

# Yank Blows Crumble Defenses on Okinawa

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# B-29s Leave Yokohama in Flames

## Jap Suicide Planes Hit 13 U. S. Ships in Fighting For Shuri

GUAM, May 29 (UP)—Japanese defenses in southern Okinawa appeared to be crumbling fast today.

On the west coast, marines of the sixth division captured two-thirds of the capital city of Naha, cleared the north shore of Naha harbor and sent patrols to Onoyama island in mid-harbor.

Sixteen-inch guns of battleships offshore breached the walls of the inland citadel of Shuri, already outflanked and nearly encircled. A number of Japanese were fleeing through the escape gap still open.

Seventh division troops on the east coast drove another 1,500 yards south on a 3,000-yard front and reached the southwest corner of Baten Bay. Reconnaissance groups in landing craft reconnoitered the south and west coasts of the bay.

The gains all across the island were the best since Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's 10th army forces rammed into the Naha.

By United Press  
A Bern broadcast said without confirmation today that the American 10th army had captured Naha, capital of Okinawa. The broadcast, giving no source for the report, said "All the city of Naha now is occupied" by the Americans.

Shuri-Yonbaru defense line more than a month ago.

A Pacific fleet communique revealed the Japanese renewed their suicide air attacks on American warships off Okinawa Sunday, sinking one light unit and causing minor to moderate damage to 12 others.

The enemy paid for the success with 77 planes shot down, preliminary reports showed.

Sixth division marines met only scattered machine-gun and rifle fire from enemy rear guards as they swept through the mined, rubble-heaped streets of Naha to the shores of the harbor.

A front dispatch from United Press war correspondent E. G. Valens said a patrol landed on tiny Onoyama island in the center of Naha harbor, but retreated under fire from Japanese guns on the south shore of the harbor.

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**WARNS JAPS**—Capt. Ellis M. Zacharias, one of the navy's leading experts on Japan and a former resident of that country, has promised in broadcasts beamed at Nippon that greater destruction than was heaped upon Germany will be the fate of Japan. The recent raids on Tokyo and Yokohama are samples of what is to come.

## Big Five Extend Security Parley As Business Lags

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29 (UP)—The big five of the United Nations security conference, in a two-hour meeting, today moved ahead from June 6 to June 11 their tentative deadline for adjournment of the parley.

The conference leaders also discussed at length a French proposal to change the wording of an amendment to the basic Dumbarton Oaks plan covering bilateral treaties such as the Franco-Russian pact directed against any future German aggression.

Meanwhile, it was indicated that Denmark might seek a seat at the conference within the next few days. The United States told its fellow big five members that if Norway should move to admit Denmark to the conference, this country would agree.

But the major part of today's big five meeting was revealed to have centered around the lagging progress of the conference work. The general sentiment was that the conference should get on with its work as rapidly as possible, but that under no circumstances should the quality of the output suffer.

## Truman Plan for Jobless Payment Meets Opposition

WASHINGTON, May 29 (UP)—President Truman may get the first major congressional rebuff of his administration over the question of setting a federal standard of unemployment compensation.

President Roosevelt was similarly rebuffed last year.

Mr. Truman yesterday asked congress to set federal standards of unemployment pay as an emergency measure during the reconversion period pending action on a general broadening of social security measures.

Specifically he urged establishment of a nationwide maximum of at least \$25 weekly extending over a period of up to six months for workers thrown out of jobs during the changeover from war to peace production.

Reaction among congressional leaders indicated that the request will be rejected as was a similar one last year during consideration of the war mobilization and reconversion bill.

All that congressional leaders would promise for the time being was prompt attention to the problem and fulfillment of some parts of the president's request.

Both houses of congress rejected proposals to set a federal standard ranging up to \$35 a week based on previous earnings and dependents of the unemployed workers.

ACTRESS HAS DAUGHTER  
HOLLYWOOD, May 29 (UP)—Screen actress Hedy Lamarr and British actor John Lodge today announced the birth of a girl, upsetting their choice of a name for the child. The daughter was born at 7:40 a.m. She weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

## Lumberman, Passenger Are Missing on Idaho Flight

Frank Van Patten of Ontario, a member of Van Patten Lumber company of La Grande, is reported missing in his four-passenger Cessna plane presumably in northern Idaho. He had Charles P. Flegel, Ontario real estate man, as a passenger.

Valley County Sheriff Merling Francis said the plane has been missing since it took off from the Yellowpine airport at 5 p. m. Sunday enroute for Ontario.

