

# Superforts Pound Jap War Plants

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## La Grande Evening Observer

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**Weather**  
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.  
Temperature:  
Maximum 93  
Minimum 54  
Precipitation .18  
Forecast: Unsettled tonight, clearing Saturday.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 22, 1945

FIVE CENTS



TRUMAN WELCOMED TO WEST COAST—President Harry S. Truman (right) is welcomed to Washington state by Gov. Mon S. Wallgren at McChord Field, near Olympia. Truman will enjoy a brief holiday in the Pacific northwest before he flies to San Francisco for final UNCTO session.

# Okinawa Japs Surrender Philippine Escape Blocked

## Mass Surrender Marks Mop Up By American Forces

### Kyushu Landing Is Expected By Enemy Leaders

OKINAWA, June 22 (UP)—Japanese officers and thousands of their men surrendered to American forces on southern Okinawa today in the first mass capitulation of enemy troops of the Pacific war.

Discarding the propaganda myth of imperial invincibility and American "cruelty," long lines of Japanese soldiers waving white flags streamed up rocky Mabuni ridge from their caves and fortifications.

The surrender parade lasted all day. Many of the captives said they have lost faith in Japan's ability to win the war.

Tokyo suffered a new attack of invasion jitters, speculating that U. S. forces eventually will land on Kyushu and possibly the Amami group, 110 miles north of Okinawa.

United Press war correspondent Russell Annabel reported the American flag was raised formally over Okinawa at 10:15 a. m. Friday, Okinawa time. Veterans of the bloody 82-day battle stood at attention and warplanes roared overhead as the stars and stripes were put up at 10th army headquarters.

Stars and Stripes Raised

At the flag-raising, Brig. Gen. Lawrence Schick, assistant chief of staff to the late Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, read orders declaring enemy resistance at an end.

The Japanese, refusing to admit the complete loss of Okinawa, reported that a "vast area" of the island was being leveled for "many, many more air fields and runways." There was partial confirmation of that enemy report here, where it was revealed that still more air strips were being laid out on Okinawa in addition to six already in American hands.

## Day's Sales of E Bonds Hit Low Mark of \$8,775

War bond sales hit a low point yesterday when a total of \$8,975 were issued by all selling agencies, bringing the total sales for the 7th war loan to date to \$745,230.75, and leaving \$218,769.25 to be sold during final eight days of the campaign.

Despite the fact that a considerable amount of bonds purchased by men and women in the armed services, through purchases by Union county residents working in shipyards, and aircraft plants, and through payroll savings purchases, there remains a net amount of nearly \$150,000 in bonds yet to be sold if the county is to reach its \$964,000 quota, of which \$741,000 is in E bonds.

## Home Town Gives Royal Welcome to Gen. Eisenhower

ABILENE, Kan., June 22 (UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower urged today that all returning soldiers be accorded the same friendly, whole-hearted welcome the folks of his home town gave him.

"I am not the hero," he said, speaking from "General Dwight D. Eisenhower Park." "I am the symbol of all the heroic men you sent to war."

General Ike, asserting that the life of every one of those 3,000,000 Americans he commanded was precious to him, said those soldiers did not want special treatment, nor care for life, but are anxious for the "same friendly spirit with which you received me."

The parade which preceded the brief talk was one of bands, smartly marching military units, veterans, tractors, wheat combines, trucks and floats depicting the history of this country.

Thousands Turn Out

This town of 5,400 was claiming its most famous son to the tune of a turnout of 50,000 from over the Kansas plains that Ike—then known by his middle name of David—once roamed. He spent his boyhood on his parents' nearby farm.

On the program was a mile-long parade of floats depicting the general's early life and the history of Dickinson county, cowboys, steers, bulls, sheep, hogs and wheat combines—all intended to reveal that the townsfolk hereabouts haven't forgotten that these are what "Ike" Eisenhower believes most worthwhile.

In a preliminary greeting, a crowd of more than 3,000 roared. See HOME TOWN... Page 7.

