

# Osaka Rocked By Great B-29 Raid

## 2,500 Tons of Fire, Demolition Bombs Hit War Industries

GUAM, June 7 (UP) — Nearly 600 Superfortresses and fighters smashed mile after mile of war plants with 2,500 tons of fire and demolition bombs today in the second big raid in a week on Osaka, Japan's greatest industrial city. Radio Tokyo said 40 other Thunderbolt, Lightning, Mustang and Hellcat fighters, apparently from new American bases on Okinawa, almost simultaneously made a two-hour leaflet raid on the Kagoshima area of Kyushu in southern Japan.

The broadcast indicated that the air war over Japan had entered a new phase with the completion of bases on Okinawa bringing the enemy homeland within range of all types of American planes from fighters to B-29s.

Tokyo admitted that Lightnings had not appeared over Japan before.

### Suicide Bases Hit

Two B-29s accompanied the fighters, Tokyo said. Enemy broadcasts previously had reported that about 30 "smaller type" allied planes attacked suicide-plane bases on Kyushu yesterday.

Some 400 to 450 Superfortresses and 150 Mustangs struck shortly after noon at Osaka arsenal, the largest in Japan, and other major war plants in hitherto little-damaged eastern Osaka.

A Japanese announcement said the raid lasted three hours. Fires were started in the northeastern and northern sections of the city, but were "steadily being brought under control," the announcement said.

The raid marked the third stage of the 21st bomber command's methodical destruction of Osaka, pre-war Japan's second largest city with a population of 3,252,340.

Some 11 1/2 square miles—18 1/2 per cent of the built-up area—of Osaka were burned out in the two previous heavy raids, the latest only last Thursday.

North of Japan, Liberators of the 11th air force bombed the Katoaka naval base on Shimushu and search aircraft of fleet air wing four hit installations in the Hayake river area of Paramushiro yesterday.

## Gen. Bradley Is Named Head of Veterans' Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 7 (UP)—President Truman today announced the appointment of Gen. Omar N. Bradley as the veterans' administrator.

The famed commander of European operations will succeed Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines.

Resignation of Hines and appointment of Bradley were announced at the president's press conference. Bradley returned from Europe on Sunday. Hines has headed the veterans unit since 1923.

The president also announced the appointment of Stuart Symington, St. Louis, to succeed Guy M. Gillette on July 15 as chairman of the surplus property board.

Other government changes disclosed by the president today:

Appointment of John B. Hutson, now an assistant to war mobilization director Fred M. Vinson, as undersecretary of agriculture, succeeding Grover B. Hill, who resigned.

Appointment of Paul M. Herzog of New York as chairman of the national labor relations board, succeeding H. A. Mills who asked to resign effective June 30.

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# Okinawa Defenders Are Trapped

## Lower City Tax Rate Is Indicated as Budget For Fiscal Year Is Completed

A budget for operation of the city of La Grande for the fiscal year 1945-46, amounting to \$179,857 was adopted last night by the budget committee and public hearing was set before the city commission at 7:30 p.m., June 27.

While the sum the city plans to spend during the coming year is \$39,033 higher than the overall cost of government during the current year, which ends June 30, elimination of appropriations for various sinking funds and reserves, retirement of bonds and economies effected, will make possible a reduction of approximately three mills in the last year's millage rate of 24.9. This rate is estimated by City Manager Ed H. Ford and is predicted upon an assessment roll paralleling that of the present year.

## Six Are Held For Theft of Secret U. S. Documents

WASHINGTON, June 7 (UP)—Six persons, including two state department officials and a navy lieutenant, were under arrest today in connection with the theft of highly confidential government papers classified as "restricted" and "top secret."

Five men and one woman are specifically charged with stealing the documents in a conspiracy to violate the espionage act. There was no mention, however, of dealings with the enemy.

The arrested persons are not accused of transmitting information to the enemy or to anyone else. They were accused of violating a law which covers "unauthorized possession" of national defense data as well as "transmission."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the data from confidential government files usually was turned over to Philip Jacob Jaffe, Russian-born co-editor with Kate Louise Mitchell of the New York magazine "Amorasia."

