

# Yanks Close Vise on Okinawa Japs

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### Trapping of Main Enemy Force Aim In Shuri Encirclement

GUAM, May 21 (UP)—Marines and army infantrymen on Okinawa battled to complete the encirclement of Shuri today in a drive that threatened to trap the main strength of the Japanese garrison in a one-square-mile area.

Strong tenth army patrols entered Yonabaru, east port and anchor base for the sagging Japanese line bisecting southern Okinawa, front reports disclosed.

Marines used flaming oil and anti-tank guns — fired like Shuri.

Casualties mounted by the hundreds in close-quarter fighting as the Okinawa campaign entered its 51st day. American dead, wounded and missing through Friday totaled 30,520 — more than 10,000 greater than casualties on Iwo. Japanese dead alone for the period totaled 49,103.

Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge said the nightly enemy artillery fire dropped from 15,000 rounds in mid-April to fewer than 1,000 in the past week. However, he warned there has been no corresponding weakening of enemy morale.

The decrease in artillery fire might indicate an ammunition shortage or the movement of heavy pieces farther south for the final all-out effort.

U. S. Fleet on "Prowl" The Domei (Japanese) news agency said an American fleet was "on the prowl" off southern Japan. It appeared to be approaching Kyushu for new attacks on the Japanese homeland, although there were no late reports on its whereabouts Monday (PWT).

United Press War Correspondent Frank H. Bartholomew observed the battle of Shuri from a ridge a mile and a half north of Naha. From there he saw first division katanekes emerge from their front lines and move southward along an escarpment paralleling Shuri on the west.

On the opposite side of Shuri, soldiers of the 96th infantry fought their way southward in a great pincer move designed to enter the village of Panacan.

The 31st division, driving up the center of the island, pushed three miles more along the Sayre Highway to within 11 miles of Malaybalay, capital of Budkinon province. Malaybalay is the agricultural center of the middle Mindanao.

GI's Over 40 Will Get Discharges WASHINGTON, May 21 (UP)—Army enlisted men aged 40 or older were made eligible today for discharge on their own application.

This represents a lowering of the discharge age from 42 years, which became effective April 17. The reduction affects about 30,000 enlisted men in the 40 and 41-year age groups.

When the military situation permits, a further reduction will be made in the age limit, the war department disclosed.

These discharges are separate from those made on the point system which applies to all ages.

## Labor Quits Churchill Government

### Pin Money Drive Is Accelerated To Boost Bond Sales

#### Women's Division Agrees To Sell Quarter of Quota

Emphasizing the importance of every bond purchase in the winning of the war in the Pacific, Mrs. Marv Gould Wilson, chairman of the "pin money" campaign of the women's division of the La Grande campaign of the 7th war loan today urged that every family make a special effort to save small change and put it into bonds.

"It costs \$5 a day to care for a wounded service man, and \$2.50 for a first aid kit for him," she said, "and every \$50 bond that is purchased now will provide that first aid kit and a week's hospitalization for a wounded soldier, sailor or marine."

She said war stamp books are being made available to everyone to simplify saving for a \$50 bond, making it unnecessary for anyone to keep any appreciable amount of "pin money" around the house.

Mrs. A. B. Freisinger was hailed by Mrs. Wilson as one of the leaders in sales in the women's division. To date she has sold 100 bonds with sales value of \$30,595.

The women's division of the county war finance committee has accepted the job of selling 25 percent of the county E bond. See PIN MONEY... Page 5.

### Lions Club Staff For Next Year Is Put In Nomination

A. B. (Spud) Olson was nominated for the presidency of the La Grande Lions club for the next year at the weekly meeting today in the banquet room of the Stein cafe, at which nominations of other officers were announced as follows:

Marcus Roesch, first vice president; Jesse Rosenbaum, second vice president; D. W. Hall, secretary; C. M. Humphreys, treasurer; L. M. Ghan, R. E. Jones and S. H. Weimer, directors; Gordon Capps, tailwaiter, and Ray R. Ragsdale, Lion tamer.

The election will be held next month.

### Local Man Named Officer of State Junior Chamber

Vern Van Vranken, a director of the La Grande junior chamber of commerce, yesterday was elected a vice president of the state junior chamber at the closing session of the annual convention in Salem, at which Lee Stidd of Portland was elected president.

Price Schroeder, president of the La Grande organization, announced today that Stidd will visit La Grande Thursday, when a special meeting of the junior chamber will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Stein cafe. He said tomorrow evening's meeting has been cancelled.

Schroeder and Al Long represented the La Grande group at the state conclave, which was one of the largest assemblies held in recent years by the state organization.



