

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 61
Minimum 44
Precipitation .07
Forecast: Cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday.

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Record B-29 Fleet Smashes Nagoya

Union County Launches 7th War Loan Drive

Sales of E Bonds Will Be Emphasized to Speed War, Clamp Curb on Inflation

The Union county war finance committee today launched the 7th war loan campaign, aimed to help finance the war against Japan and combat the danger of inflation on the home front, with a goal of \$964,000, of which \$741,000 will be in sales of E bonds to individuals.

Pushing the sale of E bonds, intended chiefly for smaller income investors, is one of the chief objectives of the nationwide bond selling campaign, and to that end special efforts will be directed in Union county toward interesting individuals in investing savings and "idle" money in bonds.

Red, Yugoslav Patriots Crush German Holdouts

LONDON, May 14 (UP)—Red armies and Yugoslav patriots were believed today to have crushed the last die-hard German resistance in southeast Europe, finally stilling the guns of war on the continent nearly a week after the reich's surrender.

(BBC said a detachment of British troops has taken possession of the fortified German island of Heligoland in the north sea.)

Fourteen German submarines and two motor torpedo boats have put into British ports and surrendered.

Eight more U-boats were expected at the American naval base at Londonderry in northern Ireland today.

A Soviet communique reported that Red armies had taken 1,060,000 prisoners in the first five days after Germany's unconditional surrender became effective last Tuesday midnight.

Of these, nearly 800,000 German troops were captured in Czechoslovakia and Austria, where diehard nazis fought on despite their high command's orders to surrender.

The communique mentioned no further fighting in these areas, however, and it was likely that only a roundup of scattered enemy remnants remains in southeast Europe.

Marshal Tito announced that his Yugoslav partisan forces had dispersed four German and 11 pro-Nazi Ustashi divisions in northern Yugoslavia and southeastern Austria. He reported the liberation of a number of towns, among them Maribor, apparently without opposition.

B-29 Crewman Is Missing in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer, PFD, La Grande, today received a telegram from the war department advising that their son, Sgt. Lee R. Spencer, has been missing in action over Kawsaki, Japan, since April 16.

Sgt. Spencer is a radio operator on a B-29 bomber.

Three Service Men Listed Casualties

The names of two service men from Union county and one from Walla Walla county are included in current lists of wounded issued through one office of war information. The men and their next of kin, who were previously notified, are listed as follows:

Capt. William A. Cantrell, Marine corps, son of Mrs. Edna B. Chapin, 1514 Monroe avenue.

Sgt. Vernon A. Parent, (army in Europe) husband of Mrs. Maude L. Parent, Union.

Staff Sgt. Myrl D. Zollman, (army in Pacific area) son of Mrs. Ethel Zollman, Joseph.

First German U-Boat Taken by U. S. Reaches Atlantic Port

ABOARD A COAST GUARD CUTTER, OFF CAPE MAY, N. J., May 14 (UP)—The German submarine U-858, first enemy warship to surrender to U. S. naval forces since V-E day, was brought to anchorage near Lewis, Del., today with the American flag flying over its conning tower.

The starboard stripes, which replaced the red, white and black insignia of nazism, was hoisted five days ago by triumphantly American bluejackets 300 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland, some 720 miles off the eastern seaboard.

Stripped of its destructive power under the terms of unconditional surrender, her torpedoes dismantled, and her deck guns dismantled, the U-boat was turned over by Atlantic fleet units to the jurisdiction of the fourth naval district.

The craft is the first German undersea boat taken intact by the United States since the start of the war.

The prisoners of war said the sub sank 16 allied ships during the 30 months it was in operation.

There were 14 unused torpedoes in her tubes and racks. The crew said she had not made a single attack on this cruise. It was out of Hamburg eight weeks.



WELCOME HOME FOR SOLDIER—Pvt. Martin J. Fell, army veteran with 108 points (33 months overseas and four major battles) who was awaiting discharge at Jefferson barracks, surprises his mother, Mrs. Louise Maloney, when he returned to his St. Louis, Mo., home. He apparently is first soldier to return home under new point system.

American Drive Aimed to Split Japs on Mindanao

Guarding Big Enemy Forces Airfield Routed

MANILA, May 14 (UP)—Two hard-pushing columns drove within 40 miles of each other today in a smash to split Mindanao lengthwise following the fall of the island's biggest airdrome.

While the Americans pushed ahead in the Philippines, 1,600 miles to the southwest in New Guinea, the Sixth Australian division cleared Wewak village and peninsula after a bitter fight.

(An Australian army report, broadcast by Melbourne radio and heard by United Press at San Francisco, said the Wewak battle was the bitterest in the entire New Guinea campaign.)

Heavy bombers dumped 280 tons of bombs on the Toshien factories, one of Japan's largest military stores on Formosa.

In the Mindanao fighting, Major Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th division quickly overran Delmonte airdrome with its three strips after a speedy 12-mile advance from its Macalajar bay beachhead. The 40th routed an enemy force east of the airfield and drove on two miles.



