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STUBBORN SAIPAN ISLAND BATTLE VEERING IN FAVOR OF AMERICAN LAND FORCE

Coast Town Won, Airfield Goal Nearer

Chinese Capture Nippon Base in Burma, Continue Defense of Changsha

(By the Associated Press)
Fiercely-determined American invaders of Saipan island, with one of the lesser airfields of the Marianas already in their hands, fought inland today toward additional prospective bases for allied air strikes against Japan only 1,500 miles away.

Eyewitness accounts from the hard-won Saipan island beachhead, describing the capture of the coastal town of Charan-Ka-nao and its narrow beach air-strip, said the Americans had carved out a two-mile perimeter and were driving close to Asilo airfield.

The invaders were only five miles from Saipan's principal town, Garapan, which had a peace-time population of 10,000. The town was reported ablaze under American artillery fire.

Adm. Nimitz reported the Japanese failed to offer aerial opposition to the Saipan landing last Wednesday, perhaps because an allied task force at that time was attacking the Bonin and Kazan islands, half way between the Marianas and Japan.

Nimitz said two Japanese ships (Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S plenty of news as this is written.

Our new SUPER-FORTRESS bomb Japan.

The Germans appear to be launching their long-expected major counter-attack in France.

We're LANDING TROOPS in the Marianas.

In the bombing of Japan, the War department disclosed that the big new Fort came from the India-China-Burma theatre.

General Arnold, head of the U. S. air force, says:

"This employment of the B-29 (the new Super-Fortress) makes possible the SOFTENING-UP attack on Japan VERY MUCH EARLIER than would be possible with aircraft hitherto known to combat."

THE Super-Fortress is a NEW AIR WEAPON—with longer range, more carrying power, more armor and more armament than ANY OTHER PLANE IN THE WORLD.

Its strategic importance is so great that it is to be used by a special bomber command, headed by General Arnold, and it will be sent ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD where its special talent for destruction is most needed at the moment. (It is sent FIRST to Japan.) It is disclosed that it is being produced in huge volume.

All details permitted to be known about it were carried in this newspaper. You doubtless found the story fascinating reading.

THE battle of the beaches in Normandy appears as this is written to be rushing toward its climax. Nazi reinforcements, hurrying up to the fighting front, are reported by our airmen to be clogging the roads for 200 miles back. Our planes are tearing into them.

A front-line dispatch says: "It (Continued on page 2)

Assailed in Pearl Harbor Inquiry



Col. Theodore Wyman, Jr., (left) of the army engineers, and Hans Wilhelm Rohl, (right), German-born contractor, criticized by the house military committee for delays in defenses at Pearl Harbor which, the report said, left installations incomplete and the way open to the Japanese. The report also accused the pair of staging liquor-and-girl orgies aboard Rohl's yacht.

Paper Salvage is Dated Here to Aid Recreation Fund

The two-day salvage campaign and paper drive to be held in Roseburg July 7-8 will be sponsored by the Eagles lodge, with Elmer Hampton being appointed by the state salvage committee as chairman. Mr. Hampton will select his own committee to work on the project.

The Roseburg Lumber company is donating the use of its loading docks and also some of the sawdust trucks to haul the paper. A. W. Bashford is donating the use of a truck, and several other trucks are being donated by owners.

The entire proceeds of the paper drive, at \$15 per ton, will go into the recreational program fund for Roseburg. No profit will be given to an individual, as everyone working on the project is donating his time and equipment to raise the money for the recreational fund.

Roseburg residents are requested to segregate the paper into three divisions and tie each bundle. Newspapers are to be tied in one bundle; slick magazines in another bundle and knocked-down cartons and boxes are to be tied together in a third bundle. The bundles are to be placed on the street curbs, where they will be picked up by the trucks.

The public is being urged to make every effort to collect as much paper as possible in this two-day drive to swell the recreational fund, which is being backed by all organizations, clubs and lodges of Roseburg.

