

Record Fleet of B-29s Blasts Japan

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LA GRANDE, OREGON THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 1945

FIVE CENTS

Union County War Loan Quota Is \$964,000

Committee Maps Vigorous Drive for Seventh Bond Campaign Opening Monday

Preliminaries to an aggressive seventh war loan campaign opening May 14, in Union county were cleared away last night at a meeting of the county war finance committee and community chairman, at which quotas for the various cities and districts were announced.

With a county quota of \$964,000, of which \$741,000 is in E bonds, W. C. Perkins, committee chairman, announced the following city and district quotas:

Community	E Bonds	Total
Alice	\$15,000	\$16,500
Cove	23,000	25,500
Elgin	95,000	115,000
Imbler	20,000	22,500
Iowa Dist.	10,000	11,000
Island City	25,000	32,500
La Grande	395,500	548,500
North Powder	30,000	35,000
Pondosa	17,500	22,500
Pumpkin Ridge	10,000	12,000
Starkey	10,000	10,000
Summerville	20,000	23,000
Union	70,000	90,000

Women Have Leading Part

Perkins announced that, as in past campaigns, a large part of the work will fall upon the women's division, and Miss Mabel Morton, and Mrs. Ann Decker, respectively chairmen of the county and La Grande city units of the feminine contingent, spoke briefly on the campaign, both expressing the conviction that the goal will be reached with complete cooperation on the part of all committee members and volunteer workers.

Bond Values Stressed

Perkins emphasized that while emotional appeals resulted in many war bonds in former loan campaigns, the best sales talk is that which stresses the value of the securities to the purchaser and "what they will do for the buyer."

Bodies Found by Russ May Include That of Hitler

BERLIN, May 10 (UP)—At least four bodies, any of which may be that of Hitler have been found by the Russians in Berlin. But none has been identified as being definitely that of the Nazi leader.

The bodies of Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels and his family, of Martin Bormann, successor to Rudolf Hess as Hitler's deputy; and a number of other top Nazis have been found and identified with fair certainty.

For a week the Russians have searched through the ruins of the underground fortress where Hitler and his gang of last ditch Nazi fanatics held out until the destruction of Berlin was complete.

Four bodies, blackened and charred, that seem to answer to Hitler's general appearance have been dragged out of the ruins. They have been measured and photographed for examination by experts. But the Russians are beginning to believe that no body that can be identified without any shadow of doubt as that of Adolf Hitler ever will be found.

No Progress Made On Polish Question

LONDON, May 10 (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill implied strongly in commons today that the big three had failed to make any progress toward a solution of the Polish problem.

Churchill was asked in the house when he planned to make a statement on foreign affairs. He replied that the difficulties about such a statement which were noticed before the end of the war in Europe "are in no way relieved."

Churchill also told commons that conscription of men for the British armed forces will continue during the war against Japan, hoping that it might go on several years after that.

Churchill said conscription is essential to provide for the re-education of manpower to relieve men who have served long periods, and to provide manpower for armies fighting Japan and occupying Germany.

Nazis Surrender British Channel Islands

Big Fires Started In Refineries

By United Press

A record fleet of more than 400 American Superfortresses bombed the Japanese home islands of Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku today, serving notice of the air fury that is to come now that Germany is defeated.

The raiders dropped 2,000 to 2,500 tons of bombs on airfields and on oil refineries and aviation fuel supply areas in the opening blow of an intensified campaign to knock out Japanese air power.

Returning Superfortress crews reported that their bombs stoked huge fires in the enemy's main oil production and storage centers at Otaka and Tokyuama on Honshu and Oshima on Kyushu.

The bombers ran into heavy ineffective anti-aircraft fire from the remnants of Japan's battle fleet huddled in the Japanese inland sea.

The attacks started a few hours after Lt. Gen. Barney Giles, commander of army air forces in the Pacific, promised that American bombers soon would be raiding Japan around the clock on a scale even greater than the air assaults which crippled Germany.

