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Japs Advance Farther Into Honan Region

Foe Grips Vital Railway Near Loyang, Gateway To Republic's Heart

CHUNGKING, May 8.—(AP)—Misgivings over the military situation in northwestern Honan province grew more pronounced today as Chinese field dispatches declared that Japanese troops have advanced another three and one-half miles toward Loyang and now are only six miles south of the ancient city, gateway for a possible thrust into the very heart of China.

Fierce fighting was reported in all sectors of the Honan area and it was generally admitted here that the situation is growing serious and that the Chinese can no longer follow their usual strategy of trading space for time without facing possible dire consequences.

The Japanese were reported making rapid progress to clear the important north-south Peiping-Hankow railway and field dispatches said they had narrowed to 14 miles the stretch of line held by the Chinese.

Yesterday the Japanese northern column was reported at Yenching, 83 miles south of Chenghsien, and the Chinese were believed in control of the railway for a distance of 40 or 50 miles below that point.

Chennault's Men Strike
Maj. Gen. Chennault's Chinese-American wing again struck at invaders columns southeast of Loyang in direct support of the Chinese. A communique said strafing attacks on motor concentrations and troops last Saturday knocked out about 125 vehicles and killed some 250 Japanese.

Other U. S. 14th air force planes ranged wide over French Indo-China, wrecking 15 sampans and as many larger boats and knocking out about 100 railroad cars, the bulletin said.

The Chinese high command declared successful counterattacks had been made against Japanese striking westward from northern Anhwei province in the general direction of the Peiping-Hankow railway.

West of the railway itself the Japanese were reported to have continued attempts to seek decisive battle with the Chinese, but without success.

Chenghsien is about 65 miles east of Loyang and is the base

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WAR SECRETARY STIMSON joins the British ministry of economic warfare in testimony as to damage our continuing air assault is doing to German transportation on the continent of Europe. The destruction wrought already, he says, is beyond the Nazis' ability to make repairs.

PRESUMABLY the Germans have piled up huge supplies of food and munitions already along the coasts where they expect us to invade, but when the tremendous air bombardment that will be the preliminary to invasion starts vast quantities of their accumulated supplies will be destroyed. They will therefore need to move in supplies and reinforcements from other places—especially from central reserves.

That is where shortage of transportation will begin to hurt. It is why we are devoting so much time and effort to the destruction of French and Belgian railroads.

SECRETARY STIMSON adds that our continuing air attack has by now cut so deeply into German fighter strength and production that MOST large bomber formations dispatched by us recently have encountered NO German air resistance.

That is to say, the Nazis now prefer in a very large number of cases to suffer whatever damage our bombers, unopposed by their fighters, can do rather than risk

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Vision of Christ On Cross Seen in Sky by Britons

IPSWICH, England, May 8.—(AP)—The Rev. Harold Godfrey Green, vicar of St. Nicholas church and chaplain to British forces, said today he had verified "quite definitely" the story of hundreds of Ipswich residents who said they saw a vision of Jesus on a cross in the sky during an April 27 air raid alert.

Nearly 800 townspeople crowded St. Nicholas church—which seats only 500—for a sermon on the vision yesterday, when the vicar said: "I have satisfied myself beyond doubt of the authenticity of the vision. I regard the sign as a good omen * * * I did not myself see the sign and for this I am sorry."

The vision was said to have lasted 15 minutes. It first took form in the shape of a large white cross, the chaplain was told, and then the form of Jesus appeared.

"His head was bowed and his feet were crossed—all who saw agree on these details," he said. "When it disappeared it did not drift away like clouds but vanished instantly and entirely."

Other clouds in the sky were said to have drifted by while the vision remained stationary.

Oklahoma Flier Sets New "Kill" Record in Europe

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, May 8.—(AP)—Capt. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., a Thunderbolt pilot, shot down two enemy planes over Germany today to boost his total to 27—all bagged in the air—and became the first American ace in the European theater to break Capt. Edward Rickenbacker's combat record of 26 aircraft kills in the first world war.

Johnson thus tied the record set in the Southwest Pacific theater by Maj. Richard I. Bong, 23, of Poplar, Wis.

In the European theater, Capt. Don Gentile of Piqua, Ohio, now on home leave, holds the present record of enemy planes destroyed by an American pilot, with a total score of 30, of which seven were destroyed on the ground.

Bong also has nine probables, which went down smoking but were not seen to crash and thus have not been tallied as planes destroyed.

Johnson, who is 24 first flew solo in a plane when he was only 14 years old, and obtained a civilian pilot license in 1919. He has been shot up three times, and his fellow fliers credit his courage and flying skill with keeping him alive. He thinks Nazi pilots are "no better or no worse than Americans," but believes they lack initiative.

