

JAPAN HAMMERED BY AMERICAN WARSHIPS



ON WAY TO SINGAPORE—Allied landings are imminent on the Nicobar islands (top arrow), following bombardment by British warships and planes, according to Tokyo broadcasts. British carrier planes have also struck heavily at Sabang (middle arrow) to neutralize the Nip naval base. Japs also said allied "secret agents" had landed on the islands between Nias and Sabor (bottom arrow) but had been "wiped out." Any allied move here would be preliminary to a Singapore assault.

Invasion of Japan Offers Tough Job

Smashing of Foe's Coast Defenses as Necessary as Destruction of Air Force

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The greatest amphibious invasion the world has seen was D-day for Normandy, when the allied armada of 4,000 ships swept across the English channel against the French coast, under a canopy of air power.

That represented the utmost which man had ever envisaged in the way of such an operation. Yet we are now headed for another D-day—perhaps still months away—which may exceed anything we saw in Normandy, and that's the invasion of Japan.

Of course any effort to forecast what will happen when we make the grand assault on Nippon would be pure speculation, and this is no forecast. As a matter of fact we aren't sure at this time that we shall have to land troops at all. It's humanly possible that the Jap war-lords will succumb to bombing and surrender. However, we must plan an invasion.

War Gods Killed in Past
All in all, the gods of war were kind to the allies when our gallant men swarmed up the beach-heads in France, we had feared terrible casualties, and the United States army medical department had made colossal preparations to handle the wounded. Quite apart from the host of corpsmen and equipment to be landed, we had waiting in England 8,000 doctors, more than 10,000 nurses, 1,600 dentists, and 100,000 medical and surgical technicians to care for the wounded. In storage were 800,000 pints of blood.

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OPA Official Given Eye of Cafes' Woes

PORTLAND, July 14—(AP)—Restaurants and hotel men today deplored Portland's struggle with ration points, intensified by growing population, for Douglas Boyle, visiting National OPA official.

Closure of some cafes has placed a top heavy load on others, and more and more people are eating out, the spokesmen complained.

CIO, AFL and IWA representatives told Boyle of workers' complaints that in-plant feeding has been cut and they cannot obtain enough food for home lunches.

Gold, Gems, Bullion Pillaged By Nazis Defy Value Fixing; \$34 Million U. S. Coin Listed

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 14.—(AP)—The pillaged wealth of Nazi occupied Europe, taken from the teeth of murdered Jews and the coffers of seized governments alike, was piled ceiling high today in the Reichsmark bank of Frankfurt.

In addition to gold and silver there were hogsheds of pearls, rubies and sapphires. Wooden cases held gold and silver fillings from the teeth of concentration camp victims.

Current experts from the United States Treasury and the Bank of England were identifying and making an inventory of the Nazi loot.

An accurate estimate of the total value can never be made," said Col. Bernard Bernstein, director of the finance division of the U. S. group control council.

He said the collection included 53 separate deposits hidden by the Nazis and unearthed by U. S. troops during the final days of the war. These included the gold bullion discovered by the U. S. Third army in the Merkers salt mines and special hidden hoards

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Peace Charter Wins Approval Of Committee

Original Language Not Changed; Overwhelming Senate "Yes" Forecast

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—Approved by a thumping 20 to 0 vote of the foreign relations committee, the United Nations charter took its place on the senate calendar today for its most critical world test.

Without a move to dot an "I," the 23-member committee endorsed the 50-nation peace-keeping agreement and handed it over to the senate. There debate will begin on the document July 23 amid signs pointing to its overwhelming approval.

If this approval is given without reservations or amendments, as leaders confidently expect, supporters feel other nations which have been waiting for this country to act will hurry to attach their official ratifications.

That will bring into being a new league capable of using force to prevent aggression, if it becomes necessary.

The committee's endorsement came yesterday after five days of public hearing. Three members who were absent will have an opportunity to get their names on the rolls later.

Four republican senators urged today that consideration of the Bretton Woods agreement be deferred until an international economic conference is held.

The recommendation came from senators Taft, Millikin, James Joseph Rorick, and Butler and Thomas, as members of the international monetary fund and international bank proposed by the Bretton Woods agreement.

They proposed a conference "in which the whole economic condition of the world can be considered and practical steps proposed to achieve freedom of international bank or the international fund will find a place in any permanent practical solution."

Strikes Over U. S. Still Idle 50,000

(By The Associated Press)
The nation's labor dispute situation was virtually unchanged today, despite the return to work of nearly 1,000 idle workers, while several New York stoppages were reported.

Idle workers numbered approximately 50,000 in some 25 cities from Minnesota to the Atlantic coast and south into Florida and Alabama.

Of the approximately 50,000 men and women away from their jobs over labor controversies, more than 9,000 were coal miners in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

The latest walkout of coal miners was by 2,700 employees of four mines of the Consolidated Coal Co. in Jenkins, Ky. Union President said the walkout followed "some trouble between a foreman and his crew."

