

# Allied Invasion of Ryukus Is Hinted

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# Jap Stronghold of Truk Battered

## Allied Sea and Air Forces Smash Enemy Outpost; New Landing on Borneo Looms

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16 (UP) — Tokyo radio reported another carrier-based raid today on Truk island, in the Carolines, following two days of air and naval attacks.

The broadcast reported that 60 carrier-based planes attacked for five hours this morning.

Yesterday, Tokyo said, a force of two cruisers and four destroyers shelled the island for an hour. On Thursday and again yesterday there were also air raids. The Japanese broadcast said that the naval force attacking Truk was "presumably" British.

## \$10,000 Issue of School Bonds is Approved 4 to 1

Electors of the La Grande school district, in an extremely light vote, yesterday authorized the issuance of \$10,000 in bonds for the acquisition of additional land for the high school athletic field.

The vote was 46 for the bonds and 11 against, 36 for and 7 against being cast at the Central school, and 10 for and four against at the Greenwood school.

The bond authorization was asked by the school board to acquire approximately three city lots at the corner of the high school stadium.

The additional land will permit the enlargement of the athletic track to a full quarter-mile through squaring off of the field, into which the privately owned property now cuts at the corner.

School officials announced they have an option on property owned by the estate of the late Fred Spaeth, and are negotiating with R. E. O'Leary for acquisition of the other property.

## Peacetime Draft Is Held Key To Nation's Security

WASHINGTON, June 16 (UP) — The heads of the army, navy and marine corps today told congress that compulsory peacetime military training is essential to the nation's security.

Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of naval operations Adm. Ernest C. King and marine corps commandant Gen. A. A. Vandegrift added their voices to those of Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal and high ranking field commanders to urge prompt congressional action.

Testifying before the house post-war military policy committee, Marshall said that after the war the United States either must maintain a large standing army or must have a supply of trained reserves.

The cost of a large army would be prohibitive, Marshall said.

"It is clear to me that whatever the terms of peace, the fundamental basis of our defense must be universal military training," he told the committee. "No other practical solution has been offered."

Vandegrift pointed out that Wake, Guam and the Philippines were lost because of unpreparedness and "not until August of 1942 were we able to launch it."

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## Boys Get Awards For Scout Work

A special board of review was held in the Presbyterian church early this week for the Scouts who were at the annual camporee the previous week. Examiners present were Lee Reynolds and Leslie Smith.

## Workers Will Be Enlisted Here For Ship Repair

As part of a campaign to recruit 30,000 workers for ship repairs in Pacific coast yards, a representative of the United States employment service will be in La Grande all next week.

Fletcher Milton, local USES representative, announced H. C. Nelson will be at the USES office, 111 Fir street, to interview men who are not now engaged in essential industries.

The manpower shortage in the yards that are repairing battle damaged ships, was the subject of a conference today in Portland between manpower directors of Pacific coast states with F. W. Hunter of San Francisco, regional director.

He said the repair yards had 130,000 workers last month, and that it is the aim to increase their strength to 160,000 in this campaign.

It was reported that in Portland yards alone 5,000 workers can be used to repair the vessels needed to keep men and supplies going to the Pacific war area.

The conference also studied critical manpower requirements of other essential industries, and it was reported that discharged veterans are being interviewed at separation centers and many are going directly into critical occupations.

Lyle Johnson, registrar of Eastern Oregon college, today announced that Monday is the final day for registration for summer school classes at the institution, which is offering several special classes of interest to adults of the community.

He said these classes are "World Problems in Political Geography" with Dr. Joseph Gaiser as instructor; "Creative Writing," Miss Amanda Zabel; "Ornithology" with field trips, Dr. C. W. Quaintance, and "Outdoor Sketching," George Nightingale. He also announced a special class in elementary Red Cross first aid will be conducted by Mrs. Nightingale.

## Japanese Home Waters Are Mined

GUAM, June 16 (UP)—Superfortresses mined waters off Niigata, 160 miles north of Tokyo, early today in perhaps their deepest penetration of Japan, an enemy broadcast reported.

