

ATOMIC BOMB HITS JAPAN

Four More Nippon Cities Destroyed

Hammering
Afresh Also
Dealt Tokyo

Weekend Sweep by Yank
Sky Armadas Extends to
Foe's Naval Base on Java

(By the Associated Press)
American airmen said they turned four more forewarned Japanese cities to ashes today as 750 Superforts and Mustang fighters reportedly swept the enemy's sacred islands with fire bombs, rockets and parachuted mines.

B-29 crewmen returning to their Marianas island bases told of setting fires visible for 150 miles at sea. Some ran into intense anti-aircraft fire and strong interception, including rocket planes, as they raided cities Tokyo described as "defenseless."

Waves of B-29s struck an American command announced 70 Nipponese ships and small craft and 61 locomotives were destroyed or damaged in previous aerial blows, reaching over 4,500 miles from Paramushiro to Singapore.

Today's targets include Nishinomiya, noted in prewar days for producing Japan's best Sake, favorite alcoholic beverage of Nippon. The other industrial targets were Maebashi, 60 miles from Tokyo; Saga on northern Honshu island, and Imburi. One B-29 unit hammered a coal liquefaction plant with high explosives.

Tokyo said 30 other Superforts sawed new mines in three home-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN London (where these words are written) the overriding interest for the American newcomer is the bomb damage. That's what we've read about. That's what we want to see.

If you have the proper credentials, the ministry of information will arrange a tour for you, but the only advantage of such an arrangement is the background information the official guide will give you. You don't need a "tour" to see the bomb damage. It is ALL OVER.

All you need, no matter where you are staying, is to walk a few blocks from your own front door. You will see plenty.

THE startling thing about the damage wrought by the bombs, both blitz and buzz, is the casualness of it. Outside the dock areas, etc., where Goering's bombers in 1940 had at least the excuse of military objectives, it is everywhere. There is hardly a block that is free from it.

There are differences, of course, in the havoc that was created. In the old, solidly-built (how solidly an American can't realize until he sees it) parts of the city, the area smashed by each bomb will be small—maybe only one house, maybe two or three. In the poorer, flimsier districts, the area will be larger, MUCH larger, perhaps as much

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First Lumber Shipments by Barge Slated at Reedsport Pending Deepening of Harbor

REEDSPORT—Shipment of lumber from the Port of Umpqua through use of barges will be started August 15, when the first load will be taken over the bar consigned to Oakland, Calif., where it will be prepared for shipment to the South Pacific.

Negotiations conducted by the Reedsport Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with U. S. Army engineers, has culminated in detailed plans for barge shipments, long proposed as the most suitable means of utilizing water transportation until harbor improvements can be made to permit shipment by coastwise lumber schooners.

Equipment is being furnished by the Army engineers, who have secured three wooden barges, each 210 feet in length with a 45-foot beam. Each barge, loaded with 1,100,000 board feet of lumber, will draw approximately 12 feet of water. A tow boat also will be furnished by the engineers, who will make up the crews. Frank Shaw of the Independent Stevedoring Co., Coos Bay, will superintend loading. The first cargo will be furnished by the Bridge Lumber company of Reedsport. Other shipments will be made up by the Gardner Mill company, Gardner, and the E. K.



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Electric Storms Start 15 Fires in Douglas

Forest Crews Act Quickly to Gain Control

Blazes Spread Over Wide Region; More Fighters Sought for Some Spots

Electric storms early today over Douglas county set 15 known forest fires, while men are hustling to scenes of other charted strikes, protective agencies reported today. Eight known fires are burning north of Diamond Lake, in the Umpqua National forest, it was reported this morning from Forest service headquarters. All are small and are expected to be brought under control today. Other lightning strikes in that area are being investigated. Three fires are reported by the Forest service in the North Umpqua district and one in the Bohemia district. These fires also are small and have caused little damage.

The Douglas Forest Protective association obtained quick action on three strikes in the Dufur area south of Camas Valley, reporting all under control.

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Tillamook Blaze Not Yet Subdued

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Forestry officials hurried reinforcements today to fire lines north of the Siuslaw National forest with the enraged Tillamook blaze only 12 miles from the protective area.

Flames pumpered by yesterday's 100-degree temperature, a low humidity of 28 and an easterly wind burned savagely on nearly all sectors today. Some improvement was possible today with a forecast of a west wind and broken clouds.