The plane was equipped with a two-way radio but no communication was received from the men. Forest service men reported hearing the plane 18 miles west of Yellowpine, a lumbering community, shortly after it left the field. Francis said he and Penn Stohr, veteran Idaho pilot, flew over the mountainous territory yesterday but saw no trace of the plane. Civil air patrol planes from Boise have joined the search, and the CAP from La Grande and the surrounding area have offered their services.

Van Patten, frequently a business visitor in La Grande, is a major in the CAP and saw service in the current war flying border and Atlantic patrol.

## 100 Syrians Killed By French as Near East Crisis Grows

BEYROUTH, May 29 (UP)—Jemil Mardam, acting premier of Syria, reported today that one hundred Syrians have been killed and 300 wounded so far in widespread fighting with French forces in the Levant.

Mardam said at Damascus that the crisis caused by an influx of French troops was "most grave." Disorder and violence were widespread in Syria and Lebanon, despite an apparent effort by the French to avoid trouble or keep it to a minimum.

Reports reached Beyrouth that French forces had withdrawn from certain exposed points where local garrisons could not be quickly reinforced.

Damascus reports said French tanks were sent to reinforce the garrison at Hama.

LONDON, May 29 (UP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden indicated to commons today that Britain supports French claims to military bases in Syria and Lebanon, similar to the British bases in Iraq.

In a carefully-worded statement delivered in response to a number of questions from the house, Eden admitted grave concern over the spreading tension in the middle east. He said it threatens the security of allied communications to the far east.

Both Britain and the United States, he added, are in active consultation with France on the situation and the French have been warned that the dispatch of further reinforcements to Syria and Lebanon may have "regrettable" consequences.

## Induction of Some 4-Fs is Army Plan

WASHINGTON, May 29 (UP)—The army plans to induct a few men under 26 with minor physical defects for limited service assignments.

Selective service announced that a limited number of such men would be drafted in addition to the monthly quotas for general service.

The new policy also covers conscientious objectors. Those under 26 who are physically acceptable will be assigned to "work of national importance" under civilian direction.

## Knudsen Quits Army Production Post

WASHINGTON, May 29 (UP)—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen has resigned as army director of production effective June 1, the war department announced today.



**HELD AS SPY**—Paul Jean Marie Cavallier, 43, former French air force officer, who has been arrested by the FBI on charges that he served as a German agent.

## Oregon to Get New Insect Killer to Use on Potatoes

WASHINGTON, May 29 (UP)—DDT, the war developed insect killer, will be tried out commercially against the potato tuber flea beetle, the war production board said today.

On the request of war food administration a limited amount of DDT will be made available in Oregon to protect the potato crop.

The limited supply of DDT, makes it impossible, however, to permit general commercial use because of the great military demand for it, WPB said.

Other home front commodity and production news included: The office of price administration said: The June quota is the same as May's.

OPA said the remaining supply of 1942 cars, less than 4,000, will last until new production is available.

WPB removed controls on production of aluminum cooking utensils and kitchenware. Increased production of aluminum ware is expected as war contracts are completed.

## Japan Warned Not To Mistreat Yanks

WASHINGTON, May 29 (UP)—The United States again has sternly warned the Japanese government against mistreating American prisoners, the state department revealed today.

The Japanese had hinted at a policy of reprisal against American prisoners and civilian internees because a U. S. submarine mistakenly sank a Japanese supply ship that was traveling under an allied grant of safe conduct.

The United States rejected a Japanese protest about the sinking. However, the U. S. navy has instituted court martial proceedings against the commander of the submarine. The Japanese vessel, believed to have been the supply ship Awa Maru, was sunk on April 1.

## Three Girls Are Given Scholarships

President Roben J. Maaske of Eastern Oregon college, today announced the awarding of three all-tuition scholarships presented by the Soroptomist club of La Grande. They have been given to Irene Van Beveren of Hillsboro, Vera Gorbett of Lostine, and one from Wagner's Dress Shop to Mary Sommerer of Hermiston.

Receipt of a \$74 freshman scholarship gift from Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie of Summerville was acknowledged today by Dr. Maaske.

## Industries, Homes Of Great Port Are Wrecked By Bombs

GUAM, May 29 (UP)—Yokohama, Japan's second port and fifth largest city, was a raging inferno today after more than 450 Superfortresses poured 3,200 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs on the city in a daylight fire raid.

