

Shuri Is Taken by American Forces

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Britain Intervenes In Near East

Merchants Need Pay Only Price Damages Assessed By Court, Says OPA Chief

Merchants do not have to pay claims for damages assessed by local price panels or the OPA district office unless the penalties are imposed in a court order.

This is the substance of a statement by Chester Bowles, national price administrator, as the outgrowth of complaints against OPA action against merchants in La Grande and Baker.

Traditional EOC Ceremony Will Be Held Tonight

Evensong, a traditional Eastern Oregon college ceremony held annually on the grand stairway during commencement week by the entire student body and faculty, will be presented tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The commencement will be at 2:15 p. m. tomorrow.

Instrumental music will be supplied by the college orchestra supplemented by high school musicians. Chroniclers will be William Dietrich of La Grande and Allen Matthews of Condon.

The opening march will be an Underwood composition. The grand procession of students will be to the strains of Batiste's Processional march.

Musical numbers to be presented will include "Hail, Oregon," "East Oregon Beloved," "East Oregon We Love Thee," (Gene Schultz, class of '38), "Alma Mater" and "Oregon My Oregon."

Queen Kay Andrews Buck will reign over the festivities, attended by Princesses Dorothy Ball, Lois Davidson, Betty Graven, Phylis McLaughlin, Emily Otis and Marian Snider.

U. S. Bombers Blast Jap Holdouts in Cleanup of Luzon

MANILA, May 31 (UP)—American bombers poured over 500 tons of bombs on Japanese positions on Luzon as the drive to wipe out the last enemy pockets on the island gained speed.

The American air fleet flew over 400 sorties to drop 510 tons of explosives on Japanese installations and positions, mostly in the Cagayan valley in northern Luzon. The biggest enemy force left on Luzon, an estimated 30,000 troops, is in the north.

The 32nd and 25th infantry divisions opened the attack on Cagayan valley after cleaning up its gateway, the crossroads town of Santa Fe. In the final mopup 150 Japanese stragglers were killed in the Santa Fe area.

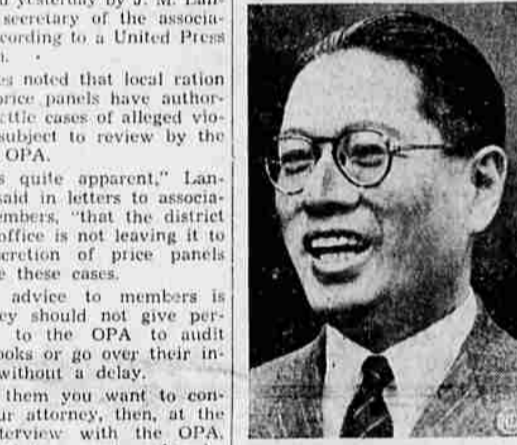
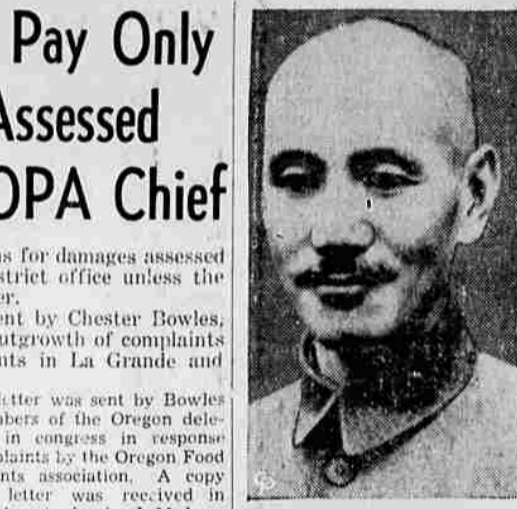
East of Manila, the 38th division killed another 200 Japanese and cleaned out the last enemy remnants around Wawa dam, another source of water for the capital.

On Mindanao MacArthur's troops hacked their way along the Kibawe-Talomo trail in a move to cut off the Japanese escape route from the Davao sector.

Soldier From Union Is Pacific Casualty

Current casualty lists carry the name of Pfc. Edward L. Butcher of La Grande among the wounded in the fighting in the Pacific area. He is the son of Mrs. Grace Halliston of La Grande. He has been in the army about a year and was home on a furlough from Fort Ord, Calif., in November.

