

# Polish Leaders Confess Anti-Red Activities

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## La Grande Evening Observer

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Weather  
Data for 24 hours ending 7 a. m.  
Temperature:  
Maximum 85  
Minimum 45  
Forecast: Clear tonight and Tuesday.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1945

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# Kagoshima Is Levelled In Fiery Raid

## Enemy Remnants on Okinawa Shattered

## Four Home Industry Centers of Nippon Targets of B-29s

### Holdouts Encircled By Yanks

GUAM, Friday, June 19 (UP) — Tenth army troops encircled disorganized thirteenth Japanese troops on the southeastern coast of Okinawa today and lunged forward in a frontal assault against isolated pockets of resistance that promised a quick end to the 80 day old campaign.

Four American divisions advanced in a co-ordinated offensive against crumbling opposition from 3,000 beaten enemy troops. Late battle reports said individual groups of Japanese soldiers were losing contact with one another in a death pocket of less than seven square miles.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's 7th division on the eastern flank closed a trap on decimated Japanese remnants fighting along the coast and moved in for a mop-up.

Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd's 6th marine division and Maj. Gen. Pedro De Valle's 1st marine division, now fighting abreast on the western flank, exploded a head-long attack against a series of ridges south of Merado, scarcely two miles from the cliff-lined tip of the island.

Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th division, fighting in the center of the American line, killed 115 grenade-throwing Japanese who infiltrated its positions in a suicidal counter-attack.

Of the original Japanese garrison of 65,000, American troops had killed at least 30,450 and captured 1,680 in the first 77 days of the campaign through Saturday.

The invasion - jittery Tokyo radio reiterated its warning to the Japanese people that a new American invasion could be expected soon, but admitted it did not know in which direction the blow would be aimed.

### La Grande Soldier Lands With 86th

Cpl. Eugene F. Greiner, Route 1, La Grande, is among 14,289 members of the 86th (Blackhawk) division who were being processed today at Camp Kilmer, N. J., preparatory to 30-day furloughs before resuming their trip from the battlefields of Europe to those of the Pacific area.

The regiment arrived in New York harbor yesterday in four transports after going through the European operations with only 800 casualties.

It was because of the comparatively light casualty list in four major battles in Germany that the 86th was selected as the first combat outfit to be redeployed against Japan.

Greiner and 93 other members of the division from Oregon are being sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., before being given their furloughs, press dispatches from the east coast said.

### Eugene Man Is New VFW Leader

MEDFORD, Ore., June 18 (UP) — Paul Tharalson, Eugene, was the new state commander of disabled veterans today after being named to the position in the closing sessions of their two-day convention here.

John Soummi, Oregon City, was elected vice commander and Clarence D. Griffith, Medford, only world war II veterans named to an office, junior vice commander. Pat Graham, Medford, was elected executive committee man, and Dave King, Portland, adjutant.

### E Bond Sales of \$8645 Daily Are Needed in County

Union county residents must purchase an average of \$8,645 in E bonds daily between now and June 30 to meet the quota set for the county by the treasury department.

This was announced today by W. C. Perkins, war finance committee chairman, after compilation of Saturday's sales, which brought the total of 7th war loan sales of E bonds to \$504,893.75. The day's sales were \$5,906.25 of Series E, and \$5,000 to corporations.

The Saturday sales bring the sales of all types of bonds to date to \$669,021, or 69 per cent of the quota of \$964,000.

A report from Portland today said sales of all types of bonds for the state as a whole were \$75,679,923, or 62.8 per cent of the quota.

### Voters to Ballot Friday on Two State Propositions

Voters of Oregon will go to the polls Friday to express their feelings on two propositions designed to provide funds for a \$10,000,000 building program for state institutions, and on a 2-cent cigarette tax to provide additional funds for public schools.

Widespread support is being given the building program proposal, which provides for the expenditure of income tax funds without levying any additional tax. No organized opposition has been expressed. The cigarette tax proposal is meeting some opposition.

The polling places in La Grande where the election will be held are as follows:

- Precinct 1—Frank Cleavinger residence, 502 Third street.
- Precinct 2—City Hall.
- Precinct 3—Shell Service Station, Second and Adams.
- Precinct 4—Lane Chapel, First and Crook.
- Precinct 5—Fruitdale school.
- Precinct 6—Willow school.
- Precinct 7—Lane Hotel, 205 Hemlock street.
- Precinct 8—Court House.
- Precinct 9—Red Cross building, Depot street.
- Precinct 10—Methodist church.
- Precinct 11—Graacia Hesse residence, 1906 Cedar street.
- Precinct 12—H. W. Riley, 1409 Madison street.
- Precinct 13—North Side Improvement club, 1311 Y avenue.