CAPTURED BY AMERICANS—Leni Reifenstahl, actress and one-time reported girl friend of Adolf Hitler, and Dr. Robert Ley, former German labor front leader, pictured after their capture by American troops.

### Retailers Blame Black Market As Meat Supplies Grow Smaller

Carving knives lay idle in kitchen drawers through the U. S. today as meat dealers reported black market operations cutting deeper into dwindling meat and poultry supplies.

Lines lengthened before the corner butcher shop. And most housewives considered themselves lucky to obtain meat of any kind — or poultry, the next best substitute.

In Chicago, the meat packing center, officials estimate that supplies have dropped 50 per cent in the past six months.

Most markets have adopted a practice of opening only two or three days a week while other close as soon as the day's supply is exhausted.

Black Market Blamed Almost to a man, the retailers blamed the black market. "A retailer can get all the meat he wants if he has a high-income clientele and will pay the price," one complained bitterly.

In New York, half the butcher shops are closed and showcases in the others are empty despite an enforced ban on meat sales.

The war food administration has held out little hope for increased meat, poultry and egg supplies in the number one population center. It points out, however, that "fish are coming in" at the market at the rate of 1,000,000 pounds a day, 300,000 above the normal supply.

San Francisco's market shelves invariably are empty by noon. Fish is plentiful and lamb available in small amounts.

Poultry along the west coast See RETAILERS... Page 5

### Tomorrow is Last Day to Register For June 22 Poll

Tomorrow is the final day for voters to register for the special election on June 22. County Clerk C. L. Graham announced that registration books for the election will close at the close of business tomorrow and anyone whose registration is not up to date must register to qualify to vote on the state building and educational proposals.

### Tito Troops Quit Corinthia; Trieste Situation Tense

#### Yugoslav Leader Would Compromise Italy Occupation

LONDON, May 21 (UP)—Marshal Tito withdrew all 20,000 Yugoslav troops from Austria Corinthia today and expressed willingness to come to an agreement with the western allies on the occupation of disputed Venezia Giulia province in northeast Italy.

At the same time, however, Tito expressed his indignation and surprise, over Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander's allegation that Yugoslavia's attitude in the Venezia Giulia dispute was "all too reminiscent of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan."

An American battalion which had been sent to Trieste to present a united allied front withdrew and rejoined the remainder of the 91st division in the Gorizia sector to avoid supply problems in the event of hostilities. James Roper, United Press correspondent, said the situation in Trieste is "extremely tense."

British and New Zealand forces remained in Trieste, along with an even greater number of Yugoslav troops. Some 1,300 of Tito's troops paraded through Trieste with 13 American-made light tanks, three British-made armored cars, a German-made light tank, 11 German guns and two light anti-tank guns in a show of strength yesterday.

Only 1,200 civilians watched the parade and they showed a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, Roper said. He estimated there are 65,000 Yugoslav troops in Venezia Giulia.

### 4 War Criminals Captured By U. S. Troops; Fifth Slain

LONDON, May 21 (UP)—Four more accused war criminals, one of them the self-styled original "Lord Haw Haw," were held by the allies today.

A fifth, Maj. Mario Carita, chief of the Italian SS, was slain by American fifth army troops in a mountain hideout in northern Italy. His 29-year-old mistress was wounded in the brief gun battle.

In Moscow, the Soviet press called on the western allies to arrest and try immediately members of the Doenitz government and the German general staff. Any further delay may lead to real chaos in Europe and perhaps a third world war, the Soviets said.

European dispatches said the latest batch of accused war criminals rounded up by the allies were:

Norman Baillie-Stewart — former British officer who had been working for the German propaganda ministry and foreign office for five years. He said he had made the original "Lord Haw Haw" broadcasts from Germany.

Fernand de Brinon — former Vichyite ambassador to Paris.

Dr. Bernard Menetrol — former personal physician and collaborator with Marshal Henri Fetaim, and Haj Amin El Hussein, exiled grand mufti of Jerusalem, wanted for anti-Jewish activities.

De Valera Bids For World League Seat DUBLIN, May 21 (UP)—Premier Eamon De Valera has made his first post-war bid for Irish membership in the new league of nations.



HEROIC COMMANDER—Capt. Leslie E. Gehre, who brought "Big Ben," the U. S. aircraft carrier Franklin, through the most terrible ordeal any American ship ever survived.

De Valera, who was president of the old league, spoke during a military parade yesterday and said:

"As we were a loyal member of the old league of nations so we are prepared to become a loyal member of any new league that might be formed for collective security if it promises to be an effective instrument of peace and guarantee to all nations full equality of rights."

