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END OF JAP RESISTANCE ON SAIPAN—Dead Japs sprawl in the morning sun amidst U. S. marine foxholes after their final and desperate Saipan counter-attack of July 7th that penetrated Yank lines some 1500 yards before they were stopped and exterminated. Ponchos slashed by Jap knives and bayonets still dangle above the foxholes.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GOEBBELS, German propaganda minister, was quoted in German newspapers reaching Spain the other day as protesting plaintively that under the allied unconditional surrender policy the Germans have nothing to lose and therefore have to go on fighting.

Because they have nothing to lose, and so are in a desperate frame of mind, he warns, they are dangerous.

It sounds very much as if he is saying to us: "Make us an OFFER."

FOR two thousand years, off and on, the world has been fighting Germans. The grim idea is taking shape that maybe we'd better lick them for good and all this time.

The random-flying robot isn't doing anything to rid us (especially the English) of that idea.

THE robot, of course, is no joke. In effect, it is a gun that SHOOTs FARTHER and carries more explosive than any other gun ever built. The fact that it isn't very accurate now is no sign that it won't become more accurate later.

It is a fair guess that rocket guns are in warfare to stay.

WE found another rocket-bomb nest a few days back—in caves about 30 miles north of Paris. The dispatches didn't make it wholly clear whether it was only a storage depot for flying bombs to be launched elsewhere, but we went after it immediately.

A location 30 miles north of Paris would be only about 200 miles from London, and the range of the rocket bombs is supposed to be at least 350 miles. So they could well be launched from the new site—or for that matter almost anywhere in northern France, Belgium or Holland.

NEW weapons are showing up all the time.

The British launched one at El Alamein, in Africa, and it has worked out so well that they have been using it rather extensively in Normandy. Descriptions of it have just become available.

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Girl Leaps, Dies When Driver Refuses to Stop

PORTLAND, July 17—(AP)—Nine-year-old Shirley Ricks, one of two girls injured in leaping from a truck Saturday when the unidentified male driver refused to stop, died in a hospital last night.

Her sister, Mabel, 11, was reported in critical condition. She told police the truck stopped beside them near their farm home outside Portland and a young man told them to get in. They were afraid to refuse, she said.

Yankees Capture Height Dominating Goal of Livorno

ROME, July 17—(AP)—American troops climbed relentlessly on Livorno (Leghorn) today after capturing the dominating height of Monte Magliore and pushing on up the Italian west coast to the edge of Monterosso, only four miles from the heart of the big port.

Simultaneously other American forces slammed forward in the Era valley to within five and one-half miles of the Arno river in a broad flanking movement well east of Livorno and Pisa.

The newest gains brought the Fifth army up against strong German defensive positions and fierce fighting raged all along the front, with the enemy launching sharp counterattacks.

An official announcement said French troops of the Fifth army, which were credited with capturing Poggibonsi over the weekend, had driven back one heavy counter-attack and were holding to their positions.

On the Eighth army front, German defense difficulties grew and losses mounted with the British capture of the key communications center of Arezzo.

U. S. air force bombers raided an enemy airfield and other military targets in the Vienna area yesterday. They saw smoke billowing 15,000 feet above Vienna's industrial district.

Over 100 enemy planes challenged the big bombers and 44 were destroyed. The allies lost 15 bombers and five other planes.

More Women Urged to Apply for War Jobs

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—An appeal for more women to do "strenuous muscle work" in the forge and foundry industry was coupled today with announcement that any volunteers may offer themselves simply by wiring collect to the War Manpower commission.

The agency suggested the message could read "I would like a forge or foundry job," and said it should give name, age, address and telephone number.

The local U. S. employment service will immediately communicate with the volunteer and refer her to an appropriate job, WMC Director McNutt said.

Arrangements have been made with the 48,000 Western Union offices for proper handling of the messages, McNutt said.

License Loser Fined For Renewed Driving

Vernon M. Bright, formerly of Roseburg, recently residing at Sweethome, was fined \$200 in justice court at Roseburg today and was continued in custody in lieu of payment of the fine. Judge Thomas Harfield reported.

Bright, Harfield said, was accused of driving an automobile after his license had been revoked. He was returned Saturday from Albany, where he was taken into custody at the request of Douglas county authorities.

