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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A HORRIBLE story comes from the JAPS THEMSELVES today.

A spokesman for the little yellow men, talking on the Singapore radio, asserts that SEVERAL American airmen captured on the first B-29 raid on Japan last month have already been executed and WARNS that "any allied airman who falls or bails out over Japan hereafter will be killed."

He adds:
"This is the order of the day."

THE threat, as recorded by the federal communications commission, is beamed directly to the American forces in the southwest Pacific. Presumably it is intended to scare them pink.

Well, it WON'T. Americans aren't built that way.

It will only MAKE THEM Madder.

WE don't know too much ourselves about Jap psychology. This grim, nasty threat, which is apparently intended to frighten us out of bombing Japan, makes it as plain as day that the Japs know NOTHING WHAT-EVER about OUR psychology.

THE Jap isn't a civilized human being. He is only a raw savage with a thin veneer of mechanical culture on the outside. His brain is still the brain of a savage.

It is the lesson of history that savage brains can't cope with civilized brains.

We'll prove that lesson OVER AGAIN.

THIS writer has a notion that the German military broadcast the other day, in which the frantic and futile threat to "pull Europe down in a bath of blood" was voiced, was NOT a mere propaganda device.

More likely, it was NAKED GERMANY speaking out when cornered.

THERE are many good people in Germany. Everyone who has been there knows that. But the German military leaders are still fundamentally the same PRIMITIVE SAVAGES that Tacitus saw when he accompanied Caesar into dark German forests some 2,000 years ago.

The descendants of these savages have been bathing Europe in blood at reasonably frequent intervals during the past 20 centuries.

WE and the British and the Russians are fighting a grim battle against savage enemies. In this battle there isn't much room for quarter and there is no room for sentiment.

It's war to the finish.
If it is FINISHED RIGHT, the world will be better off.

Willamette Valley Is Explored for Oil

ALBANY, July 15—(AP)—A survey of the Willamette Valley to determine possibilities of oil deposits was underway today, directed by the Amerasia Petroleum Corporation, of Tulsa, Okla.

A group of 15 engineers and technicians began the exploratory study for the corporation, which is establishing branch headquarters here.

Boat Carrying General Fired on Accidentally

ROME, July 15—(AP)—The U. S. navy disclosed today that a United States minesweeper's accidental fire was responsible for the killing of one officer and one man and wounding of three others aboard a P-T boat which was carrying Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and other army officers to the Anzio beachhead Jan. 28.

An official announcement said an inquiry had established that the P-T boat and its escort "entered the area while a 'red' alert was on" in the anticipation of a Nazi raid and the craft had not been identified as friendly.

Gen. Clark's party was en route to the beachhead for an inspection tour at the time.

JAPS THREATEN DEATH TO U S FLIERS



JAP TAKEN FOR RIDE—Our fighters in the Pacific area have taken the Japs for many a ride, but none as amiable as that pictured above. A U. S. Marine, one of the conquerors of Saipan, is pictured with a young Jap lad with whom he made friends.

Willkie Will Support Dewey Halleck Says

ALBANY, N. Y., July 15—(AP)—Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R-Ind.), who placed Wendell L. Willkie in nomination for the republican presidential candidacy four years ago, predicted today Willkie would support Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the presidency.

Halleck, chairman of the G. O. P. congressional campaign committee told reporters after a two-hour conference with Dewey, that he had not seen Willkie or heard from him, but added:

"My view is that he will support the ticket."

800 French Reported Massacred by Germans

LONDON, July 15—(AP)—The French press service said last night nearly 800 persons were massacred June 10 by the Germans in the village of Oradour-Sur-Glan, central France. It said the men were shot, and the women and children died inside a locked church which was first dynamited and then set afire.

There were contradictory reports as to the reason for the German act. "Some say an arms dump was found in the village, others that some Germans were killed there," the agency said.

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Dropped bombs on enemy shore installations causing incalculable damage.

This was accomplished with the loss in combat of air group five of 11 personnel and 15 aircraft. The carrier, itself, was never damaged in any of the actions in which she participated with other task force units.