Jaffe and Miss Mitchell and Mark Julius Gayn, nationally known writer who also allegedly used some of the material.

Those apprehended here are: Lt. Andrew Roth, formerly assigned to the office of naval intelligence.

Emmanuel Sigurd Larsen, specialist in the state department's China division.

John Stewart Service, state department foreign service office employe who until recently was stationed in China.

## Improvement of X Avenue is Sought

The city commissioners last night received a petition signed by 21 property owners in the 1300 and 1400 blocks on X avenue, asking for the grading and oiling of the street and establishment of grade so property owners can have curbs constructed.

City Manager Ed Ford informed the commissioners that he has had engineers at the Beaver creek reservoir to inspect the dam, preparatory to drawing plans for raising the dam. The plans will be submitted to the state for approval.

The payroll for May amounting to \$44,234 was approved. A price of \$500 was set on lot 1 and the west 35 feet of lot 2, block 87, Chaplins addition.

General receipts for the week were \$791.68. General disbursements were \$785.42. Water receipts amounted to \$725.94, with disbursements in that department totaling \$411.21.

## Hopkins Completes Mission To Moscow

MOSCOW, June 7 (UP)—Harry L. Hopkins completed his mission to Moscow for President Truman today and left for the United States.

Behind a close curtain of secrecy Hopkins has conferred for two weeks with Marshal Stalin, other Russian leaders, and allied envoys here.



**EYE WITNESS—Harold Kirkpatrick, now an officer candidate at Camp Lee, Va., is only eye-witness of Prague assassination of the monstrous Heydrich the Hangman, a dreaded Nazi gестапо chief who was next in power only to Himmler himself.**

## Durham Convicted By Local Jury as Habitual Criminal

George W. Durham, escaped convict and jail-breaker, today faces a life sentence in the Oregon state prison as the result of the finding of a circuit court jury that he is subject to application of the state's habitual criminal law.

Judge R. J. Green set June 10 as the date for pronouncing sentence and hearing arguments on a defense motion for a new trial.

The jury deliberated four hours after hearing testimony for three days. The state contended that Durham, who was arrested here while in possession of firearms after escaping from the state prison, had been in prison here and in Kansas and was an habitual criminal. It was the duty of the jury to determine whether or not he is the same man who served a term in a Kansas prison, and after deliberating four hours the jurors upheld the state's accusation.

Members of the jury were: Axel Dahlstrom, Threshia Conrad, Edna Smith, Mae Desilet, Frank Young and Edna Wheeler, all La Grande; Earl Sager, Elgin; William E. Finkle and Ed Van Vlack, Union; Leonard Billings and Ray Wilson, Imbler, and Ruth Baker, Cove.

## New Irrigation Unit Carries First Water

BEND, Ore., June 7 (UP)—First water has coursed through the north irrigation unit of the \$8,500,000 Deschutes project, the reclamation bureau announced today.

As a means of cleaning mud from the fish screen at the intake at Bend, Clyde H. Spencer, engineer for the reclamation bureau, Tuesday pushed a button that lifted a five-ton steel gate. The mud was washed out within a few hours, and the gate was closed.

The canal will carry Deschutes river water 90 miles to land in Madras county.

## Col. Roosevelt to Go To War College

GUAM, June 7 (UP)—Lt. Cmdr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, jr., third son of the late president, was on his way back to Washington to become an instructor at the college today after four years of active duty.

He arrived here aboard his destroyer escort after 27 straight days of action on Okinawa, during which the vessel's engines never stopped. The ship bagged at least four Japanese planes and rescued six American fliers.

## Defeat Is Conceded By Tokyo

GUAM, June 7 (UP)—Waves of American planes today bombed and strafed the 25-square-mile dead end pocket on the southern tip of Okinawa where the last Japanese defenders were trapped and doomed by the U. S. tenth army. Tokyo conceded final defeat was in sight on Okinawa.