Chinese Defending Hengyang Taking Heavy Toll of Japs

CHUNGKING, July 17—(AP)—The Japanese, pressing a determined drive to win complete control of the Canton-Hankow railway, maintained heavy pressure on beleaguered Hengyang over the weekend, although the Chinese high command asserted the defenders of that vital rail junction had taken heavy toll of enemy troops.

The high command said more than 14,000 Japanese were killed in the fighting for Hengyang between June 23 and July 14. At the same time it disclosed that Japanese forces in the Kwangtung province offensive to the south were attacking Yingkat, rail town 70 miles north of Canton and about 225 miles south of Hengyang.

In western Yunnan province, house-to-house fighting was reported raging outside the northwest corner of the ancient walled city of Tengchung, main Japanese base above the Burma road. Japanese troops inside its walls are declared "resisting to the last man." Enemy attacks to the south in the area of Lungling, on the Burma road, were repulsed.

A southeast Asia command communiqué yesterday said allied forces had made additional gains in besieged Myitkyina, in north Burma, stabbing 200 to 300 yards in the northwest sector and 150-250 yards in the southwest.

Nazis' Flying Bomb Plant Badly Blasted

STOCKHOLM, July 17—(AP)—Three Swedes just returned from Munich estimated today that the Bayrische Motorenwerke where the Germans are believed to be manufacturing engines for flying bombs, was 80 per cent destroyed. The travelers said the huge factory, a longtime producer of tanks and motor cars for the German army, was now thought to be concentrating on jet propulsion engines.

Hitler's brown house, formerly reported destroyed, was hit again and almost completely ruined, the eye witnesses continued.

Of the city's normal 828,000 population, 6,000 to 8,000 were made homeless.

Wife Accuses Husband Of Threats to Kill

Charged with assault and battery and threats to commit a felony, Harold Fugate, Sutherlin, was in custody in the county jail today in lieu of \$1,000 bail. The complaint was filed by his wife, Evelyn Fugate, who charged that she was assaulted by her husband and that he made threats to kill her. Justice of the Peace Thomas Harfield reported. Fugate pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery, but requested time to consult an attorney before pleading to the charge of threatening to commit a felony. Sentence was postponed on the assault case.

East Prussia Now Goal Of Russian Tide

Germans Endeavoring To Check Reds' Advance After Loss of Grodno

MOSCOW, July 17—(AP)—Red army troops pushed forward today along a broad front stretching from the Baltics to the Pripjat marshes after capturing the German-held fortress city of Grodno, described by Premier Stalin as "covering the approach to east Prussia."

Grodno, which the Germans announced earlier they had evacuated, is only 45 miles from the east Prussian border. With its fall the Germans have no natural barrier between them and their homeland, to which it appeared the fighting soon would be carried.

(The German radio said today that Russian troops were advancing both north and south of fallen Grodno in the direction of east Prussia.

"A heavy battle against advancing soviet units north of Grodno is in full swing," the report added.)

(A special broadcast by the Moscow radio heard in London told the Germans "the game is up." It said 100,000 Germans were taken prisoner and 50 divisions possibly 500,000 men, were annihilated on the eastern front.)

Moscow Views Prisoners

The German army finally marched through Moscow today as prisoners.

Thousands upon thousands captured in the red army offensive moved through the capital on foot while being transferred from rail stations on their long way back to the east. In all, 57,600 trudged wearily through the streets.

More than a million Muscovites lined the streets and watched the Germans, without displaying emotion. There was no booing, no catcalls, no shouts.

Two German generals were in the first group which included all officers. One looked especially defiant as he marched, glancing neither to right or left.

Willow Run Bomber Factory Strike Ended

DETROIT, July 17—(AP)—Production of B-24 Liberators was resumed at the Willow Run bomber plant today as employees began returning to work. The Ford Motor company closed the plant Saturday because of work stoppages by crane operators and riggers.

The back-to-work movement followed a meeting yesterday of 5,000 members of Local 50, United Automobile Workers (CIO), at which a vote to resume production was unanimous. Company, union and War Labor board representatives met today to discuss grievances, which include seniority rights and transfer of skilled employees.