B. P. W. C. Elects, Backs Jobs Equality Demand

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Hood River, home of the newly-elected president, Constance Weber, was picked yesterday as the 1945 convention city of the Oregon Business and Professional Women's clubs. Action was taken at the closing session of the 1944 meeting held here.

Kathleen Miller, Albany became first vice president; Leone Jensen of Eugene, second vice president; Charlotte Donovan, Toledo, recording secretary; Charline Edwards, Corvallis, treasurer; Jeanne Sillick, Hood River, corresponding secretary.

The federation endorsed a request from the national federation that a plank on postwar employment be included in the platform of the two major political parties, emphasizing that job opportunities be open to men and women alike without discrimination in rate of pay and that jobs be filled by those best qualified with due consideration of men and women of the armed services.

Lebanon School Heads Approve Record Budget

LEBANON, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Lebanon school district officials have approved a record \$138,962 budget for 1944-45 to provide a new six-room school, employ additional teachers and increase salaries. A special election will be held June 1 to vote upon a special levy of \$31,351 over the six per cent limitation.

Get Astir To Prevent Invasion Aid

Watchful Eye Kept On Suspects, Especially in Norway and Holland

LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—The Germans, anticipating invasion within three weeks, have created an elaborate super-gestapo in western Europe with lists of political untrustworthies and prominent individuals marked for summary seizure, an informant with underground connections with Germany said today.

Hitler personally selected for command of this vast police force General von Woyrsch, one of the Nazis' most notorious disciplinarians.

The minute the allies set foot upon the western shores of Europe, the Germans are said to be all set to begin one of the greatest mass roundups of the war with prospects that firing squads will have their hands full.

The informant said the program calls for the immediate arrest of prominent leaders in various parts of western Europe to be held as hostages and executed in case of hostility by the public.

Norway Closely Eyed.

The Germans are said to be watching Norway as one of the likely invasion points. Headquarters now are in Oslo, but the Germans were reported to have prepared other quarters in Norway for their occupation forces. Stockholm dispatches told of a second German line of defense under consideration on Jutland all the way from the east to the west coast.

Another Swedish report said the province of South Holland, including The Hague, had been

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German Convoy Battled In English Channel

LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—Light coastal forces manned by French crews battled a strong-escorted German convoy in the English channel early today and probably sank a supply ship and trawler, the admiralty announced. Allied guns damaged other enemy boats in the close range battle, the communique said, and returned to harbor with only superficial damage.

Auto Kills Man as He Staggers in Front of It

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—James Jerome Hill, 44, West Linn, was killed by an automobile on the main highway through Jennings Lodge early yesterday.

Morris Holman, deputy coroner, said investigation indicated Hill staggered in the path of an automobile driven by L. J. Plank of Woodburn. A broken bottle of wine was found in Hill's hip pocket, Holman said. Plank was not held.

Tanks Mop Up Japanese Resistance on Hollandia



U. S. "General Sherman" tanks, landed during the invasion of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, assemble to form a patrol for the purpose of mopping-up remaining Japanese and knocking out any stubborn resistance. In the background, a Jap ammunition dump blazes after being set afire by preliminary naval and air bombardment.

Fourth Term Nomination Goal Neared

Required Total of Votes For Roosevelt Looms in Current Week's Slate

(By the Associated Press)
With democrats in six states selecting delegates, President Roosevelt may receive enough publicly pledged and claimed convention votes before this week is out to clinch a fourth term nomination—if he wants it.

Indications are that his party members will make certain in the next few days that the necessary 530 delegates are available. As of today, 415 of the 510 delegates who have been chosen are pledged or claimed for Mr. Roosevelt.

Missouri democrats, meeting today, are expected to name delegates carrying 32 votes for the president. Wyoming may add eight more favorable to his candidacy, and republicans in that state will elect nine convention representatives.

Ohio voters will participate in preferential primaries tomorrow in which they are expected to elect 52 delegates favoring a fourth term. West Virginia democrats voting the same day, will pick a delegation to cast 18 votes that will be technically untrustworthy but which leaders say is likely to lean heavily toward a fourth term.

Without counting the West Virginia group, the president's pledged and claimed delegates will total 531 if Missouri, Wyoming and Ohio groups go for him and are joined by North Dakota democrats, who pick eight delegates Wednesday, and Washington

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Prisoners Slug North Bend Police Chief, Break Jail

NORTH BEND, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Three sailors faced charges of assault with a deadly weapon today after slugging Police Chief S. R. McCarter with a chain, locking him in their cell and making a short-lived escape in a patrol car.

The sailors, booked as William Rose, 26, and Clifford Bingham, 20, both stationed at Tacoma, Wash., and James R. Spraker, 23, stationed here, were picked up by North Bend police early Saturday on suspicion. McCarter said they admitted stealing their automobile in Seattle.