Niigata lies on the north coast of Honshu, the main Japanese home island, and is 1,550 miles from the nearest B-29 base on Saipan. A round trip flight to Niigata would be 3,300 miles.

Ten other B-29s mined the western tip of Honshu, Kanmon Strait between Honshu and Kyushu and the nearby Suwo Sea, Tokyo said.

## Pearé Reappointed To Aviation Board

Dr. W. M. Pearé of La Grande has been reappointed to the Oregon state board of aeronautics by Gov. Earl Snell, to serve a five year term.

With the notification of the reappointment, Governor Snell sent his thanks for "the splendid service you have rendered in the past."



LEADS IN BORNEO—Lt. Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead, above, Anzac hero of Tobruk, commands Australian forces that swept ashore on Borneo in the first major invasion looking to recapture of the vital island.

## Union County Sales of War Bonds Lag

W. C. Perkins, Union county war finance committee chairman, announced today that the county is running behind schedule on purchases of E Bonds in the 7th war loan campaign, and if the quota of \$741,000 is to be reached by the end of the campaign, June 30, daily sales must not be less than \$8,435.10.

This figure was arrived at after reports of the selling agencies showed a total of \$14,606.25 in E bonds were sold yesterday, bringing the total of this type of bond sales to \$498,987.50. Sales of other type bonds to individuals yesterday were \$4,128, making the total to date in these bonds \$70,306.

Sales of all types of securities in the 7th war loan drive now amount to \$656,112, leaving a total of all types of bonds to be sold in the next two weeks \$305,888.

## Ribbentrop Goes Under Quiz About Nazi War Secrets

LONDON, June 16 (UP) — Supreme headquarters investigators questioned former German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop today for clues to the nazi underground — if any — and the extent to which Germany shared her "V" weapon secrets with Japan.

Ribbentrop told his British captors originally that he was on a "mission for Hitler," but it later developed the mission was to tell Britain and Germany that the Fuehrer always had hoped to avoid war with Britain.

A dispatch from British army headquarters said Ribbentrop was on no other special mission when captured Thursday in Hamburg.

Questioning of Ribbentrop was believed centering around four main topics on which may hinge future war plans of the United Nations:

1. Did the Germans detect a sizeable anti-war bloc in Japan.
2. Did Germany pass on to Japan scientific data for the latest terror weapons, as for instance the trans-Atlantic V-rockets?
3. How strong and closely knit is the nazi underground in Germany, who are its potential leaders and where is it based?
4. Do secret nazi outposts exist in neutral or other countries?

## Polynesian Wins Pimlico Classic

BALTIMORE, June 16 (UP)—Hoop Jr., the Kentucky Derby winner, was derailed from facing his golden highway today when he was defeated by Mrs. P. A. B. Sidner's Polynesian in the 55th running of the Preakness stakes.

Polynesian led from the start and won going away, two and a half lengths ahead of Hoop Jr. The latter beat out Darby Diempe, which came up fast, in a photo finish for place.

An outsider in the betting, Polynesian paid \$26.00, \$6.70 and \$3.80. Hoop Jr., the favorite, returned \$3.20 to places and \$2.60 to show. Darby Diempe's show price was \$4.30.

## Mrs. Harry Fulton Is Accident Victim

Mrs. Harry Fulton is in St. Joseph's hospital where she received treatment for a broken ankle received in an accident last night at her home.

Mrs. Fulton had stepped from the car, driven by her husband, and he, not knowing she had walked behind the car, backed the auto, knocking her down. She expects to leave the hospital within a few days.



GET IT UP, SON!—As the color guard passes during a 44th infantry division parade at Langenfeld, Austria, youngsters at the roadside salute—all except the recalcitrant lad at left, whose girl friend, while holding her own salute, is trying to make him pay his respects to the Stars and Stripes.

## Capacity Crowd Thrills as GIs Knockout Enemy in Bond Show

A thrilling and at the same time somewhat terrifying picture of how American boys fight and die in the jungles and volcanic islands of the Pacific attracted a record crowd to the high school stadium last night when two-score veterans of infantry fighting on the world's battlefields vividly illustrated how money invested in war bonds equips them to uphold their reputation of being the best fighting men in the world.