His mother was notified by the war department prior to the release of the casualty announcement to the public.



QUITS POLITICAL POST — General Chiang Kai-shek, who today resigned as premier of China, and (below) Dr. T. V. Soong, brother-in-law of the generalissimo, who was chosen to succeed him.

Little Nations Win Move To Curb Security Council

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31 (UP)—A United Nations conference committee has approved a section of the proposed world organization charter directing the security council to report to the assembly on measures it adopts and applies, despite strenuous objections by Soviet Russia, it was revealed today.

This new "little nation" victory came in the big five planned early meeting—possibly late today—to seek agreement on about seven outstanding problems.

Several issues on which final big five agreement had not yet been reached, and which were discussed by the U. S. delegation today. Most of these issues involve the Yalta voting formula. Action thus must be delayed on them until Moscow approves or disapproves the interpretation of that formula which was agreed to here last weekend.

The action on reports by the security council to the assembly was taken in the conference committee on the assembly. A final draft of the section was approved 28 to 3. The Soviet Russian, White Russian and Ukrainian delegates voted no.

The new section provides that the council is to report to the assembly on matters concerning peace and security and that those reports should cover the measures adopted or applied by the council.

The plenary session also accepted the resignation of Dr. H. H. Kung, another brother-in-law of Chiang, as vice-premier-vice-president of the executive Yuan. See CHIANG, Page 7.

Prisoners Strike, Get Bread, Water

FT. DOUGLAS, Utah, May 31 (UP)—About 200 Italian prisoners of war interested here today were placed on a bread and water diet in an open field after they refused to work last night, Col. E. L. Logan, post commanding officer, said today.

The 200 prisoners are striking for shorter hours, the colonel said, and have asked that they be allowed to work the same hours as civilian employes at the post.

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.:
Temperature:
Maximum 78
Minimum 49
Forecast Partly cloudy, possible showers, tonight and Friday.

France Is Ordered To Desist

BEYROUTH, May 31 (UP)—The French command in the Levant tonight ordered French units to cease fire after receiving orders from Paris to suspend hostilities and cooperate fully with the British.

LONDON, May 31 (UP)—Great Britain ordered her troops in Syria and Lebanon to halt the bloody Arab-French disorders today and served a virtual ultimatum on France to cease hostilities in the Levant immediately.

In a move to resolve the Levant crisis and prevent a possible rupture of allied communications lines to the far east, Prime Minister Churchill announced he had

ordered British armed intervention between the warring French and Arab forces in Syria and Lebanon.

At the same time, a terse memorandum was dispatched to Gen. Charles de Gaulle "requesting" the immediate withdrawal of all French troops in the Levant to their barracks "to avoid collision between British and French forces."

"Once firing has ceased and order has been restored, we shall be prepared to begin tri-partite discussions here in London," the British note said.

French Cause Disorders
The sudden British intervention climaxed three weeks of spreading disorder in the Levant, touched off by the dispatch of See FRANCE, Page 7.

Service Club Sale Of Flowers Brings \$118 For Canteen

The largest single contribution to the Do-Nut Hut since the inception of the free canteen for service men was presented by the Wives and Mothers Service club, whose members realized \$118 from their garden flower sale held Tuesday at the USO headquarters.

Flowers were donated by individuals of the community and were sold for Decoration day, with all proceeds going to the canteen.

Mrs. S. B. Morgan, chairman of the sale, and her committee, Mrs. V. Rechin, Mrs. Ray Ragsdale, Mrs. Herman Yeck, Mrs. Eugene Millinger, Mrs. John Cavanaugh, Mrs. C. J. Shorb, Mrs. Julia Metzler, Mrs. O. B. Maxam and Mrs. H. G. Dow, gave the entire day to the successful execution of the sale.

At the meeting of the club June 29 disposal of the money to the best advantage for the Do-Nut Hut will be discussed.

Another contribution in connection with the flower sale was made by a former La Grande business man who now resides in Portland. He sent Harry McCarthy a \$25 check asking that it be given to the Do-nut hut since he was not here to give any flowers for the sale.

Anderson is Given Solons' Approval

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—The senate agriculture committee today approved the nomination of Rep. Clinton Anderson, D. N. M., to be secretary of agriculture.

The nomination probably will be taken up in the senate Monday.