The Scoggins Creek finger of the fire probed west through rugged country along the north fork of the Trask river just west of Forest Grove. Nearly 700 acres of the 2600-acre Forest Grove watershed have been blackened and 150 especially trained "Fireflies" from Portland army air base have been added to armies of fighters. Flames are still within lines on the northeastern front near Glenwood and Consolidated camp, where winds favored fire crews.

Mercury Soars Around 100 in Oregon Localities

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The mercury soared to 100 at the airport to make yesterday Portland's hottest day of the summer, but it was still under last year's high of 102 on July 18. North Dales recorded a scorching 105 yesterday—a contrast with the 80 maximum temperature at Klamath Falls. Others: Medford 100, Roseburg 98, Eugene 97, Pendleton 95, Lakeview 94, and Salem 89.

U. S. Senator Hiram Johnson, Internationalism's Arch Foe, 30 Years in Congress, Passes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, militant opponent of the League of Nations and the San Francisco charter for a United Nations organization, died today at 79 years.

His political activities extended over a third of a century covering some of the most stirring events in the nation's history.

For more than a quarter of a century—first as governor of his native California and later as senator—he followed his own independent course regardless of consequence.

Some dubbed him a "president hater," for with not one of the occupants of the White House, from Wilson to the second Roosevelt, did he at all times see eye to eye.

Twice he openly deserted his own Republican party—the first time to "stand at Armageddon" as vice-presidential nominee with Theodore Roosevelt and the Bull Moose in 1912; the second time in 1932, when he campaigned for Franklin D. Roosevelt. Four years later found him taking a stand for neither Alfred M. Landon, the Republican candidate, nor for Roosevelt, pleading a physician's orders to "keep away from politics."

Staunch isolationist, Senator Johnson persevered in a nationalistic outlook. During a long and stormy career in the senate, he opposed with fiery zeal every measure which he viewed as even tending to draw America into the maelstrom of European politics.

Europe, to him, was a good place to keep away from. He stood in the forefront of that famous group of senate "irreconcilables" who banded to defeat President Wilson's League of Nations covenant. Again, he teamed with Senator Borah in 1935 to oppose Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposed American adherence to the World Court, handing the man he supported for President three years before his first major defeat in the field of foreign affairs.

Missed Chance for Presidency
If there was a consuming am-

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Whiskers Contest To Feature Labor Day's Fete Here

Roseburg residents may expect to see some fancy crops of whiskers during the next few weeks, according to Roy D. Hayden, chairman of the Labor day celebration publicity committee. Word has gone out to all A. F. of L. members that a number of very fine prizes are to be awarded for the most luxuriant and best colored whiskers as judged in the whiskers contest, which will be a feature of the extensive sports program. Another special entertainment event, Hayden reports, will be a slow motion horse race. Prizes will go to the slowest horses, while riders will be required to change mounts frequently during the contest just to keep everything on the up-and-up.

Arrangements for the Labor day celebration, sponsored by the Roseburg Central Labor council, are well in hand and an interesting program is in prospect. The day's events will start with a parade. Prizes are offered for the three best floats. John Walker is chairman of the parade committee.

Leonard Davis is chairman of the sports committee and has abundant prizes with which to stimulate competition. There will be 14 races and contests for all age groups, baseball game, horse-shoe pitching, whiskers contest and slow horse race.

Mrs. Essie Hayden is in charge of the committee arranging for the picnic dinner during the noon hour and Oscar Wolfong is in charge of entertainment and program. The day's festivities will close with a dance, with Joe Wilkoff, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Cpl. Maynard Eastman of Marine Corps Wounded

Official casualty lists released for publication today by the U. S. Navy report the wounding of Corporal Maynard Nelson Eastman, star route, Roseburg. Official reports usually follow by several weeks notification given next of kin.



Hiram W. Johnson

Germans Given Right To Form Trade Unions

BERLIN, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower told Germans in the U. S. occupation zone today that they may form local unions and engage in political activities with the aim of helping prepare for the coming winter, which he predicted will be hard.

"Full freedom to form trade unions and to engage in democratic political activities will be extended rapidly in those areas in which you show a readiness for healthy exercise of these privileges," Eisenhower said in a proclamation.

"We do not desire to degrade the German people."

The American member of the allied control council declared there must be no idleness, adding all signs pointed to food shortages this winter. He said there would be no coal for home-heating and the people would have to gather wood.

