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11,000 Planes In Action, Says Tokyo Report

Enemy Ship, Laden With Wake Isle Wounded and Ill, Given Free Sailing

Treasury Chief Morgenthau, Justice Roberts of Supreme Court Tender Resignations

Chief Justice Stone to Also Quit, Rumor; Ickes To Retain Interior Post

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The reason for Henry Morgenthau's resignation as secretary of the treasury, it was learned today, was that he became tired of recurring rumors that he was about to be replaced in the cabinet.

A source in a position to know the facts, but who cannot be quoted by name, gave this version: Morgenthau, feeling that he could only work in an atmosphere of confidence, bluntly asked for assurances as to his status.

Evidently he was not satisfied with Truman's reply, for his sudden resignation followed.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., will step down as Secretary of the Treasury when President Truman returns from the Big Three meeting in Berlin.

At that time, several weeks hence, Mr. Truman will name a successor to the Dutchess county, N. Y., apple grower who has held the office 11 years.

The chief executive told reporters yesterday he has a man in mind for his sixth cabinet appointment, but he wouldn't say

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The Australians have captured Balikpapan. The Japs have set fire to the oil town, and it is burning fiercely. Among the toughest obstacles encountered by the invaders were rivers of flaming oil cascading down ravines from exploded tanks.

THE Australian commander says the invasion is already a "strategic success"—meaning that Borneo will be taken, but much hard fighting lies ahead.

Jap resistance is stiffening, as has been usual in all recent invasions. They don't try to stop us on the beaches, preferring to fight later from defensive positions well back. Their favorite defense seems to be interconnecting tunnels and caves. The mouths of the caves are concealed by camouflage and after our preliminary bombardment is over they run their guns out on rails and open up.

OUR bombers knock out 28 more Jap ships trying to run the blockade we're beginning to tighten around the home islands.

The blockade is evidently beginning to pinch, as the home front Japs are told to get ready to eat food made from mulberry leaves and potato vines. (Mulberry leaves, on which silk worms feed, are numerous in Japan.)

Jap scientists are studying the problem of making starch from some 19 different plants.

WITH our own high food standards, we're inclined to believe optimistically that the Japs can be starved quickly in their rocky

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General Pay Hike, First in 20 Years, Given Postal Employees In Bill Signed by President

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—President Truman today signed legislation giving postal employees their first general pay raise since 1925.

For regular postal employees in so-called automatic grades, the legislation provides a 20 per cent increase in base pay, or \$400 a year, whichever is the lesser. In no event will the raise be less than \$300.

It provides for overtime payment at the rate of time and one-half for time worked in excess of a basic 260-work days annually, the payment to be in money or compensating time off, and for a differential of ten per cent for employees who work regularly at night. The overtime provisions do not apply to supervisors, rural carriers, traveling mechanics and employees of the rail-



Henry Morgenthau, Jr.



Owen J. Roberts

Lend-Lease Arms Return to Use in Jap War Demanded

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The senate war investigating committee today demanded prompt recovery of lend-lease arms from European allies for use in the Pacific war.

A report based on an overseas investigation by a subcommittee headed by Senator Kilgore (D., W. Va.) said "nothing has been done" along this line nor toward concentrating captured German arms against the Japanese.

The report viewed the situation as one of "extreme urgency and serious implications," saying it is boosting war costs and delaying reconversion by causing "manufacture of items identical with those now idle in the hands of our allies."

Also, the committee said, there always is the possibility that allies allowed to keep arms given them under lend-lease to fight Germany might use them later in fighting among themselves. It added:

"So far as the committee was able to learn there is no agreement as between the allied armies for pooling captured equipment and using it in the Pacific theater. Each of the allies seems to be operating on the theory that it is the sole owner of the supplies it has captured."

