

Japs Report New Allied Landings on Borneo

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Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 75
Minimum 47
Rainfall Trace
Forecast: Partly cloudy with
showers tonight and Sunday.

LA GRANDE, OREGON, SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 1945 FIVE CENTS

Doughboys Gain on Fortified Japs



DANES ADMITTED
ter, Danish ambassador, (left) and Prof. Erik Haus-Hartvig Frisch, after Denmark was voted by UNCTO and became 50th nation to take UN membership.

County Nation Keeps Pace With Sales in E Bond Sales

County war loan campaign sales of bonds in Union county today aggregated \$488,127, of which \$411,050 represents E bonds, and \$33,577 purchase of other types of bonds by individuals. Sales to corporations aggregate \$43,500.

Sales of E bonds are now slightly above 55 per cent of the campaign quota of \$741,000 and volunteer salesmen and women are bending every effort to reach the quota before the end of the campaign.

Reward of \$1,500 Offered Finder of Van Petten Plane

Offer of a \$1,500 reward for the discovery of the missing airplane of Frank Van Petten, La Grande, and Ontario lumberman, was announced today in Cascade, Idaho, center of the search for the plane and two passengers who disappeared May 27.

The plane soon after Van Petten and Charles P. Flegel, Ontario business man, left Yellow-pine, Idaho, for Ontario.

A United Press dispatch from Cascade said the Van Petten lumber company had today added \$500 to a previously announced reward of \$1,000 to the person who discovers the missing plane and passengers.

It was reported that army flyers from Gowen Field, Boise, and civilian airmen were making a thorough search of the rugged Thunder mountain country east of Cascade, where the plane is believed to have gone down.

BOYS TAKE WOODS JOBS
MEDFORD, Ore., June 9 (UP)—Some 60 teen-age boys from various parts of the country have reported in at a blister hot control camp at Union Creek, where the U. S. forest service reported today. The boys range in age from 16 to 18 years.

Oregonians Move to Safeguard Beauties Bestowed by Nature

By ERIC W. ALLEN, Jr.
SALEM, Ore., June 9 (UP)—Sentiment is growing in Oregon for the full preservation of the natural beauties of the state—not only because of enjoyment that native Oregonians get from them, but for a real business reason.

Oregon has, in chamber of commerce language, "everything." But perhaps not all of us realize that the features of the state with which we are familiar and which we take for granted, are a prospective source of income to Oregon, a real natural resource.

When the "great American tourist" hits the road again in the not-too-distant future, Oregon will become one of the focal points in his journeyings.

And the tourist will see what he came to see—mountains for climbing, hiking and skiing; sea-shore for bathing and camping; views unsurpassed in natural beauty anywhere in the world; and also the finest fishing streams in the country, not to mention world-famous Crater lake and Mt. Hood lodge.

All of this means business for

Big Enemy Navy Base Attacked

MANILA, June 9 (UP)—A Japanese broadcast said that allied troops began landing operations on Labuan island west coast of Borneo at 12:30 in Brunei Bay on the north-p.m. today.

The Tokyo broadcast, heard by the Exchange telegraph agency in London, was the first report that a landing actually was underway in Brunei Bay, site of a big enemy naval base.

(Melbourne radio recorded by United Press, San Francisco, said there was no confirmation in Australia of the Labuan island landing report. When Australian and Dutch troops landed on Tarakan, off Borneo, first allied confirmation of Tokyo reports came from Canberra.)

Navy Action Revealed

Earlier Tokyo reported a landing attempt was obvious after the approach of a fleet said to include battleships, cruisers, destroyers, and 50 smaller warships. The Japanese said the assault forces were in divisional strength.

There was no allied confirmation of the landings, but today's communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied light naval units had shelled the beaches of Borneo, a maneuver often preliminary to landing.

Planes Raid Island

MacArthur also reported another heavy air raid on the island in which heavy, medium, and light planes dropped 170 tons, mostly on Japanese air bases.

Brunei is about 250 miles northeast of Tarakan, the island off the east coast of Borneo invaded last month by Australian and Dutch forces.

In the Philippines, the 37th division, with the Japanese headquarters at Bayombong firmly in its hands, today drove along the Cagayan valley in northern Luzon toward the town of Solano.

On Mindanao, Japanese resistance, reported stiffening yesterday, began to crack again and the enemy positions at Tagakpan, 12 miles northwest of Davao City, were overcome. Dive bombers again aided the ground troops.

Agreement Erases Jugoslav Crisis

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP)—The state department "revealed" today that the United States, Britain and Yugoslavia have agreed on the temporary military administration of the Italian peninsula of Venezia Giulia, including Trieste.

The agreement erases for a time at least, the serious tension between the allies and Yugoslav Marshal Tito, who has insisted that the Italian port and most of the peninsula surrounding it be turned over to Yugoslavia.

The state department said "military details" of the administration would be worked out for the entire Venezia Giulia peninsula by Tito and British Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander.