Land based tactical bombers, apparently scoring a lucky hit on an ammunition dump, blew up the side of a mountain where remaining enemy forces were making their last major stand.

The Japanese, with no line of retreat except into the sea, face annihilation.

United Press war correspondent Edward Thomas reported the seventh and 90th army divisions already were advancing through the outer defenses of the enemy stronghold.

**Naha Airfield Captured**  
Naha airfield, greatest prize of this campaign, has been captured by American troops.

During the day U. S. planes flew 468 sorties against last ditch Japanese defenses. This was the largest number of sorties in any one day since the beginning of the Okinawa campaign last Easter.

Advanced American patrols probing the plateau's rough, pine-covered terrain, received supplies and ammunition from torpedo bomber pilots who made several runs at low altitude over the front lines.

Tokyo said Okinawa's plight was due in part to the effectiveness of American rocket ships and planes in preventing Japanese suicide aircraft from crashing into American warships off the island.

## Coast Leaders of Red Cross Here For Conference

Representatives of American Red Cross chapters in 15 northeastern counties of Oregon are expected in La Grande for a conference with officials of the Pacific coast area which opened today in the local chapter headquarters with a meeting of executives.

Mrs. T. B. Lumsden, Union county chapter chairman, said the conference was arranged by Verne Simmons of San Francisco, Pacific area manager of the Red Cross, as a step toward planning changes in the organization's activities incident to the shift of the major war activity to the Pacific, and to lay the groundwork for the change to a peace-time basis and to provide greater service to the increasing numbers of discharged service men and women.

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## College Honor Roll Is Topped By Four with Perfect Records

Four La Grande students finished the school year at Eastern Oregon college with the highest possible scholastic records and topped the honor roll, one which a large number of others also are listed through achieving enviable records.

Beverly Decker, Naomi Detrick, Eleanor Fry and Hazel Trolinger stand at the head of the honor roll with perfect 4 point averages, the highest possible scores.

Students whose records ranged from 3.5 to 3.9 were announced by Registrar Lyle Johnson as follows: George Biake, La Grande; Jean Brown, Irrigon; Evelyn Burnett, La Grande; Marjorie Chandler, La Grande; Vivienne Ferguson, The Dalles; Jeanette Frazier and Arden Gawita, Milton; Betty Grayson, Richland; Inelda Hammet, Boyd; Patricia Hunt, La Grande; Marilyn King, Ponderosa; Steve Quinn, Ponderosa; Steve Quinn, Ponderosa; Patricia O'Neil, Lexington; and Emily O'Neil, Lexington. Also on the honor roll: Nell Schock, La Grande; Dorothy Scholl, Enterprise; Doris Snider, La Grande; Betty Taylor, La Grande; Dorothy Wallis, Vale.



**MITSCHER TELLS OF DEATH ESCAPE—Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher (left), commander of famous task force 58, shows Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal a Jap four-leaf clover emblem taken from uniform of Jap suicide pilot whose plane crashed on the admiral's ship. Mitscher revealed that he was twice bombed off his flag ship by Jap suicide planes but didn't consider them a "serious" threat to American success in the Pacific.**

## Prospecting for Oil Will Start Soon in Region East of Hot Lake

Drilling of a test well for oil in the Grande Ronde valley will start some time next week, it was announced today by a group of valley residents interested in the project.

Construction of a derrick in the prospective oil field, slightly east of Hot Lake, will be completed this week. Drilling awaits arrival of the drill over the week-end. Most of the equipment for the rig is already on the ground, it was said.

Spokesman for the group is M. R. Wallace of Union, president of the Grande Ronde Gas and Oil company, with offices at Union. Other officials are Hugh D. Berry, vice-president; P. H. Newman, secretary, and F. M. Gunn, treasurer, all of Union.

Wallace said that the project is a test well for oil in section 32, township 3 S., Range 39 E. W. M. on the property of Charles E. Davis, Jr. and Richard B. Davis. The company has approximately 7,000 acres under lease in the area surrounding the derrick, which is 66 feet in height.