Contending "our representation abroad has been weak," the committee said "the time has come for the United States to establish a firm foreign policy and to enforce it vigorously."

way mail service and the air mail service.
Postmasters Also Upped
It changes the salary rates of postmasters by putting them on a basis of 100 per cent of the gross receipts for their offices instead of the present 85 and 90 per cent.
Postmasters in first-class of-

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Inability of Adopted White Son of Chinese to Make Up His Mind Stymies Judge

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—(AP)—Mali Jung Don, 25-year-old resident of San Francisco's Chinatown, is white, has always thought he was Chinese, and now doesn't know what nationality he prefers.

Details of his predicament came out in superior court yesterday when he appeared on a charge of stealing some gold coins and watches from the room of a Chinese.

Police Sgt. Jack Manion of the Chinatown squad reported a routine check of immigration files disclosed Jung was born in Sacramento of white parents, but when he was a year old he was adopted by a Chinese couple and taken to Hongkong, where he was reared as their child. He returned to this country in 1941 and has worked as a bus boy in several restaurants here.

Superior Judge Edward Murphy asked him, "You want to be an American?"

"Yes, American," he replied.

"You rather be China boy?" Murphy then queried.

"Yes, China boy," answered Jung.

That was too much for the judge, who said he would get an interpreter Monday.

War Agencies Bill, Stymied by FEPC Fight, Marks Time

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The senate appropriations committee today solved the mutilated war agencies appropriations bill aside today for the weekend.

With \$618,000,000 of its original \$752,000,000 total hacked by house members yesterday in an effort to force senate acceptance of an appropriation for the Fair Employment Practice committee, the bill formally returned to the senate today. But there will be no action before Monday, appropriations Committee Chairman McKellar told reporters.

Senators McKellar and Hayden, accepting the role of peace-makers, hope then to confer with other senate leaders and work out a compromise that will free operating funds needed by such important home front bureaus as the War Production Board, War Shipping Administration and Office of Defense Transportation.

The measure is giving the administration two reasons for worry:

Until some sort of agreement is reached, the funds of the highly important war agencies are held up, with payrolls to be met, supplies to be bought and general expenses to be paid.

2. Senate consideration of the bill may run into a filibuster just at the time the foreign relations committee opens its hearings Monday on the United Nations charter.

60 Patients Removed As Fire Hits Hospital

PUEBLO, Colo., July 6.—(AP)—Approximately 60 patients, including crippled children, were removed from an old section of St. Mary's hospital today after a basement fire sent choking smoke through the four-story brick structure.

Many women patients became hysterical and two elderly men fainted as firemen and police, hampered by the dense smoke, carried them outside. No one was reported seriously injured and all the patients later were returned to their rooms.

Fire Chief J. J. Fitzpatrick said the fire started from spontaneous combustion among empty crates in the basement. No damage estimate was made.

Oregon E Bond Sales Still Short \$5,500,000

PORTLAND, July 6.—(AP)—Despite an increase in Oregon's E Bonds sales, efforts will still have to be intensified to sell the \$5,500,000 missing toward quota before Monday's deadline, state Chairman E. C. Sammons said today.

Yesterday's sales of \$1,772,288 brought the cumulative total to \$49,355,735. All-series sales were \$21,515,516, bringing the total to \$192,971,163.

Bond sales must be processed through the Portland Federal Reserve bank by 3 p. m. Monday to count in the drive.

Priorities Granted for Rodeo Facilities Here

The War Production Board has granted authority for construction of rodeo facilities at the Douglas county fair ground site in Umpqua Park. It was announced today by Sig. Pett, member of the county fair board. Preparatory work is expected to start next week, to be followed by construction of arena, holding pens, chutes, corals, grandstands, etc.

Strikes Spread to Major Steel Mill

Price Fixing For Autos is OPA Problem

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Auto industry tradition which keeps each manufacturer's cost figures his own top secret is posing a first class headache for OPA in fixing new passenger car price ceilings.

The problem, it was learned today, is this: The industry, perhaps the most highly competitive in American business, is holding out against any round-robin conference where cost information would be openly discussed to determine how much of an industry-wide price increase over 1942 levels should be allowed.