Bard Resigns As Naval Air Chief

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP)—The resignation of Undersecretary of Navy Ralph A. Bard and the appointment of Artemus L. Gates as his successor was announced today by the White House.

Gates is now assistant secretary of navy for air. The White House said he will be succeeded by John L. Sullivan of Manchester, N. H., former assistant secretary of the treasury.

At the same time, White House press secretary Charles G. Ross said President Truman had "no intention" of accepting the resignation of Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal. Ross said Forrestal submitted his resignation shortly after the death of President Roosevelt.

Premier Suzuki Says Japan, Facing Gravest Crisis, Will 'Fight to Last' To Avert Destruction of Policy and Race

PEARL HARBOR, June 9 (UP)—The Japanese premier said today that Japan faced "the gravest crisis since the forming of our empire," and other damaging admissions came from Tokyo with the rapidity of machine-gun fire.

The Japanese announced one after the other that:

1. The government in an "unprecedented and epoch-making" move asked the diet to hand over all its rights and powers for the present emergency.
2. More than 5,000,000 Japanese were made homeless by Superfortress raids to the end of May.
3. The B-29's hit Japan again today, making their first three-day raid on Osaka, Kobe, and Kanoya.
4. American troops made a fresh landing on Okinawa, threatening to flank the last Japanese defense line.

5. Borneo was invaded when an allied landing force stormed ashore on Labuan island in Brunei Bay off the northwest coast.

With new military blows falling swiftly on the Japanese, the atmosphere in Tokyo was more nervous than ever. Domei reported that the shattering Superfortress attacks had turned 3,100,000 out of their homes in Tokyo alone.

The government asked for complete control of the country at an extraordinary session of the diet, which heard Premier Kantaro Suzuki promise a fight "to the very last."

Suzuki rejected unconditional surrender on the grounds it would mean the "complete destruction of Japanese policy and the Japanese race."

Much Decorated Soldier Discharged With 238 Points

BERWICK, Pa., June 9 (UP)—Cpl. Harry Drumheller was in civilian clothes today with a war record that showed him possessing 238 points—one of the highest totals compiled by any serviceman yet discharged in the nation.

Drumheller was in service in the south Pacific before Pearl Harbor, and was stationed there during the Japanese attack on that base. He was in military service five years, six months and 22 days.

A radio operator and gunner in the air service, Drumheller wears the purple heart, distinguished flying cross, bronze star, and the air medal with 12 clusters. He was wounded twice.

Los Angeles Gives Patton, Doolittle Great Ovation

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (UP)—Two be-medaled war heroes—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and James Doolittle—arrived here this afternoon to receive a great ovation in a two-day homecoming celebration.

Four gigantic C-54 skymasters, escorted by a flock of P-40 warbirds, bring the generals and 17 of their officers and men here in the final lap of a cross-country trip to their native state. They took off from Denver at 7:18 a. m. today, after spending the night there.

A 17-gun salute from the three-inch guns atop historic Ft. Moore greeted the returning generals, and southern Californians by the thousand staged the most tumultuous welcome in Los Angeles history.

Heads of German Horror Camp Held

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP
14, June 9 (UP)—U. S. 15th army troops have found Karl Burkhardt, onetime commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, masquerading as an ordinary German soldier in a prison cell at Bad Kreuznach.

Today's announcement of the identification of Burkhardt said he is American found in the same prison camp Dr. Karl Hoven, resident physician at Buchenwald until shortly before the allied occupation. The inmates knew him as the "Butcher of Buchenwald."

Baseball Results By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
New York	0	7 2
Boston	4	0 3
Feldman, Adams and Lombardi; Logan and Mast.		
Cincinnati	1	11 1
Chicago	5	7 0
Beck, Bosser and Unser; Wysz and Livingston.		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
St. Louis	1	6 6
Cleveland	2	10 1
Hollingsworth and Mancuso; Klieman and Hayes.		
Boston	7	12 1
New York	13	13 2
O'Neill, Woods, Heflin and Garbar; Bevins, Page and Drescher.		
Chicago	6	15 4
Detroit	7	10 2
Haynes, Caldwell and Tresh; Mueller, Eaton and Swift.		

Trusteeships Plan of Big Five Adopted

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9 (UP)—The United Nations conference hurried another major obstacle to adjournment early today when a committee tentatively approved a big five plan for trusteeships.

The revised trusteeship system specifies as one of its objectives the promotion of "the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned." It also includes a special guarantee against any "freeze" of the status quo in present mandated territories.

The two provisions, written into the plan at Russian insistence, served to end a two-week deadlock on the trusteeship section of the world charter. Shortly after receiving Moscow's approval of the revised plan, the committee went into an extraordinarily long session that ended after midnight with virtual completion of a trusteeship council whether or not they ever hold any trustee areas.

Anderson to Bring House Food Probe To Pacific Coast

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP)—Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, D. N. M., is taking his house food investigating committee for a final on-the-spot tour of the mid-west and west before stepping into his new job as secretary of agriculture July 1.