Wallace said that the well is being financed entirely by residents of La Grande and Union and other sections of the valley.

Only previous drilling for oil in the valley which could be ascertained was a well drilled on the property of William Hutchinson, near the Union experiment station. Two wells are said to have been sunk, the deepest approximately 320 feet.

Equipment of the present company will allow drilling to 7,500 feet, according to the officials, and it is expected by the drillers that positive oil indications will be found between 2,000 and 2,500 feet.

## Wallgren Protests Sugar Ration Cut

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 7 (UP)—Gov. Mon C. Wallgren today entered a formal protest against the office of price administration action cutting the canning sugar allotment to ten pounds per person in Washington state.

Wallgren, in a wire to OPA chief Chester Bowles, termed the action "alarming."

He reminded that an allotment of at least twenty pounds per person must be made to farm families of the state which plan to put up 125 quarts per family this year. The 1944 average was 415 quarts per family, without including jams, jellies and conserves.

## Newsies Are Told Value of Accuracy

G. E. Gregory, local accountant, gave an interesting and instructive talk to newspaper carriers of the Evening Observer last night in the Observer building. He emphasized the importance of keeping accurate records in connection with handling money.

The talk was a part of the Evening Observer's program for business instruction of the carriers through talks by local business men on pertinent subjects.

## Baseball Results

By United Press

### American League

Team	R	H	E
Philadelphia	4	6	1
Boston	5	8	1

16 innings.  
Cassaway and Rosar; Wilson Ryba and Garbark.  
St. Louis 6 7 0  
Chicago 0 7 3

### National League

Team	R	H	E
Boston	3	9	1
Philadelphia	1	7	2

Tomlin and Mast; Lee, Lucier and Peacock.

## Union County Is at Half-way Mark in 7th War Loan Drive To Sell \$741,000 in E Bonds

Half-way mark in the seventh war loan campaign yesterday found Union county with sales aggregating almost exactly one-half of its E bond quota of \$741,000, and slightly more than 47 per cent of the overall objective of \$964,000.

Sales reported to yesterday by W. C. Perkins, chairman of the county war finance committee were \$454,020.75, of which \$375,943.75 were in E bonds.

With but 22 remaining in which the war bond volunteers must sell equal amount of bonds to reach the quotas set throughout the nation, Ted R. Gamble, director of the treasury department's war finance division, notified state chairmen to review all their operations and make sure that there were no loopholes in their set-ups which might result in failure to reach their E bond quotas.

He revealed that E bond sales nationally were approximately 60 per cent of the quota.

**Union Sales High**  
Mrs. T. R. Lumsden, publicity chairman of the Union county committee, announced that a report from the city of Union revealed sales of E bonds totalling \$60,000 against a total of \$70,000.

The same community has already over-subscribed its quota of bonds other than those of the E series, having purchased them to the amount of \$24,000 on a quota of \$20,000.

**Infantry Show Coming**  
One of the highlights of the bond campaign locally is the appearance here on June 15 of the "Here's Your Infantry" group of American doughboys to stage their demonstration of the smashing of a Japanese pillbox, with bazookas, flame throwers and other weapons of modern warfare, and their exhibits of the equipment the doughboys carry into battle.

The demonstration on the high school athletic field at 8:45 p.m., will be preceded by a retreat ceremony on the Eastern Oregon college campus at 7:30 o'clock. The lowering of the Stars and Stripes at sundown to the accompaniment of the national anthem is a traditional ceremony in the army, and will be conducted here as a part of the observance of Infantry day.

**Weather**  
Data for 24 hours ending 7 a. m.  
Temperature  
Maximum 51  
Minimum 46  
Precipitation .01

Forecast: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Friday.

**MAN IS ARRESTED**  
Henry G. Taylor, a transient, was arrested late yesterday on charges of drunkenness and indecent exposure, and today was ordered to leave town.