putting everything they have into their drive down the railroad to Canton, on the South China sea, and seem today to have taken Hengyang, about 250 miles away.

Mountbatten reports that they are being driven OUT OF INDIA. He says they put 75,000 men into their India adventure, which has flopped.

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AMERICAN infantrymen are storming Cherbourg pillbox by pillbox. Our bombers batter the city continuously, but the defending Germans take cover in the rubble (as they did at Cassino) and keep their deadly machine guns going.

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LAST night a German convoy of seven ships, presumably loaded with troops, tried to ESCAPE from Cherbourg. (The situation must be getting desperate when they try to escape through the tight ring of our naval power.)

Five of the seven ships were sunk or damaged and the others were driven into Alderney, smallest of the Channel Islands just off the tip of the Cherbourg peninsula.

The Germans still hold these islands.

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THE trapped Germans tried similarly to escape from Sevastopol after the Russians had isolated it by land and surrounded it by sea.

Istanbul reports that HUNDREDS of German corpses are beginning to drift out of the Black Sea into the Bosporus.

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SUCH are the fruits of world conquest. Swollen bodies floating in the sea. The bones of the best and bravest scattered afar over the world. Famine and pestilence striding in the paths where peace and happiness SHOULD walk.

And history tells us that nobody EVER conquered the world and made it stick. It's an unbeatable game—like trying to get rich by playing slot machines.

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WORLD conquest is a DISEASE—like the rabies.

SOMEDAY the quiet, industrious, reasonable, thinking people of the world will become wise enough to realize that world conquerors are like rabid dogs—a menace to be destroyed on sight.

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THEY are SO EASILY recognizable.

Alexander, Caesar, Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Wilhelm the Kaiser, Tojo, Hitler—the whole crew of them has followed a pattern that history has clearly identified for us.

If we saw a dog in our neighborhood going rabid, we'd KILL IT. The signs of world conquest rabies are as PLAIN IN ADVANCE as the signs of dog rabies.

But the world, KNOWING what was coming, has never yet had the good common sense to ACT IN TIME and kill the rabid dog.

So it pays the penalty of bloody corpses of the flower of its youth rotting on the battlefields of world wars.

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THE Russians today are storming Vitebsk, on the eastern front, in earnest, advancing seven to nine miles on a 16-mile front. Moscow says: "The German trenches and battlefields are littered with Hitlerite corpses, smashed equipment and material."

This is the Russians' second big offensive. The Finn drive still rolls on.

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YOU'VE probably been watching them and WAITING TO SEE. The Russian baiters among us keep us suspicious. But somehow the Russians always seem to perform.

This writer, who is no Russian-lover, has a notion that WE and the Russians will have little