The police chief said they slugged him and grabbed his gun as he was returning them to a cell from a shower room Saturday night. They bound and gagged him, he said, but he loosened his gag and summoned help.

Two members of his force found them afoot on a road 12 miles north of here early Sunday after they had abandoned the police car. They offered no resistance.

Republicans Force Cut in Debt Request

Treasury Agrees to Lop Off \$20 Billion Now, but More to Be Asked Later

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee approved today a bill boosting the public debt ceilings from \$210,000,000,000 to \$240,000,000,000 after the administration, confronted by vigorous republican opposition, receded from an original request for a \$260,000,000,000 limit.

Daniel W. Bell, undersecretary of the treasury, told the house ways and means committee "it would be all right with us" to make the cut back, with the understanding that the administration will make a request for a still higher ceiling early next year.

The administration originally asked that the limit be boosted from \$210,000,000,000 to \$260,000,000,000 on an assumption the debt would reach \$38,000,000,000 by June 30, 1945.

However, when republican members of the committee insisted on a cut back and Representative Dewey (R., Ill.) asked Bell if a limit of \$240,000,000,000 wouldn't be sufficient until next March, when the new congress is in session, the treasury official replied "we would be perfectly willing to do this, and come back in January to ask for a new ceiling."

Millions Wasted, Charge.
Before the hearing opened Rep. Knutson (R., Minn.) said he and some other minority members would seek an intermediate figure.

"On every side we see waste

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Pilot Killed as Plane Crashes in Portland Lot

PORTLAND, May 8.—(AP)—A fighter plane from the Portland army air base crashed in a vacant lot in a residential district here yesterday, killing the pilot, 2d Lt. Henry E. Clark, 23, Lakeville, Conn.

Witnesses said the ship dropped out of a four-plane formation but disagreed as to whether it went into a spin or made a crash landing with a dead engine. The wreckage did not burn.

Oregon Mother-in-Law Killer Sentenced to Die

PORTLAND, May 8.—(AP)—The death sentence was pronounced today upon Andrew W. Dennis, 43-year-old war plant worker convicted of killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Belle McAllen, on January 9.

Judge Martin W. Hawkins pronounced sentence. Dennis was convicted of first degree murder last Wednesday on testimony that he beat and choked Mrs. McAllen in her apartment. June 16 was fixed as the execution date.

Bride Accused of Stealing Groom



(NEA Telephoto)

Charged with "child stealing," the child in the case being her 14-year-old husband, with whom she is pictured above, Mrs. Elaine Montford-Wisecarver, has waived extradition to Los Angeles from Denver, where the couple were arrested on a warrant sworn out by th boy's mother. "I didn't steal him," declared the 21-year-old bride. "We love each other madly and we eloped. So what?" Mrs. Wisecarver admitted to Denver authorities that she abandoned two daughters by a previous common law union.

Allies Increase Netherlands East Indies Hammering

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, May 8.—(AP)—Allied airmen are driving heavier bomb loads deeper into the Netherlands East Indies again, Gen. MacArthur disclosed today.

For the first time since American invasion forces started their lightning conquest of Hollandia April 22, bombers brought Boeering and Kai islands into their sights and dumped a heavy weight of explosives on Timor.

Night-patrolling navy "black cats" (Catalinas) pounced on a Japanese convoy of one destroyer and seven freighters off Mangrove Island, east of Celebes, Friday and damaged a 5,000-ton merchantman, today's communique reported.

Liberators and British Beauforts showered more than 30 tons of bombs Saturday on Koepang and its airfield at Timor, northwest of Darwin, Australia.

Liberators continued neutralization raids on the Schouten Islands, up the New Guinea coast on the path to the Philippines from Hollandia. One Liberator was lost in a combat with 15 enemy fighters.

On the ground, American patrols wormed their way 20 miles to the southeast from captured Hollandia, mopping up isolated Japanese.

Service Stations Lose On Fake Gasoline Stamps

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Counterfeit C2 gasoline coupons have shown up at 69 service stations in the Portland-Vancouver, Wash., area in the past two months, the district OPA revealed.

Each of the stations will be debited with the value of the coupons and will lose a corresponding amount of gasoline, said Jack L. Davis, counterfeit specialist.

Several operators will be subject to suspension order hearings, he said, adding that "you don't accept counterfeit coupons inadvertently."

Fugitive Oregon Prison Trusties Recaptured

SALEM, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Three state prison trusties who escaped late Saturday in a prison wood truck were arrested in Corvallis last night by Corvallis police, State Prison Warden Alexander said today.

The men are Edward L. Jones, 22, convicted at Seaside for larceny; Roy W. Ferrell, 32, convicted of grand larceny in Portland; and Lloyd A. Powers, 24, convicted of larceny in Portland. All are serving short sentences.

