

JAPANESE RETREAT FROM SOUTH CHINA



ROSEBURG STUDENTS HONORED—In University of Oregon parlance, these two Roseburg students are known as BWOC and BMOC. To you that is Big Woman On the Campus and Big Man On the Campus. Anita Young and Jack Craig hold two of the top places in student body government at the University of Oregon. At recent elections Anita was named secretary of the Associated Students and Craig was elected vice-president. Anita was also elected to Theta Sigma Phi, women's national journalism honorary, and Craig was tapped for membership in Friars, senior men's honorary.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ACCORDING to the Jap radio, Friday's B-29 fire raid left metropolitan Tokyo "literally scorched to the ground." The broadcast adds that what was ONCE the world's third largest city has been practically laid waste.

A PART at least of the imperial palace establishment was singed by the flames started by the big bombers and fanned by a 70-MILE GALE.

What part and how much are in dispute among the Japs themselves. Premier Suzuki, according to Domei (Jap news agency, like our AP, UP, etc.) reported to his cabinet that he watched the fire start and saw the imperial palace itself destroyed. A Tokyo radio commentator adds that the "imperial palace, focal point of the Japanese people's foremost affection and undying loyalty, was destroyed for the most part."

Another commentator, however, says "the imperial sanctuary, symbol of the nation's sacred spiritual traditions, escaped destruction."

Take your choice.

B-29 crewmen returning from the raid say the Jap army and navy department and the diet (stogie parliament) buildings, as well as the palaces, were probably damaged, although none was a specific target (you can't turn on and off, like a gas stove burner, a mighty conflagration that is fanned by a 70-mile wind).

One returning pilot says he'll be surprised if the flames started

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"I'd do it Again," McGee Says

GI who Pasted Sulky Krauts Freed of Penalty and Would Waive Discharge From Army

WORCESTER, Mass., May 28.—(AP)—Although he thought he got a "raw deal" when he received a two-year court martial sentence for striking nine German prisoners, Pvt. Joe McGee, who said he had 35 points more than necessary for discharge, wants to remain in the army.

Under Secretary of War Patterson relieved McGee of the sentence after U. S. Rep. John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) demanded a thorough investigation of the soldier's conviction.

Upon his arrival at Fort Devens, McGee was assigned to the post's motor pool as a truck driver. He told the post commander, Col. H. M. Estes, that although he had 120 points he wanted to stay in the army and make it his life work.

McGee, who was court-martialed in France, Oct. 17, 1944, on charges of "assaults and batteries" on the prisoners near a stockade somewhere in France, spent a busy day yesterday after being greeted at the railroad station by his father, Joe, Sr., his 14-year-old

School Union Vote Set Here For June 18th

The electorate of the Roseburg school district will decide the question of the proposed consolidation of Roseburg school district No. 4, with Edenhower district No. 33 at the Junior high school Monday, June 18, between the hours of 2 and 7 p. m., according to the county district boundary board.

The proposed consolidation has been requested by the directors of the Edenhower district, which lies north and west of the Roseburg district. The consolidation must receive a favorable vote in both districts to become effective.

Edenhower's eastern boundary is the Southern Pacific railroad track just north of Roseburg. This area is growing rapidly and District No. 33 is faced with a building and increased operation cost of four times its present budget.

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Marine Corps Memorial Set for Next Sunday

SALEM, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—Next Sunday will be observed as United States marine corps memorial Sunday, Governor Snell said today, so that all present and former marines may pay tribute to marines who have been killed in action since the marine corps was founded in 1775.

Special services will be held in cities in which there are units of the Marine corps league.

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Hoover Calls On Man at White House

Bids Also Given Dewey, Landon; Backing for Aid Plans Sought, Opinion

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—President Truman today conferred for nearly an hour with former President Herbert Hoover on European relief needs.

Meanwhile, the president invited Thomas E. Dewey and Alf M. Landon, former republican presidential nominees, to visit the White House at any time to consult with him on national or international issues.

Mr. Hoover emerged smiling from his 50-minute talk with Mr. Truman. It was his first White House visit in more than 12 years.

He said he was sorry to disappoint waiting newspaper reporters, but "the president of the United States has the right to make his own statements."

"There's no right of a visitor to say anything about his talks with the president," Hoover commented.

Bi-Partisan Support Sought

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross made the announcement that the president had invited Dewey, New York governor and 1944 republican presidential candidate, and Landon, 1936 presidential nominee and former governor of Kansas, to the White House.

Apparently seeking further bi-partisan support for his plans for the nation, Mr. Truman wrote the two former republican nominees "to drop in for a talk at any time they happen to be in Washington," Ross told his news conference.

