

# Halsey Opens New Drive on Japan

## Enemy Defeats Mark Allied Campaign on All Pacific Fronts

PEARL HARBOR, June 2 (UP) — Bull Halsey is hammering the Japanese again. The navy announced today that Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet has taken over from the fifth fleet around the Ryukyu islands south of Japan. Halsey himself said he was ready to go anywhere between the North and South Poles.

Halsey's command comprised the world's most powerful array of naval might. His return to action around Okinawa was accompanied by a number of command changes in what looked to be the first Pacific re-deployment preliminary to the grand assault on Japan.

## Russ Proposal on Veto May Snarl Security Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2 (UP)—New uncertainty and potential controversy was injected into the united nations conference today by a Russian proposal that the big five's veto power in the world security council cover a broader range of matters than heretofore contemplated.

Some delegates frankly expressed apprehension that the Russian plan might throw a new and serious snag into the already delayed progress of the conference. The plan was outlined in the Soviet Union's long awaited interpretation of the Yalta voting formula, presented to the conference's big five at a meeting late last night.

The American delegation meeting this morning, spent 10 minutes discussing routine conference matters. Then it adjourned to the apartment of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., to discuss the Russian interpretation prior to a session of the big five. That group decided last night to meet daily until the conference's log jam of undecided issues has been broken.

Advisers to the big five had spent most of the night studying the Russian interpretation. It was generally agreed that the interpretation took "a very tough attitude" on how the big five might exercise their veto powers on the proposed world security council, and that as it now stands it undoubtedly would complicate conference deliberations. It was very doubtful that the "little" united nations — or several of them, at any rate — would go along with the Soviet interpretation.

## La Grande Folk Will Boost State Building Measure

Acceptance of membership on a state-wide committee to promote passage of the state building measure at the June 22 election was announced today by Mrs. Elinor Kennedy, Charles Reynolds and August J. Stango, all of La Grande.

They were named recently as part of an organization of 73 representative citizens from all parts of the state appointed by E. C. Sammons, state chairman. Sammons' announcement said support of the building measure is growing as electors increasingly advised of the fact that the building fund of \$10,000,000 will come from income tax revenue and will not involve any increase in real estate taxes.

"New buildings are absolutely essential if returning war veterans are given educational opportunities they have requested," he said.

## Labor Raps Attack On Jap-Americans

The CIO district auto and aircraft council today condemned attacks on Japanese-Americans and urged the governor of California, Oregon and Washington to "take public steps" to prevent further terrorism.

The union said action of a Placer County, Cal., jury in acquitting three persons accused of terrorizing Japanese-Americans was "detrimental to the welfare of our loyal citizens, many of whom are honorably discharged veterans of this war or have sons and relatives in service."

## Presbyterians Seek Big Mission Fund

MONMOUTH, Ill., June 2 (UP)—The general assembly of the United Presbyterian church today called on its members for a \$2,125,000 subscription fund for a two-year "world-wide Christian advance."

It allocated \$1,000,000 of the proposed sum to be divided between the home and foreign mission boards and \$500,000 to be spread among five colleges under supervision of the church.

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MARINES AND TANKS MOVE INTO NAHA—U. S. Marines and their armored vehicles move into Naha, capital city of Okinawa during their advance in face of stiff Japanese resistance. On a hill overlooking the city, they wait while Jap positions below are eliminated before moving ahead. U. S. Navy photo.

## College Graduates are Warned Their Is the Responsibility for Reshaping of World's Affairs

"A great opportunity awaits the younger generation of today, upon whom falls the privilege and the task of reshaping the international and intra-national affairs, and the wise leadership must necessarily fall to the educated people. For this undertaking they must be thoroughly qualified."

So spoke President Wisslow S. Anderson of Whitman college, Walla Walla, in the commencement address on "The Obligation of Opportunity" at Eastern Oregon college yesterday afternoon.

A capacity crowd filled the auditorium to witness the exercises. Presiding was Dr. Robert J. Maaske, president of the college. Dr. Maaske acknowledged the gifts to the college and presented the graduates with certificates, degrees and diplomas as they were introduced by Lyle Johnson, registrar.

Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Stanley E. Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the benediction by Rev. M. J. McMahon of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church.

Professional and recreational were played by the college orchestra supplemented by students from the high school music department. Vocal numbers were presented by the college women's chorus, under the direction of Dr. Henry Ehlers.

Phil Meischen, member of the state board of higher education, voiced the greeting of the board to the graduates, which included students who had completed junior college courses, four year students, three year students, and members of the cadet nurse corps.

A large attendance of students, alumni, parents and friends attended the reception and tea following the exercises. See COLLEGE... Page 7

## Man is Seriously Injured in Fall

Sam Harrison, 53, is in St. Joseph hospital in a condition described by his physician as critical as a result of severe head and chest injury and a possible neck injury when he fell in the railroad yards yesterday.