### Point Values of Fats Are Increased

WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP) —Point values of lard, shortening and oils are now 12 points a pound instead of the 10 points they have been. The OPA raised the value Saturday night because civilians' shares have been reduced for the third quarter of 1945.

Butter and margarine values were left at their present high point levels — butter 24 points a pound and margarine 12 points.

At the same time OPA cut third quarter use of fats by industrial users to place all consumers — food manufacturers, restaurants and householders — on the same basis.

### Trial of Officer's Slayer is Begun

VALE, Ore., June 18 (UP) — Selection of a jury began here today in circuit court for the trial of Kenneth Bailey, Klamath Falls, Ore., charged with the first degree murder of Sgt. Ted Chambers, 45, Oregon state policeman, who was killed in a gun battle near Weiser, Ida., last April 29.

Bailey was indicted by a Malheur county grand jury on the murder charge and also on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

### "Terrorism" Blamed Upon London Poles

MOSCOW, June 18 (UP) — Fifteen of 16 Polish underground leaders charged with terroristic acts against the Red army pleaded guilty today to all or part of the charges when they went on trial before a Soviet military tribunal.

Gen. Bronislaw Okulicki, leader of the Polish home army, was among a group of 12 defendants who pleaded guilty to all the charges. Three others pleaded guilty, in part, to the charges and the sixteenth, identified as Zbigniew Stypulkowski, declared himself innocent.

One group of the Poles was charged with the organization of armed bands in White Russia and the western Ukraine on instructions from the London Polish government for the purpose of attacking Red army formations.

Battle Orders Given  
A second group was charged with using clandestine radio stations.

The indictment charged that Okulicki admitted under preliminary examination that he ordered the Polish home army to maintain itself intact in order to fight the Red army.

It said he admitted operating, during 1944, 25 secret radio stations in Poland and 10 in the western Ukraine. Okulicki also was accused of espionage and sabotage.

The indictment quoted an alleged order from Okulicki to one Colonel Slaboda, dated March 22, 1945, a few days before the Polish group was arrested.

This said: "A Soviet victory over Germany will threaten not only Britain's interests in Europe but will threaten also all of Europe. Considering British interests in Europe, Britain will mobilize all Europe's forces in an anti-Soviet bloc.

"It is clear that we will occupy first place in this European anti-Soviet bloc which cannot be organized without the participation of Germany which will be controlled by Britain.

"The Polish underground has joined this anti-Soviet bloc organized by Britain."

Jan Jankowski, vice-premier of the Polish London government, said in reply to a question: "I am guilty of the main count."

The indictment charged that the group disseminated anti-Soviet propaganda through secret radio stations and also maintained constant contact with the London regime from which it received directives.

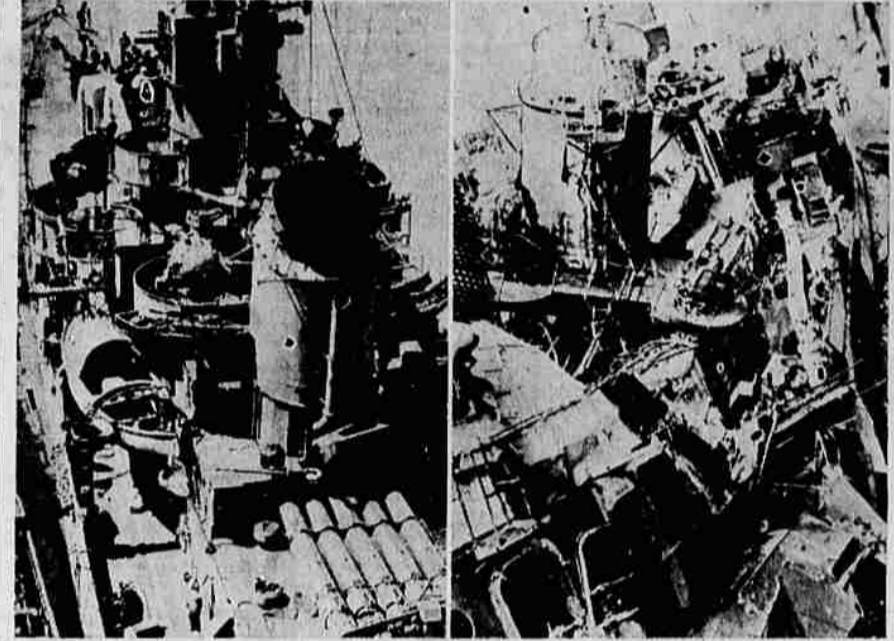
### Japanese Flee Victorious Yanks

MANILA, June 18 (UP) — American mechanized troops sped across the Cagayan valley floor today in pursuit of the last large Japanese force on Luzon, an estimated two divisions.

