

SOUTHERN JAPAN'S AIR BASES HAMMERED



DIRECTING RENT CONTROL—Clyde S. Henninger, director; Shirley Hopkins, (center), rent clerk, and Ruth Roberts, clerk-typist, compose the staff of the Douglas County Defense Rental Area office, recently established at Roseburg. Miss Hopkins is permanently employed as rent clerk, and Miss Roberts will serve during the summer months. Registration of rental units will be continued as the chief activity of the board until mid-July.

Meat Supplies in Fall May Up Civilian Average Only 36 Ounces, Present Indication

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—The government's promised increase in meat supplies next fall may turn out to average only 36 ounces more per civilian for the entire October-December period.

This increase over summer supplies would include meats served in public eating places. Consequently the increase in supplies at butcher shops would be somewhat less.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At the moment this is written, there isn't much shooting war news.

Nimitz is silent so far on Okinawa—which could be significant. It has been looking for days as if the Japs there are about at the end of their rope. (In the way of organized resistance, that is; all those left alive will still have to be dug out of their holes.)

TOKYO radio seems to have given Okinawa up for lost, and is mumbling about the Jap mainland having been "converted into an impregnable fortress." It talks of a "new kind of underground warfare so different from anything used in Europe that it will mark a new epoch in military history."

HISTORY tells us in no uncertain language that if the Japs have reached the "impregnable fortress" stage in their thinking they are as good as lost.

Always the idea of retiring into an "impregnable" fortress has appealed to the minds of men who are finding themselves BEATEN IN THE OPEN. ALWAYS the security that seems to be prom-

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Eskimo Sex Murderer Faces Death Penalty

SEATTLE, June 8.—(AP)—A jury of six women and six men yesterday convicted Joe Bill, 33, an Eskimo, of first degree murder in the sex-slaying of five-year-old Irma Irene McGough April 22.

The jury recommended the death penalty. Under Washington state law, Superior Judge Clay Allen must follow the recommendation. Bill, who has remained impassive throughout the trial, showed no emotion at the verdict.

Prosecutor Shorett contended Bill lured the child into a warehouse and there ravished and choked her to death.

General Patton, Welcomed By Million People at Boston, Aspires to Battle Japanese

BOSTON, June 8.—(AP)—General George S. Patton, Jr., hoping he was on his way to "fight the Japanese" flew from the Bedford airport for Los Angeles today—taking off before most of the million people who gave him a hero's welcome yesterday.

The dynamic, gun-toting chief of the invincible Third army, stirred by the welcome of his adopted state upon his first return to the United States from the war in Europe, told newsmen, "I sincerely hope I fight the Japanese."

"My ambition," he said in an interview, "is to get to the Pacific, but it may not be fulfilled."

He declined politely to amplify his remark but said "a general officer can not be quoted as to the possibilities of his assignments."

The brilliant general was welcomed by shouting throngs estimated at more than a million people after a trans-Atlantic flight from Paris.

Some 400 wounded veterans of the Third army sat in a reserved section in front of the shell and all during his speech the general looked directly at the men who had fought with him in North Africa and Europe.

"With your blood and bonds we crushed the Germans before they got here," he said.

Praise lavished on Troops
"This ovation is not for me, George S. Patton—George S. Patton is simply a hook on which to

And even this prospective slight increase will be offset by a smaller supply of eggs—now a prime meat substitute—during the latter part of the year and the early part of 1946, the economic bureau said.

Spread over a 90-day period, the 36-ounce meat boost would be scarcely noticeable, particularly if civilian demand continues at or near present levels.

This prospect is based upon latest government meat allocations and estimates of 1945 production.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics—the War Food administration's statistical agency—said today meat production this year is expected to total 22,500,000 pounds, or nine per cent less than last year.

It said non-civilian—military, lend-lease, foreign relief and other commercial exports—may amount to 6,500,000 pounds. Other WFA officials said this figure may turn out finally to be nearer 7,000,000 pounds.

The government has expressed the hope that it will be able to allot upwards of 700,000,000 pounds for lend-lease and foreign relief during the last quarter. Such shipments have been halted for the July-September period.

Fugitive Ex-Police Head Of Klamath Falls Nabbed

PORTLAND, June 8.—(AP)—Thomas Lester Van Den Heuvel, alias "Earl Heuvel," ex-Klamath Falls police chief, has been arrested at Kamslett, Ark., the FBI announced here today.