It was reported that he was filling an engine with water, when he fell, striking his head on the concrete. The attending physician said the extent of his injuries cannot be determined until additional x-rays are made.

## Probe of Liquor Buying Near End

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (UP)—Concluding phase of the legislative investigation into state purchase of the liquor stocks of the Waterfall-Frazier and Shawhan distilleries will be conducted at a hearing here June 18-19, State Sen. Paul Paterson, chairman of the investigating committee, announced today.

He said auditors have completed study of Waterfall-Frazier records, brought here from Kansas City, Mo. The investigation was ordered by the legislature at the request of Gov. Earl Snell to dispell talk of "politics" in connection with the transaction.

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## Canning Sugar Allotment Cut In Western States

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2 (UP)—The OPA regional office for six western states today issued an order limiting issuance of home canning sugar to 10 pounds per person, effective immediately.

The order, making a five pound cut per person, was designed to prevent the possibility of complete suspension of home canning rations, regional Administrator Charles E. Board said.

## Man Held Here To Be Extradited

Extradition papers for John M. Lemon, 53, who is wanted in Wichita, Kans., were issued today by Governor Earl Snell in Salem, according to a United Press dispatch.

Lemon was arrested Monday in Union by Sheriff Jesse Brecheers and Oregon state police, along with Frank D. Hutchison, 22, both of whom were reported to the local authorities to be wanted on charges of burglary and arson in the Kansas city.

The information from Salem today made no mention of extradition proceedings against the younger man.

Both are in custody in the county jail here.

## Tragedy Results When Hookey-Playing Girls Abduct Infant

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Both girls denied handling the child roughly, and said they did not drop him. An autopsy showed the baby died of a broken neck. There were no marks of violence on his body.

About the time of school dismissal, detectives said, the girls wrapped the baby in his blanket and placed him under some weeds. They intended, they said, to return to the baby after they had reported to their home from school.

## De Gaulle Blames Near East Crisis On Great Britain

### Intervention Held Breach of Pact With France

PARIS, June 2 (UP)—Gen. De Gaulle accused Britain today of fomenting the crisis in the Levant.

He said France's position in international disputes is "to negotiate with all interested parties in a spirit of cooperation."

De Gaulle's statements were made at a press conference. He said he saw no stumbling block to discussions with Britain, the United States, Russia and the Arabs. But he based France's willingness to negotiate the Levantine issues on consideration of the Arab world as a whole rather than this one specific sphere.

### Pact Breach Charged

De Gaulle charged that British intervention in Syria and Lebanon was in violation of the Anglo-French agreement signed in July, 1941, which provided for French command of forces in the two states.

"This treaty was in effect until May 31 at 4:30 p.m. when Prime Minister Churchill's note was sent," De Gaulle said.

"Britain," he said, "also has a considerable commercial interest and this is the role she has wanted to play in the Arab world. After 1918 and the institution of the mandate system the difficulties started."

"You can see they have not ended. Although the British often have said and perhaps thought they wished to allow the French to govern the mandate as we saw fit they have not. See DE GAULLE... Page 7

## London Rumor of Laval Suicide is Denied in Spain

LONDON, June 2 (UP)—A former chief of the Vichy government, had committed suicide in Barcelona to escape extradition to France, was denied officially by Spanish government spokesmen today.

"The report is not true," the Spanish spokesmen told the United Press in Madrid.

Rumors of Laval's alleged suicide circulated in London earlier today on the basis of an apparently garbled exchange telegraph recording of a Luxembourg radio broadcast.

The French foreign office in Paris said it still had not been informed officially of Laval's reported decision to surrender.

Barcelona dispatches reported that Laval probably will be flown to France soon after his decision to give himself up and face trial for treason to his native France.

## Texas Ship Work Halted By Strike

BEAUMONT, Tex., June 2 (UP)—Construction work at the Pennsylvania shipyards was at a virtual standstill today as more than 3,000 employes remained away from their jobs at the giant cargo vessel plant.

Some 900 AFL affiliated pipefitters who walked out Thursday were joined last night by an additional 2,100 union and non-union workers.

The dispute was believed to center around so-called "working conditions" at the plant, as well as the hiring of Negro labor and the placing of non-union men on union jobs.

## Three Airmen Killed As Bomber Crashes

MARCH FIELD, Cal., June 2 (UP)—March field authorities today announced the names of three army men killed when their two-engine bomber crashed Thursday night near Victorville, Calif., while on a combat training flight.

Those killed included Sgt. Orville W. Barton, 28, mother, Mrs. Florence Barton, Tipton, Wash.

ADM. KING HONORED BRUNSWICK, Me., June 2 (UP)—Admiral Ernest J. King was presented an honorary degree of doctor of science today at Bowdoin college's 140th commencement.