Death Sentence Imposed On Murderer of Bride

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 17—(Canadian press)—Robert Harold Logan, 42, was sentenced to hang Sept. 18 for the murder of Laura Logan, the bride he met after advertising in the personal columns of a Vancouver newspaper.

A jury returned its verdict last night with a recommendation for mercy "owing to temporary insanity." Defense counsel said the verdict would be appealed.

Logan's bride died Dec. 4 from stab wounds inflicted with a butcher knife while she lay in bed. Logan then cut his own throat and lay in bed for 12 hours with the corpse of his murdered wife before the slaying was discovered.

U. S.-Standard Oil Pool is Approved

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP)—President Roosevelt today approved a bill amending basic naval oil conservation statutes to permit the pooling of government and Standard Oil of California properties in the Elk hills reserve for operation as a unit.

He said, however, he disliked provisions of the bill which would vest executive powers in the congress over administration of the oil reserves.

The legislation, known as the Elk hills reserve law, permits the unit type of contract between the government and private interests which had been declared illegal under former law.

The legislation also allows condemnation powers to be extended to the Elk hills "geologic structure" in case of drainage from the naval reserve. A new contract between the navy and Standard Oil of California for operation of Elk hills is now under consideration.

In his statement the president said he approved the bill because the secretary of the navy had assured him there is an immediate need for measures to deal with the problems of drainage and current production from naval oil reserves.

Sheriffs of 2 Counties Obtain Prisoners Here

Sheriff Sid Brown of Jackson county came to Roseburg yesterday to get Argie Ramon Payne, who had been arrested here and charged with vagrancy and who will answer a charge of larceny in Jackson county.

Sheriff Fred Reassecker of Clackamas county took three prisoners from the Douglas county jail yesterday back to his county to answer a charge of car theft. The three included Clyde K. Roysden, William K. Lawson and Clayton Roland.

Public Utilities Chief Hurt in Collision

SALEM, Ore., June 17—(AP)—George Flagg, state public utilities commissioner, was in a Salem hospital today suffering from cuts and bruises received yesterday when his car collided head-on with a car driven by Mrs. Echo Neal, Portland, on the Pacific highway a half-mile south of Aurora.

Island of Elba Occupied by French Army

Seizure Helps Allies in Mainland Campaign to Oust Nazis From Italy

ROME, June 17.—(AP)—French forces landed today on the island of Elba, once the place of exile of Napoleon, and have secured it for the allies, allied headquarters announced today.

A special communique said a detachment of the French army "B", led by Maj. Gen. De Tassigny, had landed on the barren rocky island. It gave no details, but it was unlikely the Germans were prepared for any large-scale organized resistance.

The landing on the strategically valuable island close to occupied Corsica came as allied forces on the Italian mainland swept on northward against a faltering enemy who showed no sign of making an immediate stand.

Fighter-bombers made preparatory raids for the Elba landing yesterday, destroying a petrol dump on the island and scoring six hits on a radio station, it was announced.

(A German broadcast said that landings on Elba were made at both the southern and northern end of the island, with one just west of Portoferraio, the island's major city. The broadcast said "fighting is still going on," with a "small German garrison" defending the island.)

Germans Still Running

In a swift thrust up the center of the Italian mainland front, the Eighth army captured Foligno, about 27 airline miles north of Terni, whose fall was announced yesterday. Spoleto and Trevi along the route also were seized.

Allied patrols on the Adriatic sector made contact with Italian partisan forces as they reached the road junction of Teramo.

On the west coast, the Fifth army overran Grosseto, on the coast opposite Elba and some 100 airline miles northwest of Rome.

Prisoners taken by the Fifth army alone since the beginning of the offensive now total more than 21,000, it was announced.

There still was no indication that the Germans planned to make a determined stand before reaching prepared positions north of Florence, and recent actions indicate they are trying to salvage as much strength as possible to man these positions.

