

Three Jap Cities Are B-29 Targets

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End Is Near for Japs on Okinawa

No Escape By Enemy Is Possible

GUAM, June 19 (UP)—A milling mob of panic-stricken Okinawan civilians and disorganized Japanese troops, herded by victory-bound American forces, converged today in a small death pocket within sight of the 100-foot southern cliffs overlooking the East China sea.

Gen. Buckner Killed by Jap Shell

County Hits 70 Percent of Bond Quota

War bond sales in Union county today passed 70 percent of the 7th war loan quota county well up among the \$964,000 and placed the leaders in the state.



WHEN THE YANKS FINISHED WITH NAHA—A "Grasshopper" marine observation plane flies low over the ruins of Naha, capital of Okinawa, which was virtually leveled when the Yanks finished with it. The large structure in the foreground, left of center in the picture, is the administration building.

Death Comes On Visit to 'Quiet' Front

OKINAWA, June 19 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, jr., was buried with full military honors today only 20 miles from where the troops he commanded fought to final victory.

Witnesses reported enemy troops joined civilian refugees in their steadily diminishing trap and "milled crazily." They had the choice of digging in and resisting to the death during the American mop-up; committing suicide individually, or in groups; surrendering; or letting themselves be killed in last-minute charges.

Millions Turn Out In New York to Welcome "Ike"

NEW YORK, June 19 (UP)—New York gave Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower the welcome of a conquering hero today.

Truman Asks Legislation to Make Speaker of House First In Line to Become President

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UP)—President Truman today asked congress to pass legislation making the speaker of the house first in line for the presidency in case of death or disqualification of the president and vice president.

Delays Predicted Army Discharges On Point System

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UP)—Many service men eligible for discharge under the point system cannot be released for another year, the war department reported today.

Polish General Admits Plans to Battle Russians

MOSCOW, June 19 (UP)—Gen. Leopold Okulicki, commander of the Polish home army, testified today that he had orders to fight anybody who infringed on the independence of Poland, including the Red army.

Leopold Refuses To Abdicate as King of Belgians

SALZBURG, Austria, June 19 (UP)—King Leopold of the Belgians today rejected clamorous demands that he abdicate and announced that he was reassuming his full constitutional prerogatives.

Noted Sheepman is Claimed By Death

PORTLAND, June 19 (UP)—Mac Hoke, 54, of Pendleton, nationally known sheepman and member of the Oregon board of higher education, died today in Portland. He had been ill for several weeks.

Death Summons Valley Pioneer

James H. Childers, 67, a native of Union county, who spent his entire life in eastern Oregon, died yesterday at his home in Cove after a long illness of a heart affliction.

Voter Registration In State Declines

SALEM, Ore., June 19 (UP)—County registration figures compiled by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel show there are 42,500 fewer registered voters in Oregon today than there were last fall just prior to the general election.

French Traitor Is Sentenced to Death

A broadcast dispatch of the French news agency said Marcel Deo, one of the most notorious of the French collaborators, was sentenced to death in Paris today.

Japanese Evacuate Island of Hainan

NANNING, South China, June 19 (UP)—Japanese troops have begun to evacuate the strategic island of Hainan off the coast of Indo-China in what may become a general withdrawal, reliable sources said today.

Guardsmen Qualify On Rifle Range

Seven members of the La Grande company of the Oregon state guard qualified as sharpshooters and three as marksmen when 19 members of the company paid their first visit to the rifle range Sunday.

North Powder Man Wounded In Pacific

Army casualty lists today carry the name of Pvt. William H. Barnett of North Powder among those wounded in the fighting in the Pacific area.

Weather

Data for 24 hours 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. Maximum 91 Minimum 50 Forecast: Scattered cloudiness tonight and Wednesday.

