

# Basin Blasts Schemes for Diversion Here

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628,000 acres. In the 93,000 acres he added, Butte valley and the JF and D ranches were major blocks of land. He said that with cheaper power and improved pumping equipment, a boost of water into Butte valley may be feasible. He picked up other tracts of land in various parts of the area. His purpose was to show that the Klamath basin will need all of its water for maximum irrigation expansion.

### Water Use Grows

Wales also emphasized the increasing use of water on land more intensively cropped, as with potatoes and onions, and that the engineers' estimate of 1.65 acre feet of "consumptive use" in the Klamath basin is not high enough. He also pointed to the uncertainty of rainfall predictions, recalling that Goose and Tule lakes, both 25 feet deep, went naturally dry within the memory of white men in a period of long drought.

County Agricultural Agent C. A. Henderson told of the history of agriculture in the basin and the changing crop conditions demanding more water. He recalled that the per acre production of potatoes in this basin increased from 101.4 bushels to more than 400 bushels in the last 25 years.

The chamber called Dick Hengel, farmer and chamber director, who told of successful reclamation of marginal land by proper use of water.

Legal Aspects Charles Stricklin, state engineer, also appeared at the chamber's request, to discuss legal aspects of the problem, including the question of state ownership of the water and the danger of establishing a vested right through beneficial use.

Klamath interests repeatedly pointed out that diversion, if it preceded Klamath basin maximum development, could result in the establishment of rights over Klamath water in Central Valleys. It was likewise repeatedly asserted, that no final guarantee could be given that Klamath priorities would prevail in a conflict over water. Frank Jenkins, chairman of the chamber land use committee, had previously cited the example of Owens valley's water fight with Los Angeles, and also mentioned the possibility of a river authority scheme.

It developed at the hearing that U. S. fish and wildlife agents have made little study so far of the effect of the proposed scheme or alternative schemes on fish and wildlife in the Klamath area. Leo Laythe, regional director of the service, said it would take 18 months to get the information on wildfowl and five years to conduct a fish survey.

Plans Brief Ted Conn, of the Oregon game commission, stated his group plans to file a brief on the proposal. Dr. P. R. Needham, scientist for the commission, warned that drying up Klamath river to Keno would ruin a fine rainbow trout stream.

It was indicated that the Oregon commission favors Scheme 2 as presented by the engineers, which calls for a reservoir on Sprague river but would not divert water from the Klamath. The third scheme suggested omits the reservoir on the Sprague, but provides for a development on the Trinity river which would divert water to Central valley.

Questioning of engineers brought out that scheme No. 1 will cost an estimated \$108,000,000. They did not give figures on other schemes.

Numerous organizations, both those on the chamber brief and others, made representations at the hearings.

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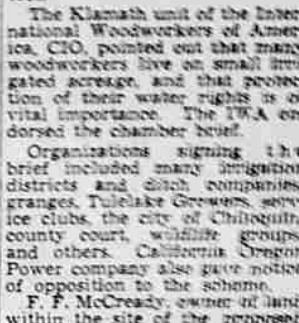
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The entire area from the air—trying to save the CIVILIANS inside. A correspondent on the spot says today this is probably a futile gesture of mercy—he thinks the Japs have killed most of the civilians already.

ON a ridge near Fort McKinley, 400 trapped Japs are given a surrender ultimatum carried through their lines by a Filipino mounted on a horse. The Jap commander roared the ultimatum, shook his head, shot the horse and left the Filipino to find his way back to our lines on foot.

When he got back, our planes and artillery OPENED UP.

THAT gives an idea of the kind of agony we are fighting in the Pacific. He isn't a human being. He is an INDOCTRINATED sub-human.

IN Europe, destiny marches on. On the western front, our SEVEN allied armies push steadily NEARER TO THE RHINE. In the east, the Russians indicate today that they are 34 miles from Berlin. A German communique says this morning the main rail line and autobahn (military super-highway) from the Oder to Berlin have been CUT BY THE RUSSIANS.

