

YANKS RAID JAPAN

Super-Fortresses of Army Bomb Unannounced Region Of Foe's Mainland, Disclosure

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The army threw a new fighting giant into the war in the Pacific today, turning loose the new B-29 super-fortress in an air attack on the Japanese homeland.

A terse War department communique said: "B-29 super fortresses of the United States army air forces 20th bomber command bombed Japan today."

It was the first fighting assignment for the sky mammoth, and the announcement also served to disclose for the first time the existence of the 20th bomber command, a world-roaming unit under the personal direction of Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces.

The War department withheld details on the new bombing of Japan proper—first such attack on the mainland since the Doolittle raid of April 18, 1942.

However, the department subsequently disclosed that planes taking part in today's raid came from the India-China-Burma theatre.

The B-29, it was disclosed for the first time, is a heavily armored ship whose bomb load, range and ceiling exceed that of any other plane. It is powered by four engines of 2,200 horsepower each, each carrying two superchargers. Its wing span is 141.2 feet, as compared with B-17's (Flying Fortress) span of 104 feet.

But Arnold said in connection with the announcement:

"This employment of the B-29 makes possible the softening up attack on Japan very much earlier than would be possible with aircraft hitherto known to combat."

General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, in a statement on the attack made public by the war department, said that the super-fortress introduced a new type of offensive against the enemy and "also creates a new problem in the application of military force."

Because of the enormous range and heavy bomb load of this newest bombardment plane, said Marshall, they can strike "from many and remote bases at a single objective."

Their power is so great, the chief of staff continued, that the (American) joint chiefs of staff decided it would be uneconomical to confine the super-fortress organization to a single theater, and "these bombers therefore will remain under the centralized control of the joint chiefs of staff with a single commander, General Arnold, acting as their

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WITHOUT going into detail, General Eisenhower's headquarters as this is written terms our advance through the "dis-solving" German defenses in Normandy "very, very satisfactory."

PICKING details from the dispatches, it appears that our Americans have pushed their advance patrols to within TEN miles of the great port of Cherbourg—France's third largest.

There's a low range of hills at Cherbourg's southern outskirts where the Germans will probably make their last and toughest stand.

FARTHER south, we've cut about halfway across the neck of the Cherbourg peninsula at two places. The Germans say that at one of these points we've dropped another airborne force on the WEST side and that our ground forces approaching from the east are fighting to LINK UP with them.

Taking Cherbourg is an American job.

FARTHER east, at Caen, the British and Canadians are beginning to make gains in the big and growing tank battle, advancing SEVEN miles at one point, partially out-flanking Caen itself.

(IT is at Caen that the Germans seem to be making their chief effort, using tanks, to break through our lines and split our

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ALLIES SMASH HEAVY COUNTER-ATTACKS IN NORMANDY

\$55,000 Fire Hits Gardiner

Tavern, Lodge Hall, Grocery Laid in Ruins

Nearly 50 War Workers Left Homeless; Federal Emergency Aid Sought

An early-morning fire, which destroyed the Gardiner Tavern and the I. O. O. F. hall, threatened the entire city of Gardiner with destruction today, but was quelled with a loss estimated at \$55,000.

Between 40 and 50 persons, tenants of the tavern, all essential war workers, were left homeless, many escaping only in night clothes, and efforts already are under way at Reedsport and Gardiner to secure emergency trailers or other housing for the workers and their families.

The blaze totally destroyed the tavern and the Odd Fellows hall, together with White's grocery, located in the lodge building. The major part of the stock and fixtures were saved from the grocery store. Stock and furnishings of the Gearhart confectionary suffered much water damage.

The blaze originated from an overheated stove in the tavern. The fire was discovered at about 3:30 a. m., and all tenants were roused in time to make hurried escape from the building, none being injured.

Outside Aid Given

Although Gardiner recently organized a fire district sufficient fire-fighting equipment had not yet been secured to fight the blaze, and the fire had a good start before the Reedsport department arrived.

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Sky, Sea Units Hammer Japs Without Rest

Marianas Islands Core Of Smashes Ranging From Kuriles to Palau

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 15.—(AP)—The most sustained task force assault of the Pacific war by bombardment battleships, cruisers and destroyers and by repeated waves of carrier planes focused attention today on the Japanese-held Marianas islands, including the former American outpost of Guam.

(Tokyo radio announced, a few hours after the latest Pearl Harbor communique on the raids, that allied forces had attempted to land on Saipan island in the Marianas and that fierce fighting was in progress. This report, so far unconfirmed, said that about 70 landing barges and 20 other special craft were used in the landing operation. Two landings were attempted this morning (Friday morning, Tokyo time), the broadcast said, and heavy punishment was inflicted on the invaders.

(Tokyo in the past has been first to announce U. S. landings on enemy-held Pacific islands.)