### French Shooting In Beyrouth Stirs Political Crisis

BEYROUTH, May 21 (UP)—Disclosures that French Senegalese troops fired on Lebanese demonstrators and killed several of them yesterday brought a new middle-eastern political crisis to a head today.

The fatal shooting occurred near a French cooperative store in Beyrouth. The Senegalese troops were guarding the stores and opened fire when the demonstrators approached.

(A Cairo dispatch said clashes in Syria and Lebanon had put the whole middle-east on edge over French policy in the Levant states. A Lebanese legation official said 17 persons were wounded when Senegalese troops dispersed crowds in Damascus.)

The shooting climaxed a series of incidents provoked by the arrival of French troops in Syria and Lebanon, which have resolved jointly to refuse to negotiate with the French on the question of landing additional troops in the two countries. The decision was designed to place the blame on France for any further clashes.

### Tokyo Mobilizes Youth For Defense

TOKYO, May 21 (UP)—Japan reiterated its denial of peace feelers today and mobilized 20,000,000 students for the defense of the homeland.

Sadao Iguchi, spokesman for the Japanese board of information, was quoted by the Tokyo radio as saying that Japan "at no time, at no place and through no channel whatsoever has ever proposed peace to the United States and Britain."

### Truman Economy Program May Create U. S. Business Manager

WASHINGTON, May 21 (UP)—President Truman today is developing an economy program that may lead to appointment of a "general business manager" for the United States government.

### Domestic Policies At Issue

LONDON, May 21 (UP)—The Labor party decided today to break away from the coalition government and force a British election, despite an urgent plea by Prime Minister Churchill to put off politics until Japan is defeated.

Meeting at Blackpool, the labor party rejected Churchill's proposal to continue the coalition government and offered to go to the polls any time. The step meant the death in a short time—possibly next month—of the government Churchill formed five years ago to guide Britain to victory in Europe.

In a last-minute maneuver Churchill suggested that an unprecedented national referendum be held on whether the 10-year-old parliament should continue in office.

Ready for Vote Test Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, in a press conference at Blackpool, said the party believed the election should be delayed until autumn, but was ready for it in July—the earliest possible time.

The convention, including 1,100 delegates representing 3,000,000 members, was only two votes short of unanimity in balloting against staying with Churchill's conservative majority in a combined government until the war in the east is over.

Churchill made his proposition in a letter to labor party members. He acknowledged the need for expression of the nation's will to vote, but urged that for reasons above party See LABOR... Page 5

### Striking Truckers Threatened With Federal Seizure

CHICAGO, May 21 (UP)—Approximately 6,500 members of the Chicago independent truck drivers union today had an ultimatum to end a five-day walk-out or face seizure of their transportation facilities.

The drivers have been on strike since last Thursday in protest to an 8 cents an hour wage increase granted by the war labor board. They said the wage boost is too small and does not meet union demands.

Deliveries of perishable foods, merchandise and war materials were halted by the walkout.

Approximately 100 army and navy trucks took over delivery of vital war materials into war plants. Firms making "C" rations for fighting forces in the Pacific, radar plants and small electrical equipment shop manufacturing for the navy were affected by the walkout.

### GI Gets Nation's Highest Honor From President at Public Rites

WASHINGTON, May 21 (UP)—President Truman today personally presented the medal of honor to Tech. Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey in a ceremony of tribute before congress to the growing list of heroes who have served their country "beyond the call of duty."

The 24-year-old soldier from Lucedale, Miss., was the 223rd serviceman and 100th infantryman in this war to be awarded the nation's highest military honor.

He was the first, however, to receive it directly from the president in the presence of both houses of congress and the country's highest military and civil leaders and many foreign diplomats.

Lindsey's great deeds, performed against superior enemy forces in Germany last November, stemmed straight from his own personal courage. The president said.

ed on the front row to the left of the speaker's rostrum were the hero's nearest relatives—his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jake L. Lindsey and his sister, Mrs. Pauline Smith, all of Lucedale.

Lindsey was accompanied to the chamber by Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff.

Gen. Marshall read the citation which summarized Lindsey's act, which included the knocking out of two enemy machine guns, capture of two more and forcing the withdrawal of two enemy tanks, thus securing his unit's position.

As President Truman placed the ribbon bearing the medal around Lindsey's neck he said history of the war is filled with countless acts of valor by our soldiers and marines, and he noted that of 100 infantrymen who have received the medal of honor, 50 died performing the acts for which they were honored.

### Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.

Temperature	
Maximum	59
Minimum	41
Precipitation	Trace.

Forecast: Cloudy and warmer, probably showers tonight and Tuesday.