Returning B-29 crewmen said smoke rose as high as 20,000 feet over the blazing metropolis and also reported smoke over nearby smoldering Tokyo, target for two 500-plane assaults last week.

Shipyards, war plants, naval installations and block after block of business buildings and homes in Yokohama were reduced to charred wreckage as bombardiers laid their deadly cargoes in a pattern from the waterfront straight through the city.

The assault was carried out from medium altitude with what

## Jap Navy Chief Ousted, Post Goes To Air Veteran

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29 (UP)—Admiral Soemu Toyoda was removed from Japan's three top naval commands today in a general shakeup following the American successes on Okinawa and carrier-based raids on the Japanese homeland.

The Japanese Domei agency said the navy ministry announced that Toyoda had been relieved as commander in chief of the combined fleet, commander-in-chief of the newly-established over-all naval command and commander of the naval escorts command.

All three posts were given to Vice Admiral Jisaburo Ozawa, vice chief of the naval general staff and president of the naval pilots said was "relative ease."

Yokohama, a city of 1,000,000 was one of Japan's principal naval bases and the main port. See YOKOHAMA . . . Page 2

## Business Will Halt As City Honors War Heroes

Patriotic citizens of La Grande will lay aside the implements of commerce and industry tomorrow to pay tribute to the memory of the men and women who gave their lives in defense of their country, with exercises locally that will consist of a parade and services at the Masonic cemetery. In the event of inclement weather the program will be presented in the First Methodist church.

Business houses will be closed all day and public attention will be focused on the Memorial Day observance. The parade will form at Greenwood and Washington streets and will traverse the business district, disbanding at the Elks' temple. Immediately following the parade the participants, representing the city's patriotic organizations, boy and girl scouts and other organizations, will go to the cemetery where ritualistic services will be conducted by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the United Spanish War Veterans.

One of the highlights of the ceremonies will be the reading of general orders No. 11 of General Logan, first commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, which set aside May 30 as the first Memorial Day. It will be read by R. J. Kitchin, representative of the Sons of Union Veterans.

## Shorter Work Day Is Projected As Step to Balk Unemployment

An improved system of distribution which will contribute to greater consumption of the products of American industry, and a possible shortening of hours of work are seen by Rev. Clarence A. Kopp of La Grande as some of the measures necessary to prevent widespread unemployment and depression in post-war years.

He spoke last night at a meeting of the Union county veterans' employment committee in the city hall, asserting that present efforts to readjust the nation to a civilian economy are only makeshifts and will not solve the problem now confronting the nation any more than similar measures did after World War I.

Rev. Kopp said the demand for consumer goods will be so great for perhaps two years after the war ends that there will be no unemployment problem, but, he added, once the immediate demand has been satisfied the question of jobs will again develop.

He said America's problem has not been one of over-production but of under-consumption and faulty distribution. He said it is his opinion that one step toward preventing unemployment is the spreading of work through shortening of hours.

## La Grande Coast Guardsman Praised for Combat Courage

Coast Guardsman Doug Holman, 23, gunners mate first class of 2004 Adams avenue, has received high praise from his commanding officer for his role in the invasion of Leyte and Mindoro.

In speaking of the 23 year old coast guardsman, his skipper who preferred to remain anonymous said, "Holman was pointer on a 20 m.m. gun. His shooting was exceptionally good and his leadership has been outstanding. On one occasion we nearly raised out of the water by a near miss. The entire ship was covered with water and shrapnel. We received one severe casualty as a result of this bomb. Holman was also hit but he didn't even report his wound until the action was over."

Holman's record, and the record of the LST to which he was assigned is one of courage. At the invasion of Leyte the coast guard ship shot down four Japanese planes despite the fact that its ship's smoke generating equipment was not functioning.

After that the ship made two runs to Mindoro, crossing through enemy held "Suicide Guleh" in the Sula sea. On their first run they downed a Jap dive bomber and on their second added four more to bring their total of enemy aircraft to nine. It was the last plane shot down which almost caused disaster, for she came in at 29 feet from head on. The gun crews poured a hail of anti-aircraft fire into her, and suddenly, the Jap wings began to wobble and one of them fell.

## Baseball Results

By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
New York	3 12 0
Pittsburgh	4 8 1
Feldman, Adams and Berres; Roe, Gables and Lopez, Salkeld, Brooklyn	10 14 1
Chicago	3 8 3
Chapman and Dantonio; Stewart, Commellas, Vandenberg and Rice.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	

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