## Stamping Out of German Dominance of Europe Urged

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP)—Financier Bernard M. Baruch today called for the removal or destruction of all German heavy industry to "break once and for all Germany's dominance of Europe."

Recently returned from Germany, Baruch told the senate military affairs committee that anything less drastic would fail completely to provide the basis for lasting peace.

He declared "Germany's war-making potential must be eliminated, many of her plants and factories shifted east and west to friendly countries, all other heavy industries destroyed, the Junkers estates broken up, her exports and imports strictly controlled, German assets and business organizations all over the world rooted out."

Baruch denied that his program would mean destruction of the German people. He contended that they would have a comparatively low standard of living for a time but said it would not be as low as Germany imposed on occupied countries or See STAMPING... Page 7.

## Lumber Production Down, Orders Up

PORTLAND, June 22 (UP)—A report for the week ending June 16 of comparative figures on lumber orders, shipments and production, was issued here today by the Western Pine association.

Orders for Idaho white pine, ponderosa pine, sugar pine and associated species for the week ending June 16 totaled 85,223,000 feet as compared with 64,950,000 feet for the previous week and 74,778,000 feet for the corresponding week last year. Similar comparisons of shipments and production are 64,536,000 feet, 65,343,000 feet and 83,564,000 feet.

## 'Swim For Health' Week Proclaimed

SALEM, Ore., June 22 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell issued a statement today calling attention to "swim for health" week, June 25 to 30.

Purpose of the campaign are to increase the number participating in the sport and recreation, to co-operate with national physical fitness programs, and to teach swimming to all draft-age youths about to be called into military service.

## Jap Cargo Ships Are Sunk by U. S. Planes

AN ADVANCED ALEUTIAN BASE, June 21—(Delayed)—(UP)—American planes based in the north Pacific area have sunk four small Japanese cargo ships, probably sunk two more and damaged four others during the past three days as the intensity of the aerial campaign in the Kuriles area has been increased, the army announced here today.

These losses were inflicted on the enemy at a cost of only one Liberator lost.

## House Votes Down Move to Shorten OPA Continuance

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP)—The house by a vote of 177 to 126 defeated a Republican attempt today to extend the price control act for only six months.

Republicans sought a short-term renewal—instead of the year asked by the administration—on the grounds that it would assure a midwinter check on OPA and give congress the chance then to write any necessary new reconversion formulas.

Democrats argued that the six-month extension would stimulate black markets, result in the holding back of civilian goods in anticipation of higher prices, and cause valuable personnel to quit OPA.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn made one of his rare speeches to help defeat the amendment, which he called "confusing" and "destructive."

"We are always here and if they don't run things as we think they should, then we can take another stitch," he said.

Earlier, house Democrats had booed an assertion by Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn., that former President Herbert Hoover as food administrator in World War I "did a better job" than OPA "with \$7,000,000 and less than 300 employees."

## House Approves Food Control Switch

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP)—The house today tentatively approved by a vote of 145 to 142 the so-called Hoover amendment to transfer control of all food activities, except rationing, from OPA to the department of agriculture.

# Naval Arsenal, Plane Plants Are Targets Hit on Home Island

GUAM, June 22 (UP)—B-29 Superfortresses, already credited with destroying 112 square miles of Japan's principal industrial cities, bombed five aircraft plants and a naval arsenal on the main enemy home island of Honshu today.

Upwards of 450 of the big bombers cascaded thousands of high-explosive demolition bombs on the sprawling war plants from medium altitude. A new censorship policy forbade speculation on the weight of the bomb load.

Targets for the first six-way B-29 attack on the war were the Kure naval arsenal on the Inland sea, main arsenal of the shrinking Japanese navy; two aircraft plants 20 miles north of Nagoya, two more in a town near Kobe, and another at Tamashima, 90 miles west of Kobe.

The raid was the third major B-29 strike at Japan this week and raised the number of individual industrial targets hit in that period to 13. In previous raids this month, the B-29s dropped 20,500 tons of bombs on Japan.