The committee set June 11 as the date for public hearings on the nomination of the retiring secretary, Claude A. Wickard, to be rural electrification administrator.



One of the most spectacular demonstrations of the work of the American doughboy in battling the Japanese is this scene which climaxes the "Here's Your Infantry" show which will come to La Grande June 15. It shows the wiping out of a Jap pillbox by flamethrowers. The show tells the story of modern warfare in plain language and shows how war bonds are fighting the enemy.

Spectacular "Battle" Will Be Staged Here by Doughboys in War Bond Rally on June 15

Thirty-nine American veterans from the fighting fronts of the world will invade La Grande June 15 to give residents of this area first hand demonstration of how modern war is fought.

They will appear with one of 28 teams of doughboys who are touring the country with "Here's Your Infantry," comprising 1,100 battle experienced soldiers who are promoting the sale of war bonds in the 7th war loan campaign. The show is being sponsored locally by the Elks' lodge with Foster Sims as chairman.

They will appear on the high school athletic field, where actual combat conditions will be simulated and described.

The demonstrations will be open to the public without charge and it has been announced no purchase of war bonds will be necessary for admittance.

Most of the members of the team to appear here are Oregon and Washington veterans of Italy, Germany, France and the Pacific who wear various decorations for their part in beating the country's enemies.

Equipment to be Exhibited
The demonstrations are a combination of static exhibits of infantry weapons, equipment, clothing and rations, and an action-filled attack on a Japanese pillbox, against which the doughboys direct the fire of bazookas, mortars, machine guns, automatic rifles and various types of explosives and flame-throwers.

The pillbox is equipped with dummy rifles and machine guns and a grenade discharger which return the fire of the soldiers.

As each weapon is brought into use a trained announcer describes how it is being used.

In addition to this demonstration, the army show will include exhibits of the Garand rifle, carbine automatic rifle, pistol, light and heavy machine guns, mortar, bazooka, submachinegun, grenade launcher, flamethrower, and various types of ammunition. Booby traps and mines and methods of overcoming them also will be included in the demonstrations.

The doughboys clothing and other equipment also will be exhibited and soldiers who used the various weapons and other equipment will be on hand. See DOUGHBOYS, Page 3.

State Wheat Loan Rate Set at \$1.49

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—The war food administration announced today that a loan program will be offered to farmers on 1945 crop wheat at a national average of \$1.38 a bushel compared with the average of \$1.35 a bushel for 1944 wheat. The rate on No. 1 soft white or western white at Portland is set at \$1.49.

Loans will vary from the basic rate at the farm to take into account location, grade and quality.

The program is designed to reflect to the farmer 90 per cent of parity. WFA said if the parity price of wheat advances more than one cent a bushel before July 1, an adjustment will be made in the new loan rates.

Marines Raise Flag Over Ancient Castle As Defense Collapses

GUAM, Friday, June 1 (UP)—Tenth army marines and soldiers took formal control of the Shuri area in southern Okinawa today, drawing two separate pincers around perhaps thousands of Japanese near the conquered citadel.

As radio Tokyo conceded that its main defense line had collapsed and said the critical stage in the 61-day battle for Okinawa is imminent, the Americans slashed at enemy soldiers seeking to escape to the southern tip of the island for a last-ditch stand.

Army troops drove in from the north of Shuri to meet the marine conquerors of Shuri Castle. A larger encirclement was being forged by marines driving south-east from captured Naha, now approximately 1,000 yards from doughboys at the town of Chan, in the center of the island below Shuri.

Close in on Enemy
Advanced elements of the seventh division were reported moving down the east coast to within two miles of the southern tip of Okinawa.

In Shuri itself, marines of the first division raised the stars and stripes over 15th century Shuri castle, shell-pocked former Japanese army headquarters, at 1:45 p. m. yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Pedro Del Valle commander of the first division, said his marines now control the whole of the ruined city of Shuri, though "actual physical occupation" had not been completed.

Japanese suicide squads still clinging to strong positions northwest, north, east and southeast of Shuri, but the 77th division collapse the north-eastern defenses and plunged ahead to within a few hundred yards of a junction with the marines at Shuri castle.

With complete American conquest of Okinawa now within sight, the Japanese threw more suicide planes against the American fleet off the island in a hopeless effort to delay the inevitable.