Ross said the president took this step on his own initiative and without any request of the republican leaders for such consultations.

Ross told newsmen that the conference between the president and Mr. Hoover was "a pleasant meeting. The president found that Mr. Hoover had some very constructive ideas which the president

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Rescue From Japs Recited

"Life's Greatest Thrill" Comes To Stanley L. Kidder and His Family, Returned to Roseburg

"The greatest thrill of my life came Sept. 21, 1944, when American bombers, looking like silver birds against a clear blue sky, circled over Manila," declared Stanley L. Kidder, who, with Mrs. Kidder and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kidder, Jr., arrived in Roseburg Saturday night following their repatriation from the Philippine Islands where all were prisoners of war from the time of the Japanese occupation until their release in February of this year.

French Face Threat Of War in Syria

DAMASCUS, May 28.—(AP)—Jamil Mardam Bey, acting premier of Syria, said today that French troops yesterday had "fired upon the people of Hama," north of Damascus on the road to Aleppo, and he expressed fear of a "general clash" between French and Syrians.

The acting premier issued a statement in which he said that after the French opened fire at Hama, "the people then attacked the French garrison."

The French called reinforcements from Homs," he said. "There is now fighting in the streets. Communications are cut off."

"The feeling now is so intense at Homs that anything may happen there momentarily, and I don't know what may happen at Damascus. The gendarmerie is trying to keep order, but we fear the incidents may grow into a general clash."

It was generally believed that news of the apparent French attempt to occupy Hama and of the street fighting there would cause risings throughout Syria and perhaps Lebanon.

June Passenger Tire Allotment Not Enough

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Two million passenger car tires—an increase of 500,000—will be available in June, but that amount still will fall short of meeting demands.

The increase in next month's ration quota will "help a lot," said OPA ration chief Max McCullough. He added, however, that a backlog of 500,000 to 600,000 applications for casings, low inventories and a seasonal increase in tire failures will make the quota inadequate.

OPA estimates that a 2,000,000 allocation will have to be maintained several consecutive months before any new tires can be made available to "A" card drivers.

Soldier Seriously Hurt When Auto Hits Post

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 28.—(AP)—Chief Petty Officer Ernest Mass, Jr., Corvallis, was in Barnes General hospital today, seriously injured this weekend in an auto accident which jolted his head through the windshield.

He suffered a fractured skull and a jaw fracture as a passenger in Waldo F. Silver's car, which smashed into a concrete post in the center of a Portland highway. Silver, 47, was hospitalized with a jaw fracture.

Man Frees Self After 7 Hours in Upset Auto

BEND, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—After calling vainly for help for seven hours, Joe Thompson, Bend farm worker, extricated himself from an overturned automobile in which his mother-in-law was killed and his wife seriously injured.

Mrs. Asa Toothacher, Ontario, died Sunday when the auto driven by Thompson crashed through guard posts at Bend's north city limit and rolled into a dry concrete canal. Thompson and his wife were in a hospital today.

Income Tax Immunity for Service Personnel Asked

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) today proposed legislation exempting all men and women in the armed forces from income taxes on service pay.

Bridges said he would offer the measure as an amendment to the first revenue bill to come before the senate in order to "remove a distinct injustice in our national tax policies against the men and women in the armed services."

Goat for Hindmost

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—A prize in reverse is boosting war bond sales here.

The industrial plant with the lowest E bond record must tether a goat at its front entrance for a week.

Truman Urges Wider Span of Jobless Pay

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—President Truman recommended today maximum weekly unemployment compensation payments of not less than \$25 to tide the country over the "transition from war to peace."

"Every eligible worker should be entitled to 26 weeks of benefits in any one year. If his unemployment continues that long," the president said in a message to congress.

He recommended specifically that congress take emergency action to widen the coverage of unemployment compensation and to increase the amount and duration of benefits, at least for the period of the "present emergency period of reconversion."

"Basically this can be accomplished only by amending the social security act so as to induce state laws to provide more adequately for anyone who is unemployed."

This recommendation was couched with the proposed increase in maximum benefit payments in the statement that "decent unemployment benefits would serve as a bulwark against postwar deflation."

Favors State Handling

In connection with the recommendation for \$25 weekly payments, Mr. Truman said "congress will no doubt wish to re-examine the readjustment allowance provisions of the G. I. bill of rights. All payments should be made through the existing unemployment compensation machinery of the several states, just as payments to veterans are now made."