## Extremely Light Vote Is Cast In Special Election

Voters of La Grande seemingly took little interest in the special election today on the proposed \$10,000,000 state building fund and 2-cent cigarette tax proposal, as at 1:30 p. m., only about seven per cent had been to the polls in a group of selected precincts.

In six of the city's 13 precincts only 157 votes had been cast at that hour out of a total registration of 2,100 electors.

Should this rate of voting be continued until the polls close at 8 p. m., the total would be far below the expected 35 to 40 per cent. However, it is believed a substantial increase may be recorded after working hours, when employed people and business men will have an opportunity to cast their ballots without interrupting their employment and business.

The smallest percentage of registered vote to be cast was in precinct 7, the polling place for which is at 230 Hemlock street. There only 31 ballots had been cast of a potential 527. Highest percentage at checking time was in the city hall, polling place which showed 11 per cent of the 237 voters had cast their ballots.

Other precincts checked, with the number of registrations and votes cast to 1:30 p. m., follow:

No. 3, Second and Adams avenue, 258 registered, 16 votes cast; No. 8, courthouse, 425 and 29; No. 9, Red Cross headquarters, 9 Depot street, 279 and 23; No. 10, Methodist church, 374 and 31.

## Large Area Destroyed

Reconnaissance photographs, meantime, revealed that B-29s destroyed or damaged 60 per cent of Shizuoka, 52 per cent of Toyonashi, 40 per cent of Hamamatsu and half the commercial center of Yokkaichi in raids last Monday and Wednesday.

A week ago today, other photographs revealed, Superfortresses burned out an additional 2.71 square miles of Osaka and three-quarters of a square mile of adjacent Amagasaki. Sixteen square miles of Osaka—26 per cent of the built-up area—of Osaka now was in ruins.

## OPA Slaughtering Order Menaces State Meat Supply

SALEM, Ore., June 22 (UP)—E. L. Peterson, state director of agriculture, today telegraphed protest against new OPA meat slaughtering regulations to members of Oregon's delegation in congress.

Peterson's action followed presentation of testimony by meat dealers and slaughterers at a conference in his office to the effect that the new regulations would dry up 90 per cent of Oregon's meat supply.

Peterson blamed the situation now confronting the west coast on "the ignorance of the OPA" regarding slaughtering conditions in the west where most of the meat comes through custom slaughtering channels.

H. E. Carlson, of Portland, secretary of the Independent Meat Dealers association told Peterson that custom slaughterers throughout the state are refusing to operate under the new regulations which became effective a week ago. There are 190 custom slaughterers in Oregon and only six regularly inspected packing plants he said.

The custom slaughterers have quit business and the big packers have quit delivering in this area so there is no meat to sell.

Bert Edwards, meat distributor, testified that there are more beef cattle on western ranges than ever before but no meat to eat.

"Our only hope for speedy relief appears to be through congress," Peterson said as he announced that he was appealing for aid.

## American, British Intercession May Be Sought for Poles

LONDON, June 22 (UP)—Premier Tomasz Ariszewski said today his Polish government in exile will appeal to President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill in connection with the conviction of Polish underground leaders in Moscow.

He said the charges were "too fantastic to be refuted at the moment in detail, but this will be done in due time." He particularly denied charges that the underground conspired with the Germans.

Ariszewski denounced the Moscow trial as a dispatch from Russia hinted that an official announcement of an agreement among rival Polish factions on the formation of a new unity government was imminent.

## Jap Cave Blows Up, Wounding Newsman

GUAM, June 22 (UP)—E. G. Valens, United Press staff correspondent, was wounded on Okinawa Monday while in the front lines with the sixth marine division, it has been revealed.

Valens was with a group of marines who blasted an enemy cave, which apparently was filled with ammunition. When it blew up a large piece of coral hit him on the side of his face, inflicting a severe wound. He will be hospitalized about a week.

## Holiday Visit to Mt. Rainier Is Made by President Truman

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 22 (UP)—President Truman today kept close tabs on the war in the Pacific as he continued his vacation in the northwest. Today he took a daylong motor tour to Mount Rainier, the imposing, snow-covered trademark of Washington state.