Two more light American warships were damaged by suicide planes Tuesday. Adverse weather reduced the scale of the attacks, however. Eight enemy planes were shot down.

Deaths of Six From Jap Balloon Bomb At Lakeview Told

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—The only casualties inflicted by Japanese balloon bombs which have fallen sporadically in the western area were suffered by a family that found an unexploded bomb, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today.

They detonated the bomb, with the result a woman and five children were killed. Her husband and one child survived.

The secretary did not give details of the incident.

It was known, however, the incident occurred near Lakeview, Ore., several months ago.

LAKEVIEW, Ore., May 31 (UP)—The sheriff's office at Lakeview today identified the six persons announced by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson to have been killed by a Japanese balloon bomb as Mrs. Archie Mitchell, Sherman Shoemaker, Jay Gifford, Eddie Engen, Joan and Dick Patzke.

The woman was the wife of a Bly minister. They had taken a group of children on a picnic 15 miles east of Bly, last May 5.

They handled the balloon and its apparatus thereby causing its detonation. The pastor was far enough away to escape injury.

The children all lived in Bly and were between the ages of 11 and 13. Joint services were held for four of the six at Klamath Falls.

Californian Named To Church Post

MONMOUTH, Ill., May 31 (UP)—Dr. Albert E. Kelly, Santa Ana, Calif., was elected vice-moderator of the United Presbyterian Church of North America general assembly today.

Kelly also was named chairman of the committee on bills and overtures of the 87th general assembly.

Earlier, Dr. James M. Ferguson, Bellevue, Pa., took office as moderator of the church.

Sen. Morse Blames Navy for Shortage Of Shipyard Labor

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., charged today that the navy's labor policy was responsible for the critical shortage of workers in the west coast repair yards. He said west coast senators have demanded an explanation.

Secretary of Navy James Forrestal yesterday made a plea for 15,000 additional skilled workmen in Pacific coast repair docks to handle vessels damaged in Pacific battles. He told a news conference that since V-E day workers have been leaving yards in "alarming proportions," creating a critical situation.

"There need be no real basis for the navy's fear if it would proceed to drop out its labor policies on the west coast," Morse said.

Since world war I, private repair yards from San Francisco north have paid an 11.6 cent differential for their work, Morse said, and despite the fact that "historically and factually there is adequate basis for this differential in southern California shipyards," Morse said.

"All west coast senators are very much concerned about the developing labor crisis as an outgrowth of the government's failure to settle the controversies. They have asked the war labor board and the procurement agencies to give them a statement of the government's position on the matter."

Man Nabbed With Stolen Car Faces Bad Check Charge

Arrested a week ago by state police on a charge of being drunk on a public highway, Richard J. O'Brien of Monmouth, will be arraigned in Justice George Currey's court Saturday on a charge of issuing fictitious checks.

The state police said prior to O'Brien's arrest last Wednesday they received the first of the bogus checks, but he was not connected with them until he had been sentenced to jail for 10 days on the drunkenness charge. Subsequently they received more of the checks, issued for \$8 or \$12, and passed principally in service stations, amounting in the aggregate to \$52.

O'Brien was arrested when the police stopped a car in which he and three sailors were riding. The car was reported to have been stolen in Portland on May 19. The sailors, who said O'Brien gave them a ride, were turned over to the navy shore patrol for being absent without leave after the police determined they had nothing to do with the theft of the automobile. The officers said one of the sailors was driving the car. They said O'Brien was too drunk to drive.

Reclamation Chief Is Named For West

WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes today announced that Goodrich W. Lineveaver of Harrisonburg, Va., has been appointed director of the branch of operation and maintenance of the bureau of reclamation for 15 western states.

Lineveaver, who succeeds John S. Moore, joined the bureau of reclamation's staff as an irrigation consultant in 1938.

Baseball Results

By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Philadelphia	1 5 4
Cincinnati	8 13 0
Lee, Karl, Coffman and Mancuso, Seminick; Beck and Unsc.	
New York at Chicago, postponed, 6 a. m.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	

Chicago 2 7 2
Philadelphia 3 10 3
Lopt, Berry and Tresh; Black, Flores and George. 2 5 1
Cleveland 6 11 2
Boston
Embree, Center and Hayes; Ferriss and Garbark.