

# Japs Predict New Borneo Invasion

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## La Grande Evening Observer



Weather	
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.	
Temperature:	
Maximum	89
Minimum	56
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probable showers.	

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### Civilians Evacuated As American Bombs Batter Balikpapan

MANILA, June 25 (UP) — Radio Tokyo reported today that Japanese civilians have been evacuated inland from the Borneo oil center of Balikpapan, where landing attempts were reported previously.

Enemy broadcasts told of new invasion preparations around the rich oil center as the American drive to clean up northern Luzon in the Philippines gained impetus by the first full-dress airborne invasion of the Pacific war.

"The enemy's advance to the Balikpapan area had been anticipated," said Tokyo. The broadcast reported that "food preparations and defense setups had been completed, and civilians had been evacuated further inland."

### U. S. Bolsters Reds' Manchuria Line Against Japanese

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP) — The United States is supplying lend-lease aid to bolster Russian power in Siberia where the Red army is pinning down strong Japanese forces across the Manchurian border, it was disclosed today.

Shipments to European Russia have been halted.

Foreign economic administrator Leo T. Crowley revealed new details about the shift in lend-lease emphasis for Russia in testimony made public today by the house appropriations committee.

The committee recommended deficiency and supplemental appropriations totaling \$3,133,550,000—more than 99 per cent for war purposes—for the 1945-46 fiscal year. The total represented a cut of \$17,000,000 from budget bureau estimates.

Crowley also disclosed that no funds will be needed during the 1946 fiscal year for lend-lease aid to Latin America, North Africa and the nations of eastern Europe and the Balkans, and that lend-lease aid to France, Belgium and the Netherlands in connection with redeployment will end by about next Dec. 31.

### Reds Aid Allies

Explaining the program for Russia, Crowley told the committee: "Although the Soviet Union has not declared war against Japan, lend-lease aid is being continued to the Soviet Union as long as, and to the extent that, in the opinion of the president."

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### Reich Communist Party Re-formed

LONDON, June 25 (UP) — A Moscow broadcast said today that the communist party had been reorganized in Berlin.

"The communist party of Germany has emerged after 12 years of bitter underground struggle, and is now officially registered with Soviet military authorities in Berlin and with the German magistrates," correspondent Robert Magidoff said in the broadcast.

Magidoff said it was not yet known whether any other political party had been legalized in Germany.

### U. S. Citizenship Is Claimed by 'Lord Haw Haw' to Beat Noose

LONDON, June 25 (UP) — William "Lord Haw-Haw" Joyce pleaded innocent to charges of treason today, basing his plea on a contention he is an American citizen.

Charles Head, defending Joyce, claimed at a preliminary hearing in Bow street police court that the man who broadcast Nazi propaganda to Britain was not, and never had been a British citizen.

Head told the court that Joyce was born in Brooklyn, the son of an Irishman naturalized as an American. Head conceded Joyce had claimed British citizenship in applying for a passport to go to Germany, but pointed to his New York birth certificate as proof he was not British.

Prosecution counsel L. A. Byrne read a statement Joyce was said to have made to intelligence officers following his capture in Germany. Byrne also introduced

## Bond Sales Lag As Drive Wanes

### County Is 21 Percent From Loan Quota

With but a week to go before the official close of the 7th war loan campaign, Union county residents were 21 per cent of the \$964,000 goal, and efforts of the county war finance committee were being redoubled in an effort to prevent a failure.

The committee reported sales of all types of bonds in the present campaign aggregated \$762,480.25, of which \$558,855.25 were in E Bonds.

It was announced by W. C. Perkins, war finance committee chairman, that this represents bonds actually issued in the county and does not include any payroll deductions or purchase of pledges.

### Heavy Sales Necessary

Perkins announced that the drive to sell 134 bonds of \$1,000 each to individual purchasers still is 92 bonds short of the goal, 42 having been sold to today, leaving an average of more than 15 to be sold daily during the current week.

To meet the E bond quota, he said, it also will be necessary to sell a average of \$5,000 in bonds of smaller denominations during each of the remaining six days of the campaign.

Meanwhile, officials of the treasury department in Washington announced that E bond sales on a nationwide basis are considerably below the \$4,000,000,000 quota, sales during the past week-end bringing the total to \$2,855,000,000.