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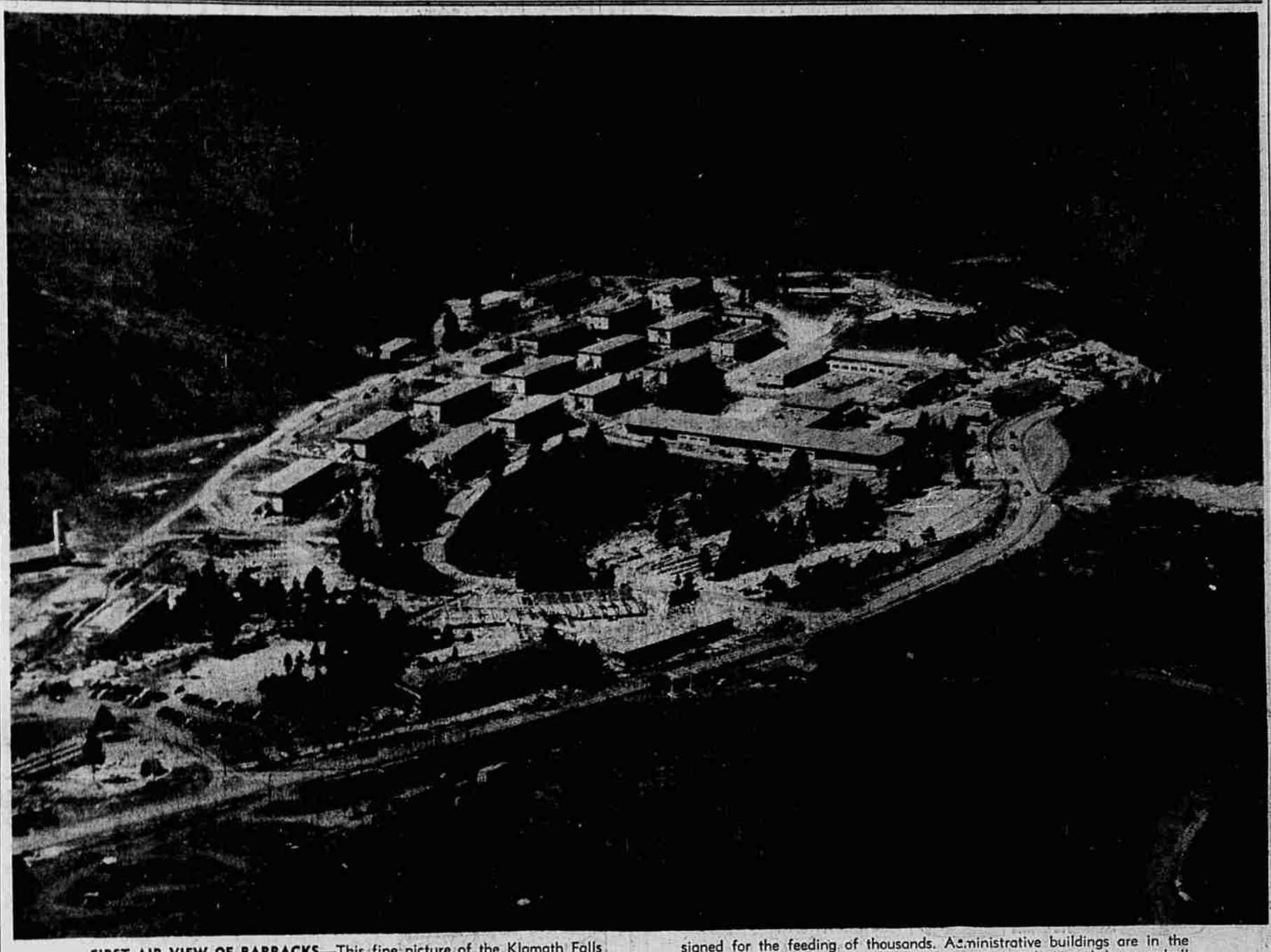

FIRST AIR VIEW OF BARRACKS—This fine picture of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks—first aerial shot to be published—was taken by an official navy photographer and released to The Herald and News. Barracks buildings are grouped in tiers along the left, or southwestern side, of the arrow-shaped site. The large building in the center is the mess hall, designed for the feeding of thousands. Administrative buildings are in the left foreground, and the tree-studded area between these and the mess hall is to be developed as a park. The building with tower, at the left edge of the picture, is the fire hall. Klamath war-bond buyers will tour the three and three-quarters million dollar barracks project July 2.

TERRIFIC AIR, LAND BLOWS FALL ON CITY

German Attempt to Escape Foiled By British

By DWIGHT PITKIN
Associated Press War Editor

German defenses at Cherbourg on the western front showed signs of crumbling today under terrific air and land blows as the Russians reported a spectacular advance on the newly opened eastern front.

Despite the suicide resistance of a strong garrison ordered to "fight to the last," Cherbourg "is doomed," a battlefront dispatch said. Supreme headquarters announced that British motor torpedo boats sank or damaged five of seven German ships attempting to escape from Cherbourg last night. The Germans apparently attempted to sneak out technicians and material from the channel port. Doughboys, under powerful close-up aerial support, drove within 2000 yards of Cherbourg on the south and were battling within sight of the docks. Headquarters said the battle "might turn into stubborn street fighting."

Support Reds

U. S. heavy bombers from Italy gave the Russian offensive strategic support today with another attack on Romanian oil fields and communications. Britain-based American heavies hammered German communications and airfields behind the Normandy front and targets in northwest Germany. Medium bombers ripped up enemy gun positions near Cherbourg.

Moscow reported that the red army in its new westward push reached points only 75 miles from the Latvian border and that enormous losses had been inflicted on the Germans in the Vitebsk sector of White Russia.

On the western front, the allies moved for a quick knockout of German resistance at Cherbourg by throwing in aerial punches

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Baseball Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	7	0
Cincinnati	1	4	0

Erickson, Derringer (8) and Kreitner, Easterwood (8); Konstantly and Mueller.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	7	10	0
New York	2	6	2

Andrews and Kluttz; Mellon, Adams (1), Polli (2), Seward (9) and Mancuso.

