

SHATTERING OF NIPPON BASES MOVES NEARER TOKYO

Saipan Squeeze Tightening, Other Isles Blasted; Yankee Subs Sink 17 More Vessels

(By the Associated Press)

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 5.—Guns of American warships and rockets of carrier planes shattered Japanese bases on the Fourth of July 700 miles south of Tokyo.

Saipan, on the invasion route to Japan, is seven-eighths in the hands of still advancing Yanks, marines and soldiers.

Noemfoor, on the invasion route to the Philippines, is falling in a lightning operation to infantrymen, reinforced by paratroopers.

The latest task force thrust toward Nippon, aimed at the Volcano (Kazan) and Bonin islands, resulted in the sinking or beaching of three Jap destroyers, the sinking of two other ships and the destruction in sky battles of from 64 to 80 planes at a cost of nine American carrier aircraft.

(Navy Secretary Forrestal reported at Washington today the sinking of 17 Japanese vessels, including a light cruiser and a destroyer, by American submarines operating in Pacific waters.

The new sinkings by American subs raised to 791 the number of Jap craft of all types sunk, probably sunk or damaged by American subs alone. The breakdown shows that of that total 640 definitely have been destroyed.)

Fast-breaking developments along a Western Pacific war front of more than 2,000 miles—from the Bonins to Dutch New Guinea's Geelvink bay—were reported in a series of communications last night and today.

Tokyo radio added to the flaming action of the unconfirmed report that carrier-based American planes raided Guam, south of Saipan, Monday.

The enemy air base of Rota, between Guam and Saipan, was shelled by warships and bombed by carrier planes Sunday.

The Volcano-Bonin attack was a two-day operation which raised to 86 the number of Nipponese ships sunk and to 826 the total of enemy planes destroyed since the Western Pacific offensive opened June 10. American losses for the same period were listed as 160 planes—and four warships damaged, but nine sunk.

Adm. Nimitz said the Fourth of July attack also left an enemy destroyer dead in the water and burning, damaged several small cargo ships and set fire to harbor installations and warehouses.

Carrier planes opened the operation the day before, blasting Iwo Jima in the Volcano group, shooting down 39 interceptors for certain, probably bagging 16 more and destroying or damaging 24 on the ground. Three raiders were lost.

On the second day, cruisers and destroyers moved in to shell Iwo Jima while rocket-firing planes attacked both it and Haha Jima in the Bonins. In that attack 25 enemy planes were downed and six raiders were lost.

Saipan Japs in Squeeze

On Saipan, marines and infantry

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GENERAL BRADLEY'S Americans, after cleaning up Cherbourg, getting repair of its docks under way and presumably receiving reinforcements, strike southward on a 40-mile front. Their intention, apparently, is to clear the Germans off the peninsula.

As usual, the weather turns in favor of the Germans—heavy, soaking rain, clouds at tree-top height to blind and hamper our supporting planes, etc. Nevertheless, we are reported to have gained about two and a half miles in the first few hours of the attack.

So far, Rommel has been concentrating his strength against the British around the secondary port city of Caen. He is said to have finally thrown in at least parts of 11 divisions—seven armored and four infantry.

Even at that, he hasn't been doing too well. In 72 hours, he aimed 25 thrusts at the British wedge across the Odon river—ALL OF WHICH were beaten off. Montgomery's massed artillery stopped him every time.

With the Americans going in against his left flank, he will have something else to think about. The British have been holding the German weight off our necks while we have been cleaning up Cherbourg. We're going in now to take some weight off British necks.

VARIETY is interjected into the robot bombing.

The Germans offer by radio to

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Nazis Prepare to Fight for Italian Port of Livorno

ROME, July 5.—(AP)—Eight army troops, converging from the southwest and south, have driven within five miles of the important communications center of Arezzo on the road to Florence while American units on Italy's west coast have moved up to the outskirts of Rosignano, less than 13 miles airline from Livorno, allied headquarters announced today.

Both advances were recorded against stiff German resistance and the nazis gave every indication they intended to battle to retain the valuable port of Livorno as long as possible.

Heavy guns situated on dominant hills opened fire on approaching American infantry and tanks around Rosignano. At the same time heavy road movements westward were seen behind the enemy lines, indicating that replacements were being moved into position.