There has been, for example, a noticeable lack of major artillery (Continued on page 6)

Oregon War Loan At 10 Per Cent Mark

PORTLAND, June 17—(AP)—Oregon's Fifth War Loan drive neared the 10 per cent mark today as headquarters reported sales of \$10,373,000. The goal is \$125,000,000.

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, June 17—(AP)—The American army had 3,283 killed and 12,600 wounded in opening the western front in Normandy, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today.

The total of 15,883 casualties was for the first 11 days of the campaign, and included reports up to midnight last night, Gen. Bradley said.

He paid high tribute to the courage of doughboys in establishing the beachhead on the European continent.

Bradley said casualties on the central beachhead, where the American First division and elements of the 29th division landed, had run higher than anticipated, but that casualties in the peninsula area to the west had been lower than expected.

This casualty report confirmed Bradley's confidence before the invasion when he predicted that the continent could be invaded without creating the blood bath which the enemy insisted would result and which many persons expected.

Valor of Troops Praised
Bradley's first words to the correspondents were in praise of his doughboys and parachute troops and their leaders.

Finn Minister Given Orders To Leave U. S.

Link With Hitler Draws Action; Viipuri Bracing For Russian Onslaught

WASHINGTON, June 17—(AP)—Finnish Minister Hjalmar J. Procope was held to his home under police guard today with virtual orders to leave the country as soon as possible because of activities the state department termed "inimical to the interests of the United States."

The ban was imposed late yesterday on Procope—Finland's representative in Washington during several critical years—when he was called to the state department and handed his passport and "requested" to go home as soon as transportation could be arranged.

The unprecedented action, which caused it, brought American-Finnish relations to their lowest point. It apparently increased the probability of a complete break with Finland although the United States government has thus far avoided that final rupture in every crisis. It has, however, accused Finland of playing the German game to the detriment of the United States and its allies and only two weeks ago put 84 Finnish business concerns, many of which represented high political interests, on the blacklist.

Pays On War Debt
Only two days before this latest development of allied pressure, the Finns had paid the regular \$148,445.06 annual installment on a World War I debt to this government, maintaining their record as the only people still paying on such obligations. The balance of the debt is about \$5,000,000.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June 17—(AP)—Compulsory evacuation (Continued on page 6)

Lions Club to Sponsor Victory Program Here

The Roseburg Lions club will sponsor the Victory program this evening, June 17, and Attorney Paul Geddes has been secured as the speaker. Ford Singleton is acting as chairman of the program and Marshall Pengra will be master of ceremonies. The Roseburg band and the Minute Maids will be on hand to furnish special music and to sell bonds and stamps.

The program will be presented at 8 p. m. at the Civic bond booth and will include: Dance, "Strolling Through the Park," by Ann Carter and Georgene Shandlin, accompanied by Esther Belt; trombone solo by Vern Spaugh; talk by Attorney Paul Geddes; piano duet, Helen Saar and Esther Belt; music by Roseburg Municipal band and presentation of Roseburg Girls Drum corps.

American Casualties First 11 Days Of Normandy Invasion 15,883, Says Gen. Bradley; Troops' Valor Lauded

his doughboys and parachute troops and their leaders.

"Only by guts, valor and extreme bravery on the part of the men and their leaders involved were we able to make the landings a success," he said, "and I cannot say too much for the parachute troops who dropped in the rear and made the job easier for the beach troops. They did a marvelous job."

The general declared emphatically that he thought the enemy now had lost his chance to drive the allies back into the sea and that the beachhead now was absolutely secure.

Since their landings, American troops have captured and evacuated 8,500 prisoners, Bradley said.

Bradley estimated the number of German divisions in France to be in the middle 60's, with 16 divisions or elements fighting against the entire Normandy bridgehead.

The general declared the enemy would be unable to move all his divisions in France into the Normandy front because defenses must be manned in other parts of the country, and garrisons have to maintain control of the civilian population.