British Labor's Victory Seen as GOP Aid in U. S.

SPOKANE, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Republican National Committee Chairman Herbert Brownell Jr., said yesterday that Republican prospects had been improved by the Labor party's victory in England.

"Everywhere in the west there is a rising Republican tide," Brownell said. "The recent swing to the left in Britain has aroused Americans to the danger of continuing the present administration in power in this country. I am confident the Republicans can get control of the house next year."



OKINAWA GUINEA PIGS RISK MALARIA—Voluntary "guinea pigs," Col. W. W. May, Brookhaven, N. C., (left), and Lt. (j.g.) N. Frank Cavell, Chicago, gave a hand to an experiment that may end in deadly malaria, in tests conducted at the Malaria Survey detachment at Nago, Okinawa, to determine if mosquitoes carry filarisis. Approximately 75 mosquitoes in containers, may feed on the men's right hands.

Dispute Over Size of Army Up to Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—President Truman, as commander-in-chief, probably will have to step in to settle the mounting dispute over the size of the army needed to whip Japan.

This word came today from Capitol hill, where a first class row has developed over the size of the fighting forces for a one-front war.

Senators Johnson (D-Colo.) and Taft (R-Ohio) openly criticized the War department over the weekend for its slowness in demobilization, and there were signs that their independent campaigns were plying up recruits among other lawmakers.

On the other hand, such senators as Pepper (D-Fla.) and Thomas (D-Utah)—the latter chairman of the military committee—were standing by Secretary of War Stimson in his decision to retain about 7,000,000 men in uniform as of next June 1.

Pepper said: "The War and Navy departments are charged with prosecution of the war and they know

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Douglas School Tax Subject of Ruling

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP)—A third class school district may issue warrants for payment of its teachers even though its patrons have rejected its budget, Attorney General George Neuner held here today.

The opinion was directed to H. A. Canaday, district attorney pro tem in Douglas county, and grew out of the dilemma in which school district No. 32 of that county finds itself. Voters rejected the budget; at a second election the votes were tied, and sufficient time did not remain for a third election before the levy must be in the hands of the assessor. County courts are instructed in such a case to make the necessary levy for third class districts, which are not under the local budget law, Neuner pointed out.

Motorist Found Dead In Car at Sutherlin

Coroner H. C. Stearns has requested Portland police to locate relatives of Ben E. Delap, 38, apparently a Portland resident, who was found dead in an automobile near Sutherlin Saturday night.

Delap was travelling in a car with G. H. Tennant, Portland, when they stopped Saturday evening in Sutherlin for a few hours. He apparently became ill and crawled into the back of the car where he was found dead, evidently from heart failure. Coroner Stearns reported. Papers found on the body listed a daughter, Mrs. Alice Bond, Portland, but the address of the daughter was not given.

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Smith Wood Loggers at Sutherlin Vote for CIO As Bargaining Agent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Employees at the Sutherlin, Ore., logging operations of Smith Wood Products, Inc., have chosen local 7307 of the CIO International Woodworkers of America as sole bargaining agent, the National Labor Relations board announced today.

In a July 19 election, 22 of 37 workers voted for the CIO, 14 for the AFL, 1 for neither.

By a vote of 79 to 13, woods and sawmill workers of the Ocheo Lumber company, Prineville, Ore., also selected the IWA as collective bargaining representative. The ballot was on July 20.

Air Fighter Lost On Retirement Eve

GUAM, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Tail-gunner Kurt J. Hermann, who fought over two oceans and all three enemy capitals, is missing in action—just two trips short of his self-set 110-mission retirement goal.

The 26-year-old technical sergeant from Babylon, N. Y., passed up at least two chances to go home to stay. He wanted to complete 110 combat missions. On the 108th, over Kochi, Japan on July 4, his Superfort was lost.

The 20th air force yesterday disclosed his amazing record. Serving first in the merchant marine, Hermann survived a torpedoing, spent 26 days on a life raft, was rescued, and enlisted in the air forces in August, 1942.

He bagged his first German Messerschmitt as a waist gunner aboard a 12th air force fortress based in North Africa.

After 75 missions—a record, at that time—he was due to return home. He sought an interview with General Spaatz, and from it came his assignment to Superfort training.

On his first raid on Japan he added a Nipponese fighter to his Axis bag.