Strongly supported by artillery, the Americans finally broke into the town in strength and reinforced their position yesterday, while north of the town tanks established road blocks against expected German counter-attacks.

In other sectors along the entire front the Germans were being rolled back steadily against the outer fringes of the so-called Gothic line believed to extend from the mountains south of Rimini westward toward the Pisa-Livorno area.

French troops moved more than three miles north of Siena despite fierce resistance and many minefields.

Voluntary Rent Control Board Is Planned Here

A meeting of all landlords for the purpose of setting up a voluntary rent control board has been called for Friday, July 7, at 8 p. m. at the Roseburg city hall, it was announced today by L. V. Hammock, Roseburg OPA chairman. It is planned, Hammock stated, to avoid creation of a rent control area through a federal agency, if possible. Hammock stated, and it is hoped to set up a voluntary agreement, whereby any disputes may be settled by purely local organizations. Officers of the rent control agency are expected to be in Roseburg for Friday night's meeting and all hotel and apartment house operators, together with all other landlords, re invited to be present.

Reedsport Possessor of Deer Meat Fined \$200

REEDSPORT, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—The season's first conviction for possession of illegal deer meat was recorded here today.

Charles A. Prescott, logger, was fined \$200 in justice court after a dressed deer was discovered by state police on his back porch.

Lt. Col. Gabreski Now Top Scoring Air Pilot

A U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER BASE IN BRITAIN, July 5.—(AP)—Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski of Oil City, Pa., became the top scoring U. S. army air force fighter pilot today by shooting down his 28th plane near Everaux, France.

Red Troops Put Ashore Behind Finns

Narva Bay Islands Also Occupied; Nazi Retreat in Poland Continuing

STOCKHOLM, July 5.—(AP)—Russian troops have begun large-scale landing operations on the northern shores of Viipuri bay in southern Finland in an apparent attempt to establish a bridgehead behind Finnish lines, the Finnish communiqué said today.

MOSCOW, July 5.—(AP)—Two powerful Russian armies pounded on today toward Latvia and Lithuania, at a pace that may reach one or both of the Baltic republics in three or four days, and menacing Daugavpils (Dvinsk) in Latvia and Wilno and Kaunas in the Soviet Lithuanian republic.

(Some 200 miles to the south, the German high command said, nazis forces evacuated Kowel in Old Poland. Moscow made no reference to Kowel or this central front.

(Berlin also declared the Russians had landed on five islands in Narva bay, between Estonia and Finland.)

(The DNB broadcast said counterattacking Finns regained two of the islands, with heavy fighting continuing on a third.

Another Nazi General Nabbed

The Russians announced at midnight the capture of Lt. Gen. von Luetznov, commander of the 35th German army corps, the 23rd nazi general officer killed or captured in three weeks in Russia and France.

Moscow said von Luetznov was seized with a group of 60 German officers in mopping up operations far behind Russian lines in a woods northwest of Bobruisk.

Field dispatches declared the Germans appeared wholly unable to halt the red army drives toward Latvia and Lithuania.

Russian planes hammered Wilno (Vilna) in softening-up attacks.

Beating back disorganized German resistance, Gen. Bagramian's First Baltic army made fast progress toward Wilno and Kaunas.

(The Berlin radio acknowledged that "the soviet advance is sweeping so fast a considerable number of German forces suddenly found themselves in the rear of the soviet lines."

One German communiqué said "south of Minsk German formations fought their way farther back."

(By London estimates the ad-

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Two Washington Convicts Use Fire Bomb in Escaping

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 5.—(AP)—A 50-man posse surrounded an area near here early this morning in an effort to capture two long-term convicts who escaped over the Washington state penitentiary wall late last night after throwing a fire bomb into the guard tower.

The prisoners, both from King county were identified as Edward L. Yager, 30, serving a life sentence for murder, and Harold Hardesty, 26, serving 10 years for robbery.

Prison Superintendent Bert O. Webb said the two men apparently climbed to the top of one of the cell blocks, threw a blazing bundle of oil soaked rags wrapped around a rock into the guard tower and slid to the catwalk on a rope and escaped while the guard was fighting the blaze.