### National Sales Off

At the same time, the corporation quota of \$7,000,000,000 has been oversubscribed by nearly \$6,000,000,000.

The treasury department announced that after the drive officially closes next Saturday night, approximately a week will be required for accounting, and that during that week, or until July 7, all war bond sales recorded as deposits to the treasury's account, will be credited to the drive.

### Lions' Governor Lauds Local Club For Member Jump

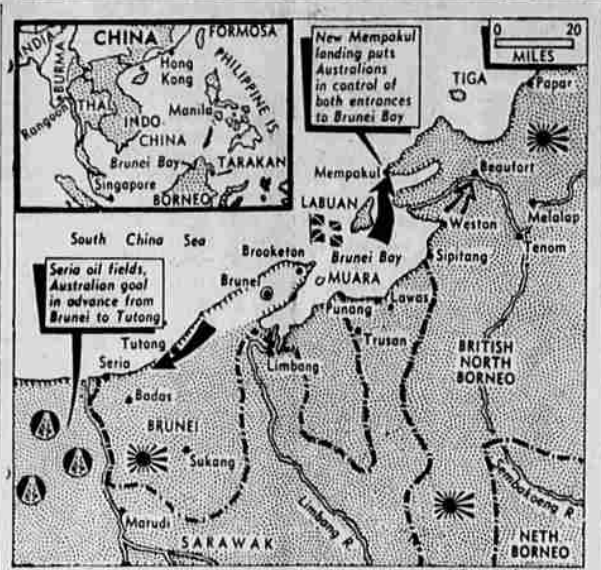
Robert V. Lewis of Portland, district governor of Lions international, was the principal speaker at the La Grande club's final meeting of the 1944-45 season today noon in the Stein cafe banquet room.

Lewis complimented the club members on the 100 per cent increase in membership during the past year, and said it is perhaps the largest of any club in the international organization in that period. He also announced that the La Grande club had been honored by having one of its members, Ralph E. Jones, local high school principal, elected as district governor for the 1945-46 term, by delegates from all other clubs in the district which embraces the counties across the northern border of Oregon. The local club's activity accomplishments were also praised highly.

Capt. A. J. Kisselburgh told of his experiences in the European war, including months of imprisonment in a German prisoner of war camp, and also related several incidents which he witnessed during his active duties as squadron commander of a bomber group.

Guests were Dr. J. L. Ingle and Don Ragsdale, of La Grande; P. D. G. Woodman of Eugene; Robert V. Lewis, Mrs. Verna Christal, Millard Christal, Glen Lannigan, Frank Clerk and Ellis Garber of Portland.

Lawrence L. Welchko was introduced as a new member.



THIRD BLOW HITS BORNEO JAPS — Brunei bay invasion of northwest Borneo was expanded into three-pronged operation with unopposed Australian landings at Mempokul. Maneuver gives Anzacs control of both entrances to bay, protects supply routes. Other invading units are driving toward Seria oil fields and Beaufort rubber plantations.

### Hilarious Auction Brings Big Sales of Bonds, Sad Aftermaths

Purchases of \$30,000, worth of E bonds were pledged at the La Grande junior chamber of commerce rally Saturday night on Adams avenue.

City Manager Ed Ford, Raymond Gray, president of the senior chamber of commerce, W. E. "Bill" Wilkins, real estate broker, Postmaster Victor Eckley, were sold into "bondage" by auctioneer Claude Berry, who in turn was auctioned off by Wilkins.

Ford, purchased by Nelle Grimmett, chief clerk of the ration board, for \$3,000, today paid the obligations of his servitude, by meticulously washing the windows of the ration board office.

Gray, whose services were purchased by Mrs. Arlo Noyes for \$3,000, is required to care for the Noyes children some evening.

Gerald Pierson who purchased Wilkins for \$2,000 in bonds, exacted the dubious services of Wilkins after the rally by having him serve as bartender in his restaurant.

It is questionable whether Pierson profited on the deal, because Wilkins, for two hours had the townspeople flocking into the establishment by refusing any money in payment for the beverage, loudly and genially informing all and sundry that "it is on the house."

Eckley, thinner than the three on the "block" before him, brought \$400, with Mrs. Harold Dow the purchaser. When Eckley can spare the time from his duties in the post office, will weed Mrs. Dow's garden.

