

# Okinawa Japs Face Extermination

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# Borneo Oil Fields Put to Torch

## Court Packed For Bowman Slaying Trial

Coroner L. L. Snodgrass was called today as the first state witness in the trial of Albert Forrest Bowman, 28, who is accused in the circuit court of slaying his father, Albert F. Bowman, at their North Powder ranch several weeks ago.

Taking of testimony was begun today following the completion of jury selection before Judge R. J. Green and opening statements of the prosecution and defense late yesterday.

Snodgrass testified concerning the recovery of the body of the elder Bowman from a well on the ranch, where, the state contends, it was thrown after fatal blows had been administered by the son.

### Skull Fracture Told

He said there were numerous bruises and abrasions on the head and shoulders of the victim, one of which was a skull fracture.

He testified that it is his opinion that the wounds were inflicted before death.

Further testimony concerning the extent of the injuries incurred by the elder Bowman will be presented by Dr. Joe Beeman, state autopsy surgeon, who was called here to assist the state police in the investigation.

### State Police Testify

State police officer Robert Trout and Sgt. W. A. Foster also testified today concerning circumstances surrounding the finding of the body. This testimony included statements that the body was lying across a 2 by 6 inch timber about 8 feet down in the well, and a few inches above the water, which was about 3 feet deep.

The courtroom was packed with spectators and witnesses as the taking of testimony was begun, and with approximately 25

## Rotarians Hear of Red Cross Work At Home, Abroad

The work of the Red Cross in Europe, particularly among wounded and convalescent soldiers, was discussed at the meeting of the La Grande Rotary club today noon in the Stein cafe by Miss Jean Williams, who returned recently after serving abroad and in the United States.

A group of ministers who are attending the Episcopal summer school in Cove were guests. They are: Rev. Fred Wissnabach, Klomath Falls, Rev. A. Val-Spinosa, Walla Walla, Rev. Floyd Thomas, Hood River, Rev. J. M. B. Gill, Lakeview, Rev. C. E. Taylor, The Dalles, and Rev. V. R. Bolster, Bend.

Dr. Joseph Beeman of the University of Oregon medical school in Portland, who is here as a witness in the Bowman murder trial, also was a guest.

Claude Berry, member of the school board, spoke on the proposed \$10,000 bond issue to purchase additional property for school expansion.

Fred Patton was chairman and President T. R. Lumsden presided.

## Former La Grande Marine is Killed

News of the death in action of Leon Peavey, former La Grande athlete, has been received by friends here.

It was announced that his parents, who now live in Salem, have been advised by the navy department that their son, a member of the marine corps, received fatal wounds in the fighting of Okinawa.



COMMANDS 7th — Lt. Gen. Wade H. Haislip, above, former chief of personnel of the army general staff, is the new commander of the U. S. Seventh army in Europe, succeeding Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch.

## Stockman Urges Quick Shipment of Wheat to Europe

WASHINGTON, June 13 (UP)—Rep. Lowell Stockman, R., Ore., today urged speedy shipment of United States surplus wheat to starving peoples of liberated European countries.

"We will have on hand in this country as of the first of next month a wheat carry-over of between 350 and 375 million bushels... from 115 to 140 million bushels more than our normal annual pre-war carry-over," he said in a speech prepared for the house.

Stockman said the bulk of this surplus is stacked on farms and in country elevators, taking up space desperately needed for the 1945 crop. He conceded that the transportation bottleneck, responsible for the overflowing storehouses, also would be the greatest barrier to overseas shipment.

"But I see no reason why cars moving war supplies from east to west could not be loaded with wheat on the return trip," he said, "thus putting this wheat into Great Lakes and Atlantic seaboard terminals for later shipment across the ocean."

## State Income Tax Payments Increase

SALEM, Ore., June 13 (UP)—State income tax commissioner Earl Fisher today reported the total funds from income taxes during the first five months of 1945, after refunds, totalled \$13,221,683.21.

Of this amount, individuals paid \$10,275,491.79, while corporations paid \$2,991,002.25. This compares with \$2,346,832.83 paid by corporations during the first five months of last year, and \$4,473,035.11 paid by individuals.

About 300,000 taxable returns have been filed so far in 1945, Fisher said, or slightly more than were filed during the same period of 1944.

Unpaid current installments on May 31, 1945, amounted to \$3,172,187.80, Fisher reported, as compared to \$1,311,130.42 on the same date last year.

## College Receives New Scholarships

Receipt of a new \$100 scholarship and award of two others at Eastern Oregon college was announced today by President Robert J. Maaske.

