

Germany Stripped of Lands, Power

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Maximum.....68
Minimum.....45
Precipitation......05
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Kobe Reels Under Incendiary Bombardment

Tight Military Rule Is Imposed in Edict Of Big Four Nations

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP)—The big four powers today formally stripped Germany of the whole of her Nazi conquests and set up an ironclad military rule of the defeated nation. The Reich was reduced to its 1937 boundaries. Top military commanders of the United States, Russia, Great Britain and France met in the outskirts of ruined Berlin and signed a declaration documenting Germany's unconditional surrender and laying down the obligations and restrictions that will be her price for embracing Adolf Hitler.

Security Parley Leaders Approve Seat For Denmark

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5 (UP)—The executive committee of the United Nations security conference decided unanimously today to recommend the seating of Denmark as the 50th United Nation represented at the parley.

The committee, comprising the chiefs of 14 delegations, met for two hours, canvassing several matters which previously had been explored by the conference's "big five."

It was decided to check the heads of all delegations today in an effort to get the invitation to Denmark on its way before nightfall because today is the anniversary of the promulgation of the Danish constitution. The normal procedure would have required several days. No plenary session has been scheduled so far this week.

The conference, meanwhile, went on with its job of drafting a world charter despite the continued big five deadlock over the veto issue.

Enforcement Approved
Committees not involved in the veto dispute began final phases of their work as the conference completed its sixth week. One committee approved the important "enforcement" section which will make it possible to equip the new league with "teeth" and empower it to use force, if necessary, to put down an aggressor.

The veto controversy between Soviet Russia and the other members of the big five is still going on. No solution is in sight. But American officials are desperately exploring all angles for an answer that will avoid a showdown vote on the conference floor.

Pacific Veterans Back for Discharge
SAN FRANCISCO, June 5 (UP)—The first group of Pacific war veterans petitioned for discharge under the army's point plan arrived today aboard the navy transport Bergen.

The men, numbering approximately 1,035, fought the Japanese in the central Pacific. They are veterans of the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas and Ryukyus.

BANDIT VICTIM DIES
VANCOUVER, Wash., June 5 (UP)—Clarence Sebo, 45-year-old Safeway store manager shot April 28 by two men as he was closing his store, died today.

Philippine Gains Of Yanks Continue
MANILA, June 5 (UP)—Paced by powerful air attacks, the 37th division pushed deeper into the Cavayan valley today against Japanese troops unable to form a line of resistance.

Although the 37th's gains were not great, it appeared they were slowed by the difficult terrain of the Caraballo mountains, rather than any strong Japanese defense.

On Mindanao island the slow job of mopping up the remaining remnants of the enemy went ahead in the Davao crossing.

Marines Say Jap Suicide Pilots Lose Taste for Fighting Yanks

PEARL HARBOR, June 5 (UP)—Japan is throwing some of its best, as well as some of its most inexperienced, pilots into the suicide corps in a desperate attempt to halt American warships closing in on the homeland, three marine fliers enroute home from Okinawa said today.

But the "Kamikazes" noticeably are losing interest in fighting American planes, the marines said.

Two of the marines were members of a group which is credited with 13 planes downed and four probables out of



INTERVENES—Gen. Sir Bernard C. T. Paget, above, commands the British Ninth army in the Middle East which intervened in Syria to bring an end, at least temporarily, to strife between natives and the French.

Levant Gendarmes Armed By Britain To Maintain Peace

LONDON, June 5 (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill revealed today that the British are issuing arms to the local gendarmes in the Levant to help keep order. Churchill told commons that the French sent reinforcements into the Levant despite British warnings against causing trouble that would endanger allied routes to the Far East.

Both Britain and France projected new proposals for conferences on the situation, in the Middle East. The French government proposed that the Big Five confer. Churchill said Britain still hoped for an Anglo-American-French meeting in London.

Churchill bluntly denied Gen. Charles De Gaulle's charges that the British stirred up the trouble in the Levant. He said Britain has no aspirations whatever in that area.

Lumber Workers Threaten Strike In Wage Dispute
SEATTLE, June 5 (UP)—John E. Christenson, president of the Northwest district of lumber and sawmill workers (AFL) today predicted a strike in the fir and pine industry of five western states if wage increase demands are turned down as expected.

He said employers have been notified of the request for a flat 20-cents an hour increase and that "they've given us to believe they will turn it down."

Christenson said a strike vote would be taken in two weeks at the end of the 30-day "cooling off" period provided in the Smith-Connally act. It will involve some 30,000 AFL workers employed in forests, mills and wood fabricating plants in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana.

Meanwhile, Walter Belka, secretary-treasurer of the northern Washington district council of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) disclosed that his union has demanded an increase of 25 cents an hour.

Montana Election May Show Trend
HELENA, Mont., June 5 (UP)—The eyes of the nation's top political circles were carefully watching eastern Montana today, as voters began streaming to the polls to decide who would succeed the late James F. O'Connor as Montana congressman.

The special congressional election, called by Gov. Sam C. Ford, is the first since President Truman took office and a possible indication of the national political trend may come from the election.