ASKS ARMY CUT—Rep. Andrew J. May of Kentucky, chairman of the house military affairs committee, demands "drastic reductions" in the size of the army, with immediate discharges of men over 35 not in key positions, contending a smaller force can defeat Japan.

## Stockman Blames OPA for Critical Sugar Situation

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—Rep. Lowell Stockman, R., Ore., today assailed the office of price administration for blaming the current canning sugar shortage of its illegal use by housewives is "a typical administration smoke screen designed to cover up its own fumbblings and inefficiency."

Stockman is a member of the congressional food study committee. He said in a statement that OPA itself, not the consumer, is to blame for the present shortage.

"If the beet sugar growers of this country had been encouraged even to maintain the production of sugar they turned out in 1940, he said, "there would have been additional sugar available for canning this year."

But instead of encouraging sugar production, he said, administration food agencies asked beet farmers to plant peas. He said that this reduced beet sugar production to its present low level and was a cause of the current shortage.

## Eisenhower Soon To Return to U. S.

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the allied expeditionary force, will arrive in Washington, June 18 from Europe, the war department announced today.

Eisenhower plans to visit New York on June 19, and then go to Kansas City, Mo., June 21. From Kansas City he will go to Abilene, Kan., his home town, where his mother still lives.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York already has proclaimed June 19 as "Eisenhower day" there.

## Army Coercion In Wards is Charged

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 2 (UP)—A congress of industrial organizations leader today joined Sewell Avery, chairman of Montgomery Ward & Co., in charging employe coercion in the army-controlled Hummer Manufacturing co. plant, a Ward subsidiary.

Joseph Winsky, chairman of the United Steel workers organizing committee, said delinquent American Federation of Labor employes were being ordered to reinstate their membership within 24 hours or be discharged.

Avery in a letter yesterday to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson charged army officials were trying to enforce a closed shop there.

## Cancer Fund Moves Toward \$571 Quota

Additional donations to the cancer fund today totaled \$426.64, toward the county quota of \$571.

New contributors are Ada O. Hickox, Past Matrons club, of Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. C. E. Haddock, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Friece, Helen Manning, Virginia Wallinger, Marie Turck, Marie Ledbetter, Ray Kellogg, Lucy Comstock, Leslie Smith, Ralph E. Jones and Hope chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

## Soviets Threaten Reprisals to Halt German Disorders

### 50 Lives To Be Taken For Each German Disorder

LONDON, June 2 (UP)—Berliners were warned today that 50 persons will pay with their lives every time arson or an act of violence against Russian occupation forces is committed.

Dr. Arthur Werner, new lord mayor of Berlin, revealed last night that there have been disorders in the Soviet-occupied German capital, apparently the work of Hitler youth members of the werewolf underground movement.

He warned that 50 Nazi party members will be seized as hostages and put to death along with the actual offender every time such a crime is committed in the future.

Werner added that anybody who knows of an intended act and does not report it to the police also will be executed.

Werner disclosed that Germans had committed "outrages" against Red army troops, but he did not give any details.

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—The acting secretary of state, Joseph C. Grew, said today that the United States cannot give "adequate consideration" to reports of Russian vengeance against the Germans in Berlin until United States representatives are admitted to the Soviet-occupied German capital.

He declined to confirm or deny an assertion by Sen. Owen Brewster, R., Me., that the Russians are "liquidating" top German professional men in an attempt to communicate defeated Germany.

Robert Murphy, political adviser to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, conferred meantime with President Truman. He said afterward that he hoped the allied control council for Germany could be established "in the very near future."

## Induction of 4-Fs In 18-25 Bracket Will Start Soon

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—Selective service is preparing to draft into the army 25,000 men, between 18 and 25 who are slightly below the normal physical requirements for induction, it was learned today at the war department.

These inductions, scheduled for June and July, are expected to make possible the early release of veterans with more than 85 discharge points who have been assigned to non-combat duties in the United States because of physical disabilities suffered overseas.

The group of 25,000 will be in addition to the regular quotas of 100,000 for June and 70,000 for July. Generally speaking they will be men whose physical condition was formerly acceptable for limited service inductees, a classification which has been abolished.

## President's Trip To Coast Delayed

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—President Truman has been notified that the San Francisco conference definitely will not end on June 6 as scheduled, the White House said today.

White House press secretary Charles G. Ross said the president still intends to address the party's closing session, but the date of that session cannot be determined yet.

Ross said that in view of the delay in ending the party, the president has not decided definitely on the exact itinerary of his trip.

## Soldiers Discharged, Others Get Leaves

T. S. Grant Hendrickson, La Grande, and Pfc. Melvin D. Capper, Wallowa, have received discharge papers at the war department separation center at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Home on rotation furloughs following processing at Fort Lewis are S/Sgt. Samuel L. Snow, La Grande, Pfc. Walter G. Miller, Abilene, and 1st Lt. John W. Bornstedt, Enterprise.