Robot Planes Still Scourge British Areas

Casualties and Damage Up; Retaliation Hits Nazi Bases, Oil Plants

LONDON, June 17—(AP)—Germany's new explosive robot planes, dispatched across the English channel in weather that sharply reduced allied air activity, struck blindly in parts of southern England in intermittent attacks through the night and morning hours today.

Several persons were killed and a number injured when one of the fire-splitting projectiles made a direct hit on a nurses home at a hospital. Rescuers said they thought a number of persons were buried.

Another wrecked a shop, trapping four people for six hours in the cellar. When the four were released water in the cellar almost reached their necks.

During the night British planes, following in the path of American bombers late yesterday, struck the Pas-de-Calais coast—the region from which the robots are believed launched.

Fast German night fighter-bombers also rumbled through the English skies, ducking in and out of the clouds and dropping three in apparent attempt to confuse British defenses, but rockets from A-63 batteries plunged steadily upward, and a number of the pilotless craft were reported crashed.

Putting caution before curios (Continued on page 6)

Grange Board to Buy Materials for Homes and Farms

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 17—(AP)—The Oregon State grange set up a five-man committee today to purchase surplus war materials for the use of northwest rural homes and farms.

The committee, established by a unanimous resolution at the closing session of the five-day annual convention last night, will take over lumber, electrical and plumbing equipment from Oregon and Washington housing units, and surplus trucks, tractors and agricultural implements.

The committee, most of whose work will probably come after the war, will follow an already published grange plan for purchasing and distributing salvage materials on a cooperative basis.

The grange adopted a resolution favoring cooperation with international farmer organizations, churches, labor unions, cooperatives and other societies devoted to promotion of peace.

In the dairy field, the grange called for producer prices high enough to encourage production, with support prices for dairy products if necessary. The group asked that ration points on butter be no higher than on butter substitutes, and condemned the present plan of including butter and meat in the same ration group.

The provision of the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill, which would extend social security to farmers and continuance of the Farm Security administration, received grange approval.

The group refused to support the proposed constitutional amendment increasing state aid to schools.

Other Demands Listed
The grange requested proper government officials to establish ceiling prices on farm products that would include cost of production and to guarantee a flooring price for production so the farmer would be insured against a loss.

OPA action in establishing discriminatory prices on strawberries in the Willamette valley and eastern Washington was protested.

The grange urged return of state income tax levies to the former levels.

Recommendation was made that the state game commission and federal wildlife commission keep game animals and birds off farm lands by fencing or killing animals and to make payments for damages done.

The grange also urged return to standard time.

Last Escape Road Hammered By U. S. Artillery; Doughboys Recapture Vital Montebourg

By WES WALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 17.—(AP)—American troops driving to pinch off the top of Cherbourg peninsula brought the Germans' last escape road under hammering artillery fire today, and a U. S. fighter pilot reported signs of German flight from the cape and its great port.

One U. S. column beating west of Carentan fought within four miles of La Haye Du Puits, the nazis' last main road junction at the shortest neck of the peninsula, and forces farther north had cut Cherbourg's western railway by seizing St. Sauveur Le Vi-comte. Still other Americans had recaptured Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg.

Even as artillery blasted the Germans' last road on their dwindling western strip of the peninsula, an American pilot said he saw enemy trucks and staff cars moving south, and declared he believed the Germans "want to get out of there, but our troops are moving in fast as hell."

Cherbourg threatened to become another Sevastopol for the Germans, with their escape cut off except by sea, as happened in the Crimea.

Ex-Representative B. F. Nichols is Claimed by Death



Benjamin F. Nichols

Benjamin F. Nichols, 72, long prominent in Douglas county political and civil affairs, died this morning at his home at Riddle after a long period of ill health.

He represented the county in the lower house of the state legislature at three regular and two special terms. Previously he served the county as a commissioner and earlier as stock inspector. In private life he engaged in farming and livestock raising.