He was apprehended on a fugitive warrant charging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Heuvel, who fled Klamath Falls in late February, had been indicted in Oregon on morals charges including contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Present Drivers' Licenses Good for 2 More Years

SALEM, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Motorists may continue to use their existing drivers' licenses for another two years, Secretary of State Farwell said today, after receiving many queries about whether new licenses must be obtained.

Licenses ordinarily are good for only two years, but since 1941, the legislature has not required new ones.

hang the Third army."

He said it was a popular idea that a man was a hero when he was killed, but Patton said, "a man is frequently a fool when he gets killed."

"These men are the heroes," he added, looking at his Third Army wounded. Then he saluted the veterans and walked from the platform.

At the state dinner the general praised his generals and the enlisted men who served under him.

"I speak of the men who, regardless of mud, regardless of ice, regardless of snow, went on and on," he said.

"These men were heroic Americans—and by God—they are heroes."

"We should thank God such men were born."

"I can't say any more," he added, wiping tears from his eyes.

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Congress Pay Doubling Asked

Bills Offered With Support Of President

Vice President, Cabinet Included in Legislation; Sen. Morse Scores Move

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Responding immediately to President Truman's suggestion that congress be underpaid, two senators hastened today to introduce legislation asking the lawmakers' compensation from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year.

The bill, sponsored by Senators Overton (D-La.) and Bridges (R-N. H.), also would boost the vice president from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and cabinet officers from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate, now drawing \$15,000, would make \$25,000 if the bill became a law.

The legislators have a verbal guarantee from Mr. Truman, too, that he would sign such a bill. He said yesterday that he knew from his 30 years' experience as a senator that it was hard to try to get along on \$10,000 in Washington.

The salaries of members of congress stood at \$5,000 a year until 1907, when they were boosted to \$7,500. The increase from \$7,500 to \$10,000 came in 1925.

No other hikes pledged.

Mr. Truman held out no immediate prospect of wage boosts for other Americans. But he said a study will be made.

As for more congressional pay, typical reaction included the com-

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More Gasoline To Be Allowed June 11 To B-Card Holders

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—About 35 per cent of the nation's 8,532,000 B-card motorists will qualify for more supplementary gasoline when the ration ceiling is raised to 650 miles a month June 11.

The OPA estimated today that there are about 3,000,000 B card holders whose essential occupational driving needs exceed current regional ceilings.

The uniform maximum of 650 miles will replace those prevailing top allotments to B-motorists.

In the east, 325 miles a month; Midwest 475 miles; far west 400 miles.

"The amount of increase for eligible B-card holders will vary with their occupational driving needs, but in no case may their total ration exceed the new ceiling," said OPA rationing chief Max McCullough.

He advised B-motorists already getting what they need—such as home-to-work drivers—not to apply for increases "since their applications will have to be rejected."

These drivers will receive, however, the 50 per cent increase in A-rations effective June 22.

OPA urged B-motorists seeking increases to mail their applications to local ration boards, rather than present them personally.

In another section, OPA announced that B-6 and C-6 supplementary gasoline coupons will not be good for consumer use after June 30. It said the few remaining coupons which expire after that date may be exchanged at ration boards for new stamps.

Industrial Workers Buy 70 Pct. of War Bond Quota

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—The Treasury's War Finance division said today industrial workers in 186 big plants have attained 70 per cent of their quotas in the 7th war loan.

To date they have purchased \$226,578,300 worth of bonds.

Individual purchases of bonds for the nation yesterday attained 67 per cent of the quota for a total of \$4,662,000,000. The individual purchase goal is \$7,000,000,000.

Recreation Plan Head Attends Budget Meet

Mrs. Eugene Peterson, director of the Roseburg Recreation program, left last night for Portland, where she will meet with officers of the War Services agency to outline federal assistance for the recreation program. Roseburg's tentative budget proposes \$5,000 for recreation and it is expected the federal agency will add \$10,000 to the sum. Mrs. Peterson will join with federal supervisors in preparing a budget to cover activities for the ensuing year.