Every Action Fought

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They sank 15 Japanese ships totalling 57,000 tons, and damaged

Nazis Grimly Facing Fight On Own Soil

Prepare to Fight House to House as Reds Near East Prussia

BY EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, July 15—(AP)—The German army, facing the prospect of imminent fighting on its own soil in East Prussia, was preparing for a street-by-street and building-by-building defense against the Russians in at least three of five key cities on the long eastern battle line, front dispatches said today.

The Germans were throwing up street barricades and defenses in buildings and houses in Grodno, Bialystok and Brest Litovsk, and bracing against the steadily advancing Russians in the Baltic cities of Kaunas and Daugavpils (Dvinsk) the dispatches said.

The Nazi line was reported wide open in numerous sectors from the Belkaya river, last barrier to the middle Baltics, to south of the Pripyat marsh region around captured Pinsk. The Germans appeared unable to hold anywhere as five Russian armies spilled westward with growing momentum.

Deep Wedge Driven

Gen. Ivan Bagration drove a deep tank wedge into Lithuania, threatening to cut off the Latvian seaport of Riga and Estonia from the south.

Russian armored columns slashing through the open country between Wilno and Daugavpils reached places 38 miles east of Panevezys in north central Lithuania and 81 miles from Siauliai.

The red army units advanced 23 miles along a route that may lead eventually to the Baltic sea and the port of Memel.

Kaunas Threatened

Gen. Ivan Chernikhovskiy's third White Russian army, advancing toward Kaunas, widened its front before the city and made for the railway 18 miles away—the line that connects Germany

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Ration Tokens Are Being Counterfeited

PORTLAND, July 15—(AP)—Now it's counterfeit ration tokens.

The district office of price administration (OPA) said a red disc of standard token size but unmarked was turned in by a Portlander who received it in change.

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45,000 Starving Japs Still Held

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, July 15—(AP)—Two starvation-threatened Japanese forces are attempting to break allied encirclement in New Guinea, one by bitter fighting and the second by escaping through hazardous jungles, headquarters announced today.

The "fierce resistance" of American outposts halted an initial breakthrough attempt of the 18th Imperial army, after vanguards of its 45,000 men crossed the Drinimur river, 21 miles east of Fluid Front, in British New Guinea. Fighting continues along a fluid front, while the main body was forced to reorganize for another attack under continual fire.

Remnants of the now-important Japanese garrison in the Sarmi-Manfin bay area, about 300 miles westward in Dutch New Guinea, plunged toward inland jungles from positions made untenable by allied advances. American units occupied the strategic Seara airfield three miles west of the Meffin bay airstrip, without resistance Wednesday.

The Japanese attack in the Elitape area, which began Wednesday, made some progress before it was halted, a headquarters spokesman said. One allied outpost withdrew, and the Japanese crossed the wide, shallow Drinimur five miles inland from its mouth.

Resistance virtually has ceased in this area. Bitter fighting occurred in May, with Japanese opposition gradually dwindling. A headquarters announcement July 11 said known Japanese losses then were 3,067, including 42 prisoners.

152,000 Britons Moved Away From London Within Past 13 Days

LONDON, July 15—(AP)—The official program of removing civilians from London because of the Germans' robot bomb attacks constitutes the "biggest and most speedy evacuation of any of the war," Minister of Health Henry U. Willink said today.

He disclosed that 207,468 persons registered for evacuation and 152,652 were taken away from the British capital under the program in the 13 days ending yesterday.

Flying bombs caused some damage and casualties last night in the southern counties, but quiet prevailed in London for the fifth successive night.

The heaviest attacks have been coming in daylight all week at times when the bombs might be expected to create terror.

The evacuation of the capital was said to be greater than during the 1940-41 blitz.

Battleship Oregon Goes to Sea Again

PORTLAND, July 15—(AP)—The battleship Oregon, famed veteran of the Spanish-American war, has gone to sea again to take part in its third war.

The historic vessel, which was turned into the government for scrap and partially dismantled before naval authorities decided to recondition it for sea duty, is being used as a barge.

Naval officials did not disclose the ship's cargo or destination.

License Examinations To Be Conducted July 19

Examinations for persons desiring licenses to drive motor vehicles, will be held in Roseburg Wednesday, July 19, at the city hall. The examiner will be available between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Fine Imposed in City Court for Drunkenness

Frank Bennett, employed at Myrtle Creek in the lumber industry, was charged with intoxication and continued in custody in lieu of \$25.00 fine after pleading guilty before the Roseburg city court, A. J. Geddes, city recorder, stated Saturday.