The raids also came as the Japanese cabinet issued a statement after a special meeting declaring that the end of the war in Europe "will not bring the slightest change in the war objectives of the Imperial government."

23 Miners Die In Utah Explosion

SUNNYSIDE, Utah, May 10 (UP)—Twenty-three Carbon county coal miners are dead—victims of a terrific gas explosion about two miles underground in the Utah Fuel Co. No. 1 mine.

Seven miners were critically injured.

The bodies of 21 of the victims were recovered during the night. S. C. Harvey, chief coal mine inspector for the state industrial commission, said 87 men were working in the mine at the time of the explosion. Fifty-seven were working on different levels escaped injury.

Harvey attributed the explosion to gas.

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To benefit by this arrangement, water users must pay their bill on, or before the tenth day of those months.

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Repatriation of Prisoners Planned

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—The army hoped today to send one enemy prisoner of war back to Europe for every American soldier brought home for discharge.

The prisoners to be sent back will go on ships that have brought American soldiers and equipment to this country and are returning for more.

There were 396,703 axis prisoners in the U. S. on May 1, including 343,115 Germans, 50,302 Italians and 3,286 Japanese.

Jap Line Buckles Before Chinese

CHUNGKING, May 10 (UP)—The entire Japanese line in western Hunan province, where an enemy drive threatened the American air base at Chihkiang, crumbled yesterday under a Chinese general counter-offensive, a communique announced today.

More than 2,500 Japanese dead were counted in the area southeast of Kiangkow by the Chinese forces which launched their attack Tuesday. The communique said the Japanese force began retreating at 4 a. m. yesterday.

Men Longest In Army Will Be Released

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—Soldiers in all war theaters with long combat service overseas and dependent children will top the list of those eligible for discharge under the army's partial demobilization plan.

Details of the point system that will govern discharge of more than 1,300,000 soldiers during the next 12 months were announced today. The point values follow:

One credit for each month of army service since Sept. 16, 1940.

Twelve credits for each child under 18 years, up to three children.

One credit for each month served overseas since the same date.

Five credits for each bronze service star and for each decoration. The service stars are awarded for participation in each battle or campaign. This also means five credits for each wound suffered, since a purple heart decoration is awarded for each wound.

Many Already Eligible

Enlisted men of the army ground, air and service forces will be immediately eligible for discharge if their total credit score is 85 or more. WACs with total credit scores of 44 points will immediately be eligible for discharge.

These total credit scores are designated as "interim scores." Immediately after the scores of all soldiers are compiled, the number of soldiers with each point total in every theater will be reported to the war department. Based on these reports in about six weeks, revised figures will be announced as to the total credits needed for discharge.

These revised totals are expected to be somewhat lower than the interim scores. At this time separate scores will be established for the air forces, the ground and service forces and the WACs.

Scores will be compiled on the basis of points earned as of Saturday, May 12. Service in the army will be computed from the date the soldier reported to his unit.

Neighborhood Club Is Sponsor Of National Music Week Event

Third of a community series of concerts in observance of National Music week will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian church under auspices of the Neighborhood club, which has been the sponsor of the week's observance with Mrs. A. L. Richardson as chairman. Tonight's concert was arranged by Mrs. Richardson. Admission to these concerts is free.

The final event of the week will be a concert in the high school auditorium by the high school band under the direction of Leroy Darling.

Tonight's program will open with an organ prelude by Mrs. Harley H. Richardson, who also will be heard in another organ number and will serve with Mrs. T. R. Maxwell and Mrs. Harvey Carter as accompanist for the soloists.

Soloists will be Mrs. Harlow Speckhart, Miss Elizabeth Foley, Miss Mary Jasper, Larry Brunette, Mrs. Retta Ehlers, and Arthur McCall, Jr.