"That's the most closely guarded information in the industry, and no manufacturer is willing to share his with a competitor," an industry spokesman said.

This is the case even though the production wheels are turning again and at least one company (Ford) already is rolling a few cars off its assembly lines.

Opposed to a general conference, some companies have met informally with OPA to present a case for separate sessions.

Some have presented cost figures but have asked the agency that they be held in confidence.

They are willing to OPA analyze the collected data of the manufacturing firms, but they don't want it pooled for a competition secret.

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Sand-Gravel Plant Here is Purchased

Lloyd M. Hill, Salem, today announced purchase of the Douglas county plant, equipment and operations of the Salem Sand and Gravel company which, in the future, will be conducted under the name of the Lloyd M. Hill company.

Mr. Hill, in association with F. S. Ansen and Paul E. Wallace was connected with the Salem Sand and Gravel company for a number of years, and installed the branch at Roseburg in 1943. He later sold all of his holdings in the company, which operates on a state-wide scale, to his two partners, but now has returned to Roseburg upon purchase of the Douglas county plant and will personally operate it. His family will move from Salem to Roseburg as soon as suitable living quarters are obtained.

The company engages in road grading and ballasting excavating, etc.

Slash in Point Value Of Butter Considered

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton D. Anderson said today a study is being made with a view toward lowering the point value of butter.

Anderson also said the agriculture department is discussing the matter with OPA.

"Should this study show that the supply of butter is more than can be absorbed under the present rate values and may also be increased somewhat by reductions in the government set-aside, it may be possible to lower the point values," he said.

Rationing of Meat to Be Resumed by Canada

OTTAWA, July 6.—(AP)—Canada will resume rationing of meat shortly, Prime Minister King announced today. Meat has not been rationed here since March 1, 1944.

The government will establish "a comprehensive control of slaughtering in order that supplies of meats may be divided equitably between export and domestic needs."

King said this step would put the price board (Canadian OPA) in a position to stamp out black market operators.

Provisional Regime of Poland Is Recognized

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—The newly-formed Polish provisional government of national unity, recognized by the United States and Great Britain, started action today to take over assets of the repudiated exiled administration of Prime Minister Arciszewski in London.

With establishment of the international status of the Warsaw regime, clearing the way for admission to the United Nations' security league, the London government legally passed out of existence.

Voter Eligibility Set Forth As Roseburg District Nears Election on School Budget

Any person who has been a resident of the Roseburg school district for 30 days or more and whose name appears on the tax roll, or who owns stock in a corporation paying taxes in District No. 4, is eligible to vote in the special school budget election to be held Monday, July 9, City Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott reported today.

Roseburg C. of C. Urges Voters To O. K. School Budget

Voters in the Roseburg school district were urged today by the directors of the Roseburg chamber of commerce to give approval to the proposed school budget increase at the special election to be held Monday, July 9, 2 to 7 p. m. in the Junior High school building.

"We believe it is essential to Roseburg's welfare that we maintain high standards of education," the directors asserted in a statement released by Harold J. Hickerson, secretary.

"The Roseburg community is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the state of Oregon. Our industrial growth has been long delayed, but now the time for expansion and development has arrived. Our growth will not cease with the end of the war but, instead, will be accelerated.

"Community growth carries with it a great responsibility in maintaining good government, efficient schools, added fire protection, hospitals and other public services. This responsibility is now in our hands.

"Good schools are requisite to any enterprising community. We cannot expect efficient schools unless we provide sufficient funds to permit continued high standards.

"Therefore, we urge all eligible voters to attend Monday's election and cast ballots authorizing the school district board to increase the budget over the six per cent limitation."

Found Bomb Explodes; Boy Goes to Hospital

BEND, Ore., July 6.—(AP)—John Vernon Johnson, 15, Bend, was in a hospital here today after celebrating the Fourth of July with bombs.