The new scholarship was received from Dr. C. L. Gilstrap and Dr. E. C. Miller. It was announced that it probably will go to a bachelor of science student or one pursuing the medical and dental assistant's curriculum which starts at the college in the fall.

## Big Nations Win Victory in Test On Veto Power

### Yalta Formula Approved In Committee Poll

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13 (UP)—A technical committee of the United Nations security conference today approved the Yalta voting formula for the proposed world security council, including the widely-attacked veto power for the Big Five nations.

Committee members said on leaving the meeting that the vote showed 30 countries voting to approve the formula, two against, 15 abstaining from voting and three absent.

Australian Foreign Minister Herbert V. Evatt, who led the fight to modify the formula, served notice that defeat at this conference did not mean the end of his battle.

"It will go on until liberalization or improvement takes place," he said.

Evatt and his supporters here claimed a moral victory. They contended that the vote showed that half of the 50 nations at this conference, either by supporting Australia or by abstaining from the roll call, could not defend the formula.

The Australian amendment would have taken away from the Big Five the right given them under the Yalta formula to veto security council action in the peaceful settlement of disputes. Many other pending amendments now are expected to be withdrawn or defeated easily.

## Registration For College Summer School Increases

An increase of 30 per cent in the summer school enrollment at Eastern Oregon college over the first day last year was announced today by Lyle H. Johnson, registrar.

Eighty-two students registered, 72 in teacher training and 10 for the junior college curriculum. There are 69 women and 13 men. Twenty-eight students are doing work toward the bachelor of science degree in elementary education, 23 are third-year students, 12 are second-year students and 12 are first-year students. Seven are classified as special students.

Approximately 15 students are taking work to qualify for emergency teaching certificates and will teach in Oregon schools next year.

## Cordon Raps OPA Meat, Sugar Policy

BEND, June 13 (UP)—En route to his home in Roseburg from hearings by the senate public land committee held in Idaho and Oregon, U. S. Senator Guy Cordon stopped in Bend today long enough to take a blast at the office of price administration, calling that agency's work "the most miserable failure that has been made in the control problem in the field of food, and particularly meat."

After remarking how he had seen "animated T-bones all the way from Omaha to Bend," Cordon said there are "80,000,000 fine cattle in this country and we can't get meat." He said that the conditions "insofar as sugar is concerned 'is almost as bad.'"

## Patton in Capital For Reassignment

WASHINGTON, June 13 (UP)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., flew George S. Marshall, army chief here today to report to Gen. of staff, for a new assignment.

The hard-hitting third army commander said he did not know what his next job will be. Patton flew here in an army transport plane from the Pacific coast, accompanied by his wife.



SPELLS TROUBLE FOR ENEMY—The rocket launcher, commonly called "bazooka" is one of the most talked of weapons of World War II. It is extensively used by American infantrymen and plays an important part in conquest of enemy pillboxes and tanks. It will be one of the infantry weapons demonstrated at the "Here's Your Infantry" presentation in the high school stadium Friday night.

## War Bond Sales in County Pass 60 Percent of Quota; Increase Expected After Infantry Show

War bond sales in Union county yesterday passed the 60 percent mark in the 7th war loan campaign, with two weeks to go to reach the over-all objective of \$964,000.

While the "Here's Your Infantry" show Friday night is expected to have a speed-up effect on sales, particularly among those potential buyers who have not yet bought bonds to the limit of their ability, W. C. Perkins, county war finance committee chairman, urged each community committee to exert extra efforts toward additional sales to avoid the possibility that the county quota may not be reached by the appointed closing date of the campaign.

He reported sales to noon yesterday aggregated \$810,099.75 (sale price), of which \$474,868.75 is in E bonds and \$53,737.50 in other than E bonds to individuals. This is 64 per cent of the county quota of E bonds and 63 per cent of the objective for all types of securities offered in the current campaign.

Sales of bonds to corporations thus far amount to \$81,693.50, Perkins reported.

## Infantry Due Tomorrow

While no bond purchase will be required to admit spectators to the thrilling demonstrations to be staged on the high school athletic field by the infantry troop—and none will be sold at the school—the demonstration of how the money is spent to provide the doughboys, and other fighting men as well, with the munitions and supplies necessary to victory is expected to result in a substantial boost in bond sales during the ensuing days.

The 89 infantrymen, all veterans of the various fighting fronts, are due to arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning and will spend the day in preparations for the demonstration Friday night.

Tomorrow evening they will be the guests of the Elks lodge at a Dutch lunch and dance.