New Home Priorities in Roseburg To Be Expedited, Federal Agent Announces

Priorities for home construction in Roseburg will be expedited, with allotments being made for owner and rental occupancy, Folger Johnson, state director of the Federal Housing agency, reported in Roseburg Thursday. Mr. Johnson met with the housing committee of the chamber of commerce, realtors, material dealers and mill operators, to discuss procedure under which the 100 priorities for residential construction will be issued.

Several applications are being made for groups of priorities by persons desiring to construct buildings in residential development sites. It was stated, but a limited number of units will be reserved for individuals proposing to build homes. Johnson said. If these are not promptly exercised, they will be granted to investors desiring to build several houses for sale or rental purposes.

Committee Will Formulate Plans For Orchard Labor

A committee composed of G. N. Riddle, Eugene Fisher, Kellogg, Royce Busenbark, Melrose, and John Bacon, Umpqua, has been named to formulate plans for orchard labor during the prune harvest, following a meeting held in Roseburg Wednesday.

Prominent prune growers and commercial crier operators met with County Agent J. Roland Parker to consider the labor situation, the meeting being addressed by J. R. Beck, Portland, state supervisor of emergency farm labor.

Principal difficulty in the farm labor situation is expected during the pear and prune harvests, Mr. Parker reports.

It is believed local labor will be available for haying and bean picking, although there probably will not be an abundance of labor during the periods.

Importation of labor may be required to meet needs during the prune and pear harvests. It is stated, but there is some belief that the acute stage of farm labor shortage has been passed and that more hands will be available by the time the harvest season arrives.

Lumber Workers Heavy Buyers of War Bonds

More than 7,000 war bonds have been purchased by employees of the Roseburg Lumber company during the month of May, Horace Berg, chairman of the payroll deduction division of the company, reported today.

Prizes offered by Kenneth Ford, owner-manager of the company, are stimulating bond purchases. Employees have been promised a picnic by Rupert Coffman, mill superintendent, as soon as 90 per cent are signed up under the payroll deduction system.

Price Query on Digging Up Hubby Stumps OPA

SALT LAKE CITY, June 8.—(AP)—Hug L. Thoma, price specialist for the OPA here, was stumped when a woman asked by telephone: "What's the ceiling price on digging up my husband?"

She wanted her husband's body moved to another cemetery and complained \$35 was too much "and I know it shouldn't cost more than \$15."

Thomas said such service lacked OPA regulation.

Russia Yields To End Dispute On Veto Issue

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—(AP)—Small nation acceptance of a big five veto voting formula for a world security council today appeared certain. A successful end of the United Nations conference is in sight.

Russia's dramatic acceptance of a statement that the big-power veto could not be used to block discussion of any case presented to the council broke a week-old deadlock late yesterday and put the conference over the hill.

Ten days to two weeks more of committee work and speech-making remain to get the United Nations charter in final shape for signing, but no more major issues are on the horizon.

It took the combined efforts of premier Stalin, Harry Hopkins, who was then in Moscow, and Secretary of State Stettinius, who acted with President Truman's approval, to end the deadlock.

Hopkins, on instructions from Stettinius, asked Stalin to reconsider Soviet insistence that any of the Big Five could veto even discussion in the peacekeeping council of an international dispute. The other four major powers did not want a single veto to block round-table talk.

Stalin reversed the Soviet position, acting, according to his spokesman here, in the interest of unanimity and to speed the conference to success.

Will For Peace Proven
"The successful conclusion of discussions on this matter among the four sponsoring powers and France," Stettinius said, "offers

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Sawmill Deal on At Myrtle Creek

Officials of the Myrtle Creek Lumber company are now negotiating to buy an existing sawmill and as soon as the transaction is completed and equipment secured will move the plant to the company's site at Myrtle Creek, A. Q. Morgan, president, has informed the Daily Journal of Commerce at Portland. The new plant at Myrtle Creek will include a \$700,000 electrically-operated plywood plant.

The company recently purchased the Umpqua Lumber company mill at Myrtle Creek, but lost the mill in a fire April 20.

Morgan has announced that the new mill, which will cover about 100 by 200 feet, will have an eight hour capacity of 75,000 board feet and will be patterned after the Peninsula Plywood corporation plant at Port Angeles, Wash.

Bargaining Vote Set at Coos Bay Lumber Co.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—A bargaining unit at Coos Bay, Ore., Lumber company will include certain workers with supervisory duties, the National Labor Relations board has ruled, ordering a collective bargaining election by July 4.