THERE is an interesting story in the dispatches today. Rocket-firing Thunderbolts sweep in from our Italian bases to attack the Berchtesgaden area (Hitler's hideout)—which, the dispatches speculate, MAY BE THE MOST HEAVILY FORTIFIED SPOT IN THE REICH. They hit mainly railroads, trackage, cars and locomotives.

They encounter INTENSE FLAK and small arms fire.

THERE is no official comment, but there is speculation (passed by the censor) that the attack may have been directed against top priority NAZI PERSONNEL and nazi FILES coming in from Berlin.

An air force officer quoted in the dispatches says: "This is supposed to be Hitler's hideout. If our raiders found railroad cars there, one guess is as good as another as to what they might contain."

Fitting into this pattern is a heavy air attack on Nurnberg, a great German rail center through which most of the traffic from Berlin to the Berchtesgaden area must pass.

FOR weeks we've been hearing speculation that the nazis plan to retire to this mountainous corner of Germany and Austria for a last-ditch stand. There are hints that they may be planning to concentrate here their divisions now in northern Italy and Yugoslavia. We have been told of rumors that for months they have been collecting here food and supplies in vast quantities.

THE nazi, like the Jap, isn't quite human. He is an inner lump of raw savage, with an outer historical veneer of industrial civilization, and an INDOCTRINATED MIND.

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP)—David Lloyd George, Britain's prime minister in World War I, was reported still seriously ill today at his home in North Wales but physicians said his condition was "not critical."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Twenty-five more Japanese vessels, including three combatant ships, have been sunk in Far Eastern waters by United States submarines.

A navy announcement today said the fighting ships included an escort aircraft carrier, a destroyer, and a large converted cruiser.

Non-combatant vessels included a medium transport, 14 medium cargo vessels, three small cargo vessels, a large cargo transport, two medium cargo transports and a small transport.

FUNERAL JOSEPH DANIEL HENRY Funeral services for the late Joseph Daniel Henry who passed away in this city on Tuesday, February 20, 1945 following an illness of three weeks will be held in the chapel of Congregational Church on Friday afternoon, February 23. A navy commitment services and interment will follow in the IOOF cemetery. Friends may view the remains in the Gold Room at the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home until 9 p. m. Wednesday, February 21, 1945.

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# Service Men and Women Home on Leave

S/Sgt. Bert H. Butler from South Pacific. At Bly, Ore. S 2/c Jack Friberg from South Pacific. Here for 30 days.

The above service people are entitled to free passes to the local theatres and free fountain service at Lost River dairy by courtesy of Lloyd Lamb of the theatres and R. C. Woodruff of the dairy. Please call at The Herald and News office (ask for Paul Haines) for your courtesy tickets.

# LIFELINE TO BERLIN CUT BY RUSSIANS

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More than 1,200 American bombers, escorted by 650 fighters, smashed at rail and industrial targets in Nurnberg. It was the second straight day of American air attack on that great rail junction, once the scene of nazi party spectacles.

The attack, coupled with an overnight RAF blow by 1200 planes on Dortmund, Duesseldorf, Mannheim, Berlin and other targets, brought into its ninth day the tremendous aerial offensive during which more than 11,000 heavy bombers were over the Reich.

German reports of reverses on the Oder coincided with a Russian review which said the red army was 34 miles from Berlin, the closest that Russian press yet has placed soviet troops from the German capital.

In Italy American troops attacking over forbidding mountain terrain captured Monte Belvedere and fought vicious German opposition for heights west of the Pistoia-Bologna highway. The Germans had held 3500-foot Monte Belvedere since they recaptured it last November 29.

# 2 BIG FEATURE

NEW TONIGHT Tower BOX OFFICE OPENS 6:45

# WHAT A THRILL when the CRIME DOCTOR goes into a trance to trap a ghost killer!

WARNER BAXTER

# SHADOWS IN THE NIGHT

Plus 2nd Feature

BLAZING EMOTIONAL DRAMA OF A DAUGHTER OF DANGER... who knew a kiss can be as deadly as a bullet!

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Coming Soon Johnny Mack Brown in 'GHOST GUNS' Also DANCING IN MANHATTAN

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