American naval units meanwhile pounded the beach defenses fronting the Seria and Miri oilfields of north Borneo. The Japanese, apparently fearing another invasion, put the torch to at least 20 oil wells, and Chinese fishermen indicated the enemy was retreating inland.

The Philippines fighting stole the spotlight for the moment in the southwest Pacific as two columns of the 37th division raced 13 miles along the Cagayan valley against virtually no opposition.

Two enemy divisions—the sole sizable enemy force left on Luzon—were believed to be somewhere in the Cagayan valley, but they showed no signs yet of making a stand.



DESTROYER VICTIM OF JAP SUICIDE ATTACK—This was the bridge of the heroic destroyer USS Hazelwood (left) before bombs of a Jap suicide plane exploded amidst flaming destruction of its gasoline, left 77 Americans dead or missing in flames and explosions that wiped out the bridge (right) and forward superstructure. The gallant ship limped into San Francisco harbor under her own power for repairs.

## Gen. 'Ike' Is Given Tumultuous Ovation on Return to Capital

### Order Banishing Bridges Cancelled By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP) —The supreme court today cancelled an order calling for the deportation of Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, to Australia as a communist. The decision was 5 to 3.

The ruling brought to a close the long series of hearings over deportation proceedings started against Bridges in 1938.

Bridges, who has remained an alien since coming to this country in 1920, turned to the federal courts after Attorney General Francis Biddle on May 28, 1942, ordered that he be sent back to his native land.

Biddle held that Bridges, head of the powerful Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union (CIO), was an undesirable alien as a member of the communist party which fought overthrow of the U. S. government by "force and violence."

The supreme court reviewed the entire proceedings upon Bridges' bid for freedom through a writ of habeas corpus. Bridges appeared after Federal Judge Martin I. Welsh in California refused to issue the habeas corpus writ and his refusal was upheld by the ninth circuit court of appeals.

### Chinese Open New Invasion Route

CHUNGKING, June 18 (UP) — Chinese troops opened a second invasion gate to Eastern China today with the capture of the big treaty port of Wenchow, 440 miles west of Okinawa.

A communiqué said the Chinese entered Wenchow, 240 miles south of Shanghai, driving the Japanese garrison across the Wu river to the north.

The equally important seaport of Foochow, 150 miles to the south, fell to the Chinese several weeks ago. Deep in the interior of south China, other Chinese forces closed in on the former American air base of Luchow from the northwest, west and southwest.

### New Officers Are Seated at Lion's Club Meeting

Officers of the La Grande Lions club, headed by A. B. Olson as president, were installed at the weekly meeting today in the Stein cafe banquet room, with Lyle Johnson serving as the installing officer.

Other officers are: Marcus Rosench, first vice president; Jesse Rosenbaum, second vice president; D. W. Hall, secretary; Millard Smith, treasurer; Gordon L. Capps, lieutenant; Ray R. Ragsdale, lieutenant; and the following directors: H. J. Nelson, S. H. Weimer, Ralph E. Jones, Louis M. Gibson and Gene Detrick.

In presenting the gavel to Olson, retiring president Horace J. Nelson reviewed the accomplishments of the club during the past year, including a 100 per cent increase in membership, successfully staging the first annual Lions club talent show and arranging for new street signs throughout the city of La Grande.

John Newman, member of the club boys' and girls' work committee, announced that a beginners archery class will be sponsored. NEW OFFICERS . . . Page 5

### Youth Reveals Plot To Kill Montgomery

COPENHAGEN, June 18 (UP) —Authorities announced today that the alleged leader of a Nazi-controlled terrorist group confessed that he planned to assassinate Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery when he visited Copenhagen soon after the capitulation of Germany.

"I actually stood with a grenade in my hand, ready to throw," the youth was quoted. At the last moment he was dissuaded by fear of the heavy Danish police guard along the road.

### Military Objector Caught at Alice

The arrest Saturday night of Harold Weldon Rhymer, previously sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary as a conscientious objector and paroled on the provision he remain in a CO camp, terminated a year's search for the offender by the FBI.

Rhymer, who fled from a conscientious objector camp in California, was arrested by Marshal Barnes and Sgt. W. A. Foster of the state police, at an Alisal ranch. Sgt. Foster said this is the third time Rhymer has faced a similar charge.

He is being held here for the arrival of a United States marshal, who will take him to Portland to be tried in the federal court.

GUAM, June 18 (UP) — A fleet of 450 Superfortresses burned the port of Kagoshima to the water's edge and set fires visible up to 150 miles in three other cities along a 500-mile front in Japan today.

The 21st bomber command said preliminary reports indicated "excellent results" in all four target cities—Kagoshima and Omuta on the southern island of Kyushu and Yokkaichi and Hamamatsu on the central island of Honshu.