Because of logging custom, bull bucks, hook tenders, the truck foreman, and others with limited supervisory authority should be represented, the board said. The decision upheld a CIO, International Woodworkers of America petition.

The Coos Bay company had argued that these supervisors should be barred from the election.

Gen. Omar Bradley Named Successor of Hines as Head Of Veterans Administration

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—President Truman called today on a four-star general of World War II—Omar N. Bradley—to look after the affairs of veterans of all wars.

And by so doing, he accented once more his inclination to pick westerners for key jobs in his administration. General Bradley, 52-year-old commander of the Mammoth 12th army group in Europe, is from Moberly, Mo.

He will succeed Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, retired, who is resigning to take another but undisclosed post offered him by the President. Hines has been head of the Veterans administration since 1923, and Mr. Truman said he believed it was time the veterans had someone who served in the current war running their affairs.

The west and midwest retained their share of other presidential appointments made public yesterday at another of the new chief executive's "hot copy" news conferences. They included:

John B. Hutson, of Kentucky, to be undersecretary of agriculture, and W. S. Stuart Symington, of St. Louis, to be chairman of the surplus property board.

Hutson, now an assistant to War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson, was named to succeed Grover B. Hill of Texas, who resigned.

Symington, president of the Emerson Electric company, will succeed former Senator Guy M. Gillette of Iowa, who asked to step out July 15.

Their selection thus follows the pattern Mr. Truman set in four cabinet designations.

Another appointment announced yesterday was that of an easterner, Paul M. Herzog, of New York city, to be a member of the National Labor Relations board, to succeed H. A. Miller, resigned. Herzog, former chairman of the New York State Labor relations board, has been doing labor relations work for the navy as a reserve lieutenant.

Discussing the Hines-Bradley shift, Mr. Truman a veteran of

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Frank M. Compton, Roseburg Resident Many Years, Dies

Frank M. Compton, many years a resident of Roseburg, died at the U. S. Veterans hospital, Portland, today at 9:40 a. m. of a heart attack and various complications.

He was born Jan. 13, 1868, at Virden, Ill. He was married to Mira Gritts at Grand Island, Neb. Oct. 15, 1890.

Besides his widow, he is survived by four children, Ray B. Compton, U. S. Veterans hospital, Portland; H. Glenn Compton, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Kathryn E. Leonard, Washington, D. C., and two grandchildren.

He served as first lieutenant and battalion adjutant in the 51st Iowa volunteers in the Spanish-American war and in the Philippine insurrection.

He is a former commander of George Starmer post of Spanish War Veterans at Roseburg and was a member of the Masonic lodge of the Scottish Rite.

He also served for many years as doorkeeper at the United States Senate in Washington, D. C., serving personally under Vice Presidents Dawes, Curtis and Garner, having a close personal friendship with the latter.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.



Gen. Omar N. Bradley

Dewey Proposes Tariff Cut, War 1 Debts Canceling

NEW YORK, June 8.—(AP)—As steps toward solving postwar economic problems, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey proposes that the United States initiate a world conference for general tariff reductions and accept the Bretton Woods monetary plan now before congress.

In a speech last night at a War Finance committee dinner, the 1944 republican presidential nominee also proposed extension of the reciprocal trade agreements, repeal of the Johnson act, early settlement of lend-lease obligations and cancellation of World War 1 debts.

Dewey suggested the world tariff parity "to develop a program for the speedy removal of wartime trade controls and other barriers to the exchange of goods and services among nations."

He asserted the United States could take the lead through extension of the reciprocal trade agreements.

Dewey said the "ablest brains of our country were excluded" from preparing the Bretton Woods program and in "many respects it was a clumsy job," but he added the plan should be adopted as "a method and an organization through which men can work toward solution."

Regarding the cancellation of war debts, he said:

"The 25-year-old government debts to the United States arising from World War 1 will never be paid because they cannot be paid. We should be honest and intelligent enough to say so officially and cancel them."

"Along with this should go an immediate repeal of the Johnson act, which forbids private loans to governments and nations now in default of these debts."

Senate Group Hits Bill For New Tariff Slash

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—The senate finance committee struck from the reciprocal trade agreement extension bill today authority to cut tariff rates an additional 50 per cent, then reported the bill favorably.