St. Lo Battle Thundering To Climax

U. S. and German Guns Duel in Heaviest Shelling of Action

OUTSIDE St. Lo, July 15—(AP)—The battle for St. Lo, raging through its fifth bitter and bloody day, thundered toward a climax today with big German

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 15—(AP)—American troops reached the outskirts of Les-say shortly after noon today and are fighting in the suburbs.

No attacks or counterattacks of any large scale were reported in the British sector.

The air forces announced today was one of the worst flying days since the invasion began and up until this afternoon less than 50 sorties had been made.

and American guns duelling in the heaviest shelling of the action for their crossroads town.

U. S. infantrymen attacked again at dawn this morning, and edged slowly forward against stubborn Nazi resistance to about 2,000 yards—little more than a mile—of the city's outskirts.

With mobile 75s and 88s ranging the ridges southeast of St. Lo, the Germans poured heavy fire on our advancing troops, and threw in long-range fire from south of the city to give support to the parachute-troop defenders.

There were no advances in the Caen sector of the front. Latest

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Marries 16 Soldiers For Allotment Checks

DETROIT, July 15—(AP)—Korine Buckner, 35-year-old Auburn-haired dress designer, was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$2,000 today for fraudulently obtaining servicemen's allotment checks from two of the 15 or 16 husbands she told the FBI she remembered marrying.

If she took the names of all her remembered husbands, she would be Mrs. Korine Labyatt Hopkins Coffey Sperron Fitz Barker Stormans Neumann Patchett Zerich Wilhelm Osworth Horn Galvin Stankovich.

To avoid the difficulty of determining her proper legal name the government used her maiden name.

Alternate To Go

PORTLAND, July 15—(AP)—Harry Winkler, Portland druggist and former state commander of the regular veterans' association, will attend the democratic convention in Chicago next week as an alternate for E. P. Ivory, Klamath Falls delegate.

Former Glide Resident Killed in Performance of Heroic Air Feat

Lieutenant Howard Wood, former resident of the Glide community, sacrificed his life in what was described as one of the "greatest single military feats of the war," according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. Ada Wood of Idleyld.

Lieutenant Wood, who with his mother, Mrs. Frances Wood, now of Fortuna, Calif., spent a number of years at Glide, was reported killed in action in the New Guinea area June 8. The mother has had a letter from his commanding officer, Major Bert N. Smiley, 17 reconnaissance squadron, reporting the details of the action in which the young officer was killed, and a copy of the letter has been received by the aunt.

"I am really proud of the way Howard died," Major Smiley wrote. "Without hesitation he and his squadron commander attacked a Japanese cruiser so that the other planes in the flight would be able to attack less dangerous targets without interference from the cruiser. Undoubtedly this action enabled many of his friends in other planes to come back from this mission. Many high-ranking officers and war correspondents have called the attack one of the greatest single military feats of the war."

In conveying his sympathy, and that of fellow officers, Major Smiley said, "He was a superior pilot, which gave members of his crew, and members of the squadron, utmost confidence in his ability. His devotion to duty and his untiring efforts to do his work well, made him a very outstanding officer."



DOWN FROM THE SKY—American paratroopers float from transport planes to assist in capture of Noemfoor island, off coast of Dutch New Guinea, which U. S. forces occupied July 2. On the ground, a number of chutes which carried other sky-troopers to safe landing are visible. RAAF photo.

One Third of Nazi Troops in Europe Now in Normandy

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 15—(AP)—When the allies landed in France on June 6 they found the Normandy coast defended by one German division to each 20 miles and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower poured ashore more than seven divisions, totalling more than one-eighth the strength of Hitler's army in the west, it was disclosed today.

The Germans had a total of seven divisions in Normandy on D-day, but it was the following day before they mounted a counterattack with anything more than infantry elements of one armored division.

Reinforcements have been coming up steadily and the enemy now has 20 to 25 divisions in Normandy, 11 or 12 of them facing the American front.

Despite the fact that two of these have disappeared completely and parts of others have been killed or captured, the German army strength in the west now is estimated at 60 to 65 divisions.