The guard, R. L. Kelly, was burned about the hands and body and is confined to the institution hospital for treatment, Webb said.

Yager was sentenced to the penitentiary after walking into a Seattle speakeasy in August, 1941, and slaying three men. Seven others were wounded in a gun battle between Yager and police.

Hardesty was arrested in January, 1942, and admitted robbing nine grocery stores in as many months for \$3,000 loot.

YANKES WIN BATTLE FOR RAILWAY JUNCTION

E Bond Goal In Fifth Loan Still Sought

Sales in Douglas County Must Climb \$99,000 to Reach Quota by July 8

Douglas county was nearing its quota of Series E war bonds, but extra effort must be exerted to reach the goal by Saturday, July 8, when the Fifth War Loan campaign formally ends, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war finance committee, reported today.

Sales to date amount to approximately \$430,000 as compared with a quota of \$529,000 for series E bond sales to individuals. The goal on F and G bonds, corporation bonds, and all classifications except E bonds, has been surpassed, Pargeter reports.

Although the campaign officially closes Saturday, July 8, all E bond sales cleared through the Federal Reserve bank during July will be credited to the county's quota. However, it is the desire of the committee to complete the assigned quotas in the one department remaining open by Saturday, if possible.

\$500 Club Growing

Membership in the chamber of commerce \$500 club is growing rapidly. Harold J. Hickerson reported. The club membership is to be kept open until July 8 and any person buying a \$500 bond up to and including Saturday will be privileged to attend the special banquet to be given by J. A. Harding, owner-manager of the Umpqua hotel. The banquet, to be held Monday, July 10, will feature an excellent program.

Among new members to the club are Mrs. Ada Dunham \$4000, Alex Baldridge \$2,000, Mrs. Elmer McKay \$2,000, Joseph Marsters \$1000, J. A. Fenn \$1000, Ray Reubel, Patricia Carol Pargeter, R. W. Pargeter, Al Henninger, Leon McClintock, Mrs. Leon McClintock, H. C. Berg, Albert Joelson, John Joelson, L. E. Thompson, Thomas Ireland, Mrs. Harrie Booth, Harry C. Duncan, E. A. Metzger, Joe Mansfield, Mrs. Eva L. Waite, Mrs. John Sinsley, Carl Holmquist, C. J. Grimm, Harold Boucock, Mrs. Flissie Virden each \$500.

It was explained by the committee that membership in the \$500 club is open to any person and is not confined to chamber of commerce members. One banquet ticket will be given for each \$500 bond purchased.

Lagging in the sales of E bonds is general over Oregon, according to an announcement yesterday of the Federal Reserve bank. Sales of such bonds, the bank reported, are not yet quite half the

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Fighting Sailor Nearly Disrobes Officer Redell

Bob Redell, Roseburg city policeman, is in need of a new shirt as a result of an encounter Tuesday night with a sailor well trained in all the commando tricks, Erwin Short, chief of police, reported today. Robert Randall, sailor, home on leave, objected to arrest after the police had been called to quiet a disturbance at a local cafe. In the encounter, the policeman was nearly disrobed before he succeeded in placing Randall behind jail bars, Short said. Randall was booked on a charge of drunkenness. Arraignment was scheduled in the city court this afternoon.

Other charges filed in city court, Recorder A. J. Geddes reported, included M. D. Adair, charged with reckless driving; Jesse R. Johnson, intoxication and disorderly conduct; Marion Vaghe, intoxication and disorderly conduct.

The recorder also reported bail of \$20 forfeited by Dick Martin, charged with intoxication, and \$15 bail forfeited by George L. Pratt, accused of disorderly conduct.

Texas Demos Split Hit By Jesse Jones

Action May Bar Popular Vote for Party Nominee, Cabinet Member Says

HOUSTON, Tex., July 4.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones today protested against the Texas state democratic convention's conditional binding of its electors, saying "Texas democrats may be effectively prevented from casting their vote for the party nominee."

The democratic electors are not bound to vote for the party nominee unless the national convention satisfied certain conditions set by the state convention.

In a front page editorial in the Houston Chronicle, which he publishes, Jones declared "no political convention has the authority to deny a qualified voter the right to vote for any candidate he wishes to support."

He asserted that two resolutions passed by the Texas convention "place the Texas convention above the national convention."