The committee, which has already visited Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Boston, will now press its inquiry into food scarcities and black markets at open hearings in Omaha, Minneapolis, Yakima and Seattle, Wash., San Francisco and Los Angeles. They will reach the coast Wednesday.

It will be an investigation with witnesses in each city recounting the food problems peculiar to their areas.

These hearings are expected to result in the committee recommendations many of which are likely to be carried over to Anderson's own desk when he takes over his new job.

CIO Lumber Union Strike Vote Asked In Wage Dispute

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9 (UP)—Local unions and district councils of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, today were asked by the negotiating committee to instruct international officers to conduct a strike vote to gain wage increases in the pine and fir industry of five western states.

The 18-member committee, after a two-day meeting, predicted most of the local units will ask for the strike vote. The union asks a blanket 25 cents an hour boost in all brackets. About 75,000 workers are involved in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

The northwest council of the lumber and sawmill workers union, AFL, previously warned that 60,000 members may strike unless they get a 20-cent increase.

Chairman John B. Galey of the West Coast Lumber commission, said a thorough study of wage scale bases will be undertaken Monday, requiring about nine weeks for the entire industry. He predicted some wage increases will be made, but not necessarily uniformly "across the board."

Both unions have complained that many mills now operate only 40 hours a week, making it impossible to obtain overtime for workers.

Liquor Curfew Set

SACRAMENTO, June 9 (UP)—A bill to place a midnight curfew on liquor sales was sent to Gov. Earl Warren following final passage by the senate.

Okinawa Stronghold Is Penetrated in Hand to Hand Fight

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP)—All the planes of a large fleet of Superfortresses returned safely after achieving "excellent" results in today's three-way strike on Naruo, Nagoya and Akashi, the 20th air force announced.

Only a few enemy fighters were encountered during the raids and anti-aircraft fire was "quite heavy" but not accurate, the communique said.

Most of the bombing was accomplished visually from medium altitudes.

GUAM, June 9 (UP)—American infantrymen pierced the outer defenses of Yaeju-Dake plateau on southern Okinawa today in a battle of annihilation against Japanese soldiers, sailors, armed civilians and even women entrenched in caves and foxholes.

"We are going to compress them. Then in my opinion, they will explode and that will wind things up," said Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, commanding general of the 24th army corps.

The Japanese defenders, entrenched in a network of underground fortifications, fought furiously to delay the inevitable American victory on Okinawa.

Renovated Tigers' Den Will Reopen Monday Evening

Reopening of the Tiger's Den, the La Grande youth center on Adams avenue Monday evening on a part time basis was announced today, following the renovating and painting the quarters.

The youth center committee announced that owing to the fact that many students will be working during the summer, the den will be open only on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 10:30 o'clock, and on Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

The renovation program was carried out during the past week under the direction of Mrs. Lester Courtney and Mrs. Vada Fal-lows, with the assistance of the following students: Barbara Carroll, Helen Pierson, Bernadine Shaw, Nona Larson, Barbara Garrison, Alice Atrieta, Pat Hat-maker, Mary Ann Larson, Larel Shanks, Esther Rode, Richard England and Pat Knapp.

The committee announced that a review of the center's activities since September shows an average student usage of approximately 60 weekly. The committee said of 371 who were questioned about future membership, 293 signified their intention to join in the fall, when the fees will be reduced to \$3 a year.

It was announced that plans are being made to sponsor a tennis tournament and other activities during the summer to replace the normal extra-curricular activity of the school.

AUTOS COLLIDE

City police reported today cars driven by H. A. Saunders, rural La Grande farmer, and W. E. Talbott, 902 First street, were involved in a minor collision yesterday as Saunders pulled from the curb at Jefferson and Elm streets. Both cars were slightly damaged.

Russian Leader Says Fate of Hitler Remains Deep Mystery

BERLIN, June 6—(Delayed—UP)—Marshal Gregory Zhukov said today that he regards the fate of Adolf Hitler as a deep and still unsolved mystery.

Zhukov said that Soviet investigators have not yet discovered any corpse which can be positively identified as Hitler's and therefore that the possibility still existed that Hitler may have escaped.

"We have not discovered any corpse which may be definitely identified as Hitler's," Zhukov told correspondents from Moscow on their initial visit to Berlin.

"Consequently we cannot make any statement about his death."

"He could have fled from Germany up to the last minute. We also do not know what has happened to Hitler's aide, Martin Bormann who was in Berlin up to the end."

Zhukov revealed, however, that Hitler was apparently in his chancellory bunker up to two days before the fall of the reich capital and that records had been found showing that he married his mistress, Eva Braun, 48 hours before the capital fell.

General Nikolai Bezarin, military commandant of Berlin, said that several bodies had been found one of which could have been that of Hitler but that nothing definite had been established. He said that friends close to Hitler said he committed suicide but that Russian investigators had not been able to verify their accounts.

"Possibly," Bezarin said, "he is hiding somewhere in Europe, probably in Spain."