He and William Horsell, Jr., Alfalfa, found some bombs used by P-38 pilots last year on a range near Horse ridge. They set off several, and the Johnson boy picked up one that refused to work, State Officer Glen Ray reported.

It exploded, injuring his right eye and mangle his hand.

Lumber Mill at Prospect Suffers \$8,000 Fire Loss

MEDFORD, Ore., July 6.—(AP)—Damage was estimated at \$8,000 by the state forest patrol today after a blaze destroyed the repair shop of the Goetz Lumber company sawmill at Prospect earlier this week.

Mill workers and forest service crews confined the blaze to the shop after it apparently started in the power plant.

Truck Buy Requirement Eased by ODT Order

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—It soon will be possible to buy a truck without Washington saying it is all right.

Beginning August 1, ODT district managers throughout the country will have authority to issue rationing certificates for new light and medium trucks.

But applications for heavy trucks still must come to Washington for approval.

Missing Aged Woman Found Dead From Fall

PORTLAND, Ore., July 6.—(AP)—The body of Sophie Baumgart, 82, missing from a convalescent home here since June 25, was found yesterday at the foot of a 30-foot embankment where she apparently fell, detectives said today.

DeGaulle to Visit Truman
PARIS, July 6.—(AP)—Gen. DeGaulle's head quarters announced today he has accepted an invitation from President Truman to visit Washington next month.

(In Washington, there was no immediate White House comment.)

South Chicago Plant Closed In Labor Row

Tie-Ups, Affecting War Output, Idle 52,250 in Various Spots of Nation

(By the Associated Press)
The world's second largest steel mill was shut down today by a strike, but in Akron, O., three began rolling off production lines in five navy-sized rubber plants.

The first of 16,700 CIO United Rubber Workers reported for duty this morning at the Goodrich Tire & Rubber company plants which had been strike-bound for 20 days.

Over the nation labor disputes idled a total of 52,250 persons.

The south Chicago plant of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company, a company spokesman said, was forced to shut down today, idling 13,000 employees, following a work stoppage by 50 plant CIO railroad operators. The plant's normal production of steel for the war effort is 10,500 tons every 24 hours, and it ranks second to the company's huge Gary (Ind.) plant in size.

In Cleveland, Republic Steel corporation's huge continuous strip mill was closed by an "unauthorized" stoppage by 100 CIO United Steelworkers and labor disputes kept idle 4,100 coal miners in eastern Pennsylvania, cut-

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Garment Union Job Falls to Hopkins

NEW YORK, July 6.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, for 12 years a key government figure and presidential adviser, today stepped into a new diplomatic role—as impartial chairman of the New York women's coat-and-suit industry.

His appointment to the post was announced by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' industry.

As impartial chairman, Hopkins will preside over labor-management contracts, arbitrate disputes, settle industrial problems and generally promote harmony in the \$500,000,000-a-year industry.

Hopkins, a close personal friend of the late President Roosevelt, resigned his \$15,000-a-year advisers' post to President Truman last Tuesday on grounds of ill health.

Union officials reported his new salary would be "in the neighborhood" of \$25,000 annually.

He will succeed former Mayor James J. Walker as impartial chairman. The industry has 50,000 employees, 1,300 employers and claims 80 per cent of the national coat and suit output.

Surplus Air Bombs, Lack Of Cannon Shells Told

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—American armies fighting Germany with cannon sometimes idle for lack of ammunition received huge tonnages of air bombs they couldn't use.

Disclosing this today the Senate War Investigation committee also said American delay in sending jet propulsion planes to Europe very nearly allowed the Germans, already far ahead in their production, to regain air supremacy over Europe.

"For over a year," the committee said in reporting on extensive investigations here and abroad, "our air corps in the field has been advising procurement officials at home of the immminence of this situation."

"Yet, up to the cessation of hostilities only two American jet planes had found their way to the European theater of operations."