Street Exhibit Slated

The public's first chance to inspect the infantry equipment will be at an exhibit on Adams avenue at 7 p. m. See INFANTRY... Page 7

## Chinese Force Japs To Flee Wenchow

CHUNGKING, June 13 (UP)—Chinese forces aided by local militia today were reported closing in on the Chekiang port of Wenchow with the Japanese in rapid retreat before them.

A government communique reported the capture of Pingyang, 25 miles south of Wenchow, and of nearby Julian.

These gains were reported an official confirmation came of Chinese evacuation of Ishan, 43 miles west of Luchow. In southern Kiangsi province, Chinese troops reached an area between Nanking and Sinfeng, 180 miles northwest of Canton, cutting off the escape route of a Japanese force.

## Starving Civilians Liberated

MANILA, June 13 (UP)—The Japanese put the torch to rich oil installations on north Borneo today as Australian troops advanced slowly toward Brunei through thick jungle.

Reports from the front said that columns of smoke were seen and explosion echoed from the direction of Brunei, capital of the Sultanate of the same name. The Japanese troops were believed firing both the town and nearby oil installations.

There still was no enemy opposition to speak of, but the ninth Australian division found it tough going along the bad, narrow road through the jungle from captured Brooketon to Brunei.

After another two-mile gain, the Australians were 10 airline miles, or 14 miles by road, from Brunei.

Many Are Liberated

Other reports said that 1,500 civilians, many of them hungry and sick, had been liberated so far. They included Chinese, Malays, Indians and Javanese.

The small island of Muara, off Brooketon in Brunei Bay, was completely cleared by the invaders.

On Lubuan, Australian engineers went to work to clear the long unused airstrip, which was captured in the early stages of the landing. The strip was reported overgrown with grass and pocked with bomb craters, but it was expected to be cleared soon.

## Vacation Bible School Attendance Shows Big Increase

Attendance of 540 La Grande children at the inter-church vacation Bible school conducted recently under the direction of the La Grande Ministerial association was announced today by Rev. Stanley Hunt, upon completion of the records.

Rev. Hunt, who was chairman of the Ministerial association in charge of the school program, expressed gratification at the increase of more than 13 per cent over last year, when 476 children participated.

Classes were held for nine days in four public school buildings with attendance, and under the direction of various ministers as follows: Riviera, Rev. O. A. Crofford, 131, average attendance, 88; Greenwood, Rev. Floyd White, 166, average attendance, 122; Willow, directed by Salvation army, 95, average attendance, 69, and Central, Rev. Hunt, 154, average attendance, 106.

Serving with Rev. Hunt on the committee were Rev. Mark Talney, publicity; Mrs. R. W. Tomcransen, secretary; and Rev. Tomcransen, treasurer. Other ministers also assisted, and the faculty was composed of volunteer workers from various churches.

## Crewman Missing In Bomber Crash

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 13 (UP)—Seven men parachuted to safety when a B-24 Liberator bomber crashed near the Walla Walla air field last night but the eighth crew member is missing, it was announced today.

A rescue party from the field launched a search for the missing airman. His name was not disclosed.

The plane crashed at 11:45 p. m. 15 miles northwest of the field while on a combat training mission.

## "Banzai" Charges Fail to Halt Yank Infantry, Marines

GUAM, June 13 (UP)—Mountain-climbing American troops, armed with special flame-throwers, burned a fiery path through Japanese fortifications atop Yaeju-Dake plateau on Okinawa today and smashed desperate "Banzai" charges by doomed enemy survivors.

One of the greatest artillery barrages of the Pacific war shattered several enemy troop concentrations on the summit of the sheer cliffs, where trapped Japanese were making a suicide stand.

Marines and infantrymen scaled to the top of the plateau on rope ladders, then used the same ropes to haul up other troops and their supplies.

The defenders virtually were surrounded. The 1st marine division on the west, the 86th army division on the north and the 7th army division on the east cracked through primary defenses and stormed across the plateau from three sides. It may be the final battle of Okinawa.

United Press War Correspondent E. G. Valens reported from 10th army headquarters that cornered Japanese troops hurled themselves at advancing Americans in familiar last-ditch suicide assaults.

In one of the largest counter-attacks, approximately 300 Japanese carrying dynamite "satchel charges" charged 1st marine division positions on the western front. The leather-necks killed 64, including one woman.

On the strategic southeastern coast near Hanagusuku, American tanks cleaned out 105 Japanese caves along the escarpment. Foot soldiers swept caves and breastworks with blasts of flame sprayed from 200-foot long firehoses. Others rooted out Japanese with grenades and rifles.

