

# Yanks Assault Okinawa Redoubt

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## La Grande Evening Observer

HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON  
Union and Wallowa Counties

Weather	
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.	
Temperature:	
Maximum	66
Minimum	37
Forecast:	Clearing tonight and Wednesday.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 1945

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# Japs Flee as Borneo Invaders Push Inland

## Grande Ronde Irrigation Survey Report Expected By Army During Summer

Report of the Grande Ronde valley irrigation project investigation may be submitted to Governor Earl Sneli this summer, it was indicated today by information received from Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse.

## Verlin Keffer Is Killed In Action On Mindanao

Verlin Keffer, La Grande youth who has been serving in the Philippines, has been killed in action, the war department this morning notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Keffer, and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Keffer of La Grande.

## County Officials Will Get Salary Raises June 16

SALEM, Ore., June 12 (UP)—County officials whose salaries were raised by the 1945 legislature effective June 16, may be paid the difference between their present salaries and the new ones from emergency funds until July 1, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today.

## Hopkins is Mum On Moscow Mission

WASHINGTON, June 12 (UP)—Harry L. Hopkins returned today from a special mission to Moscow for President Truman. He went immediately to the White House to give the chief executive a first-hand report on his conferences with Marshal Josef Stalin.

## Berry Unopposed For School Board

No further filings were received yesterday, final day, for the expired five-year term on the La Grande school board, it was announced this morning by R. O. Williams, clerk of the board.

## Aussies Meet But Light Opposition In First Thrusts

### Towns Are Burned By Enemy Forces Upon Evacuation

MANILA, June 12 (UP)—Australian troops drove down the Brooketon-Brunei road today against little opposition and were within 11 miles or less of Brunei town, capital of the tiny Sultanate on rich Borneo.

## Elks to Entertain Infantry Show Unit at Dance Party Thursday

Members of the "Here's Your Infantry" troupe of 80 men who are scheduled to present the spectacular bond drive event Friday night at 8:45 o'clock in the high school stadium, will be entertained Thursday evening by the La Grande lodge of Elks at a Dutch lunch.

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HE HAS THE RIGHT IDEA—When W. B. (Bill) Evans, Union Pacific railroad agent in Shelton, Neb., a veteran of World War I, sold his farm recently for \$26,600, he promptly provided himself with a war-winning hand by investing the proceeds in war bonds.

## Special Venire Is Called to Get Jury In Bowman Trial

Completion of the jury in the trial of Albert Forrest Bowman, accused of murdering his father, was in prospect this afternoon in the court of Circuit Judge R. J. Green as a special venire of ten talesmen was summoned from which the attorneys expected to get two jurors. One will serve as an alternates.

## King Government Majority is Cut In Canada Poll

OTTAWA, June 12 (UP)—Prime Minister W. L. McKenzie King's wartime government was back in power today, but its parliamentary strength was weakened slightly by opposition gains.

## Civilians May Get Autos In January

CHICAGO, June 12 (UP)—Government priorities on civilian passenger automobiles will be lifted next January, according to Henry P. Nelson, war production board reconversion coordinator for the automobile industry.

## House Votes To Outlaw Poll Tax

WASHINGTON, June 12 (UP)—Republicans and northern Democrats overrode southern opposition today and approved legislation to outlaw the poll tax as a voting requirement in federal elections.

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## Troops Scale Cliffs With Rope Ladders To Rout Out Enemy

### GUAM, June 12 (UP)—American troops, scaling the Yaeju-Dake escarpment on rope ladders, opened a general assault today against the Japanese survivors on Okinawa who rejected a surrender ultimatum and chose to fight to the death.

Massed artillery blasted a path for marines and doughboys as they swarmed up cliffs and attacked with flame-throwers, bayonets and grenades.

## American Airmen Continue Pounding At Jap Homeland

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12 (UP)—American warships bombarded Matsushima island in the Kuriles Monday night (Tokyo time), the Japanese radio reported today in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco. Matsushima is 1,088 miles north of Tokyo.

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## 10 Are Challenged

To noon today defense attorneys Henry Hess and S. H. Burleigh had removed six prospective jurors by peremptory challenge and four were moved by the same means by acting District Attorney C. R. Eberhard, who is conducting the prosecution with the assistance of assistant district attorney George Cochran.

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Baseball Results	
By United Press	
American League	
Washington	5 12 3
New York	3 10 1
Leonard, Wolff and Ferrell;	Dubiel, Turner and Crompton.
National League	
New York	4 7 3
Brooklyn	7 0 4
Mungo, Emmerich, Adams and Lombardi;	Lombardi and Dantonio.
Philadelphia	0 4 1
Boston	10 12 0
Wyatt and Mancuso, Semplack;	Hutchings and Masi.