The Marianas were the fiery core of action ranging along more than 3,000 miles from the Kuriles, where another task force shelled the enemy within 500 miles of Japan, south to Palau, gateway to the Philippines.

Kuriles Bases Included

The latest reports: 1. Extended through the fourth straight day the shelling and

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Russians Take Heavy Toll In Finland Drive

Stubborn Defense Fails To Check Reds; Viipuri Blasted By Air Fleet

LONDON, June 15.—(AP)—Russian troops, bearing down with tanks, artillery and air support, are inflicting heavy casualties on the Finns on the Karelian front and have advanced to within 25 miles of the seaport of Viipuri, Moscow declared today.

With their capital city of Helsinki, 150 miles northwest of Viipuri, endangered by the soviet offensive, the Finns have thrown strong reinforcements into a fierce struggle with the red army in the area of Kuterseika and Jarvi, a broadcast communique from Moscow said.

Russian troops have penetrated the Finnish lines at Kuterseika, the Finns acknowledged today in a communique broadcast from Berlin. The bulletin also said Viipuri was attacked last night by 150 soviet planes.

The new reserves occupied defensive positions between the lakes and marshy ground. This made tank operations extremely difficult, but soviet troops managed to capture several Finnish support points despite stout opposition, the communique said.

Fierce Fighting Evident

Evidence of the ferocity of the

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Death Sentence Given 14 U. S. Soldiers Overseas

LONDON, June 15.—(AP)—Herbert Morrison, secretary of state for home affairs, told the house of commons today that 14 members of the United States armed forces in the United Kingdom had been sentenced to death by U. S. courts-martial and that seven of the sentences had been carried out.

In each case where the death sentence was followed the offense charged was murder and one was a case of murder and rape, he said.

Morrison said three sentences have been commuted and four are still subject to review.

Oregon Brevities Flashed From Wire

PACIFIC HIGHWAY JOB CONTRACTS AWARDED

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Contract for reconstruction of the Pacific highway between Halsey and Harrisburg was awarded by the state highway commission today to Porter W. Yett, Portland, on a low bid of \$376,687.24.

A contract to construct four bridges along the same 8.8-mile stretch went to Frank Watt Construction Co., Portland, \$58,190.

TEACHER SHORTAGE TO BE WORSE, PREDICTION

SALEM, Ore., June 15.—(AP)—Oregon's teaching shortage will be more serious than ever before when the school year opens next September, the state department of public instruction said today.

ABSENTEE VOTERS WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Information on absentee voting procedure to be distributed to Oregon service men throughout the world, will be prepared by Attorney General Neuner. Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooe, chairman of the war work committee of the Oregon State bar, said the

move was approved by the state bar board of governors.

FIRE DESTROYS DRY KILN AT DOERNBECHER PLANT

OREGON CITY, Ore., June 15.—(AP)—A dry kiln at the Doernbecher Furniture plant at Coalea, south of here, was destroyed by fire yesterday with damage estimated by a plant official at \$15,000.

LOG BOOM OPERATOR FACES RAP FROM OPA

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—C. H. Wheeler, Milwaukie log boom operator, accused in federal court of exceeding OPA ceiling charges, faces suit for treble damages of \$21,344.97. His case has been taken under advisement.

"CONCHIE" CONVICTED OF DOING WORK IMPROPERLY

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—A new type of wartime court case, John Hampton Shore, 22, conscientious objector, was charged in federal court here with failing to do his work properly at the civilian public service camp at Lapine. The court deliberated only eight minutes and found him guilty.

Nazi U-Boat Hits Trawler Near Boston

Craft Makes Port After Enemy Leaves, Thinking Target Would Go Down

BOSTON, June 15.—(AP)—A German submarine invaded the north Atlantic fishing grounds recently, shelled and machine-gunned a Boston trawler and forced all but two of the crew to abandon ship.

The submersible finally left, her skipper apparently thinking the trawler would sink. Then the crew put the vessel in shape and brought her into port early today, her hull and superstructure looking almost like a sieve.

Details of the attack were given by Captain James L. Abbott, 35, skipper of the fishing vessel, the Lark, owned by F. J. O'Hara Brothers, Boston operators. The vessel is 145 gross tons.

The sub first was sighted about 2:30 a. m. Captain Abbott said but was mistaken at first for a friendly patrol boat. Then John Aspell, at the wheel, got a good look in the moonlight night and Abbott immediately roused the crewmen who were sleeping.

Double Attack Recited

The enemy fired one shot across the bow and then opened up with machine guns as the fishermen scrambled into their dorms. Captain Abbott, his 74-year-old cook Dan Maloney and the ship's dog, Rex, remained aboard.