Industrial Centers Not Previously Hit Showered With Fire

GUAM, Wednesday, June 20 (UP)—Three task forces of more than 450 giant Superfortresses rained 3,000 tons of fire bombs on three new target cities on the Japanese homeland islands of Honshu and Kyushu today, raising to 20,500 tons the weight of bombs heaped in Nippon in eight assaults this month.

The fleets—each numbering more than 150 planes carrying almost ten tons of bombs—struck simultaneously at 4 a. m. against the Honshu industrial centers of Toyohashi and Shizuoka southwest of Tokyo, and Fukuoka on the northwest coast of Kyushu.

The assault raised to 13 the number of Japanese cities battered and burned by the Superforts in 25 great fire-bomb raids since March 9th—raids which army Gen. Henry H. Arnold said last week will utterly destroy Japan's war-making factories.

Today's raiders, flying from the gigantic airfields here in the Marianas, struck at low level and presumably set raging fires in the three densely-populated war centers. The three-pronged assault put Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's bomber command within striking distance of setting a new bomb tonnage for this month. The previous record was 24,000 tons in May.

Shizuoka, city on the south coast of Honshu with a population of 212,000, is about 85 miles southwest of Tokyo. It was struck by 11 Superforts on April 12 but today's was its first major attack. It was a big tea-producing center before the war but its factories since have been converted to war purposes.

At 9 a. m. they lowered his body into the ground, alongside the other men who have died in this bloody campaign. A bugler sounded "taps" and the melancholy notes floated across nearby Hagushi beach, where Buckner led his men ashore on Easter Sunday.

Today those men had victory at their fingertips. But Buckner, whose great wish was to walk "through the ashes of Tokyo," didn't live to see it. Their new commander is Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger of the marines, the man Buckner wanted to take over if anything happened to him.

Brother Testifies For Defense In Trial of Bowman

The state's case was completed in the trial of Albert Forrest Bowman on an indictment charging the murder of his father at their North Powder ranch last April 22, and the defense prepared today to call a large group of character witnesses as the mainstay of the effort to clear the young man of the slaying charge.

As the prosecution neared the conclusion of its testimony, the court permitted introduction of a defense witness out of turn because of necessity for his return to duty with the armed forces. The witness was Lt. Eugene Bowman, brother of the accused man and son of the victim, who is a naval instructor at Npre Dame university.

Father's Threats Told He testified that his father drank a great deal and was at times violent toward members of the family, threatening them with bodily harm.

It was his testimony that his brother is peaceful and industrious and bears a good reputation in the community. He also said his brother consented to remain and care for the farm while others of the family were in the service.

Ranch Hands Testify Final witnesses called by C. R. Eberhard, district attorney pro tem, and Deputy George Cochran, included Earl Stigaulde, James Tut, Vess Dodson and Harry Van Wey, ranch hands, the latter of whom testified that he once saw young Bowman kick his father out of a blacksmith shop on the ranch and another time saw the son on top of his father choking him.

Senate Supports Truman Stand on Reciprocal Tariff

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UP)—The senate gave President Truman a major foreign policy victory by voting him authority to cut tariff rates 50 per cent below Jan. 1 levies.

The vote was 47 to 33. The vote came on a senate finance committee amendment to the bill to extend reciprocal trade agreement authority for three years.

The finance committee knocked out the house-approved tariff-cutting authority. The senate vote today overrode that decision. Passage of the bill is expected tomorrow virtually unchanged from the house-approved version.

The test came on restoring a section which would permit tariff duties to be cut 50 per cent below the present "floor." The section was eliminated by the senate finance committee.

Allies Gain New Ground in Borneo, Luzon Campaigns

MANILA, June 19 (UP)—Australian troops drove through the jungles of north Borneo today toward the great rubber center of Beaufort after a new, unopposed landing on the shores of Brunei Bay.

The Australians made their shore-to-shore operation as American forces in northern Luzon continued their Cagayan valley push unchecked by the Japanese.

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His next of kin is given as his wife, Jeanne Barnett of North Powder, who was previously notified.