Thousands of residents of La Grande and nearby communities packed the stands and hundreds more stood through the long program to witness a spectacular "show" such as is seen nowhere else except on the battlefield.

While they were entertained such as they never were before, they could not but have been impressed with the illustration of the high cost of war and the pressing necessity for loaning their money (through bond purchases) to provide the wherewithal to maintain the drive into Tokyo.

The White House announced late yesterday that the president hopes to address the closing session of the San Francisco conference next Saturday. It was also announced that the big three will meet "in the vicinity of Berlin."

From Mr. Truman's press conference statements in the past two weeks it seems certain that he will be greeting Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill somewhere in the vicinity of the wrecked German capital not later than July 17.

In between these jumps the president is to visit Olympia, Wash., his native Missouri and possibly the governor's conference at Mackinac Island, Mich., during the first week in July.

The president's schedule, mapped out for reporters by White House press secretary Charles G. Ross, left observers gasping. It rivaled anything the late President Roosevelt ever attempted when he was a champion world traveler.

## 10 Crewmen Die In Bomber Crash

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 16 (UP)—A B-24 Liberator bomber crashed near the Walla Walla army air field at 5:52 p. m. yesterday, killing all nine crewmen aboard, it was announced today.

The bomber was returning from a combat training mission when it crashed and burned just north of the field. Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## Eisenhower Leaves On Return to U. S.

PARIS, June 16 (UP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower left for the United States today in the late President Roosevelt's private plane.

The plane was specially sent by Gen. George C. Marshall to bring Eisenhower back. He expects to reach Washington at 11:30 a. m. Monday.

## Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m. Temperature: Maximum — 71 Minimum — 42 Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

# New Assault Seen As Aftermath of Okinawa Victory

GUAM, June 16 (UP) — American artillery and flame-throwing tanks annihilated hundreds of disorganized Japanese in a 10-square mile dead end pocket of southern Okinawa today and Tokyo reported U. S. forces appeared to be preparing for possible new landings in the Ryukyus.

Beaten enemy troops acknowledge defeat with sporadic, suicidal Banzai charges into withering fire from 10th army troops.

"There are so many targets that we cannot kill all the enemy we find exposed," a 7th division staff officer told United Press war correspondent E. G. Valens.

Radio Tokyo said American naval units already have extended patrols 110 miles northeast of Okinawa to Amami island, only 185 miles south of Japan proper, in preparation for possible fresh operations against the "Japanese homeland."

U. S. artillery has dug in for the last time on southern Okinawa. Big guns raked the entire Japanese death fortress, now approximately three miles wide and three miles long.

Officers estimated there are probably thousands of enemy soldiers dead or dying in their own territory — victims of artillery bombardment, aerial rocket firing and incendiaries, oil bombs, naval shelling, mortars and rifle fire.

Final victory on Okinawa may come this weekend, certainly within a week, U. S. officers said. The 10th army has captured nearly half the southern plateau. Flame-throwing tanks advanced ahead of the infantrymen, crushing diehard Japanese in foxholes beneath their treads.

Enemy broadcasts reported what were described as "significant developments" in the Okinawa area.

The Japanese regard Amami, like Okinawa and the remainder of the Ryukyu island chain, as part of their homeland.

Tokyo said it also was "especially noteworthy" that the number of fully-laden American cargo ships and landing craft in the American-held Kerama islands just west of Okinawa had increased suddenly.

## French Attack Spaniards Who Fought for Nazis

CHAMBERY, France, June 16 (UP)—French resistance members fought an hour-long pitched battle here late yesterday with troops of the Spanish blue division, which fought the Russians on the eastern front, and killed 13 Spaniards.

Approximately 100 Spaniards and several Frenchmen were wounded.

A sealed train brought the Spaniards here on their way home to Spain from Switzerland, where they had been interned after fighting as volunteers with the wehrmacht on the eastern front.