Posse To Drill
LEBANON, July 15—(AP)—A drill by Salem's mounted posse and a parade of approximately 125 riders will highlight Sunday's program of the Santiam wranglers. Horsemen from Albany, Sweet Home and Brownsville also will attend.

War Situation is Grim Jap Radio Tells Homeland

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 15—(AP)—The Tokyo radio reported today that 85 American planes had raided Guam and that two American Liberator bombers attacked two Jims in the Kazan group, 870 miles northwest of Guam, and added:

"A powerful unit, with carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers, is continuing activities near Guam. The war situation does not allow a moment of optimism."

Since the Kazan or Volcano Island group heretofore has been beyond the range of American land-based bombers, a raid by Liberators would mean that the heavy bomber strip on newly-captured Saipan island had been put into operation.

Last night Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed in a press release that carrier plane attacks on the former U. S. outpost of Guam have been unbroken through 10 straight days. These bomb and rocket blows have been augmented by warship shelling.

So completely are Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's forces masters of the sea and air that the press release said a destroyer moved close to Guam and sank an enemy coastal transport July 10.

Guam's defenders—Japs who wrested the outpost from a gallant garrison of soldiers and marines Dec. 13, 1941—apparently are fighting without either naval or air support.

There has been no mention of Nipponese air action there since a communique reported nine planes were shot down July 7 while trying to flee to Yap in the western Carolines.

General and Colonels Die in Crash of Plane

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 15—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Paul W. Newgarden, commander of the 10th armored division, two colonels, and at least two other persons were instantly killed near here last night when an army plane crashed during a heavy storm.

The crash occurred at the height of a wind and electrical storm. Portions of uniforms and insignia, were found, denoting the major general, colonels, a staff sergeant and a flight officer.

Hint Angrily B-29 Crews Were Slain

Airmen Falling in Japan Will Be Executed, Spokesman Asserts

NEW YORK, July 15—(AP)—A Japanese broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission hinted today that several United States airmen captured by the Japanese, apparently following the first B-29 Superfortress raid on the steel town of Yawata June 15, had been executed.

Beamed from Singapore to American forces in the southwest Pacific, the broadcast said the airmen had "bailed out to meet with the same fate which was meted out to raiders of Tokyo some two years ago."

"Any allied airman who falls or bails out over Japan will be executed," the speaker declared angrily. "This is the order of the day."

Monitors said the reception was so poor that only a few excerpts from the talk were intelligible. More than four hours after this propaganda transmission, FCC listening stations had recorded no similar Japanese statement from any other source.

The office of war information originally issued a story based on the FCC recording quoting the Singapore spokesman as saying that the captives had been executed. This was followed by a lead saying the broadcast suggested they might have been executed, "or at least were being held for execution."

It was not brought out specifically that the American airmen were B-29 crew members, leaving open the possibility that the Singapore spokesman was referring to the slaying of fliers captured at other times for the destruction wrought by their mates. The spokesman, who was not identified, threatened that American aviators attempting what he termed "abortive raids" would be purchasing a "one-way ticket to hell."

U. S. army communiques reported the loss of four B-29s on the first of the northern Kyushu raids on June 15. One was shot down over the target, two crashed and burned after the attack and one was listed as missing. One was lost in the second attack on July 7.

Wolfe Doubts Story
SANTA BARBARA, Calif., July 15—(AP)—Doubt that Japanese

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School Band Eligibles Called to Meet Monday

All boys and girls owning band instruments are invited to meet Monday, July 12, at 8:30 p. m. at the junior high school with Leslie S. Irvin, school band director, to lay plans for summer practices and schedules, which will be worked out with the mutual consent of the group. It is very important, Mr. Irvin stated, that all prospective band members be present at the Monday night meeting. Arrangements are being made to start a beginners' group in the near future, the director states. There will be no charge for this activity, which is being provided as a part of the summer recreation program.

Teddy, Jr., Buried As Nearby Guns Roar

U. S. FORTH DIVISION CEMETERY IN FRANCE JULY 15—(AP)—Machine guns rattled in the distance and anti-aircraft fire burst in faraway clouds as military funeral services were held in the Normandy twilight last night for Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

The general's son, Quentin, watched as his father's body was lowered in the French soil on which he had fought in two wars against German aggression. Quentin is a captain in the "Fighting First" division, which was his father's favorite.