House Composition Slated

A highlight of the high school concert will be the playing of a composition of Glenn Houle, saxophonist and clarinetist or use band. The composition, "Reflections," is in the modern tempo and will be played by the swing ensemble.

Houle, who recently was elected president of the high school student body for the next school year, is rated as one of the school's outstanding musicians, and he is directing his studies toward a musical career when he completes his academic education.

Featured soloists for the band concert will be Bernella Bryant, baritone horn, Phyllis McLaughlin, pianist, and Larry Brunette, vocalist.

Miss McLaughlin will play a piano concerto, "La Rougette," with band accompaniment; Miss Bryant will be heard in "My Regards," and Jordahl in "Soul of the Surf."

Numbers by the girls' sextet and a capella choir also are on the program, which follows:

La Grande high school band "Auy Pays Lorrain," "My Regards," Bernella Bryant, soloist "G'Girls' sextette—"Who Is Sylvia," "The Naughty Little Clock," Patti Jacobson, Marilyn Chandler, Dorothy Hart, Ruth Williams, Frances VoVruz, Barbara Carroll, Phyllis McLaughlin, accompanist.

Band—March, "Zaetecae," b. "Soul of the Surf," Don Jordahl, soloist, trombone.

A capella choir—"The Green Cathedral," "A Violin Is Singing in the Street," "Little David Play On Yo' Harp."

Swing band—"James Session," Selected, "Reflections."

Vocal solos—Larry Brunette, "Amapola," "Sweet Mystery of Life."

Band—March, "Washington Grays," piano concerto, "La Rougette," Phyllis McLaughlin, soloist, "Stormy Weather," "March, "Indiana State."

Record Crop of Winter Wheat Seen

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—The agriculture department today predicted that the 1945 winter wheat crop will total 835,100,000 bushels, compared with an estimated production of 802,515,000 bushels made on April 1.

The forecast was made as of May 1 and compares with a 1944 production of 764,073,000 bushels.

In the first estimate of rye production for the season, the crop reporting board estimated a yield of 28,872,000 bushels, compared with actual production of 25,372,000 bushels last year.

Thousands of U.S. Prisoners Freed; Casualties Mount

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that 70,000 to 80,000 prisoners of war have been liberated from German prison camps. Of these, 3,000 already have been returned to this country, he said.

Stimson said that victory in Europe cost the army about 800,000 casualties, including 150,000 killed. He warned next of kin that it still may require several weeks to complete casualty notifications for Germany and Italy.

Meanwhile, total U.S. combat casualties in all theaters reached 972,654, an increase of 22,162 over a week ago. This total includes 667,709 army and 104,945 navy, marine, corps, and coast guard casualties.

In April alone, the last month of heavy fighting in Germany, the army suffered 34,596 casualties, not counting air force losses. The month's toll included 5,324 killed, 25,407 wounded, and 3,867 missing and captured.

From D-day last June 6 through April, Stimson said, the army in this total were 88,225 killed, 365,320 wounded, and 50,568 missing and captured.

Okinawa Defense Is Underestimated

TENTH ARMY HQ, Okinawa, May 10 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, commander of the tenth army, said today that as the Okinawa campaign wears on "it becomes obvious that we underestimated the size of the Japanese garrison."

It is now believed that nearly 25,000 Japanese troops were stationed on Okinawa when American soldiers and Marines landed, Gen. Buckner said. He estimated about half of the defenders have been killed or wounded.

Originally it was believed the Japanese garrison totaled approximately 60,000.

Actress Is Divorced

LAS VEGAS, Nev., May 10 (UP)—Mayo Methot this afternoon was granted an uncontested divorce from Humphrey Bogart, movie tough guy.

Judge George E. Marshall granted the divorce in a brief, private hearing.

Midnight Curfew Will Not Ring in La Grande Tonight

"Curfew will not ring tonight."

That was the gist of an announcement today by City Manager Ed H. Ford in connection with the lifting of the federal restriction on operation of places of entertainment after the midnight hour.