The statement was Jones' first on the split in Texas democratic ranks which saw a pro-Roosevelt group leave the regularly constituted Texas presidential convention in Austin May 23 and name its own electors and delegates to the national convention.

In referring to the regular convention Jones said: "No one has contended that the convention lacked the support of the majority of its delegates. No one has even suggested that its proceedings were other than regular."

Popular Choice Barred

Jones said a majority of Texas voters "will in all probability" want to vote for President Roosevelt "or whoever may be the presidential nominee of the national democratic convention."

"All democrats, including those who participated in the Texas convention, and who will participate in the national convention, should cooperate in making this possible and simple."

One of the resolutions to which he referred, said Jones, "is that, upon failure of the national convention to restore the two-thirds rule, the electors named by the Texas convention, if elected in November, are morally obligated to vote for someone other than the nominee of the party."

"In this circumstance people who want to vote for the party

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Train Wreck Kills Four, Injures 30

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., July 5.—(AP)—All steel streamlined equipment was credited today by railroad officials with limiting casualties when the locomotive and 12 cars of the Santa Fe Chief, high speed luxury train, hurtled from the tracks.

The fireman and three passengers were killed and more than 30 were injured, three seriously, in the spectacular wreck about midnight Monday 20 miles west of here.

There were 158 passengers on the 14-car all Pullman train bound for the west coast. Killed were J. S. McLeod of New York City, identified by Metro Goldwyn Mayer studios in Hollywood as head of all M. G. M. film exchanges in the nation; John H. Edwards, Winslow, Ariz., the fireman; Mrs. Ann Bradsy, Hammond, Ind., and H. H. Helper, Los Angeles, Calif.

The locomotive left the tracks as the streamliner whisked around a curve before a 15-mile straight-away. Two mail cars and a baggage coach catapulted ahead on the left side of the engine.

The first sleeper in the train—fourth car from the locomotive—skidded into the engine tender, causing two of the passenger fatalities and many injuries. Torch and axes were used in reaching the victims.

Nazis Won't Capitulate, Hitler Says, But Stresses Need of Courage and Nerve

LONDON, July 5.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, in a second speech within a week, declared that "we shall not capitulate before any difficulty," but acknowledged that "enormous courage and strength of nerves are necessary to stand up in these times," Berlin radio said today.

His speech, not delivered to the German people, was reported by Nazi broadcasts, which said it was made to a meeting of the reich's war production leaders. The time was not disclosed, nor was the text broadcast, Berlin giving only what excerpts it wanted to reach foreign ears.

Not since Jan. 30 has the German leader spoken directly to his people. He warned them then that they faced the "hardest task imaginable."

Just last Saturday night, the German leader reported a speech given by Hitler at the funeral of Gen. Eduard Dietl, nazi commander in Finland. In which he sounded the same note of "difficult" situations facing Germany. The date and place of that address were not given.

A German transcon broadcast recorded today said Hitler received the production chiefs at his headquarters following a conference with Prof. Albert Speer, minister of munitions.

Mouths "Triumph" Boast

"This war cannot be judged on daily events," Hitler was quoted as saying. "In a battle of such historical extent a timely success or defeat does not make any difference. In this war of destiny for the German people everyone must fight and work for final victory."

"I know that enormous courage and strength of nerves are necessary to stand up in these times, but we shall not capitulate before any difficulty."

Speaking of "the courageous German soldiers" at the front he asked:

"Should the German leadership which has been lucky enough to say for four years that we have had only successes now say that we will fail?"

In answer he said: "No. We will triumph this time and in the end win this war."

Allied Brains Credited

Hitler asserted this war was not only one of soldiers "but also of engineers" and technicians. He said in this respect the allies sometimes were as efficient and on rare occasions better than the Germans "but the German inventive spirit is on its way to regain the balance again."

The fuhrer asked Speer and his colleagues to convey to all German war workers his thanks for all they have done.

Speer announced an increase in armament production which he said had "been achieved in spite of enemy air attacks." The extent of the increase was not mentioned.

