

# JAP HOMELAND RAIDED WITHOUT U. S. LOSS

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### HITLER TAKES OVER COMMAND ON WEST FRONT

#### Allies Lunge Nearer Caen; 8 Towns Fall

Robot Depots, Railway Yards Used by Germans Lashed by Air Forces

(By Associated Press.) German bastions toppled on three land fronts in Europe today and Hitler himself was reported to have taken over command in the west where Gen. Montgomery's army opened a blistering offensive at dawn.

#### Aces of Allied Armadas of Sky



At top—Lt. Col. Frances Gabreski of Oil City, Pa., top scoring ace of the U. S. army air force, who last week bagged his 28th plane over France. He set that total as his goal before accepting a 30-day leave to return to the U. S. to wed his sweetheart. Gabreski quit a pre-medical course at Notre Dame university to join the air force in 1940.

Lower photo—Wing Commander J. E. Johnson, RAF, pictured just after shooting down his 32nd enemy aircraft to tie the world ace record held by Group Captain Malan.

In the center of the bridgehead, Lt. Gen. Bradley's doughboys drove the Germans back south, east of Carentan and captured St. Jean De Haye.

Robot Depots Blasted. The RAF softened up the Caen defenses for Montgomery's offensive by dropping 2,500 tons of bombs late yesterday on German concentrations.

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#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHURCHILL rises to greatness again as he tears aside the curtains of censorship and tells us the truth about the robots.

It is bitter, unpalatable truth—bloody truth. The total of dead in the three weeks stands at 2752 and the HOSPITALIZED wounded at 8,000. More Britons have been killed by the robots than died in Normandy in the first two weeks of the invasion.

But nothing is to be gained by further concealment. Churchill recognizes that morale isn't built by hiding these things.

HE says that 100 to 150 robots per day have been starting over from their nests around Calais (nearest continental point to London). "A very large proportion," he says, has been destroyed over the channel.

"A CONSIDERABLE proportion of our flying power has been DIVERTED to attacks on the robot launching sites."

#### Circus Fire Death Toll Rises to 152

HARTFORD, Conn., July 8—(AP)—The death toll in the nation's greatest circus disaster counted 152 men, women and children today as authorities pressed swiftly with an announced determination to fix responsibility, if any, for "the tragic loss of life."

Although scores of performers, workers and spectators already have been questioned and five persons charged with manslaughter, various investigating agencies sought out still others to tell their versions of Thursday's blazing inferno in the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bally big top.

The intention of investigators to attempt to fix responsibility, as well as determine the cause, was announced by State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn Jr., in a formal statement in which he said additional arrests probably would be made after an adjourned fire marshal's hearing and a coroner's inquest Tuesday.

Alcorn declared it appeared from the preliminary inquiries that there was "inadequate fire fighting equipment" on the circus grounds, manned by "inadequate personnel."

"There is also in our possession," he added in the statement, issued late yesterday, "information that the tent itself had been in use only since the road show started this season and that it had been treated with paraffin which was diluted with gasoline making the entire tent highly inflammable."

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#### Local Board Will Adjust Rent "Kicks"

Landlords Ask Mayor For Action to Avert Government "Freeze"

Mayor W. F. Harris was requested last night by a large group of Roseburg landlords to appoint a neutral committee to act as a board to adjust complaints connected with rental charges. The committee was urged as a means of obtaining local settlement of disputes in order to avoid imposition of federal rent control for the Roseburg area.

Owners and operators of hotels apartments and camp grounds, together with a number of owners of residential rental property, met at the city hall last night to consider the rent control problem. Daniel D. Gage, Portland, district rent executive, was present at the request of L. V. Hammock, Roseburg OPA chairman, and explained in detail the purposes of federal rent control and its method of operation.

Average Here Reasonable. He declared that if a large number of complaints of rent increases are received from any community, showing that rentals have advanced unreasonably an investigation is required and if an inflationary trend in rentals is shown it becomes incumbent upon the rent control agency to establish a freeze order. This freeze, it was stated, usually is fixed at a date before the upward trend was started.

Mr. Gage pointed out that he had found only few cases of unfair rent increases in Roseburg, and that the average rentals are not excessive. Rent control, therefore, would be a hardship upon those property owners who have not made material advances in their charges.

Adjustments Probable. The suggestion was made that a local board be established by the mayor with authority to investigate complaints of increases and to determine whether the advances in charges were excessive.

It will be the duty of the board to endeavor to secure adjustments

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#### Americans Win 3-Day Battle for 2 Italian Towns

ROME, July 8—(AP)—The viciously-defended towns of Rosignano and Castellina on west coast highways to Livorno (Leghorn) and Pisa have been captured by American infantrymen after three days of bitter street fighting, allied headquarters announced today.