Court Stands By Ruling on Negroes' Right of Ballot

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The supreme court rejected today two requests for a rehearing of its recent decision that Negroes have the right to vote in Texas democratic primary elections.

Grover Sellers, attorney general of Texas, and two Houston election judges involved in the case, filed separate requests for rehearing.

The court made no comment in denying the petitions. The election judges protested that the 8-1 decision upset a unanimous supreme court ruling of nine years ago, which sustained exclusion of Negroes from Texas democratic primaries. Texas statutes, they said, have not been changed in any great respect since the earlier decision.

The recent decision held that the democratic party in Texas is required to follow state legislative procedure in selecting party nominees in primary elections, and thus the party becomes a state agency. To this, Sellers complained.

"This court makes much of the fact that the statutes of Texas regulate the manner in which primary elections are conducted. It is true that the statutes so operate, but it is equally true that under the constitution and decisions in Texas, all primary elections are conducted by party officials at party expense, and that the state can say not one word with respect to the persons who are entitled to participate in such elections. * * *

Strange indeed is a doctrine which transforms a private association into a state agency merely because the police powers of the state are applicable to such association."

The election judges, S. E. Allwright and James E. Lizzuz, told the supreme court that "the democratic party (or any other party) in Texas is not responsible for the acts of the legislature and cannot prevent enactment of statutes which attempt to control party affairs."

Fine Fixed for Killing Chinese in Error for Jap

ASTORIA, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Walter Harold Johnson, 19, navy electrician third class, must pay a \$300 fine for causing the death of Tung Quan Wo, Chinese, in the mistaken belief that he was a Japanese saboteur.

A jury convicted him of assault and battery Saturday, and Judge Zimmerman fixed the penalty. Johnson, who has served two years in the navy at Tarawa and in the Aleutians, said that he had been drinking. The grand jury charged him with second degree murder, accusing him of holding Tung's head under water until he drowned.

1,000 Reported Slain in Berlin; Resistance of Germans Much Weaker

LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—Nearly 2,000 U. S. bombers and fighters blasted the Berlin and Brunswick areas today, with a great fleet of Flying Fortresses pouncing for the second straight day on Berlin—the battered capital that the Germans now called "condemned to death."

Another armada composed entirely of Liberators hammered Brunswick 125 miles west of Berlin.

The powerful force—almost equal to that pounding Berlin by daylight Sunday—followed night assaults from west and south upon France, Germany, and the Romanian capital of Bucharest.

The Fortresses dropped perhaps 2,000 tons of explosives on Berlin today.

Bucharest was hit last night for the third time in 24 hours in operations marking the seventh day-night coordinated operation from Britain and the Mediterranean since Thursday night against Germany, France, and the Balkans. Six of those consecutive Mediterranean blows fell on Romania.

After the big fellows carried out what the German communique called "terror attacks" on Bucharest and Berlin, approximately 200 Ninth air force marauders struck today at military objectives in northern France and a railroad bridge on the outskirts of Rouen.

Today's daylight operations pressed the tremendous pre-invasion air offensive into its 24th consecutive day and capped a 24-hour period in which probably 6,000 allied planes, thundering from bases in Britain and Italy, rained something like 10,000 tons of explosives on installations with which Hitler hoped to combat the allies western invasion and stem the Russian drive into the Balkans.

Nazi Fliers Give Battle
German fighters drove bitterly against the Liberators bombing Brunswick, returning crewmen said, and some estimated that as many as 150 Nazi planes engaged in battle at one time. The Germans attacked in waves for half an hour.

American fliers said it was the first German fighter defense in strength since the April 29 raid on Berlin. A heavy overcast forced the Liberators to bomb through clouds. Flak was described as light.

The RAF's night fleet last night hit Rennes air field north of Nantes and other targets in Nantes, Tours, Saabris, 35 miles south of Ours, and military in-

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Methodist Union Task Completed

KANSAS CITY, May 8.—(AP)—The gap which had separated the northern and southern divisions of the Methodist churches since the war between the states until five years ago was closed completely before adjournment here Saturday of their quadrennial general conference.

The delegates approved committee reports which completed the integration of the various financial systems and the codification of church policy and set out upon a united "crusade for Christ" program to raise \$25,000,000 for reconstruction and worldwide evangelism.

The report on church growth in the past ten years was viewed with considerable concern by at least a few delegates who pointed out that the expansion was only in proportion to the increase in population, while Sunday school membership for the same period showed a loss of 800,000, and the number of ministers steadily decreasing.

One resolution adopted by the conference called upon President Roosevelt to stop the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors under his war emergency powers. Another resolution expressed disapproval of "Sunday hikes under Boy Scout direction."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Senator Rufus Holman returned home to Oregon to blast personally at his opponent at short range. He may have considered it inconsistent with senatorial dignity to transmit his words by long-distance wire using the Morse code.