Senator Holman Weds Widow of Sen. Lundeen

MINNEAPOLIS, July 5.—(AP)—Sen. Rufus C. Holman, Portland, Ore., today announced his marriage here in a quiet ceremony to Mrs. Ernest Lundeen, widow of Sen. Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota. The ceremony occurred Tuesday night at the home of Judge and Mrs. Levi M. Hall, a Hennepin county district judge, and Masonic brother of the Oregon Solon.

Present at the ceremony were Judge and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lundeen's two children, Lt. Ernest Lundeen, 22, of the army, home on furlough, and Joan, 20, a student of the University of Minnesota.

Sen. Holman said he and his bride plan to proceed at once to Oregon by automobile which will permit me to visit officially as a member of the senate committee for military affairs a number of military establishments en route."

Mrs. Lundeen, whose husband was killed in an airplane crash four years ago, has been working with Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the America First committee. Holman is a widower with one daughter and two grandchildren.

In War News on European Fronts



At top—Maj.-Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins, awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for his Distinguished Service Medal for Leading the Seventh army corps in the capture of Cherbourg. He also commanded a victorious division on Guadalcanal.

Middle photo—Gen. Joseph Koenig, Fighting French hero of Bir Racheim, who now commands all patriot resistance forces in France. He directs the wrecking of German communications and supply routes.

Bottom photo—Gen. Ivan Bagramian, commander of Russian First Baltic army, which aided in the capture of the great German fortress base at Vitebsk and this week took the foe's bastion of Polotsk and is now driving toward the Prussian border.

Quintuplet Boys Born To Couple in Turkey

ANKARA, July 4.—(AP)—Quintuplet boys, all in good health, were born at Mardin near the border of Turkey, Iraq and Syria. Premier Saracoglu will order them brought to Ankara to be reared under government supervision, thus helping a "bear more children for Turkey" campaign.

Gains Made Through Bogs, Flood Areas

Germans Fail to Break Caen Ring; Air Forces Stage Shuttle Raids

(By the Associated Press.) Americans in France today stormed into strategic La Haye Du Puits, captured the railway station 300 yards from the center of the town of five highways and fought bitterly in the streets at dusk for complete control. Advances along the entire Cherbourg peninsula front ranged to more than two miles in a violent wheeling operation pivoting on St. Lo. Heavy fighting continued around the perimeter defenses of Caen, where 11 German divisions tried to break encroaching British lines between Baron and Esquay. In the first month of invasion, 58 French towns have been captured.

Allied advances at both ends of the French front were won in the very heaviest of fighting. Americans on a 20-mile front in the Cherbourg peninsula were fighting through flooded areas, swamps and canalized terrain.

Nazi Convoys Routed

There was an upsurge in naval activity along the coast. After some days of inactivity German E boats appeared again and tried to attack the eastern flank of the convoy route off Le Havre, but were beaten off in darkness.

British light coastal forces engaged two convoys around the channel islands and in one convoy of five German ships off St. Malo two were sunk by torpedoes and others damaged. Some British casualties were sustained.

Another convoy off the Isle of Jersey was driven ashore under the protection of shore batteries. Slightly improved weather allowed the allies to put up over 3,500 planes in support of the bridgehead yesterday and at least 23 German planes were shot down.

One of the best strafing jobs in weeks was accomplished by long-range fighters of the U. S. Eighth air force which swept over a third of France, shooting at targets of opportunity.

Seventeen German fighters were shot down for the loss of eight.

Eighth air force fighters destroyed or damaged 84 locomotives, more than 700 freight cars, 51 trucks, 15 barges, seven oil

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Tragedy Harvest Of Holidays 439

(By the Associated Press.) America celebrated a comparatively safe Fourth of July with 439 persons meeting death in accidents throughout the country over the long holiday weekend, less than half the toll expected by the National Council of Safety.

But, the fatality record was nearly 150 more than last year, when 298 violent deaths were reported over the three-day weekend.

Traffic fatalities again headed the death list, 170 reported in 38 states and the District of Columbia. Last year, 127 persons were killed in highway accidents while in 1941, before travel restrictions, there were 500.

Drownings claimed 140 lives and 129 persons died from miscellaneous causes. No fatalities from fireworks were reported.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Hail to the Russians for the capture of Minsk, Companion city to less vital Pinsk; Now nearing their grasp is the goal of Dvinsk, Bring on the vodka, that calls for a drink.