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### Seven Dead, Homes Quit By Thousands

**Third of Indiana Awash; Missouri, Illinois Also Suffer Heavy Damage**

INDIANAPOLIS, May 19—(AP)—Additional troops were ordered into flood-washed areas of Indiana today as a third of the state struggled against the highest waters in three decades. Another drowning was reported bringing the Indiana death list to five.

At least 10,000 persons were homeless in 20 counties. Lodge halls, schools, churches and other buildings were converted into dormitories for them. Damage to crops and property mounted.

Three hundred military police were sent to the flood-isolated city of Peru, in north-central Indiana; 400 to Terre Haute, where 4,000 persons were evacuated last night after the breaking of a levee, and 200 to Washington, Ind., where other levees were threatened.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

READING between the lines (which is still all we can do) there's apparently heavy fighting on Attu, but we seem to have the upper hand.

THE Japs are still our only source of direct news—and we mustn't BELIEVE much that comes from the Jap, for we know it is intended to mislead and confuse and NOT to inform.

A spokesman for the Jap army says we are landing a steady stream of reinforcements on Attu under naval and air bombardment. The landing operation, he says, was a three-pronged affair, with assaults on the south, east and north sides of the island.

The main force, he says, came ashore on the south on the first day (last Wednesday) and moved inland all day, but was driven back to the beach that night. There's a pitched battle on, he says, between the Japs and our forces landing on the north side.

Our third force, attempting a landing on the east, he adds, was annihilated.

KEEP your fingers, your toes and your feet crossed as you read these reports—especially the one about annihilation of our landing force on the east.

This, in particular, is intended to stir uneasiness in our minds and sow suspicion of our government, which, for security reasons, is withholding details from us.

If the Jap can make us suspicious and resentful of our government, he will have gained a point.

Keep that fact ALWAYS in your mind.

PAY no attention to the Jap tale that we are using poison gas. It is absurd on its face, for in a landing operation such as this our troops are bound to be all mixed up with the Japs and you may be quite sure we're not going to run the risk of gassing our own men.

The Jap is peddling that yarn for some wily purpose of his own—perhaps as a prelude to using gas himself in hit-and-run attacks on our coast cities.

OUR own army officers in Washington tell us our forces will be able to sweep the Japs from Attu as soon as the weather clears for combined sea-air-ground operations.

Colonel Dupuy, speaking on an army radio program on Sunday,

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### Nazi Air Forces Crippled by Reds

MOSCOW, May 19—(AP)—The telling blows dealt German air and supply bases during the past three weeks by soviet airmen were reflected today in a front-line dispatch to Red Star, army newspaper, which said: "The Germans have begun to shift their air forces from Crimean airbases to reinforce their exhausted airforces."

There was no elaboration in Red Star, but the Russians announced officially that they had destroyed or damaged 550 enemy planes in the week May 28, and had destroyed 370 planes from May 9 to May 15.

Northeast of Novorossisk in the Kuban, where the Germans have been counterattacking for days in attempts to drive red troops from the city's inner defenses, the nazis lost a hundred dead in a futile attack last night. Fighting continued in the lower reaches of the Kuban river also, where Germans in rowboats attempted a crossing but lost four boats. References to the lower reaches of the Kuban meant the Russians were close to the Kerch strait.

# AMERICANS CLOSE TRAP ON ATTU JAPS

## Part of Foe's Force Falls Back to Sea

**U. S. Soldiers Capture Anti-Aircraft Guns, Use Them Against Nippons**

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—American plinckers have closed their trap around Japanese positions on Attu island, the navy reported today, and at least a part of the enemy troops are in retreat toward a last ditch stand.

The navy communique said: "During the morning of May 18, United States forces working inland from Holtz bay on Attu island were in possession of the high ridge southeast of Holtz bay, and United States troops from the Massacre bay area were advancing northward."

"During the day, the Massacre bay force advanced up a pass toward the Holtz bay force, and advance patrols from the two forces joined."

"During the afternoon, the pass was cleared of enemy troops which withdrew toward Chichagof harbor, leaving only snipers behind."

"Several 3-inch anti-aircraft guns have been captured from the enemy and are being used by our troops."

**Japs Face Annihilation**  
The main enemy position on Attu island, Secretary Knox reported yesterday, is at the southern end of Holtz bay. A subordinate position is held by the Japanese at Chichagof harbor, which lies to the northeast of the Holtz bay position and between five and ten miles away.