Mr. Nichols was born at Riddle January 11, 1872, son of the late I. B. and Isabelle Nichols, pioneer settlers of that community. He received his advanced education at Oregon State college, where he majored in veterinary surgery. Surviving Mr. Nichols are the widow, Senora Ellen Nichols; a son, Stille Nichols, Riddle; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Bassler and Mrs. Ruth Fisher, Portland, and two grandchildren. He also leaves a brother, I. B. Nichols, of Brockway.

Funeral services will be held at the Episcopal church at Riddle Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. William R. Blaker officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking Co.

French Patriots Aiding.
Full-scale activity of French patriot forces operating inside France is giving complete support to the invasion by broad, planned sabotage of German rail and road communications, headquarters declared today in a special communique.

Bridges have been destroyed, trains derailed, at least 70 locomotives sabotaged, and all road and rail traffic has been stopped in the Rhone valley, the bulletin said.

In direct fighting operations, French patriots have taken 300 German prisoners, attacked garrisons, fought their way through streets and in some places have even occupied villages.

U. S. Navy Officer's Wife is Attacked

WEST CORNWALL, Conn., June 17—(AP)—Mrs. Vera Lee Higginson, 31, wife of a naval officer and daughter-in-law of Francis Lee Higginson, head of a Boston and London banking firm, was found lying unconscious yesterday in a pool of blood in the living room of her home here.

She was taken to a hospital where physicians reported today she was in a critical condition with a fractured skull and 23 wounds on the head, apparently caused by a blunt instrument.

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, directing the search for clues to the mysterious assault, said the apparent bludgeoning had been uncovered when a neighbor telephoned during the day and was told by the woman's son, Peter, 7, that "Mommy is dead on the floor right here."

Mrs. Higginson, whose husband is a lieutenant commander in the U. S. navy, stationed at Key West, Fla., had apparently been struck from behind as she walked from a kitchen vestibule into the living room of her home.

Commissioner Hickey said robbery and rape had been eliminated as motives for the assault.

Although the pilot reported indications of possible German evacuation below Cherbourg, Lt. Gen. Bradley earlier said there were as yet no signs the Germans were pulling out. He declared the nazis might fight as long as possible for the port even if the top of the peninsula were isolated, perhaps moving their troops out of the powerfully-gunned city in small boats by night to the channel islands and then to Brittany.

Nazi Counter-Blows Fail.
On the eastern end of the battlefront, supreme headquarters declared strong German attacks were beaten off east of Caen, and a headquarters officer said two unsuccessful Nazi counter-blows in the Troarn area, seven miles beyond Caen, were "extremely costly" to the enemy.

Toward the center, the allies punched out local advances despite heavy opposition between Caumont and Tilly-sur-Seulles, the communique said.

(The German high command said Nazi counter-attacks had regained the greater part of the forest area south of Bayent, 33 miles north of Troarn, and east of the Orne river.)

Fires which have been burning for days in Caen, Carentan and St. Lo have at last gone out, a pilot reported.

Ninth air force outfits are carrying on their work of establishing bases in France in spite of German snipe fire at night and German bombing at night.

The area west of re-captured Montebourg, 14 miles south of the port of Cherbourg, was still a battleground.

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Rep. Cannon Predicts Nazi Collapse This Year

WASHINGTON, June 17—(AP)—Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.) told the house today it could expect the collapse of the German armies by September and the surrender of the nazis by Christmas and "perhaps much sooner."

The chairman of the appropriations committee made the statements during discussion of a deficiency supply bill.

"There is a general belief that the German armies will collapse not later than the first or second week of September, and perhaps much sooner," he declared, adding his view that "unconditional surrender" of Germany could be expected before the end of December.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Recent headlines in the news: (1) "Eat More Onions." (2) "Share the Ride."

Suggestion: If you wish to avoid the latter, try generous compliance with the former.