Byrnes' Entry Tightens Democratic Race For the Nomination for Vice-President

BY JACK BELL

CHICAGO, July 17—(AP)—In a rapidly tightening race for the democratic vice presidential nomination War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes pulled up to a challenging position today along with Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Senator Alben W. Barkley in a contest a dark horse might win.

Byrnes, who acted as President Roosevelt's personal agent in helping bluegeon the 1940 party convention into nominating Wallace, apparently was working behind the scenes here in his own interests. Whether he had a "go ahead" signal from Mr. Roosevelt remained an unanswered question, but one fact was made clear in the Byrnes camp—his name will go before the convention which opens here Wednesday only if strategists are convinced he can obtain a majority of the votes.

The former supreme court justice and former South Carolina senator kept his own counsel, but such friends as Senator Maybank of South Carolina were openly advocating his choice as the second man on a wartime ticket.

Wallace, Irked by Snapshot, Battles Camera Wielder

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—A reported scuffle last Thursday between Vice President Wallace and a news photographer over a picture snapped at the Wardman Park hotel has been "amicably adjusted" between the principals, a spokesman for the White House News Photographers' association said today.

Wallace was not available for a statement and his office said "no comment" in response to inquiries.

But Arthur E. Scott, president of the Photographers' association, said the association had looked into the incident, and found it to be "regrettable, but now amicably adjusted."

"No further action is planned," Scott said.

The Washington Star said it had learned that the photographer was Robert Woodsum of Acme's staff and that the circumstances were these:

"Mr. Woodsum had been assigned to get a picture of the vice president in view of the forthcoming democratic convention and his recent trip to China. The photographer was asked by his office to try to get pictures of the vice president playing tennis."

"After waiting several hours, Mr. Woodsum spied the vice president in the lobby and took a single shot." Mr. Wallace objected to the picture and insisted that it be withdrawn. Mr. Woodsum remained firm, and a tussle followed during which both men fell to the floor.

"They quickly rose to their feet, however, and came to an amicable agreement whereby the vice president promised to pose for a variety of other pictures."

Six Persons Perish in Fire at Denver Resort

DENVER, July 17—(AP)—Six persons died in the midst of holidaying throngs Sunday afternoon when a sudden burst of flames swept the old mill, housing a scenic boat ride, at Elitch's gardens in Denver.

Four of the dead were identified by Deputy Coroner Gus Economy as two Buckley field soldiers and their wives. The other two were park attendants who tried vainly to pull the boat riders to safety.

Economy listed the dead as Pvt. and Mrs. Robert McIlvain, Pvt. and Mrs. R. L. Jacobberger, George Keithline, 16, and Edward Lowery, 30. Economy listed Mrs. McIlvain's address as Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. Jacobberger's as Hollywood, Calif.

River's Victim Sought

SALEM, Ore., July 17—(AP)—Police continued to drag the Willamette river here today to recover the body of Hubert M. Johns, Salem painter, who was drowned Saturday night when a motorboat overturned in mid-stream.

Eight married couples were in the boat, but all swam ashore except Johns.

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Japan's Navy Chief Ousted From Post

"War Situation Grave," Tokyo Says; U. S. Planes Bomb Guam, Rota Isles

NEW YORK, July 17—(AP)—Admiral Shigetaro Shimada has been "relieved of his post" as Japanese navy minister, and succeeded by Admiral Naokuni Nomura, Tokyo radio announced today.

Today said the post of navy minister was changed as part of preparations "in view of the present grave war situation" to unite "all efforts for certain victory." Another broadcast said Shimada had resigned.

U. S. HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 17—(AP)—American sea and air attacks on Guam and Rota islands in the Marianas for 12 straight days underscored Tokyo's homeland warning that "the war situation does not allow a moment of optimism."

Adm. Nimitz, Pacific commander in chief, announced that carrier-based bombers poured rockets and bombs on Guam, Japanese-occupied United States possession, and Rota to the northeast, in Saturday assaults which blasted buildings, started fires and shattered vital automotive and railroad equipment.

It was the twelfth attack in as many days on the islands, which are only a little more than 100 miles south of Saipan, recently conquered by Americans. One bomber was downed, but its crew was rescued.