Roseburg Ration Board Asks Volunteer Help

A plea for volunteer clerical help was made today by Story Iles, executive secretary of the Roseburg War Price and Rationing board. Mr. Iles reports that the accumulation of applications for gasoline allotments by holders of certificates of war necessity, applications canning sugar and other work requires a vast amount of clerical work. Any persons who can give a few hours of voluntary assistance are asked by Mr. Iles to report to the ration board office at any time between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. any week day. Donation of even one hour's time, Mr. Iles states, will be greatly appreciated.

100,000 POW Promised For Farm Labor in U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The Agriculture department says it has been promised 100,000 prisoners of war for farm work during the heavy harvest season of October through mid-November.

This is 15,000 more than were allotted for agricultural work during the spring and summer planting and cultivating season ending August 1.

Prisoners will be available for farm work until mid-December, the department's announcement yesterday added.

(By the Associated Press)

Startling evidence of American air might being hurled against Japan came today as Tokyo reported 250 U. S. planes made double-trikes against the homeland for the third successive day.

Japanese sources estimated 11,000 allied planes are pressing the attack against Nippon. American announcements disclosed:

1. Almost the entire Nipponese garrison was evacuated from Wake island in a state of starvation testifying to the effectiveness of air and sea blockades of by-passed islands.

2. More than 120 square miles of Japanese industrial cities have been destroyed by Superforts. This includes newly announced destruction of 74 per cent of Tokushima, largest city on Shikoku island, knocked out in a single July 4 fire raid, and 63 per cent of Okayama, important inland sea port 100 miles from Osaka.

3. The U. S. Fifth air force, which saved the way for Gen. MacArthur's return to the Philippines has been shifted to attacking Japan in the first move of MacArthur's forces on the road from Manila to Tokyo.

Hospital Ship Unmolested
While American air forces were hammering Japan and sinking seven small vessels around the island, American naval forces permitted a Japanese hospital ship to evacuate 974 wounded Nipponese from isolated Wake island.

It was one of the most humane acts of the war. The destroyer Murray, which intercepted the hospital ship Takasago Maru on its way to and from Wake, said many of the diseased, wounded and ill-fated Japanese patients were not expected to survive the voyage home.

In the only noteworthy ground action Australian troops completed the conquest of Balikpapan, Borneo's leading refinery city, captured the Mawar bomber field, and drove over mined and booby-trapped coastal

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Plane Crash Survivors Sighted on Rubber Raff

HALIFAX, N. S., July 6.—(AP)—Newfoundland-based searchers hunting for an RAF Liberator missing on a flight from Montreal to London have sighted a party of survivors on a rubber raft, air force officials announced today.

The plane carried Sir William Malkin, legal adviser to the British foreign office, and other members of the foreign office staff returning home from the San Francisco conference. There were 15 passengers on the plane, which disappeared Monday.

Three Americans were among the six crew members. They are Capt. G. P. Evans, pilot; Capt. J. W. Ross, co-pilot; and G. B. Swaney, flight engineer.

Truman Orders Review Of Bureaus' Spending

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—President Truman ordered all government officials today to make a "most exacting review" of spending in their departments.

He demanded prompt investigation of "every instance where there is the slightest ground to suspect either misuse or careless handling of government funds."

At the same time he noted that there has been practically no evidence of "most exacting review" of spending in their departments.

Gen. Bradley Named to Be Vets' Administrator

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—President Truman today formally nominated General Omar N. Bradley to be Veterans administrator, and submitted his name to the senate.

The chief executive announced a month ago that he had chosen Bradley to succeed Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines as head of the veterans administration.

Roosevelt Will Probated
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 6.—(AP)—The will of the late President Roosevelt has been admitted to probate, with the amount of the estate not revealed.

The estate was listed formally as "more than \$5,000 personal property and more than \$3,000 real property."

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Long experience in island-to-island hopping in the Pacific theatre of war will stand soldiers of the Roseburg vicinity in good stead when, upon return home, they motor in the labyrinth of the new highway channels hereabouts.