Climaxing the sale of services Wilkins, having a louder voice than Berry, the auctioneer, placed Berry in the bondage of Charles Brackett, school boy, for \$1 in war stamps. Brackett also received in addition to Berry's services.

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### 135,000 Workers Are Idle Due to Strikes in East

By United Press

More than 135,000 workers were idle today as a wave of labor disputes disrupted war and civilian production in several main industrial areas.

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### Russians to Sit in War Criminal Talks

LONDON, June 25 (UP) — A British foreign office spokesman said today that Russia, reversing her previous stand, has decided to send two representatives to London for a conference on the trial of major Nazi war criminals.

The conference will open in London tomorrow with delegates from the United States, Britain and France in addition to Russia.

The four countries will discuss procedure and a date for trials of Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, former German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, former deputy fuhrer Rudolf Hess and 100 or more other high Nazis.

Russia at first ignored invitations from the United States and Britain to send a delegation to London.

Robert H. Jackson, supreme court justice and chief American prosecutor of war criminals, will represent the United States.

### Searching Probe of Bowman Story Is Made by State

#### Prosecutor Asks Why Son Stayed To Fight Father

A searching cross examination of Albert Forrest Bowman, 28, today marked his trial on a grand jury indictment charging him with the murder of his father at the North Powder district ranch on April 22.

Deputy District Attorney George Cochran probed closely into Bowman's direct testimony concerning the fight in a corral in which the accused man admits he struck his parent one or more blows with a rock and threw what he believed was the lifeless body into a nearby well.

**Flight Question Raised**

One point on which the deputy prosecutor laid the most stress was a question of why the son did not flee after twice disarming his father during their altercation.

Bowman had testified that after his father provoked the fight by attacking him with a milk stool, he disarmed the elder man, whereupon the parent obtained a shovel and launched a new attack. He said he took the shovel away from his father and threw it away, and picked up a rock which has been conceded to have been the lethal weapon.

Cochran asked the accused why he did not run away after disarming his father for the second time, to which Bowman replied in effect that he was in something of a panic and was afraid because of the superior strength and power of his parent.

**Statements Attacked**

Cochran also directed considerable attention to an asserted discrepancy in Bowman's statements, one made to officers and the district attorney immediately following his apprehension, and another during his testimony in court. Cochran called attention to Bowman's initial statement that he struck his father once with the rock and then threw the body in the well, where the water seemed to revive him momentarily.

His later statement was that he struck his father three times and, believing his father to be dead, put the body in the well when he became panic stricken at what he had done.

It was on this phase of the defendant's own testimony and his previous statement to the authorities that the cross examination continued as the trial was resumed after the noon recess today.

It was estimated today that the case probably will not reach the jury until Thursday, as additional witnesses remain to be called, and most of an entire day will be required for the final arguments of counsel.

### Scout Leader to Map Camp Plans For Local District

The executive board of Mt. Emily district of boy scouts will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in the Presbyterian church.

Wes Klusman, national director of camping of New York City will be in the council area prior to the meeting to inspect campsites and study camping needs. He will present a long term camping program at the meeting.

The council budget for 1946 will be presented for adoption. A copy of the preliminary budget has been mailed to each district chairman so that requests for additional appropriations or suggestions may be considered before its final adoption.

The meeting will be composed of chairmen of district standing committees.

### Masonic Council To Meet Saturday

Members of Union council, Royal and Select Masters and La Grande chapter, Royal Arch Masons are focusing their attention on the quarterly meeting of Union council which will be held in the Masonic temple here Saturday night. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock and the council will be convened for degree work an hour later.

Glenn Wagner, illustrious master, said members of the cryptic branch of Freemasonry from Union and Willows counties will be present and that several Royal Arch Masons will be advanced to the council degrees. Merton Davison, of Union, is recorder of the council; and C. M. Humphreys, secretary of the La Grande Masonic bodies, is arranging the details for the session.

### SLAYER IS ACCQUITTED

CASCADE, Ia., June 25 (UP) — Mrs. Thelma Stonebraker, 31, was acquitted by an all-male jury Saturday night of the murder of her 52-year-old husband, George Stonebraker.

### Eastern Oregon Nimrods Recommend Split in Big Game Hunting Seasons

Representatives of sports organizations in four eastern Oregon counties met in La Grande yesterday, formulating their recommendations to the Oregon state game commission for big game hunting seasons this year.