Nearly 3,000 tons of fire bombs were dropped in the four-way assault, it marked the opening of the second phase of the air offensive against Japan, the attacking of secondary cities now that the major industrial centers of Tokyo, Osaka, Magoya, Yokohama, Kobe and Kacasaki have been devastated.

Striking in the pre-dawn darkness between 2 and 3 a. m., the big bombers caught the Japanese defenses napping and burned out thousands of piece-work "shadow factories" in the cellars and backyards of the four cities.

Returning crewmen said Kagoshima, a major port of the southern tip of Kyushu, burned to the water's edge and sent smoke billowing 12,000 feet. They called it one of the most successful B-29 raids in recent weeks.

Street and port lights were on when the bombers attacked and even naval craft in the harbor were showing lights. Meager to heavy anti-aircraft fire and only a few fighters were encountered.

Good to excellent bombing was reported at Omuta, a chemical and synthetic oil center 100 miles north of Kagoshima.

At Yokkaichi, a port and textile center 25 miles southwest of Nagoya, airmen counted three large conflagrations and 30 smaller fires. Flames engulfed several square miles of the city and sent smoke up 1,000 feet, they said.

Fire were visible 100 miles away as the bombers turned home.

The Yokkaichi raiders also saw Hamamatsu burning 150 miles away. Crews who attacked Hamamatsu, a railway and aircraft center 55 miles southwest of Nagoya, reported huge conflagrations, smoke rose 15,000 feet, they said.

### Death Summons Capt. John Gardner

News of the death of Capt. John T. Gardner, 38, a native of La Grande, in an army hospital in Pasadena, Calif., Sunday was received by friends here today. He had been ill for several months.

Gardner was the son of John Gardner and Edith Gardner Ford, formerly of La Grande. He was born here April 4, 1907.

He had been a resident of Walla Walla, Wash., since 1934, and was a dentist there when he entered the military service in 1942.

He is survived by his widow and two small girls in Walla Walla, and his mother, and a brother, Dan Gardner, in Portland.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

### Wounded Soldier is Expected Home Soon

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kingsley recently received a telephone call from their son, Lt. Floyd (Roscoe) Kingsley, who is a patient in an army hospital near Tacoma, Wash., receiving treatment for wounds incurred in Germany February 22, while serving with the third army.

Though Lt. Kingsley gave no information concerning the nature or extent of his wounds, he intimated that he expects to be home soon.

### Lt. Col. Carey Is Home on Leave

Lt. Col. Robert R. Carey, U. S. army service supply arrived this morning from Columbus, Ohio, where he is stationed, for a 12-day leave in La Grande with his family.

Prior to entering the service he was connected with the Bunting tractor company.

### Defense Attacks State Testimony in Bowman Trial

Attorneys for Albert Forrest Bowman, on trial on a charge of slaying his father at their North Powder ranch in April, today vigorously cross-examined state witnesses in an effort to develop that a purported "confession" of the defendant was not given voluntarily.

Captains H. W. Howard, S. A. Malehorn and A. G. Dunn of the state police testified that the accused man was under interrogation at the North Powder ranch and in the district attorney's office in La Grande from 3:30 p. m. to 11 p. m. without food or rest, and it is during this questioning that the defense contends Bowman's willpower was broken down and he made damaging admissions of an altercation with his father. It was testified that one officer offered him food but it was refused.

The officers testified under questioning by defense attorneys Henry Hess and S. H. Burtleigh, that on April 22, while he was milking, his father cursed him, accused him of stealing two guns and some bonds, and started toward him with a milk stool, meantime threatening to shoot him.

They testified that the accused man told them he took the stool away from his parent, and that they scuffled into the barnyard, where he picked up a rock and struck his father on the head.

Prosecut that the trial will continue throughout the week was indicated.

### Truman to Start To Coast Tuesday

WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP) —The White House said today that President Truman still assumes that the United Nations security conference will end on Saturday, when he is scheduled to address the parley.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said that despite published reports that the conference finale may be delayed until next week, Mr. Truman still is "assuming it will end on Saturday."

"All plans are based on that," he said.

Ross said the president will leave for Olympia, Wash., tomorrow at 8 a. m. EWT in his special plane—the one that brought Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to Washington today.

### Young Hitch Hiker Faces Theft Charge

A Centralia, Wash., youth who reached his 15th birthday yesterday, was arrested in La Grande by police, on a charge of larceny and will be taken before juvenile Judge Kenneth McCormick.

The boy, who was hitch hiking, was given a ride by Harry Murphy of Boise, Idaho, and when he left the car at Union Saturday night it was discovered that between \$25 and \$30 had been taken from the purse of one of the passengers.

State police took the youth from a west bound stage in La Grande.