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	6	1
Brooklyn	8	9	0

Gerhauser, Mussell (4), Karl (5) and Peacock; McLish and Owen.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	16	22	0
Pittsburgh	0	3	2

M. Cooper and W. Cooper; Odea (4); Ostermueller, Rescigno (2) and Vitelli (9) and Camelli.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	1	6	1
St. Louis	7	15	2

Gorsica and Richards; Muncrief and Mancuso.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	1	8	0
Chicago	2	9	0

Reynolds, Herring (7) and Rosar, Grove and Tresh.

Chiloquin Man Now Prisoner

CHILOQUIN—Staff Sergeant Lewis Pohll, 19, who was reported missing over Germany in early May, is now a prisoner of the German government, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pohll of Chiloquin.

Pohll was with the air corps and was a radioman. He graduated from Chiloquin high school in 1942.

NORMANDY HIT BY AMERICAN BOMBERS

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 24 (AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators, ranging over France with escorting fighters which made up a total force of 500 planes, hammered rail bridges, airfields and other enemy installations behind the Normandy battle zone today with Marauders ripped up four German gun positions blocking the advance of infantry into Cherbourg.

(The Berlin radio reported U. S. heavy bombers also were heading into northwest Germany.)

Skies Jammed

The channel skies were jammed with allied planes of all types which roared back and forth continuously for more than five hours this morning

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Ruler of Rodeo To Be Crowned

Tonight is a big night for the nine Klamath Buckaroo Days queen candidates, for at the Queen's ball at the armory one of them will be crowned ruler of the Fourth of July roundup festivities.

Candidates are Grace Jones of Tulelake, Fannie Adams of Merrill, Monniette Calmes of Keno, Martha Givan of Bly, Shorley Flescher of Bonanza, Phyllis Staples of Malin, Helen Smith of Malin, Ella Mae Smith of Chiloquin and Jean Parker of Hildebrand.

O. D. Matthews will place the crown on the head of the queen shortly after 11 o'clock and Lynn Roycroft is to be master of ceremonies. Tallymen who will add the points each girl received in the riding contest to points received by each entrant for personality, poise and personal appearance, are Horace Getz and Fred Southwell.

Strikes Hit Nazi Plants in Italy

BERN, Switzerland, June 24 (AP) — Reports from the Italian border told of street fighting in Bologna and Milan, a general strike in Genoa and strikes in several factories in Turin with the German-fascist grip on northern Italy weakening steadily.

The Swiss telegraphic agency said German SS troops established permanent guards in Milan factories to combat strikes and check a wave of sabotage.

Five Japanese Ships Sunk

Wallace, Chiang In Agreement

CHUNGKING, June 24 (AP)—U. S. Vice President Henry A. Wallace, President Chiang Kai-Shek and other officials of the Chinese government have discussed matters of common interest and concern and "found themselves in agreement on basic principles and objectives," joint Chinese-American press release said today.

"Prosecution of the war against Japan in Asia is an urgent job, and mutual assistance in every way possible to get that done quickly and efficiently, is fundamental in Chinese-American relations," said the statement issued at the conclusion of Wallace's visit.

Friday Hits New Temperature High

Hottest temperature of the year was chalked up Friday when the thermometer reached a height of 81 degrees.

Saturday's temperature threatened to be even higher with 80.5 degrees registered early Saturday afternoon.

Russian Freighter Capsizes in Dock

PORTLAND, June 24 (AP)—A Russian freighter with a crew of 35 aboard capsized this morning at the Portland drydock, with one woman crew member believed trapped in her quarters, Sgt. W. J. Blake of the harbor patrol announced here.

Three other members of the crew, all men, were injured while attempting to reach the dock. Divers were sent out with cutting torches to try to reach the woman, who was found to be missing after the ship sank.

WAR BULLETINS

LONDON, June 24 (AP)—The Russians have crossed the River Svir between Lakes Ladoga and Oneshskoe (Onega) advancing 12½ to 19 miles in three days, and have occupied more than 200 populated places, Premier-Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day.

LONDON, June 24 (AP)—Premier Stalin announced tonight in a second special order of the day that the red army has extended its break-through northwest of Vitebsk in White Russia to a width of 50 miles.

ROME, June 24 (AP)—American Liberators today blasted the Ploesti area in Romania and Fortresses attacked a rail bridge on the Oltul river near Piatri Neami on the main line from Ploesti across Romania to central Europe.

ATTENDS MEET

SALEM, June 24 (AP)—O. K. Beals, chief of the division of foods and dairies of the state department of agriculture, and J. D. Patterson, the department's chief chemist, will attend the annual Pacific Insecticide institute in session two days next week in Berkeley, Calif.