The two towns were key points of the Nazi outer defense line before Livorno. Volterra, inland to the east, remained as the sole anchor of the current defense line still in enemy hands.

(The Italian resistance communique was quoted by the London radio as saying that street fighting was raging in Livorno (Leghorn), and that "all the fascist chiefs have left the town.")

French troops of the Fifth army likewise moved forward through the mountains to the east, sweeping to 42 miles east of Livorno and only 21 miles south of Florence.

On the Adriatic sector Polish troops swept four miles to the northwest in a general move to envelop the prize port city of Ancona.

The pace of Mediterranean warfare was stepped up yesterday with forces of American bombers stabbing deep into German Silesia to blast the Blechhammer and Odertal synthetic oil plants, and other planes hitting Nazi communications and other targets from southern France to Greece.

#### Nazi Military Heads, Hitler Mull Outlook

War Reverses to Force Defense Plan Changes, Report From Frontier

AT THE GERMAN FRONTIER, July 8—(AP)—Germany's military leaders have been holding the most serious discussions with Adolf Hitler on the Reich's critical military situation and a complete revision of defense plans may be made before the end of the month.

The conferences with Hitler, reported through trustworthy informants, began early this week, were said to be comparable with the Kaiser's famous grand council in August, 1918, when it was decided the war could not be won, but that all was not yet lost and that bitter fighting may yet bring an acceptable peace.

(Reports originating from the German frontier, even though sifted for trustworthiness, often are inspired by German sources. Reports suggesting that the Germans are at the point of making peace feelers may have been deliberately planted with the purpose of creating a feeling of confidence in allied countries. A similar technique has been used by Berlin before.)

The major point of debate among eastern, western and Italian front commanders of German forces is reported to concern their varying requirements and whether it would be best to withdraw from Norway and the Balkans to avoid the risk of losing now-idle troops who might better be concentrated for the homeland defense.

Developments Ominous. No final decision apparently has been reached, but information

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#### Barkley Slated to Nominate F. D. R. For Fourth Term

(By the Associated Press.) Alben W. Barkley, who angrily but temporarily resigned as senate majority leader after a spectacular row with President Roosevelt last February, probably will nominate the chief executive for a fourth term.

Widespread acceptance of the view that the Kentuckian thus would seal completely his personal reconciliation with Mr. Roosevelt highlighted today's political developments which centered chiefly about the nation's capital.

And there was fresh speculation in Washington over Vice-President Wallace's chances of renomination. He will make a radio address from Seattle tomorrow night, presumably to report on his trip to China and Siberia.

Also drawing the interest of political observers was the disclosure that there may be precedent for exclusion of delegates who declare that they will not abide by convention decisions. The democratic delegate situation in Texas and Mississippi has been clouded by intra-party dispute.

May Be Running Mate. Talks of a Barkley nominating speech at the democratic national convention, which opens in Chicago July 19, reinforced an expressed belief of party chiefs that the president will accept another nomination. Such an address naturally would not be made without Mr. Roosevelt's acquiescence.

Such an address, too, might embrace a pointed bid by the senate leader for party unity.

A Barkley nominating speech in no way would jeopardize whatever chances he might have of moving into second place on the ticket, a spot for which National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan has listed eight people as in the running.

#### Douglas Goes Past Quota in E Bond Buying

Excess at Least \$1,500 With Sales Continuing; \$500 Club Still Grows

Douglas county today had topped its Series E bond sales quota by at least \$1,500, Dr. E. E. Boring, chairman of the Fifth War Loan campaign, reported. Roseburg sales Friday and early today topped \$18,000, while reports from other communities added \$8,500, to bring total E bond sales to \$30,500 as compared with a quota of \$28,000. Sales were still being made today, increasing that the record for individual purchases would considerably exceed the assigned quota.

Douglas county's overall sales were reported at \$1,143,500, as compared with the quota of \$1,124,000. Corporation sales totaled \$507,000 on a quota of \$499,000 and sales of bonds other than Series E to individuals amounted to \$106,000, or \$10,000 more than the \$96,000 quota.

"All Series E bonds purchased during the month of July will be credited to the county's total," Dr. Boring said today, "so we should not stop buying bonds simply because we have reached our goal."

Ship Dedication Offered. The county having the largest per capita sales record is to be honored by being permitted to dedicate two Victory ships. Douglas county at last reports was in fourth place in the district, and has a very good chance of achieving the honor if efforts are continued, Boring said.

It was further pointed out that the record is not official as the credit cannot be assigned until all sales are cleared through the Federal Reserve bank. The committee's report is based upon applications filed with issuing agencies.