The junction of American forces in the heights southeast of Holtz bay place the Japanese in a position where they are fighting with their backs to sea and have

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## House Sees Near Fist Fight Over Bribe Reference

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—Rep. Gene Cox, fiery Georgian, and Rep. Will Rogers, Jr., son of the late humorist, nursed injured feelings—but no bruises—today in calm contrast to their quarrel on the house floor yesterday.

Colleagues intervened yesterday to avert threatened fistfights when Cox, walking over to where Rogers was sitting, quoted him as saying in a radio address that he had accepted a bribe, and demanded an apology.

Obviously angry, the Georgian threw his arms around the Californian's head while both were still seated. Other nearby representatives at this point stepped in to hold both men by the arms. Cox, a few minutes later, left the chamber.

Cox is 63 years old; Rogers is 31.

It appeared today that the excitement had died down. Cox declared that he was disposed to let matters lie, leaving the next move up to the Californian.

Rogers called the affair "just a tempest in a teapot," said nothing "more than words were exchanged," and served notice that he would seek Cox out "in some calm moment and iron it out in deliberate fashion."

The Californian lawmaker said that he probably had written "at one time or another" about Cox in connection with a radio station license, but denied that he ever said the Georgian had taken a bribe.

A week ago, Clifford J. Durr, a member of the Federal Communications commission, filed a petition in the house seeking disqualification of Cox as a member and chairman of a special committee investigating the FCC. Durr said that Cox had received a \$2,500 check from an Albany, Ga., radio station which was used to purchase stock in the station.

## "Paul Revere" of Warning Service To Speak Here

Sam Hayes, noted radio newscaster, being billed by the Fourth Fighter command as the "Modern Paul Revere," is to be a visitor in Roseburg Sunday. Hayes is being flown to various Pacific coast cities and towns to work on behalf of the Aircraft Warning service.

He will arrive here by army plane and will speak at 2 p. m. to women at the Roseburg filter center.

He will address a public gathering at the courthouse square at 3 p. m. A brief program of music and other features will precede his talk. All Roseburg residents and Aircraft Warning service workers and other interested persons from all parts of the county are invited to attend the public, outdoor meeting.

Arrangements also have been made with Donn Radabaugh, local theatre manager, for talks by Mr. Hayes at the Indian theater at 9:15 p. m. and Rose theater at 9:30 p. m.

He also will be heard in short talks from the Roseburg radio station, KRNR.

## Grade 1 Passenger Car Tire Reserve Exhausted

The Roseburg rationing board has been notified by the district office that the district reserve on Grade 1 passenger tires is exhausted and there is little prospect of receiving an addition to the reserve from the regional office or from Washington, D. C.

L. V. Hammock, chairman, reported today. Inasmuch as the local quota on Grade 1 passenger tires is now exhausted no relief is in sight, no more certificates can be issued until a new allotment is received.

Car owners in need of tires for passenger automobiles are advised by Mr. Hammock to make application for Grade III tires until such time as supplies of Grade I tires again become available.

## Guest Fatally Burned At Oakridge Home

EUGENE, Ore., May 19—(AP)—Emery Seales, 66, Willamette City, died Sunday of burns suffered in a fire which destroyed the home of Harold Hill at Oakridge. Seales was visiting at the Hill home when the fire occurred. Hill was severely burned attempting to rescue his guest.

## Fight Alongside U. S. Until Cities of Japan are in Ashes Vowed by Churchill

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill pledged today British participation in an eventual finish fight until Japan's war industries and cities are laid in ashes.

The British, Churchill said, will be in there fighting "side by side with you while there is breath in our bodies and blood flows in our veins."

When that finish fight will come he did not specify, but his ringing prophecy of utter destruction of the enemy in the Pacific, sounded to a joint session of congress, went out over the air waves to the world abroad—enemy and allied countries alike.

There was thunderous applause from members of congress and high officials of this and the British governments.

Then, he disclosed, he and President Roosevelt hope for a meeting soon with Premier Stalin of Russia and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China.

**Air Blows Tell on Nazis**  
Churchill declared also that Britain's air offensive is forcing Germany to withdraw "more and more" planes from the fighting fronts to "purely defensive" operations at the expense in loss of aggression and initiative.

## Celebration In Roseburg Called Off

**Public Interest Lacking In Victory Day Plans, Job Stoppages Opposed**

All plans for the African Victory day celebration, scheduled in Roseburg for this afternoon, were cancelled late Tuesday due to a lack of general enthusiasm, coupled with the fact that interruption of food and other war production might result. Although arrangements had been made for a parade and war bond selling program, it was determined Tuesday evening, following a series of conferences, that public interest did not justify the effort and that resultant work stoppages, even for a short period should be avoided.