72 Enemy Planes Downed In Kazan, Mariana Isles

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 24 (AP)—In a hard-hitting series of strikes on Iwo Jima, in the Kazan islands, and Tinian, Pagan and Rota, in the Marianas, American carrier planes sank five Japanese ships and destroyed 72 enemy planes, Adm. C. W. Nimitz said in a communique today.

American losses in all air operations were only five planes.

A big and fast American carrier task force Friday swept Iwo Jima in the Bonins, only 750 miles south of Tokyo—and downed 66 or more Japanese planes trying to intercept our fighters.

Twelve enemy planes from this flight crashed through to find the carrier force. All were shot down by fighter patrols protecting our ships.

Lose Four

None of our ships was damaged. We lost four fighters.

The object of the carrier blow at Iwo Jima, which lies 727 miles north of Saipan—was to knock out Japanese planes which might bomb the Saipan invasion transports and troops.

The communique said enemy coastal guns from Tinian island, only seven miles south of Saipan, have intermittently shelled

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AFL Leaders Meet On Strike Issue

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24 (AP) Leaders of the AFL Northwestern Lumber and Sawmill Workers union held council here today amid predictions that strike votes may be authorized in protest against the War Labor Board's second refusal of wage increases to 130,000 workers in the industry.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America will convene here Wednesday. Neither union authorized the walkouts of some 30,000 lumber and timber workers last month over the WLB's original decision.

Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of the Northwestern Council of the AFL union, said yesterday that a strike appeared to be the only course left open to the workers.

Top Buyers to Be Honored

The Klamath county family buying the greatest amount of E bonds for the Fifth War Loan drive up to July 2, will be special honored guests of Colonel B. Dubel at the Marine Barracks on that day, it was announced Saturday.

Considered the honored persons of the day, the family will be served luncheon at the barracks on July 2.

E bond sales in Klamath county reached $500,000 Saturday as the second week of the Fifth War Loan drive ended. Bond sales were boosted this week when Mack Lillard offered free admission to last Friday night's wrestling matches to purchasers of war bonds. A huge crowd attended the show.

Norwegian Sub Sinks Nazi Ships

AT A NORTHERN BRITISH NAVAL BASE, No date (Delayed) (AP)—Forty two thousand tons of German shipping and a 600-ton German naval vessel were sunk and damaged by the Royal Norwegian submarine Ula during a recent series of operations in Norwegian waters, her captain announced today.

The Ula headed into this base cockily flying from her bridge a Jolly Roger of skull and cross bones decorated with eight white stripes, showing eight merchant vessels sunk; one red stripe for a naval vessel, and two daggers for two special operations which thus far are a secret.

TANKS, INFANTRY ADVANCE IN ITALY

ROME, June 24 (AP) — Fifth army tanks and infantry, advancing against strong resistance, today occupied Roccastraoa on highway 73 and cut a lateral road to the north, while another column closed in on Follonica, astride highway one along the coastal route to Livorno and Pisa.

The Germans, who are making a firm stand against the eighth army in central Italy, are continuing to offer strong resistance east and west of Lake Trasimeno and in general the situation in Italy is little changed, an allied headquarters communique said.

Hard Fighting

Hard fighting continued around Chiusi, nine miles southwest of Lake Trasimeno, which the enemy regained by infiltration. New German counterattacks north of Perugia were repulsed.

On the Adriatic coast sector,

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Tornado Accounts for 139 Dead, Hundreds Injured

PITTSBURGH, June 24 (AP) A toll of 139 dead and hundreds injured was reported today in the wake of a tornado which left a twisted trail of devastation and horror through southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia.

Scores were reported missing from homes demolished by a sudden, deadly, swirling wind which last night spent its fury on towns, villages, and farm and coal country from the outskirts of Pittsburgh to more than 100 miles into West Virginia.

Authorities feared the list of dead would increase as rescuers battled they way through the wreckage and searched the hills and hollows of West Virginia.

At dawn, 10 hours after a funnel-shaped cloud descended first on Pennsylvania and then in its neighboring state, rescue squads redoubled their effort to locate bodies.

Toll Rises

Every hour brought reports on death and destruction in new sections of West Virginia. The death toll there rose steadily this morning from 53 to 95 victims. In Pennsylvania 31 were reported dead in rural areas from McKeesport, near Pittsburgh, to the state line near Waynesburg. Pittsburgh itself was not hit.

Hundreds were made homeless as whole blocks in some communities were levelled. Hospitals were filled with the injured.

Worst Hit

Worst hit apparently was the little town of Shinnston, a coal town of 2800 a dozen miles from Clarksburg, W. Va. A Red Cross

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