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce \$500 club today tallied 105 members as the number of persons buying bonds to qualify for attendance at the free banquet to be furnished Monday, July 10, by J. A. Harding, owner-manager of the Umpqua hotel, continued to increase. Although Mr. Harding's agreement was to entertain the first 100 purchasers of \$500 bonds, he reported today the additional club membership would be accommodated.

New members included W. A. Hirt \$3,700, Charles A. Buxton \$1,000, Mrs. Bessie L. Moore \$1,000, Arvid Oscarson, Mrs. H. Watzig,

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#### Andrew J. Lilburn, Former Roseburg Merchant, Passes

Andrew Jonah Lilburn, 81, retired Roseburg merchant, died at his home in Laurelwood this morning, following a long period of ill health.

Born Aug. 4, 1862, in Kentucky, he lived as a boy in Assumption, Ill., and at the age of 21 years moved to Kansas, where he was married three years later. He moved to Oregon in 1897, engaging in business in Portland until 1913, when he moved to Roseburg and purchased the pioneer furniture firm of Rice and Rice.

He retired from business about 20 years ago, but two years ago successfully sought election to the position of constable of Deer Creek district, in which capacity he served until he became seriously ill about five weeks ago.

Mr. Lilburn was an active member in the Elks and Masonic lodges.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Lee A. Wells, Roseburg; a son, Frank L. Lilburn, Salem, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted by Dr. C. A. Edwards at the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors at 10:30 a. m. Monday, and the body will be taken to Salem for interment.

### Sasebo Naval Base, Yawata, Omura War Plants, Also 2 Jap Lairs in China, Bombed

#### Starved Jap Civilians On Saipan Yield

Troops Continue Their Suicide Fight; Foe's Last Noemfoor Drome Taken

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 8—(AP)—Sick, tired and starved, Japanese civilians in considerable numbers are shuffling out of their caves and down a "road of surrender" into American lines on Saipan island, new reports from the Marianas disclosed today.

Japanese soldiers trapped on the northern tip of the island are still resisting strongly, Richard Johnston, representing the allied press, reported, but the civilians, "plain people capable of recognizing defeat," are streaming down a designated refugee road into American custody. Leaflets dropped behind enemy lines invited the civilians to surrender.

Johnston said the entrapped military units, unable to defend themselves much longer, were making "hopeless, desperate counter-attacks reminiscent of Attu and Makin," in which hundreds were killed. A few Japanese who managed to break through the American lines during the attacks were quickly mopped up by soldiers and marines.

Another Air Field Taken. Yank invaders of the western Pacific now hold all but four square miles of Saipan, a prospective B-29 base for attacks upon Japan. They also have taken a sixth enemy-built airfield off north Dutch New Guinea from which to bomb the Philippines.

The capture July 6 of Namber airfield on Noemfoor, 800 miles southeast of Mindanao, winding up the invasion of that island in five days, was announced today by Gen. MacArthur. It was the third seized there and three more enemy built airfields previously were won at nearby Blak.

On Saipan, with sizable flatlands 1,500 miles southeast of Tokyo, Japs cornered on the north tip were showing the first signs of trying to flee the death which already has overtaken approximately 9,000 defenders.

Adm. Nimitz reported in a communique Friday that 200 Japanese attempted to steal away at night July 4 on barges to other islands but "the formation was

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#### School Supt. Dennis Granted Leave For Medical Attention

Walter V. Dennis, recently elected as city superintendent of schools, has been granted a year's leave of absence in order that he may secure medical treatment, A. J. Ellison, chairman of the Roseburg school board announced. Overwork while attempting to set up organization of the Roseburg school system for the forthcoming year, while still continuing his duties at Clatskanie seriously affected Mr. Dennis' health and he has been advised by his physicians to rest for several months.

The Roseburg school board rejected his offered resignation, granting him, instead, a year's leave.

Paul Elliott, elected as principal of the senior high school, has been appointed acting city superintendent and will serve during the absence of Mr. Dennis, and a temporary high school principal will be employed. Mr. Elliott, who comes from the schools at Toledo, Ore., has already assumed the duties of city superintendent at Roseburg and is completing the work started by Mr. Dennis.

#### Money Theft Admitted By Probation Officer

SEATTLE, July 8—(AP)—Employed a month ago as juvenile probation officer with "the highest recommendations," Leon Stanley, 29, has confessed to theft of \$50 from a home in which he was a guest, Prosecutor Lloyd Shortett reported.

Stanley was a graduate of Washington State college school of social administration and a former case worker for the Oregon Welfare commission.