The sub fired from about 300 feet, the captain said, but there were no casualties. Then the undersea craft vanished and the

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Elections in All School Districts Set for June 19

Annual school meetings will be held simultaneously Monday, June 19, in all school districts of the county, for the purpose of electing school directors, appointing clerks and transacting general school business, Lula C. Gore, county school superintendent, announced today.

The Roseburg school district election will be held from 2 to 7 p. m. at the Junior high school building. J. P. Motschenbacher is the only candidate regularly nominated. A. A. Wilder, retiring director, declined to seek reelection.

A meeting of the non-high school district board will be held Friday at the office of the county superintendent, at which time there will be a final hearing on the budget for the coming year. As no tax levy is involved, no opposition to the budget is anticipated.

Night Club Operators Protest Closing Hour

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Night club owners claimed today that the midnight closing hour threatens to turn them into bootleggers or put them out of business.

A Portland delegation told the state liquor control commission that clubs can not operate at a profit under government regulations prohibiting serving of mixed drinks after midnight, and asked that closing be set ahead to 2 a. m.

Roy Conway, state liquor administrator, told the group he had already appealed to military authorities to extend the closing hour.

Americans Lunge Back Into Montebourg While Seesaw Battles Rage in Other Areas

(By the Associated Press)

The allies beat down a "very heavy counter-attack" 23 miles inside Normandy on the bloody fields around Villers-Bocage and Americans forged out modest gains on all sectors of the throbbing Cherbourg peninsula in savage fighting, Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters announced early tonight.

Lt. Gen. Bradley's troops fought back into the streets of Montebourg, 14 miles short of Cherbourg, and gained ground at nearby Quineville. They plodded forward, too, across the base of the Cherbourg peninsula in the Baupre area west of Carentan, about half way to the west coast. Berlin said the allies reached Pretot, nine miles west of Carentan. Still other gains were announced by headquarters at Pont L'Abbe, in almost the dead center of the peninsula 18 miles below the great port.

Heavy tank battles, still erupting on the allied left, expelled the British from Troarn. The possession of the ruins of Villers-Bocage in the fluid fighting still was in doubt.

Four German panzer divisions with up to 600 tanks were striving mightily to blunt Gen. Montgomery's spearheads grasping for Caen, but everywhere the allies were standing firm. Preliminary reports showed 16 enemy tanks destroyed. Unofficial estimates placed the German strength in the battle at 20 divisions, 200,000 or more men and a third of their total strength in France and the low countries.

In fine weather, tactical air forces flew ceaselessly against the foe. War Secretary Stimson said the long delay in the major German counter-attack was due largely to the destruction of nine bridges over the Seine. He declared the allies have a firm foothold on the coast and "I believe we are there to stay until all France is liberated and Germany is defeated." He said the heaviest counter-attacks were still to come.

"We are not thinking of a superstate with its own police force and other paraphernalia of coercive power," the president said, but added that member nations of the world organization would maintain adequate forces "for joint action when necessary."

For the mechanics of a peace-promoting organization, Mr. Roosevelt proposed in a statement:

1. An international organization comprising all peace-loving nations.

2. A council elected annually by these nations, to include the four major nations and "a suitable number of other nations." (The big four are the United States, Great Britain, Russia, and China.)

3. An international court of justice to deal primarily with disputes capable of settlement.

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that for the need for physical enforcement of law prevention, the government is seeking agreement with other nations to have their armed forces available for joint action.

The plan set forth in the president's statement will be the basis of conversations at a meeting to which Secretary Hull has invited Britain, Russia and China to send representatives.

Oklahoma Governor to Be Democrat Keynoter

CHICAGO, June 15.—(AP)—Governor Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, an advocate of a fourth term for President Roosevelt, was selected today as the keynoter for the democratic national convention opening here July 19. The choice was made by the party's convention arrangements committee but recommendation of a permanent chairman for the conclave was deferred until later.

Infant's Tumble Into Tub of Water Fatal

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 15.—(AP)—A tumble into a tub of water caused the death of Mark Allen Lyons, 13-month-old baby, here, his mother, Mrs. Robert Lyons, Jr., said today. She said she left the child for a few minutes and when she returned found him in the tub.

Pearl Harbor Blast Dead, Missing 127

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Twenty-seven men were killed, 100 are missing and 380 were wounded in an explosion that destroyed several small landing craft in Pearl Harbor May 21, Admiral Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander in chief, announced.

The navy last night in making the disclosure of the number of casualties, also announced that last Sunday an ammunition dump at Onuh Island exploded killing three men. Seven others are listed as missing.

The blast on May 21 occurred while ammunition was being unloaded from one of several small landing craft. Last Sunday's explosion was caused by the accidental detonation of several torpedoes warheads being transferred from a truck to a platform.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Literary application of the principles of "boot" training might appear to be a suitable method for ending Gen. De Gaulle's impairment of allied operations. Better if he were fighting as a French guerrilla than acting like an anthropoid with a similar name.