The French smashed windows and ripped off doors to get at the Spaniards inside.

The battle raged an hour before railroad officials could get the train moving again.

The blue division was officially dissolved by Generalissimo Francisco Franco over a year ago. But members who wanted to remain on the eastern front as volunteers in the wehrmacht were allowed to do so.

The Vatican informant said that Archbishop Spellman would be named a cardinal during a consistory sometime late in the fall, possibly a few days before Christmas. His appointment as secretary of state will follow.

## Proposed Laws To Go To Vote

SALEM, Ore., June 16 (UP)—Petitions which will cause two laws enacted by the 1945 legislature to be referred to a vote of the people were filed with the secretary of state here late yesterday.

The laws were the "fish bill," which would have limited commercial fishing in some coastal streams, and the Multnomah county registrar of elections bill, which would have created that appointive office.

The petitions were filed on the last possible day, as all other new laws passed, which did not have the emergency clause, went into effect at 12:01 a. m. today.

He was acting on orders from the nazi party overlords to kill on sight any allied fliers who parachuted into his native village of Priest, in the Cologne area.

## Auto Tire Output Will Be Increased

WASHINGTON, June 16 (UP) — A total of 800,000 more passenger and motorcycle tires will be produced in the July-September quarter than were produced in the second quarter of 1945, the war production board has announced.

The schedule reflects a sharp drop in requirements for airplane and military combat tires during the redeployment period.

Heavy truck and bus tire production will be about the same.

## Court Rules for State in Tilt In Bowman Trial

The state won an important victory in the trial of Albert Forrest Bowman on a murder charge today, when Circuit Judge R. J. Green overruled a defense motion aimed at counteracting Bowman's asserted admission that he struck the blows that may have killed his father, Albert F. Bowman.

Defense Attorneys Henry Heas and S. H. Burchfield petitioned the court yesterday afternoon for the right to question state witnesses who were scheduled to testify concerning Bowman's asserted confession.

The jury was excused at 4 p. m. yesterday and the remainder of the court session and most of the half day session today were devoted to arguments of attorneys on the defense effort to show the admissions concerning the homicide were made by young Bowman under compulsion.

C. R. Eberhard, district attorney pro tem, and George Cochran, deputy, vigorously opposed the defense motion, and were sustained by Judge Green, who ruled that the state had made a prima facie showing of homicide.

Police Testify Following the ruling, the jury was recalled, and Captains H. W. Howard and S. A. Malehorn of the state police arson squad, who assisted in the investigation of the Bowman case, were called as state witnesses.

Capt. Howard testified that when young Bowman was questioned he admitted engaging in physical combat with his father, whom, the witness testified, said he struck on the head with a rock after his parent threatened to shoot him and started toward him with a milk stool. Howard quoted Bowman as saying he took the stool away from his father and they engaged in a scuffle in the barnyard, during which he picked up a rock and struck his father on the head.

Believing he had killed his parent, young Bowman threw the body into a nearby well, Howard again quoted the accused man.

With the completion of the testimony of Capt. Howard court was adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Monday.

## American May Get High Vatican Post

ROME, June 16 (UP) — Pope Pius XII intends to name archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York as the new papal secretary of state, an unimpeachable Vatican source said today.

The Vatican informant said that Archbishop Spellman would be named a cardinal during a consistory sometime late in the fall, possibly a few days before Christmas. His appointment as secretary of state will follow.

"Lord Haw Haw" to Face Treason Charge

LONDON, June 16 (UP)—William "Lord Haw Haw" Joyce was flown here from Brussels today and taken immediately to London's Bow street police station to face a charge of treason.

The renegade English fascist, who fled to Germany before the outbreak of the war and broadcast for the nazi propaganda ministry, was brought back by allied military agents who captured him near Flensburg last month.

## Baseball Results

American League R H E Detroit 7 14 1 Chicago 5 13 2

Overmire, Rout (8) and Swift, Richards (8); Lopat and Tresh. Boston 0 5 2 Washington 4 9 0

Terry, Johnson (8) and Walters; Haefner and Ferrell.