The newspaper industry also was hit by the disputes, strikes and walkout, halting publication of seven papers in four cities and stopping delivery of 14 major New York city papers.

In Akron, O., where 16,500 CIO United Rubber Workers at Firestone Tire and Rubber company have been on strike for two weeks, another rubber industry reported a work stoppage. Thirty workers at the General Tire and Rubber Co. walked off their jobs in the pit curing department. The walkout was over a rate dispute.

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Stealer of \$150 Misses Jewelry Worth \$10,000
PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—A burglar who stole a wallet containing \$150 from the Portland hotel room of Capt. and Mrs. Elliot C. Haas failed to notice diamond studded wrist watches and other jewelry, valued at \$10,000, on the same table.

U. S. Apologizes For Destruction Of Jap Aid Ship

More Than 1,000 Lives Lost When Sub Torpedoes Awa Maru, Laden With Supplies for Allied War Prisoners

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—American officials fervently hoped today that Japan will permit additional relief shipments to allied prisoners now that this country has accepted full responsibility for sinking a Japanese relief ship.

The State department acknowledged last night that an American submarine had sunk the ship, the Awa Maru, about midnight April 1 off Formosa. The ship was torpedoed in a fog with loss of more than 1,000 lives.

"The United States government in accepting the responsibility for the sinking of the Awa Maru hopes that the Japanese government will be willing to accept further shipments of relief supplies for distribution to allied nationals detained by the Japanese," the State department said. Pledge is Violated

The Awa Maru was sent to the bottom on a return trip to Japan after delivering a cargo of food, medicine and other supplies at Hongkong, Singapore and other ports for use of allied war prisoners and civilians.

The United States had deposited the supplies at Nakhodka, Russia, under an arrangement for a Japanese ship to deliver them

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Butter Point Cut, Less Sugar Loom

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—An eight-point cut in butter ration values and sharp reduction in civilian sugar supplies during the last three months of the year appeared to be possibilities today.

The chief of OPA's dairy products branch, Eugene Brockenbrough, disclosed last night that a trade proposal to lower butter ration values to 16 points a pound is being given "very careful consideration."

The butter committee of the New York Mercantile exchange recommended the eight-point reduction to prevent spoilage during peak butter production months. OPA previously has said a "slight" cut in butter ration values will be made July 29.

Meanwhile, agriculture department officials reported that the civilian supply of sugar during the final quarter of the year may be pared 25 per cent under the July-September quarter allotment.

The civilian allotment includes supplies for bakers, hotels, restaurants, soft drink and candy manufacturers and other industrial users.

Fruit Accumulates as Strike Besets Cannery

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—Loganberries and cherries were piling up at Libby, McNeill and Libby cannery today, as most workers remained out because of a long publication dispute.

Charles R. Smith, A.F.L. administrator, appealed to workers to remain on the job. New employees who did not leave were manning the conveyor belts.

Several hundred left their jobs yesterday when Kenneth Smith, former A.F.L. cannery workers union president who wanted to change union affiliation to the CIO, was discharged.

The National Labor Relations board ordered a July 25 hearing on a CIO petition for a collective bargaining election at the plant, now under A.F.L. contract.

Joint Military Command Of Allies Is Dissolved

PARIS, July 14.—(AP)—The greatest unified military command of all time—supreme headquarters of the Allied expeditionary force—was dissolved today.

Gen. Eisenhower, the supreme commander, said it was his "hope and prayer" that the "unparalleled unity which has been achieved" would "point the way to a permanent and lasting peace."

Buider Suspended For Breaking Price Top

SEATTLE, July 14.—(AP)—Regional WPB Compliance Manager L. G. Prichard said today a suspension order had been issued against Henry H. French, Sr., of Newberg, Ore., and Portland, depriving him of priorities assisting a union fight for three months.

He built two Newberg houses in violation of the \$200 limit without WPB approval. One house, partly finished, must not be completed.

Vice Den Raid Nets Two High U. S. Officials

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—Five women were charged with vagrancy today after police raided an apartment in which they said they found two "high government officials" and four other men.

Two of the women, identified by police as Carmen Beach, 29, former Rhumba dancer, and Margaret Locke, 57 (alias Philomena Lockhart), were charged additionally with operating a house of prostitution.

The apartment, less than two blocks from the White House on Pennsylvania avenue, was described by the raiders as a \$20 minimum house, equipped with peep-holes and a loudspeaker system.

The six men found in the place, including the alleged government officials, were released after questioning. They were not identified.

Lieut. Roy Bilek of the police vice squad, who led the ten-man raiding party, said the place was advertised as a "massage parlor." The five rooms, he said, included a furnished living room and four other rooms equipped as massage units, with padded tables.

Fee For Spectators.
"Twenty dollars was the minimum," Bilek said, "but for \$10 spectator privileges could be enjoyed by peering through holes

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Billion in Credit Slated for Russia

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—One billion dollars of the administration's requested expansion in the export-import bank's lending power was reported today to be already earmarked for Russia.