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Police throughout the northwest today were on the lookout for George W. Durham, former convict who escaped Saturday night from the Union County jail while awaiting trial on a charge on which conviction would mean a life term in the state prison.

The escape was not discovered until approximately 12 hours after Durham had fled, and the only clue to his whereabouts is believed to have been found by state police yesterday in a car stolen about midnight Saturday from the ranch of Lee Bingham near Hot Lake and abandoned a short time later four miles from Baker.

Durham's description has been sent to law enforcement agencies throughout the northwest. It said he 6-feet, 5 inches tall; weighs 208 pounds and has an upper front tooth missing. He was wearing a pair of light blue pants, blue work shirt, black zipper jacket, blue-gray fedora hat and black oxford shoes.

Faced Life Term

Durham was captured by state police near Hot Lake following his escape from the state prison, and was brought here January 4, last, for trial on a charge of being an escaped convict in possession of firearms. He was convicted on that charge and Acting District Attorney C. R. Eberhard had filed an information charging him with being a habitual criminal. Trial on that charge was delayed at the request of the defense until June 4 after he pleaded not guilty. Conviction would mean a life sentence in prison.

Sheriff Jesse Breshears discovered the jail break at 8:30 a.m. yesterday when he went to the office of County Engineer S. B. Morgan to inquire for the courthouse janitor, William Sanderson. Morgan said he heard someone at the front door of the courthouse, but thought it was someone trying to get in and paid no attention. A short time later, Morgan said, Durham, who was unknown to Morgan, entered Morgan's office and said he was looking for the janitor. He left upon being told Morgan did not know where he was, Morgan said.

Apparently Durham then went to the rear of the courthouse and broke a window through which he left the building.

Durham's unusual night apparently made it possible for him to escape.

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Rebuilding After War Pictured As Youth Challenge

A capacity crowd filled the Methodist church last evening for the baccalaureate services for the graduating seniors of La Grande high school.

Rev. Irvin S. Motz, pastor of the First Methodist church, delivered the sermon, "We Press On." He spoke of the lives before the graduating seniors, the crisis of the world today and the challenge to the young people who will have a part in rebuilding.

The procession was played by the La Grande high school orchestra, and invocation was pronounced by Rev. Floyd E. White, pastor of the First street Methodist church, "Green Cathedral."

Hahn, was presented by the cappella choir. Rev. Rollin W. Tomerason, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church read the scripture, and the hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," Smith, was sung by the congregation.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. O. A. Crofford, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

Himmler Indicted As Arch Criminal

LONDON, May 14 (UP)—The United Nations war crimes commission has indicted gестаapo chief Heinrich Himmler on charges of mass murder in the notorious massacre of Lidice and the Jewish extermination program. Himmler's present whereabouts are unknown.

At least five allied governments have lodged charges of war criminality against Himmler, the bespectacled former school teacher who became Nazism's chief hangman.

The Russian government organ Izvestia demanded the immediate arrest, trial and execution of Doenitz.

Move to Clear Up Presidential Succession Confusion Planned

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP)—Rep. A. S. (Mike) Monroney, D. Okla., said today that he intends to do something to end the confusion in present laws governing succession to the presidency.

"There are too many blind spots in the present system," he said in an interview. "There are too many possible contingencies that neither the constitution nor congress have provided for. And now is the time for us to get busy — not when the contingencies arise."

He said he will introduce a bill shortly to set up a 12-man commission to study the entire problem and make recommendations to congress.

The commission would be composed of 12 of the foremost constitutional authorities and jurists in the country," he said. "They could go over the whole presidential setup — his election, his succession — and tell us what we should do."

Farley Advocates Study

Former Postmaster General James A. Farley advanced the same idea last week. In a speech before the Hazleton (Pa.) chamber of commerce, he urged the establishment of such a commission and sharply criticized the present method of presidential succession.

The law stipulates that the secretary of state shall become president if both the duly elected president and vice president die.

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Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
New York at Chicago	postponed, rain.
Philadelphia at Detroit	postponed, rain.
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Pittsburgh	7 1 1
Brooklyn	4 6 0
Roe, Vandenberg and Salkeld; Pfund and Owen.	
Chicago	5 10 2
New York	6 11 0
10 Innings.	
Chipman, Prim and Gillespie; Williams, Emerich and Lombardi; Cincinnati	11 0
Philadelphia	4 8 3
Bosser, Beck and Lakeman; Kennedy, Lucier and Mancuso; Peacock.	

Furious Resistance Of Enemy Stalls Okinawa Marines

Japs Use Molotov Cocktail to Halt American Forces

ABOARD ADMIRAL TURNER'S FLAGSHIP OFF OKINAWA, May 14 (UP)—Japanese mortar, sniper and artillery fire stalled the American advance in heavy fighting on southern Okinawa today.