It was a battle to the death with no quarter asked or given. Gains of up to 1,000 yards were reported in the past 24 hours.

Marines of the first division cracked the western end of the Yaeju-Dake position in a pre-dawn attack yesterday morning. They clambered up 150-foot Kumlsh ridge at 3:30 a. m. under cover of darkness with comparative ease.

## Truman Optimistic For Success Of Big Three Parley

WASHINGTON, June 13 (UP)—President Truman announced today that a definite time and place has been set for the big three meeting.

He said the trips of Harry L. Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies to Moscow and London produced numerous encouraging results in preparation for the meeting.

He did not say when the session will take place, but it apparently will be held somewhere overseas in July, according to previous indications.

## Russian Situation Eased

He appealed to American reporters not to muddy the waters in regard to the Polish situation, saying that the efforts of Hopkins in Moscow had produced a very pleasant yielding by Russia on the long deadlock and that definite progress had been made.

Mr. Truman said the efforts of Hopkins resulted categorically in a change in the Russian position on veto power in the United Nations organizations. That ended another deadlock that had delayed the San Francisco conference.

Talking about the forthcoming meeting of the big three, the president said it was important that the unity, mutual confidence and respect which resulted in military victory by the three big powers should be continued to make secure a just and durable peace.

He said that he will be accompanied to the big three meeting by Hopkins, James F. Byrnes and Secretary of State E. R. Stettinius, Jr., as well as the American chiefs of staff. All of those men went with President Roosevelt to the last big three meeting at Yalta.

## Clark Gets Senate Committee Oke

WASHINGTON, June 13 (UP)—The senate judiciary committee today approved the nomination of Tom C. Clark of Texas to be attorney general. Committee chairman Pat McCarran, D., Nev., said the vote was unanimous. He expected the senate will confirm the appointment tomorrow. Clark is to take office July 1.

## Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m. Temperature: Maximum 82 Minimum 60 Forecast: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Thursday.

## Rev. I. T. Motz To Go To Idaho; New Pastor Comes Here

Assignment of Rev. Irwin T. Motz, pastor of the First Methodist church of La Grande for the past five years, to a pastorate in Gooding, Idaho, was announced today.

Coincidentally, it was announced that the Methodist conference has assigned to the local pastorate Rev. Logan Pruitt, formerly of Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Rev. Motz and his family plan to leave La Grande for their new home late next week, and the new pastor is expected to arrive about the same time with his wife and daughter. Mrs. Pruitt is the daughter of Rev. George W. Barnes of Boise, a former minister in the Idaho conference of the church. The Pruitts formerly were in the church service in Hawaii.

Rev. Motz' incumbency in the local pastorate is the longest in the history of the church here. On June 15th he will have completed his fifth year in the local church. During that period a substantial increase has been made in the membership of the church, the past year showing an addition of 61 members to the congregation.

## Bid To Moscow Parley Rejected By London Pole

LONDON, June 13 (UP)—Julian Zakowski, one of three London Polish leaders invited by the big three to a conference on the Polish question in Moscow, rejected the invitation today.

Zakowski's action was announced by a spokesman for the Polish exile government in London, none of whose members was invited to the Moscow conference.

Exclusion of the exile regime generally was regarded as the signing of its death warrant, so far as the United States and Britain are concerned. Russia broke relations with the London Poles in 1943.

Prime Minister Tomasz Arciszewski called a special session of the London cabinet today to consider future action.

## Others May Accept

The other two London Polish leaders invited to Moscow, former Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the exile regime and socialist party leader Jan Stanczyk, are expected to accept the big three's bid and leave by plane tomorrow.

The spokesman expressed conviction that Mikolajczyk will insist upon the release of 16 Polish leaders held by the Red army for "diversionist" activity as a preliminary requirement for the forthcoming conference.

A joint big three statement issued simultaneously in London, Washington and Moscow last night said the conference will begin Friday.

## Baseball Results

National League	
1st game—	R H E
Philadelphia	3 6 3
Boston	8 10 2
Barrett, Lucier 4, and Peacock; Cooper and Masi.	
HHR—Philadelphia, Flagler, 3rd, (none on).	

American League		
1st game—	3 14 2	
Cleveland	3 14 2	
Chicago	5 7 0	
Gromek and Hayes; Haynes and Tresh. HHR—Chicago, Michaels, 8th (none on).		
St. Louis		4 8 1
Detroit		6 9 1
Potter, Shirley (7) and McCarran; Orrell, Eaton (7), Mueller (9) and Swift.		