The president said that only about 30,000,000 of the nation's 43,000,000 non-agricultural workers are protected by unemployment insurance and that the weekly payments provided under many state laws "are inadequate to maintain purchasing power and to provide a reasonable means

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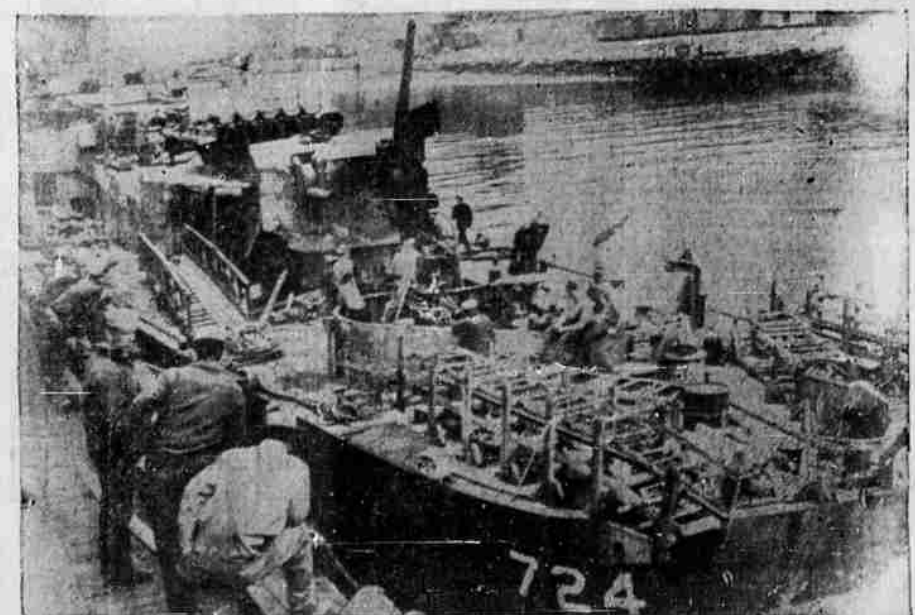
Oregon E Bond Sales Nearing Half Way Mark

PORTLAND, May 28.—(AP)—Seventh war loan E bond sales stepped nearer the half-way mark today after Multnomah county sales reached 40 per cent of quota and state sales topped 39 per cent. Sales for all series are 30 per cent of Oregon's quota. Saturday sales were \$2,141,713, for a total of \$33,271,879.

Ted Gamble, director of the treasury's war finance division, stressed need for bond sales despite Germany's surrender. He declared talk of conversion and cutbacks "does not mean that we do not have a big war on our hands and a big expenditure compared to that of last year."

Kellogg Soldier Freed From German Camp

Staff Sergeant Ralph H. Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Holcomb, Kellogg, who has been a prisoner of war since June 21, 1944, in Germany, writes his parents that he was liberated May 2. He was a bombardier in the 8th air force and is now awaiting transportation back to the United States. He reports that he was well treated at the prison camp and is in good health.



NEW HERO WARSHIP LIMPS INTO WEST COAST PORT—Her hull and superstructure grotesquely twisted by the impact of six hurtling Jap suicide planes and two bombs, the heroic U. S. destroyer Laffey slides into Seattle, Wash., harbor under her own power to a shipyard to patch her gaping battle wounds. In the most savage and spectacular action in which an American destroyer has participated in the entire war, 31 of her officers and men were listed as killed or missing in action; another 60 were wounded.

Nanning Lost To Chinese In 24-Hr. Combat

Okinawa Defense Line Given Up, Withdrawals Occur in Philippines

(By the Associated Press)

Chinese troops thrust 60 miles up Japan's broken Indo-China corridor today from their surprise recapture of Nanning, amid indications Japanese troops were withdrawing from their south China and Okinawa island defense lines and giving up in the Philippines.

In one of the most unexpected military victories of the war, Chinese troops—without American training or arms—recaptured Nanning (Yungning) in South China, and promptly swung 60 miles north-eastward to the vicinity of Pingliang, where they are engaged in fierce fighting with the Japanese. Both cities are major nodes on Japan's primary Indo-China communication line.

The surprising double victory stirred speculation in Chungking that enemy troops may be withdrawing from south China, and abandoning forces in Burma, Thailand, Malaya and Indo-China.

Sea lines to Indo-China and other southern Japanese conquests have been "all but severed" by American air and submarine blockades, Adm. Nimitz said in reporting submarines have sunk 4,500,000 tons of enemy shipping, 2,000,000 of it in the last year. The navy earlier announced the U. S. undersea fleet has sunk 1,128 Japanese ships.

Superforts Again Strike

Simultaneously Tokyo radio reported extensive U. S. fighter plane and Superfortress raids over Japan. The army announced Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle was bringing his Eighth air force from the European theater to the Pacific to join in pounding Japan with "an even greater volume" of explosives than hit Germany.

Japanese broadcasts reported 30 Mustang fighters strafed Tokyo airfields today while Superforts raided Kyushu island suicide air bases and mined waters the length of Japan.