Candidates are republican, Wesley A. D'Ewart, Wilson rancher, democrat, Leo C. Graybill, Great Falls attorney, independent Robert Yellowtail, and socialist E. Spriggs of Wyo.

Infantry Veterans of Fighting Fronts of World Will Present Thrilling War Demonstration

Eighty American doughboys, veterans of the war on the nation's various fighting fronts, will come to La Grande next week to demonstrate how the war is being fought by the infantry and how the civilians' purchase of war bonds is aiding them in winning victory over the nation's enemies.

They are one of 28 "Here's Your Infantry" groups touring the country to stimulate interest in the seventh war loan campaign.

Junior Chamber To Sponsor New Bond Sale Plan

"Push Union county over the top night," an innovation in the sale of war bonds, will be sponsored and conducted by the La Grande junior chamber of commerce on Saturday evening, June 23, on a downtown street corner.

An entirely new arrangement has been made — public auction will be conducted for the services of prominent business men. Through the purchase of the bond being auctioned, the purchaser will acquire the services (might even include the mowing of the lawn or tending the baby) of a business man.

In addition, an auction of scarce items will be held, and rumor has it that nylon hose may be included.

These plans were made by the junior chamber directors who met last evening in the chamber of commerce offices to plan for the advancement of bond sales in the county. Vern Van Vranken is chairman of the event.

Music will be provided by Leroy Darling's high school orchestra.

President Urges Approval of World Monetary Program

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP)—President Truman told congress today that "prompt enactment" of legislation to carry out the \$18,000,000,000 Bretton Woods plan for international monetary operations is of paramount importance to a lasting peace.

The president's view was expressed in a letter to Chairman Brent Spence, D., Ky., of the house banking and currency committee. Spence read it to the house during the opening day of debate on the plan under which this country would put up \$5,000,000,000 of the funds.

Mr. Truman said he is confident the legislation will be approved and asked for the "full bipartisan support" of congress.

"I have already made clear my conviction that the prompt enactment of the Bretton Woods legislation is of paramount importance in the establishment of a sound economic foundation for lasting peace," Mr. Truman said.

Chinese Advance On Former US Base

CHUNGKING, June 5 (UP)—Chinese troops advanced to within 20 miles of the former American air base city of Luichow today while other Chinese forces wrested control of a 160-mile belt of Fukien province east line from the Japanese.

Front line dispatches from Kwangsi province indicated Chinese troops converging on strongly-defended Luichow have reached Tatang, 20 miles to the southwest.

Oree Tatang is in Chinese hands, a Japanese salient at Ihan, 45 miles west of Luichow, would be cut off from behind.

Battle reports indicate the Japanese have called a halt at least temporarily to their withdrawal in the Ishan area, seemingly for a desperate struggle for the Luichow air base.

TERRORISM CHARGED
ATHENS, June 5 (UP)—Five Democratic leaders, including four former premiers, charged today that a reign of terror by army and police officers was underway in Greece.



ELKS' LEADER—S. H. Burleigh, recently-elected exalted ruler of the La Grande lodge of Elks, who are sponsoring the "Here's Your Infantry" show June 15 on the high school athletic field as a part of the 7th war loan campaign. Foster Sims is chairman of the lodge's arrangements committee.

Their appearance in La Grande will be under sponsorship of the La Grande lodge of Elks with Foster Sims as chairman. It will have a double significance, as in addition to their main program at 8:15 p.m. June 15 on the high school athletic field, they will appear in a retreat ceremony at 4 p.m. that day on the Eastern Oregon college campus in observance of "Infantry Day."

The "Infantry Day" ceremony will mark the 170th anniversary of the appointment of George Washington as commander in chief of the continental army.

Both programs will be open to the public without obligation and no war bond purchase is necessary for admittance. The "show" will be a complete reproduction of the work of the infantry in the front lines, and the weapons used by the troops will be brought into play in capturing the "enemy" stronghold.

In addition, the soldiers will exhibit and demonstrate various weapons and other equipment and rations.

In the group, which will arrive in La Grande about 10 a.m. on See DOUGHBOYS... Page 6

Woodcraft Lodge To Have Public Ceremony Tonight

District officers of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, to be elected today at the district convention in the IOOF hall, will be installed at a ceremony at 8 o'clock tonight in the hall to which the public is invited.

The convention opened yesterday with delegates present from the various circles in northeastern Oregon. The installation program will be the closing event. It will include a campfire lighting, flag ceremony, tap dance by Kay Ruckman, musical numbers by the Log Sealers four, Jack and Bob Akers, Mert La Gore and Jack Evans, and a short address.

The initial session was convened yesterday by Mrs. Oneida Happersott of La Grande, and Mrs. Lucy Buell had charge of the opening ceremony.

City Attorney Is Speaker
City Attorney Carl Helm welcomed the delegates to La Grande and the response was given for the lodge by Mrs. Martha White of Pendleton, Mrs. S. B. Morgan sang two numbers and a reading was presented by Mrs. Alma Carroll.