The vote on the vital amendment was 10 to 9, with seven republicans and three democrats members of the committee lined up for it. Eight democrats and Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis.), voted against it.

Despite the committee's action, Chairman George expressed determination to try to write the additional rate cutting authority back into the measure when it is called up in the senate, probably next Tuesday.

Rewards Scaled for Hit-and-Run Drivers

PORTLAND, June 8.—(AP)—After much discussion, the city council finally has decided to issue \$250 rewards for arrest of hit-run drivers in fatal cases.

For injury cases, \$50 will be awarded and for property damage, \$10.

Inland Waters Also Mined by Superforts

Enemy Continues Suicide Stands on Okinawa and In Philippine Regions

GUAM, June 8.—(AP)—Successive waves of carrier planes raided suicide air bases in southern Japan today and Superforts planted mines in inland waters, Tokyo reported shortly after warning Japanese that "medium and small size cities" would be pounded by B-29s just as their major cities have.

The carrier strike by 200 aircraft was the third reported raid in as many days on airfields of Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan.

Tokyo said the seaborne raiders took up Okinawa land-based planes from Okinawa left off. They bombed and strafed airfields at the southern tip of Kyushu.

At the northern end of the island Tokyo reported night-flying B-29s mined the western entrance to the inland sea.

Small Cities Warned
While industrial Osaka still smoldered from yesterday's 450-bomber raid, Tokyo radio told the people that Superforts attacks "will be at the more frequent, bombing objectives will be enlarged, and we can expect that medium and small cities in local areas, as well as the large cities," will be hit.

So far the huge bombers have made large-scale attacks on the major cities of Japan, including Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Yokohama and Kobe.

A combination rain of high explosives and 3,000 tons of incendiaries set fires raging through the arsenal and munitions—making area of Osaka yesterday.

Smoke clouds rising to 25,000 feet today still obscured the damage. Returning B-29 fliers said fighter opposition was meager but antiaircraft fire was heavy.

The largest force of Mustangs ever to escort Superfortresses flew a protective cover from Iwo Jima fields. They met only five Japanese interceptors above the thick undercast. Two of these were shot down and a third was damaged.

Okinaawa Japs Holding Out
American troops plunged today into the final battle for Okinaawa, with every expectation of having to use grenades in hand-to-hand combat to cut up the fanatical Japs who are throwing tanks before this bloody doorstep to Japan could be

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Chinese, Nippons Battle for Liuchow

CHUNGKING, June 8.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces had fought their way into the northern suburbs of Liuchow and an army spokesman declared the recapture of that former U. S. air base site in Kwangsi province appeared probable.

The spokesman also expressed belief it was quite possible that Kweilin, another former U. S. air base site approximately 100 miles northeast of Liuchow, would fall to the Chinese.

He estimated that approximately 200,000 Japanese troops in Burma, Thailand, Indo-China and Malaya had been virtually isolated by the Chinese offensive in Kwangsi province, which has driven a deep wedge into the enemy's north-south communications corridor.

The high command's announcement came as Chinese operations in the vicinity of Liuchow made it plain that unofficial reports two days ago to the effect that the city already had fallen were premature.

A battle for the city apparently was taking shape. The Chinese said the enemy, while occupying the base for seven months, had strongly fortified the area and that a large number of Japanese troops were concentrated there.

Women's Organizations Plan War Bond Canvass

Women's organizations of Roseburg are making preparations to conduct a house-to-house canvass to sell war bonds as a part of the Seventh War Loan campaign.

Archie Fries, chairman, announced today. Mrs. H. L. Bailey is general chairman, and Mrs. Randolph Flagg and Mrs. Bruce Tuck are assistant chairmen.

The Roseburg Women's club, Business and Professional Women's club, Navy Mothers and other organizations are expected to participate.

The city has been divided into zones. It was stated, and each organization will be assigned a district in which to conduct its solicitation.

Levity Fast Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

The legendary goose that laid the golden egg was a cheap piker compared with the hen of 1945 A. D., and her ovate product.



THREE MEN EXECUTED BY JAPS ON GUAM—Three men are about to be executed by Japanese occupational forces on Guam kneeling before their open graves in this captured Jap photo. Made shortly after seizure of Guam by the enemy in 1941. The trio, of which nothing is known, were beheaded for some offense against the Jap military. The picture was circulated among Nip troops for "morale purposes."