Three B-29s reportedly accompanied the Mustangs. They were probably photographing damage done by Saturday's 500-plane fire raid which precipitated an emergency Japanese cabinet session. Tokyo has become a "real battlefield," the Japanese radio reported, with everyone in it a "war victim."

On rain-swept Okinawa, Japanese were reported withdrawing

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Suit for Damages Being Tried Here

The regular May term of circuit court was convened today with the suit of L. R. Chambers versus the Dillard Motor company as the first trial to be heard by the jury. Chambers alleges that he left an automobile with the Dillard Motor company for service and that the vehicle was left on the motor company's lot, from which it was stolen and wrecked, causing a damage amounting to \$831.46, which the plaintiff seeks to recover.

The defense pleadings contend that the plaintiff had been notified the car would not be delivered until the bill for service had been paid, a claim denied by Chambers. It is further alleged by the defense that notices had been prominently posted that the company would not be responsible for losses resulting from fire or theft.

The jury hearing the action is composed of Ralph Richter, W. J. Meredith, Mamie Dimmick, Hazel S. Marsh, Ida Thomas, I. M. Carsters, Winnifred Franks, Arthur Mode, Jesse Patrick, Lulu Armstrong, Grace T. Kleist, Ben Zenor.

Army Escapee Held on Charges of Burglary

MEDFORD, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—Pvt. John R. Anderson, 21, listed by army authorities here as an escapee from a Louisiana camp stockade, was held on \$1,000 bail today on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling.

He waived preliminary hearing Saturday. District Attorney Neilson said Anderson was arrested driving a stolen Missouri automobile and admitted a \$2,500 tool theft from an Ashland, Ore., garage. Neilson said the soldier also admitted a Mount Shasta, Calif., burglary.

State police were seeking a male companion and a girl in another automobile. Neilson was awaiting army decision to release Anderson for civil prosecution.

Lovely Fact Rant

By L. F. Kalamstein

Major question from day to day that puts our minds on the summer is not when the Japs will be beaten, but when do we get any summer?



HELD AS SPY—Paul Jean Marie Cavaille, 43, former French air force officer, held by the FBI on charges of serving as a German agent. An electrical engineer, Cavaille helped establish and operate a clandestine radio in the German espionage headquarters in Paris before the nazis conquered France. Coming to the United States, Cavaille tried to gain access to various plants producing confidential electronics devices for the government the FBI charged.

War Crime Trials "Few Weeks" Off

PARIS, May 28.—(AP)—Trials of Germans accused of offenses against American troops in violation of the laws of war probably will begin within a few weeks, Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief United States counsel for war crimes, said today.

He said, however, that proceedings against the principal Nazi war criminals probably would not get under way for some time, since the United States, British, Soviet Russia and France had not agreed on certain details of the international military tribunal which will try the accused.

Jackson emphasized there would be no delay in bringing to justice those Germans involved in battlefield atrocities against the American armed forces, such as the Malmeldy slayings and the execution of captured airmen.

These cases are strictly an American problem and do not fall under the jurisdiction of any international tribunal.

Higher Gasoline Ration to Worsen Food Situation

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(AP)—Liberalized gasoline rations this summer may bring about new headaches for food officials.

One of these officials, already weary over struggles with black markets and poor distribution of dwindling supplies, took note of the possibility today, asking that he not be named.

It is quite possible, he said, that many motorists in towns and cities near food producing areas will use their extra gasoline for regular trips to the country to buy from farmers themselves.

Should this become widespread, he added, the nation's wartime food distribution system, already under heavy strain, would be seriously threatened.

Mortgage Burning Rites Gala Occasion for Elks

The Roseburg Elks lodge entertained a large group of local and visiting members Saturday night at its mortgage burning ceremony. Visiting delegations were present from Salem, McMinnville, Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford, Coos Bay and other points. The lodge furnished a turkey banquet after which an impressive ceremonial was conducted with the mortgage being burned by Pat Tynan, Portland, and Ira E. Riddle, Roseburg, two of the three surviving charter members. A brief program of varied entertainment followed the ceremony.

German POW Donate To Welfare Agencies

MEDFORD, Ore., May 28.—(AP)—German war prisoners at Camp White have contributed \$1,400 to American and international welfare agencies. Lt. Col. L. J. Farber, camp commander, disclosed.

The American Red Cross received \$400 for American prisoners use only; the rest went to the International Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.

Restrictions Off Rural Power Line Extensions

PORTLAND, May 28.—(AP)—Restrictions have been removed on construction of continuous rural power line extensions in Oregon costing under \$25,000 for materials.

Lines built first will be those connecting areas closest to the existing system.