Nimitz also told details of the July 13 bomber strike at Iwo Jima, an island in the volcano group only 750 miles southeast of Tokyo. A destroyer, destroyer escort, two cargo vessels, a coastal ship and 12 smaller craft were bombed and strafed.

Fires also were set in an oil dump and installations ashore. Shipping blasted at Iwo Jima brought to 112 the number of Japanese vessels put out of action since the opening of the Marianas campaign June 10, when Saipan was attacked.

CANBERRA, Australia, July 17—(AP)—Prime Minister Curtin

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Sidis became an instructor of mathematics at Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, when he was 20, but stayed there only a year or two.

Survivor of High Fall Drowns in Blue Lake

PORTLAND, July 17—(AP)—Raymond I. Ungermann, 17, who narrowly escaped death in a 150-foot fall last summer from Roseburg rock on the upper Columbia river highway, drowned in Blue lake near here yesterday when a canoe upset. He could not swim.

Ex-Roseburg Indian Fighter Reaches 101

FOREST GROVE, Ore., July 17—(AP)—James W. Smith, formerly of Roseburg, observed his 101st birthday last week. The former army scout and Indian fighter recalled that back in 1864 the army paid him \$13 a month.

Thus at its first public hearing,

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British Gain Outskirts of Key Bastion

Yankees Penetrate Road Hub of St. Lo, Also Nazi Anchor Town of Lessay

(By the Associated Press) British second army troops, striking forward on a nine-mile front southwest of Caen, beat the Germans back in heavy fighting under a hot Normandy sun today, and pounded into the outskirts of Evrecy, fiercely-defended key to high ground between the Odon and Orne rivers.

As the British widened their Odon river salient—in a preparatory move for a major offensive to blast the deadlock around Caen—American patrols penetrated into the middle bastion road hub of St. Lo, finding it heavily held. Other patrols had already entered the western coast anchor town of Lessay, and doughboys closed on the German road line from Lessay to St. Lo.

The British won the eastern half of the village of Noyers, captured Vendes to the north, thus adding a fifth town to the bag taken since Saturday night, and won houses on the eastern edge of Evrecy, nine miles southwest of Caen. Another British column by-passed Evrecy, advancing a half-mile southeast of the town.

The British Odon salient attacks engulfed hundreds of prisoners, and the deepest advance carried 4,500 yards. Marshal Rommel reacted violently. Esquay, six miles southwest of Caen, became a no man's land after first falling to the British, but four other towns were seized and held, as well as important heights.

The fall of Lessay appeared imminent, perhaps without major resistance. The Americans scored three local advances along the road line from Lessay to St. Lo, where progress was measured in another 400 yards.

Yanks Upset Nazi Plan

Northwest of St. Lo the Americans turned the tables on the Germans who earlier had inundated the Vire river valley and hampered the Americans around Carentan. American engineers locked the river so that it rose over bridges used by the Germans south of Pont Hober.

In this sector the Americans turned back a bold new German tank attack and reported knocking out 16 tanks. This was in the same sector where the Germans

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Russian Editor Raps Platform of Republican Party

MOSCOW, July 17—(AP)—Pravda, organ of the communist party, published today an article criticizing results of the republican convention calling the party leaders reactionaries and asserting that "rumblings of the ancient past can be heard" in the foreign policy plank.

The article, by Foreign Editor Jacob Khavinson, said: "Exactly the same arguments were presented by the republicans in the election campaign of 1920."

"The foreign policy plank of the convention is a step backward compared to the decisions of the Mackinac meeting, which constituted a plain compromise between isolationists and anti-isolationists," said the writer.

"A characteristic feature of the republican convention was the lack of an open struggle between various candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency."

"Notwithstanding the unity displayed at the convention, a sharp struggle existed in the ranks of the republicans over various points of view on the vital questions of domestic and foreign policy."

Defining the division as between the Wendell Willkie faction and the old party machine, the newspaper said:

"Leaders of the republican party in effect isolated the Willkie opposition group. The convention was led by old reactionary republican leaders."

The Pravda article identified Sen. Taft of Ohio as a "well known isolationist leader."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A lot of democrats are trying to keep Vice-President Wallace on the move, this time with Salt Creek for a destination. It's a good bet, however, that in the end these malcontents will be greeted with Mr. Wallace's initials—HAW-HAW-HAW.