The president was in constant communication with world developments. He had special facilities to keep him in touch with the progress of the war even while he was driving through the great forests of this section.

The odds were better than even that Mr. Truman will go to the Pacific, himself, before the year is out—particularly if conditions are such that Philippine independence can be proclaimed in the early autumn. There also has been some diplomatic pressure for a meeting as soon as feasible between the president and Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Truman's first international date is with the big three the middle of next month near Berlin. Speculation was that the chief executive will include visits to London, and possibly Paris in the course of his European trip.

Meantime, the president was enjoying the first real respite from the full impact of White House pressure since he assumed the office of wartime chief executive last April.

Yesterday he went for a nine hour fishing trip on Puget Sound.

## Story of Fatal Fight With Father Told By Bowman

The trial of Albert Forrest Bowman on a charge that he murdered his father, Albert (Bert) Bowman, was in week-end recess today after the defendant told from the witness stand his story of the fight at the North Powder ranch on April 22 which resulted in the death of the accused man's parent.

Under direct examination by defense attorneys Henry Hess and S. H. Burleigh, Bowman testified that he was attacked by his father with a milk stool, and said in effect "it was his life or mine."

The parent was in an abusive and belligerent mood, he testified, and became more highly incensed and vengeful when the son took the milk stool away from him.

In defending himself from his much larger and more powerful parent, Bowman said, he picked up a rock and struck blows on his father's head and shoulder.

He said when he realized his blows had been fatal, he became panic stricken, realizing that other members of the family would be drawn into the case, and while excited and overwrought he put the body into a nearby well, where it was found the following day.

C. R. Eberhard, district attorney pro tem, and assistant George Cochran had not completed their cross examination of the accused man when court was adjourned late yesterday.

Their cross examination will be resumed Monday morning, and the defense announced that it is expected the defense and arguments will be completed in time to give the case to the jury late Tuesday or Wednesday.

## Slight Increase Seen in Pig Crop

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP)—The agriculture department today predicted a 1945 pig crop of 69,987,000 head as compared with 66,753,000 in 1944 and 121,706,000 in 1943.

The department said the spring crop would be seven percent under last spring's but added that a 17 percent increase was foreseeable in the fall crop as compared to the fall of 1944.

The spring pig crop will move to market in the form of pork from November, 1945, through February, 1946, while the fall crop will appear on the market as bacon, chops and roasts from about the end of March through next summer.

## Jap Balloon Rumor Lacks Confirmation

WINNIPEG, Man., June 22 (UP)—The Royal Canadian air force No. 2 air command, in charge of RCAF operations west-central Canada, said today that reports that a Jap balloon had been sighted over a western Canadian city had been received but that investigation failed to confirm that the balloon appeared at great height and that RCAF Hurricane fighter planes attempted interception.

## Quick U. S. Okeh of World Charter Aim

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22 (UP)—Democratic and republican foreign policy leaders were ready today to begin their campaign for winning U. S. senate ratification of the new United Nations charter.

Sens. Tom Connally, D., Tex., and Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., will fly back to Washington next week to begin their reports to the senate less than two days after President Truman closes the United Nations conference.

Both senators are members of the U. S. delegation. Both hope this time to avoid the bitter partisan strife of 1920 which divided the nation and kept the United States out of the old league of nations.

## Truck Gas Stamps Available Tuesday

Gasoline ration stamps for the third quarter of 1945 will be available to truck operators June 26.

Miss Nelle Grimmitt, chief clerk of the board, announced today the stamps may be obtained at the ration board office.

### Baseball Results

By United Press

American League	R	H	E
Philadelphia	0	4	0
New York	2	6	1
Gerkin, Berry and Geary			
Devans and Garbarck			
Washington	5	7	2
Boston	10	14	0
Nighting, Ullrich (3) and Ferrer, Guerr (5); O'Neil and Salter.			
National League	R	H	E
St. Louis	5	12	0
Chicago	2	5	0
Bryant and Oja; Carrington, Bridges (3); Chipman (3); Stewart (3) and Livingston.			