Members of the newly formed Eastern Oregon sportsmen's council, the group went on record emphatically for a split season this year between the deer and elk hunting periods.

Prior to considering season recommendations, all of which were passed on a unanimous basis, the group elected Max D. Wilson of Joseph a delegate to the next meeting of the game commission, which will be held in Portland July 14. John Garity, secretary of the La Grande sportsmen's group, was named delegate.

**Season Dates Proposed**

The recommendations which Wilson will present to the commission are as follows:

1. Deer season — September 20 to October 23.
2. Elk season — November 3 to November 25.
3. A 21-day pheasant season, the opening day to start with the opening day of duck season, the dates of which are set by federal agencies, and which will not be made known for some time.

The session was opened by Circuit Court Judge R. J. Green, who had been named temporary chairman of the council at the original formulation meeting at Elgin.

He was elected permanent president by unanimous assent of the delegates. Vernon Kennedy of the Pendleton organization was elected vice-president, and John H. Newman of La Grande was elected secretary-treasurer.

**Closed Season Sought**

Strong recommendations were made that the season be closed to doe deer and to cow elk in all of the eastern Oregon counties involved: Willows, Umatilla, Baker and Union.

A closed season on grouse and similar birds, such as sage hens and prairie chickens was voted. A resolution asking the game commission to close the season was also passed.

### Building Project Approval Mounts; Cigaret Tax Lags

PORTLAND, June 25 (UP) — With only about 100 scattered precincts in the state to be heard from, Oregon's first special election in nine years was winding up today, with a decisive victory for the \$10,000,000 state building fund and a clear-cut defeat for the proposed cigarette tax.

Latest returns from 1725 of the state's 1830 precincts in Friday's election gave:

Building fund: Yes 74,595, no 47,751.

Cigaret tax: Yes 58,376, no 65,214.

**Multnomah Beats Tax**

It was populous Multnomah county which defeated the cigarette tax. It won in approximately half of the downstate counties, giving it a margin of 2,009 votes approval, but Multnomah voters overwhelmed it by more than 9,000 votes.

Less than 25 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls, one of the lightest votes in many years in any election. Some counties reported less than 10 per cent of the voters at the polls.

Victory of the state building fund, the money for which will come from income tax surpluses now in the state treasury, never was a question receiving decisive majorities both in Portland and in downstate counties. Not one county went against the measure.

Portland's civic center was defeated by a two-to-one margin. See BUILDING . . . Page 5

### President Tells Veterans Their Job Is Not Done

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (UP) — President Truman's enroute to the united nations conference in San Francisco, today during a brief visit here reminded the veterans of this war that their duty to the nation will not be ended when the fighting is over.

After his Portland visit the president continued by special plane to San Francisco. He was scheduled to land at Hamilton field near San Francisco at mid-afternoon.

The president paused in his motor tour of Portland to visit the veterans bureau hospital where most of the patients are veterans of the last world war, in which the president served as an artillery captain.

"We are going to do everything we can for the veterans—they certainly deserve it," he said, "but I want to say, too, that the live veteran, the veteran in this fight, has just as much a duty to his country in peace as in war."

The president received an expansive welcome here where he spent an hour and a half riding through packed cheering crowds to visit the veterans.

In San Francisco late this afternoon the president will receive all UNCTION delegates, then attend a dinner given for him by Secretary of State E. R. Stettinius, Jr.

On Tuesday the president will receive a committee of San Francisco citizens, then go before the final plenary session of the conference in the late afternoon, speaking about 5 or 5:30 o'clock.

### Officer's Slayer Faces Execution

VALE, Ore., June 25 (UP) — Kenneth Bailey, 26-year-old Klamath Falls, Ore., desperado, today faced death in the gas chamber at the Oregon penitentiary at Salem.

He will be sentenced to death Wednesday at 10 a. m., by Circuit Judge M. A. Biggs. A jury early Sunday morning convicted Bailey of the first degree murder of Sgt. Ted Chambers of Ontario, an Oregon state policeman, shot to death in a gun battle near Weiser, Ida., last April 29.

The jury made no recommendation for clemency and in Oregon a first degree murder conviction without recommendation carries the death penalty.