"A survey by our committee indicates the general belief that this is not the time for a victory celebration," Frank Ward, program chairman, stated in explaining the cancellation. "The reaction we found to the governor's plan for a state-wide observance of the day, was that it was ill-timed. (This was particularly true among farmers and mill men.)"

**Steady Work Preferred**  
"The African achievement, great as it was, still does not constitute final victory in the opinion of a great many persons we contacted. We found that people want to work hard with the purpose of taking care of their own needs and the needs of their brothers, sons and husbands overseas, and that they do not welcome interruption."

"With these sentiments prevailing quite generally, it was our opinion that the celebration should be cancelled, even though such action was taken at a very late date."

"I desire personally to thank each person and organization co-operating in the program plans. I appreciate that many persons have been inconvenienced and I sincerely regret that fact. The committee is grateful for the assistance of organizations and individuals who had arranged to participate."

**Buy Bonds Instead, Urge**  
H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the war savings staff for Douglas county,

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## KRNR Power Boost to Better Night Reception

The News-Review radio station, KRNR, received authority late Tuesday to use 250 watts of power for both day and night broadcasting. The station, under authority from the Federal Communications commission, has been operating with 250 watts of power during daytimes, but has been required to reduce power to 100 watts at night.

The authority granted by the commission makes the increase in night power immediately effective.

Marshall Pengra, manager of the station, points out that the increase in power will not increase the effective operating distance, but will provide better signal strength and give increased signal clarity within the area now served. Listeners who have found interference with the KRNR signals at night, will, in most cases, find reception considerably improved as a result of the additional power for night broadcasting, Pengra said.

The authorization is contingent upon an increase in the height of the station's antenna, but the change will not be required until materials become available.

## Nazi Reprisals for Flood May Fall on Jews

LONDON, May 19—(AP)—Reprisals against Jews "proportionate with the very great damage and loss of life caused by the attack" are being demanded by the RAF bombing of the Moeche and Eder dams, Reuters dispatches from Stockholm said today.

The dispatch said the demands had given the German people as a whole their first knowledge of the vast destruction done to the vital Ruhr valley industries.

Reuters had said previously that a German Jewish medical specialist, a refugee from Germany, had suggested the idea for the attacks.

## Pond Dragged for Body Of Missing Child

PORTLAND, May 19—(AP)—Authorities continued to drag a pond near the St. John's Woods housing project for the body of six-year-old Bernice Shaw. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shaw, reported her missing late yesterday and her clothing was found on the bank. Two small boy playmates told officers she was on a raft in the pond when they left.

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## Nazis Get No Respite From Air Assaults

**New Raid Launched as Flood From Broken Dam Continues Devastation**

LONDON, May 19—(AP)—The roar of a large formation of planes over the English channel this afternoon signalled the continuation of the allied aerial war on the nazis in Europe after a night of light activity by the RAF.

The strong force swept over the straits in a southeasterly direction toward Boulogne and Cap Gris Nez.

Flood waters from the rapidly emptying Moeche and Eder reservoirs in Germany, breached in Sunday night's spectacular aerial mining, continued to spread devastation and paralysis in Germany's Ruhr and Weser industrial areas as the offensive entered its eighth day of round-the-clock activity.

In a broadcast from London it was reported that a mine dropped by the RAF in a large reservoir six miles south of the Moeche dam had started seepage which threatened further damage.

(It was indicated that frantic efforts were being made by German engineers to halt the seepage before the heavy weight of water ploughed through the incipient break.)

**Transport System Blasted**  
Overnight targets of long-range British fighters and bombers included a score of rail and water objectives on the strained axis transport system, the air ministry news service said. The forays were aimed at St. Fenger, Port Fraton, Saumur, Angers, Nantes and other points in occupied territory. Barges were shot up near Les Andelys on the Seine.

One Canadian pilot reported he hit five trains in a four-hour period.

News of the Sunday night dam-busting exploit, however, continued to make the headlines as examination of reconnaissance pictures taken yesterday showed floodwaters rushing through the middle Ruhr toward Duisburg and beyond Kassel in the Weser valley.

Berlin admitted heavy civilian losses but declared damage "can be repaired partly in a short time."

Enemy raiders struck at London last night for the third successive night, giving the capital

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## Commissioned in Marines' Reserve

Charles E. (Chub) Church, above, son of Major and Mrs. H. C. Church of Roseburg, was graduated recently from the naval air training center at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. marine corps reserve. A graduate of Roseburg high school, he was a student at University of Oregon and a member of Sigma Delta Psi fraternity. His father is chemical warfare officer at Fort Lewis, Wash.