Ford said local businesses which sometimes remain open after midnight were being notified today that they might remain open as long as they desire.

A United Press survey today showed that except for the big night clubs in the nation's major cities, the entertainment industry seems in no hurry to take advantage of the lifting of the curfew.

Legion Nominates Staff, Proposes Curbs on Hunting

Officers of the La Grande post of the American Legion were nominated at a meeting last night at which the post adopted a resolution recommending changes in state game laws from which veterans of World War II will benefit. The election will be held June 13, when additional nomination may be made from the floor.

Guy Spencer was nominated to succeed George Tiss as commander of the post, and nominations for other officers were made as follows:

First vice commander, Charles Erbe; second vice commander, Axel Dahlstrom; adjutant, Lee Thomas; sergeant at arms, Carl Ebert; chaplain, Norman Desolet; finance officer, T. R. Lumsden; service officer, S. H. Burleigh; assistant, Fletcher Milton; executive committee, four to be elected, Tiss, Eugene Millering, Milton, John Garity, Frank Flannery and William Koester.

Four delegates to the state convention will be elected from the following nominees: Otis Palmer, Garity, W. E. Wilkins, Guy Spencer, Baron De Greeves, Milton and Thomas.

The game resolution recommended by the post is as follows:

Homeland Of Britons Is Freed

LONDON, May 10 (UP)—A British task force landed in the Channel islands, only British territory occupied by the Germans in world war II, and accepted the surrender of the Nazi garrison of approximately 30,000 men today.

Germany's sea forces also were capitulating. The last remnants of her surface fleet, headed by the cruisers Prinz Eugen and Niernberg, surrendered to the Royal navy at Copenhagen and U-boats were putting into British ports to give themselves up.

RAF warplanes shepherded the first surrendering submarine into Weymouth harbor and another which had been patrolling off the northern Scottish coast entered the British naval station at Loch Erriboll.

Hour after hour new "surrender calls" were being received at the admiralty from the beaten U-boat packs, which finished off their marauding careers Tuesday by torpedoing a British and a Norwegian ship off the northeast coast of England, killing at least two persons.

(A BBC broadcast said the British naval ensign is flying over German naval general headquarters at Kiel, Germany's biggest naval base.)

In Europe, the last shots of the land war were being exchanged in Czechoslovakia, Austria and Yugoslavia. Fearful Nazi units were in full flight toward American lines in an attempt to escape capture by pursuing Red armies and Yugoslav patriots.

German forces seized the Channel islands, which lie between France's Norman and Breton peninsulas, in the summer of 1940 after overrunning France. The small British garrison was withdrawn just before the Germans moved in and no fighting occurred in the islands.

German torpedo boats based in the islands harassed allied shipping during the invasion, but a subsequent air and sea blockade ended this menace and cut the islands off from the outside world.

The total land area of the islands is 75 miles and the population before the war totaled nearly 100,000. A number of civilians were taken off with the British garrison in 1940, however.

The four principal islands in the group are Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark.

Contributions to Cancer Fund Lag

Mrs. Carrie Trollinger, chamber of commerce secretary, reported today that less than 20 percent of the goal of \$571 for the current cancer fund has been collected in Union county.

Contributions totalling \$100 have been received from R. L. Baker, Mrs. Lena Fuller, Willow school, Carpenters Union, St. Peter's guild, Neighborhood club, City of Cove, R. R. Ragsdale, Odd Fellows lodge, Elks lodge, and the American Association of University Women.

Contributions may be taken to the chamber of commerce office.

Presidential Veil Of Secrecy Lifted

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP)—President Truman today made his third trip to the capitol for luncheon. He was a guest at a luncheon honoring Gov. Mons C. Wallgren of Washington, who served with Mr. Truman in the senate.

The luncheon was held in the office of senate Secretary Leslie L. Biffle.