Woodburn's Ball Park Destroyed by Flames

WOODBURN, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The Woodburn ball park was razed in a \$11,000 fire yesterday only an hour and a half after a game in which the Woodbury Legion team of Portland defeated Woodburn 3-2.

Insurance coverage was only \$1600. The blaze was blamed on an unextinguished cigarette.

American Legion post officials said rebuilding will start as soon as possible.

Farm Worker Drowns In Sight of His Family

CANBY, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Possibility that Leonard V. Tomblison, 37, farm worker who drowned near here in the Molalla river Saturday night, may have died of a heart attack was expressed today by an Oregon City physician.

While his wife and two children watched, Tomblison swam across the stream twice and started a third trip. Suddenly he disappeared in six feet of water.

Hiding of War Material, Money Told at Petain Trial

PARIS, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Gen. Pico Andrieu testified at the treason trial of Marshal Petain today that French troops were ordered by Gen. Maxime Weygand at the time of the armistice to hide all military equipment. They concealed 18,000,000,000 francs of war material from the Germans and an equal amount of food and raw materials by the end of 1942, he asserted.

Andrieu said the French hid and produced enough equipment for 24 divisions, except for heavy artillery and tanks. Gen. Weygand, was French commander at the time of the armistice.

Pierre Merillon, French delegate to the United Nations conference at San Francisco, sent a cable to the trial from San Francisco, describing Petain as a man who served France with "perfect patriotism and loyalty" and "with all his power and energy."

Missile Equivalent in Power To 20,000 Tons of TNT Points To Utter Destruction of Enemy

Truman Announces \$2 Billion Spent in Greatest Scientific Gamble in History to Use Forces of Universe in Secret Plan to Shorten Pacific War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—An atomic bomb which looses pent-up forces of the universe equivalent to more than 20,000 tons of TNT and represents one of the greatest scientific advances of history has been dropped on Japan.

President Truman told today of the terrific destructive power packed into the missile which was dropped 16 hours ago on Hiroshima, an important Japanese army base. His statement said the bomb "added a new and revolutionary increase in destruction" on the Japanese homeland.

This awful bomb is the answer, President Truman's statement said, to Japan's failure to heed the Potsdam demand that she surrender unconditionally at once or face utter destruction.

The product of \$2,000,000,000 spent in research and production—"the greatest scientific gamble in history," Mr. Truman said—the atomic bomb has been one of the most closely guarded secrets of the war.



COMBAT VET AT 14—Pvt. Robert Kelso, of Houston, Tex., pictured above as he arrived in Boston, Mass., after six months overseas with the 342d Armored field artillery, is a little worried about facing his draft board when he gets home. Pvt. Kelso, who won the Purple Heart fighting in Germany, is only 14 and admits he fished a few years on his age to get into the Army.

Agar said "there was a danger that the Germans would learn how to split the atom first," and added: "I sincerely believe that in a very few years human beings will know how to destroy the human race."

near Pasco, Wash., and at an unnamed installation near Santa Fe, N. M.

He said the work was so secret that most of the employees did not know the character of it.

The president said that this discovery may open the way for an

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Knifing at Dance Holds Man in Jail

Jack Gibson of Roseburg was in Mercy hospital today suffering from knife wounds and Joe Buckner, military guard at the Roseburg Veterans facility, was in jail on a charge of drunkenness, while officers conducted an investigation of a battle Saturday night at the Evergreen Grange hall dance.

Gibson and Buckner became involved in an argument, according to information given the state police, Sergeant Paul Morgan reported, and during a fight on the grounds outside the dance hall Gibson received several deep knife cuts on the back. The wounds are not expected to prove fatal.

Buckner, though arrested on a charge of drunkenness, is expected to face a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, Sergeant Morgan said.

Appearing in the Roseburg justice court today, Buckner was committed to jail in lieu of \$500 bail on a charge of armed assault and \$50 bail on a charge of being intoxicated in a public place.

Motorcycle Rider Killed In Collision With Auto

NEWBERG, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Injuries received in an auto-motorcycle collision were fatal yesterday to Winfred Maece, 28, who had been riding on a cycle driven by 19-year-old Attilio Dure.

Dare was only slightly injured. A widow and three children survive Maece.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Complete success of the atomic bomb will not have been established until effectively tested against the mosquito hordes in Douglas county's recreational areas.