A senator, asking not to be quoted by name, said he had received this information, directly from one of the highest administration figures.

He added that the Russians were reported seeking a total of \$6,000,000,000 in credits.

Legislation for expansion of the bank's loan powers from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000 sailed through the house yesterday by a 102 to 6 vote.

Senate leaders have put it down as "most legislation" to follow action on the Bretton Woods agreement and the United Nations charter.

The house-passed bill established the bank as an independent, permanent government agency. It has operated at a profit.

Before passage, the house slapped down 93 to 9 an amendment by rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) to prohibit loans to countries "not faithfully observing" provisions of the Atlantic charter.

Steel Works on Honshu Island Destroyed While Planes Blast Adjacent Hokkaido First Time

GUAM, July 14.—(AP)—The U. S. Third fleet, bombarding Japan for the first time, set great fires raging through a steel city on northern Honshu today as 1,000 of its carrier planes blasted nearby targets of the northern home islands in co-ordinated blows.

The guns of the newest battleships, cruisers and destroyers wiped out the Imperial iron and steel works rolling mill at Kamashi—275 miles north of Tokyo—and fierce fires raged through adjacent coke ovens.

Adm. Nimitz, announcing that the bombardment thundered on for two hours, reported that the entire area was covered by dense smoke clouds that rose thousands of feet above the city.

The bombardment force, commanded by Rear Adm. J. F. Shafer of Denver, apparently did not meet any Japanese opposition. There was no report of damage to American vessels.

Oregon Fires Take Turn For Worse

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—A strong west wind swept flames on 4,000 acres of north-west Oregon out of control again today, and 62 small lightning fires broke out over the state.

Nearly 1,200 loggers, soldiers, conscientious objectors, and forest workers were battling blazes which have blackened some 5,500 acres of Oregon and Washington land.

Crews were rushed out today to the two northwest Oregon fires—on the Salmonberry and the Wilson rivers—to determine the extent of the wind-spread blaze.

On the southern Oregon coast, 200 men fought to check a blaze which ate through 1000 acres of slash and, destroying nearly 3,000,000 board feet of logged timber.

The U. S. forest service reported all fires on National forests under control. A blaze which roared through 500 acres of the Wenatchee national forest west of Leavenworth, Wash., checked during the night.

The Wilson River highway was closed to traffic as flames licked down toward it. One state police report said the McNamara bridge on the highway had burned. Buses and traffic to the coast were being rerouted, with the highway barred at Glenwood.

Chennault Again Retires From Army: To Quit China

KUNMING, China, July 14.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault is leaving China and retiring from the U. S. army. He made this announcement today, two days after the appointment of Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer as commander of the U. S. air forces in China.

Chennault, who is 55, has been commander of the U. S. 14th air force and before that directed China's "Flying Tigers" against the Japanese.

"The Japanese now are beaten in the air in China," Chennault said. He added that he had retired eight years ago because of his health and that he had spent most of those years in China.

Jurisdictional Phase Frees Accused Indians

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Two Klamath Indians were free today after being acquitted in federal court on a charge of stealing wine and beer from a store at Chiloquin.

Jul L. Langley, attorney for Percie Ball and Alfred Butler, argued that the case was not one of federal jurisdiction, since the pilfering charge was not from a federal store, although within the boundaries of the Klamath reservation.

The question of whether or not the liquor was stolen was consequently not decided.

Son of Former Resident Of Wilbur Hurt in Wreck

Donald Howard of Corvallis, Oregon, great nephew of Mrs. Eva Kinsel of Wilbur, was injured in an automobile accident as the result of a locked steering gear when he was returning from Newport July 4.

Donald, 18, is in the Corvallis hospital, is the son of Lawrence Howard who formerly lived at Wilbur.

Chinese Take Heavy Toll Of Japanese Invaders

CHUNGKING, July 14.—(AP)—Chinese forces inflicted more than 3,000 casualties on Japanese troops in a flank attack six miles from Yunsiao, a Fukien province coastal highway town 55 miles southwest of Amoy, the Chinese high command said today.

The enemy troops were part of a force which landed southwest of Amoy June 30 in what possibly may be a prelude to total evacuation of the depleted Japanese garrison at Amoy, the Chinese said.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

All Americans lament the cruiser Pittsburgh's loss of her bow in the recent Pacific typhoon, but a lot of them, particularly poor spellers, would welcome the permanent severance of the letter "h" from the vessel's namesake city.



FAST THINKING SAVES CRACK TRAIN—Split-second thinking by Eugene Caudell, 11, and Bobby Rolan, 13, (right) of Prince Georges county, Md., was credited by Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials with saving the crack Ambassador from possible catastrophe. During an afternoon storm, the boys saw lightning strike a giant tree, felling it across the tracks. Knowing the Ambassador was due to pass any minute, they ran to a near-by house and notified the local station, which had the train flagged down. Had the message arrived 90 seconds later, the train might have crashed into the tree. The boys are shown sitting on part of the tree.