#### Oakland Soldier Among Wounded During Invasion



Cellan H. Rader (above) private first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rader, Oakland, was wounded in action last June 15 in the invasion area, according to word received by his parents. He was serving as a sharpshooter with a paratroop division participating in the invasion of the Normandy peninsula. No details of the action in which he suffered wounds, reported to be serious, were received. Private Rader, a graduate of Elkton high school, is a brother of Lieutenant Wayne Rader, of the army air forces, who was shot down over France and managed to escape back to his base in England.

#### All Targets Damaged By Superforts

Blasting of Hankow and Laoyao Upsets Enemy's Supply Lines in China

WASHINGTON, July 8—(AP)—U. S. Superfortresses which struck five Japanese naval, industrial and military nerve centers in Japan and China last night have returned to their bases without loss of any planes, a 20th air force communique reported today.

In addition to hitting vital targets in Nippon's homeland in their second strategic mission, the big bombers attacked the Japanese supply bases of Laoyao and Hankow in China.

The Japanese targets are on the highly industrialized northern end of Kyushu, southernmost of the principal home islands. The targets in China are regarded as important to the enemy's extended supply lines for his ground troops' push against the Chinese.

The communique, summarizing the results of the new attack by the huge bombers, said that the targets were Sasebo, a big naval base; war plants at Yawata and Omura, both on Kyushu; and Laoyao, a shipping port on the China coast north of Hankow, and Hankow, 450 miles inland on the Yangtze river.

The Superfortresses encountered only very weak fighter opposition and light anti-aircraft fire.

All Targets Damaged. The text of the communique follows:

"Damage to all targets was reported by the returned fliers of yesterday's Twentieth bomber command B-29 mission which struck at objectives on the Japanese island of Yushu and the coast of occupied China.

"Naval installations at Sasebo received the heaviest bomb load. Also attacked were vital war industries at Yawata and Omura, both on Kyushu island, and fort facilities at Laoyao, a coal and supply shipping port on the north China coast, and Hankow, on the Yangtze river, a principal supply base for operations in eastern China."

"All our aircraft returned safely to their bases. Very weak fighter opposition and meager

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#### Japanese Forced To End Siege of Hengyang, Report

CHUNGKING, July 8—(AP)—Chinese troops have won the first important victory in their counter-attacks against the secondary Japanese front north of Hengyang, occupying the town of Liling, 80 miles northeast of the rail junction, the high command announced tonight.

In the Hengyang area itself, rumors reaching this capital said Japanese forces which laid siege for 12 days were withdrawing.

Confirmation of the latter report was lacking from Hengyang, where the Chinese yesterday were reported by the high command to have broken the siege in a sudden stab from the southwest.

Chungking sources at the same time received with reserve and even extreme skepticism another rumor that the Russians were massing troops on the Manchurian border, and that the Japanese consequently were re-transferring some of the divisions sent deep into China from those areas.

Fall of Liling to the counter-attacking Chinese was disclosed in a communique from Lt. Gen. Stilwell's U. S. 14th air force headquarters, which said ground troops occupied the town late Thursday after P-40 Warhawks and bombers had struck savagely at Japanese river shipping in the area.

All along the Hunan province front the American fliers continued their attack on the main Japanese supply bases and lines of supply.

The American planes also struck at the Tien Ho airdrome at Canton, and in the north swept large stretches of the Yangtze river, sinking five supply boats.

#### Russians, Germans Battling at Wilno

LONDON, July 8—(AP)—The German high command today announced abandonment of Baranowice in Old Poland—nearly midway between Berlin and Moscow—and declared the Soviets farther north were fighting on the outskirts of Wilno (Vilna), 100 miles from the east Prussian border.

Baranowice is a stronghold on a main rail and highway route, and its fall opened the way for drives to Bialystok and Warsaw, 220 miles beyond. Here the Russians were 530 miles from Berlin itself, and 490 miles from once-besieged Moscow.

Fall of Baranowice breached the secondary Nazi defense line running from Wilno, 110 miles to the northwest, to Pinsk 70 miles to the south, and flanked that fortress town in the Pripyat marshes.

Three Soviet columns were striking at the heart of Wilno, guarding the pathway to east Prussia, and Berlin broadcasts tacitly acknowledged the growing Russian threat to smash through to the Baltic states and into East Prussia itself.

Another German report said the Nazis were withdrawing to the Bug river west of fallen Kovel, 150 miles southwest of Baranowice, shortening their line along the natural barrier guarding the approaches to Warsaw.

One of the islands of Japan's inner defense chain recently blasted by the Yankees is named Haha Jima. That calls for a change to Haha Tojo.

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**Levity Fact Rent**  
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