Marines battling in the northern approaches of Naha, the capital city, and soldiers punching at the defenses of Shuri were brought virtually to a standstill by strong enemy resistance.

The Japanese used a variety of weapons — including the anti-tank "Molotov Cocktail"—against the two marine and two army divisions attacking along the five-mile Naha-Shuri Yonabaru defense line.

The sixth marine division dug in on the northern rim of Naha, a rubble-strewn community with a pre-war population of 65,000.

Ahead of the leathernecks lay wide mud flats of the Asato river valley. A crossing would take the marines practically under the muzzle of Japanese guns.

Counter Blow Repulsed

The sixth repulsed an attempted counter-landing by Japanese north of the estuary. Marines destroyed six to ten enemy boats on a reef, killing approximately 40 Japanese.

In the center of the American line, the 77th army division reported slight local gains up to 200 yards in stiff combat which failed to dent the main defenses of the town of Shuri.

Shuri, lying midway between the coastal towns of Naha and Yonabaru, is the central anchor of the Japanese defense system protecting an estimated 40,000 enemy troops.

The 77th spent Sunday hammering at "Chocolate Drop" hill — a brown, clay hillock less than 1,500 yards northeast of Shuri.

Independence of Austria Decreed By Renner Group

LONDON, May 14 (UP)—The Soviet-supported government of Austria today proclaimed the country's independence and restored republican laws in an apparent bid for Anglo-American recognition.

The proclamation, broadcast by radio, declared Austria, in effect dissolved the Anschluss with Germany and presumably reinstated Austria's constitution of 1920. "All Nazi laws are abolished and republican laws restored," the broadcast said.

The move further snarled European affairs for the western allies. Both the United States and Britain have yet to recognize the Austrian government set up by Premier Dr. Karl Renner with Soviet support.

The United States and Britain also were tangling with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav government over control of the Italian port of Trieste and with Russia over the arrest of 16 Polish underground leaders.

The Austrian broadcast announcing the country's "independence" recalled that the United States and Britain, along with Russia, had made Austrian independence one of their war aims.

School Singers Entertain At Meeting of Lions

The choir, accompanied by Phyllis McLaughlin, sang the following numbers: Green Cathedral, A Violin Is Singing In The Street, Little David Play on Your Harp, and I'll Be Seeing You. The girls quintet, part of the choir, sang Prayer Perfect and Who Is Sylvia; and Miss Phyllis McLaughlin, accompanist, presented a piano solo Bre'r Rabbit.

Gordon L. Capps, chairman of the club's sight conservation committee, announced that during the past two months the club had purchased four pairs of glasses for children whose parents were unable to provide them.

C. D. Kelley and Clyde Lund, members of the safety committee, reported that residents are

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Eisenhower Bans "Friendly" Treatment of High Germans

PARIS, May 14 (UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today that "drastic measures" had been set in motion to end any treatment of high Nazi and German officials as "friendly enemies."

Eisenhower's statement, followed criticism by French and other commentators of what they called preferential attitude adopted by American army officers toward Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering.

"The generous Americans invited him to lunch," one Paris radio commentator said. "One could think we are back in the old days when opposing leaders were bowing to each other."

Eisenhower said his attention had been called to press reports of instances of senior

La Grande Pilot Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pierson, 1055 Tenth street, have been notified that their son, First Lt. Ray Pierson, 23, pilot of a C-46, a cargo ship, on the India-China-Burma run, has been missing since May 3.

No details accompanied the message. Pierson flew back to La Grande from Spokane yesterday after the message was telephoned to him there.

Flight Officer Lenn Pierson, brother of Lieutenant Pierson, is also on duty in that area, as an instructor.

Fire Raid Razes Jap Industries

GUAM, May 14 (UP)—A 17,000-foot smoke column covered nine square miles of Japan's industrial hub of Nagoya today after more than 500 Superfortresses dropped 3,500 tons of bombs in the heaviest and most concentrated fire raid in history.

Returning crew members said that the glow from flames crackling through the heart of the city was visible 60 miles at sea. They reported no lighter opposition and meager anti-aircraft fire.

Large Area Burned

The Superforts were believed to have burned out more than twice the area covered in the two night fire raids of last march. The daylight attack made bombing more effective. Lt. Glen F. Jensen of Manning, Ia., pilot of one of the last plane over Nagoya, said he could see huge columns of flame bursting all over the target sector.

Specific targets included the Chigusa plant of the Nagoya arsenal, one of Japan's largest, as well as thousands of home or "shadow" industries. Jensen said the Imperial castle of Nagoya is located almost in the center of the area where he saw a great fire column.

Col. Carl Storrie of Denton, Tex., declared "it was a damn good job. A couple more like that and we can scratch that town off the list. I'm sure the clusters of fire bombs more than covered the nine-square-mile target area."

He said the extent of the fires was difficult to determine because smoke clouds covered all but the outskirts of the city and spread out over the harbor area.

Early reports indicated our losses were very light. The lack

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