(By the Associated Press)  
Thousands of families have left their homes in scattered sections of several midwest and southwest states as surging waters from rivers and streams inundated sections of some cities and flooded farm and river bottom lands.

At least seven persons were dead. Four drowned in Indiana and three deaths were reported in Missouri. Damage to crops and property was heavy, although no official estimates were given as the floods struck Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

In Indiana, where at least one third of the state was gripped by the worst flood in 30 years, some 10,000 persons were homeless in 20 counties. The main highways of flood were the Wabash, White and Mississinewa rivers but hundreds of other streams overflowed and plagued wide sections.

## Membership Pins Given Local Vets

Twenty-five year membership pins were awarded 44 members of Umpqua post of the American Legion at a post meeting held last night. Approximately 60 legionnaires are to receive the pins, but not all were present at last night's meeting when the presentations were made by Hugh Bowman, state commander.

A report was received from the state service officer, Tom Collins, Portland, who outlined the work being done by his department.

Erwin Short, local chief of police, was nominated for the office of post commander at the business session. Roy Young was nominated vice-commander; Earl C. Plummer, adjutant; E. A. Post, finance officer; Sig Fett and Joe Pounds, executive committee members. Nominations will be continued at the next regular meeting of the post.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the business meeting.

## Flying Fortress Hero Ex-Roseburg Resident

The recent Associated Press dispatch regarding Captain John Barlow Harding, 22 year old Flying Fortress pilot, now vacationing for 15 days in Portland, is of special interest here, as he is the home here with his parents, the late C. B. Harding, and Mrs. Harding, the latter now a resident of Portland. His father was an engineer here for several years for the Kendall timber interests. They later moved to Klamath Falls, where John was graduated from high school. Later he attended Pacific university and U. of O. He has seen combat service in Greenland, Iceland, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Sicily and North Africa and has been shot down once. He is a grandson of Robert Nelson, who resides on Wharton avenue in Roseburg.

## Extortion Charge Hits Labor Heads

NEW YORK, May 19—(AP)—District Attorney Hogan announced today the indictment of Joseph S. Fay, international vice-president of the Union of Operating Engineers, AFL, and James Bove, international vice-president of the Hod Carriers' union, AFL, on charges of extorting more than \$300,000 from construction syndicates building the \$300,000,000 Delaware equestrian project.

The two men were charged also with a conspiracy to extort \$703,000 from firms operating in New York and several upstate counties.

In the indictment, containing one count charging conspiracy and six counts charging extortion, Fay and Bove were accused of demanding that companies seeking construction contracts either pay them certain sums of money or that wages higher than the then-prevailing rates be paid union men.

The indictment alleged that Fay and Bove promised that no labor difficulties would develop if they were paid the designated sums and charged they threatened that if they were not paid, laborers would not be sent on the jobs. The extortion, it was charged, started in 1936.

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## F. R. Gets Sarcastic On Newsmen's Privileges

WASHINGTON, May 19—(AP)—Reporters, discussing restrictions placed on newsmen covering the Hot Springs, Va., food conference, drew from President Roosevelt yesterday the remark that newsmen next will be asking to watch him to take a bath.

Mr. Roosevelt at first told his press conference he had no reaction to the discussion, except from a reputable and experienced newspaperman, not a member of the White House Correspondents' association, who thought it would be nice to have a tier of 20 benches erected in the cabinet room so the press could sit in on cabinet sessions.

He added he went that person one better with a suggestion for another tier in his own office.

Then, as reporters asked "what's wrong with that?" and "how soon can we expect it?" Mr. Roosevelt made the remark about bathing.

## Gordon Holbrook Gets Forestry School Award

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 19—(AP)—Among 5 forestry school awards announced at Oregon State college was Gordon Holbrook, Roseburg, cruise award for outstanding work on the school of forestry yearbook.

## Rome to be Bombed if Necessary, Britain Told

LONDON, May 19—(AP)—The RAF would "not hesitate to bomb Rome if the course of the war should render such action helpful and convenient," Capt. Sir Harold Balfour, under secretary of state and air, told the house of commons today.

His statement followed a report from Italy printed in London newspapers that the RAF had dropped leaflets over Rome saying the Eternal City was on the RAF's bombing list.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizantala  
Here's hoping that the calamity dealt to the German people by the RAF blasting of Ruhr valley dams reached superlative proportions—the destruction of all their tomato plants.