Mrs. Minerva Hill of Prineville, district guardian neighbor, presided, and Mrs. Eunice Green and Mrs. Laura Hanna of Pendleton, and Mrs. Anna Shultz of La Grande were appointed on the resolutions committee.

Business affairs occupied the attention of the delegates during the afternoon, and a dinner was the highlight of last evening's session. Musical numbers were presented following the dinner and a memorial service was conducted for the late Mrs. Mary Yeske. An initiation also was conducted.

Business sessions also were conducted today.

Former Prisoner Of Nazis Returns

Cpl. Robert Lockwood, recently released from a German prisoner of war camp, arrived today for a 60 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lockwood.

Corporal Lockwood entered the army during the early stages of the war and participated in the African campaign. He was taken prisoner during the invasion of Italy.

10-Mile Section of Japan's Sixth City Is Mass of Flames

GUAM, June 5 (UP)—Smoke plumed to heights of 10,000 to 25,000 feet and huge fires cracked in Kobe, Japan's sixth city, with a population of 1,006,000, following today's 450 to 500-plane incendiary raid, returning crewmen reported.

Fires burned briskly through streets and buildings along a 10-mile stretch in the big port as the sky raiders swept over in formation through a screen of Japanese fighters and accurate anti-aircraft blasts.

(The 20th air force in Washington said eight Superfortresses are missing after the Kobe assault in which "excellent results were obtained. Nineteen Superfortresses were lost in the May 25 attack on Tokyo, 12 in the May 23 assault on the capital, and 10 in the May 22 raid on Osaka.)

Capt. Joe Carroll, Jacksonville, and Orlando, Fla., commented: "The smoke was at our level as we left the target at about 20,000 feet. It was still swirling up as we went over the coast — it looked like Yokohama all over again."

Carroll, on his twentieth mission, saw between 30 and 50 fighters, some of them attacking at close range, but believed they were "strictly class B team."

His co-pilot in "The City of Orlando," 1st Lt. John Merrill, Pacific Grove, Cal., said the fighters followed the plane 15 minutes, but they rode through the flak in about five minutes. He added that the weather broke clear over Osaka Bay following bombardier 2nd Lt. Roy M. Albert, Gainsville, Tex., to put the fire bombs right on the aiming point.

Rip Through City
Bombardier, Lt. William K. Wansley, Middleton, Conn., said the incendiaries ripped into the built-up area from the waterfront straight through the middle of the city.

The raid was the 15th fire attack on Japan. In the last 14, the 21st bomber command announced, nearly 90 square miles of industrial Japan have been destroyed.

In the last previous attack last Friday, the B-29s were revealed to have burned out 3.43 square miles of Osaka. That brought total destruction in two raids on Osaka alone to 11 1/2 square miles — 18 1/2 per cent of the city's built-up area.

The Superfortresses struck Kobe, only 20 miles west of Osaka, from medium altitude today. A Japanese communiqué said the B-29s attacked in waves of 10 to 30 for about an hour.

It was the third B-29 incendiary raid on Kobe, but the first since March 18. Then two square miles of the city were burned out in a 2,500-ton attack.

Both Osaka and Kobe are situated on the main Japanese home island of Honshu.

Baseball Results
By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 4 10 1
Pittsburgh 0 7 0
Heuser and J. Riddle; Strincevich and Lopez.

College Seniors Get Scholarships
Award of three scholarships to students of Eastern Oregon college seniors was announced today.

The Frank Rabston scholarship, valued at \$100, awarded annually to a senior planning to complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in education, was awarded to Ramona Henderson of Nyssa.

Franya Prudhomme of Portland, received the M. Emily Lumber company scholarship, and Helen Mason of Prineville was given a scholarship by the La Grande Masonic lodge. She will complete the requirements for a teaching certificate at the end of the winter term next year.

June Tire Quota Is Upped 25 Percent

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP)—The war production board today released 300,000 more synthetic passenger-car tires for June.

The original June allotment was 2,000,000. The additional quota brought to 10,000,000 the number of passenger tires released for rationing in the first half of the year.

OPA deputy administrator Max McCullough warned that 10,000,000 replacements in a half year mean an average of less than three-fourths of one tire for every B and C card user and none at all for the A's.

Scientist Minimizes Jap Threat Of U. S. Bombings With Balloons
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 5 (UP)—Dr. Jean Felix Piccard, stratosphere balloonist, predicted today that threatened Japanese balloon-bombing of the U. S. would be ineffective.

"To make them effective weapons," he said, "the Japs can hope to send out very many balloons equipped with fire bombs at a relatively close range."

"A balloon," the scientist added, "can stay in the air about 100 to 200 hours, hardly enough time for it to travel from Japan to the U. S. in any case, unless there are exceptionally favorable winds, there is no means of directing its course eastward, so that it might land as far north as Canada or Alaska, or as far south as Mexico."

Piccard, now 61, in an experiment in 1937 went aloft two miles and was carried more than 100 miles by some eighty small balloons from Rochester, Minn., to Lansing, Iowa.