

# World Republic Antidote for War -- Truman

## Security Charter Is Viewed by President As New Constitution

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 29 (UP)—President Truman worked today on a 600-word message which he will send to the senate Monday in support of the United Nations charter, the basis of his startling proposal of a world republic as the only effective antidote for future world wars.

Charles G. Ross, the presidential press secretary, said that Mr. Truman has not decided whether he will carry the message to congress personally. The chief executive was up early again today, working on his message at his home before moving into his office here.

Ross indicated the president virtually had completed his message. His proposal for a world republic of nations was contained in a speech made here last night, a solemn call for this nation to become the guidepost of the world by being the first to ratify the new charter. He likened that document to a new world constitution.

A gain hundreds of friends streamed into his office today to shake his hand and wish him well. Included among the callers was a large Negro delegation headed by the Rev. Carl Flipper, Baptist minister, and William H. Towers, representative in the Kansas legislature.

The delegation wanted the president to know that it approved of his stand on the fair employment practices commission.

The president confers with Alf M. Landon, former Kansas governor and 1936 Republican presidential candidate, today and plans to attend a newspapermen's party for his press secretary.

Mr. Truman said last night, "It will be just as easy for nations to get along in a republic of the world as it is for us to get along in a republic of the United States."

He was talking to Jackson county neighbors and old classmates as he received an honorary degree from his alma mater, the law school of the University of Kansas City.

In an unexpected, extemporaneous statement on foreign policy, the president basted his campaign for speedy ratification of the United Nations charter on the theory that unless the United States leads the way, there will be no durable peace.

Meanwhile, the British radio reported today that the French government has recognized the new Warsaw government.

In Moscow an official Tass news agency dispatch from Warsaw said American and British recognition of the new Polish government was expected soon.

Julius Sakowski, vice minister of information in the London regime, said his government and the greater part of its army of 250,000 men would remain in the United Kingdom at least until the fate of the army had been determined.

He said there is a possibility See U. S. BRITISH ... Page 7

**Nazi Art Treasure Trove is Discovered**

BREMEN, June 29 (UP)—An other hoard of art treasures hidden by the Nazis was located today.

Nazi officials revealed the hiding place of a master art show where priceless relics of this ancient Hanseatic free city had been hidden in north Germany.

The first clue to the whereabouts of the treasure, consisting of paintings, gold objects and historical mementoes was obtained by Capt. Louis Rosenblatt of the Bronx, New York.

A squad of American art and historical experts are assembling the scattered objects.

# La Grande Evening Observer

LA GRANDE, OREGON FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 29, 1945 FIVE CENTS

**Weather**  
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.  
Temperature:  
Maximum 71  
Minimum 44  
Precipitation .10  
Forecast: Partly cloudy, probable showers tonight and Saturday.

# B-29s Smash Jap Refinery

## Sale of E Bonds Off \$22,000

The treasury department announced today in Washington that the 7th war loan has been oversubscribed by 51.5 per cent, members of the Union county war finance committee continued their drive for additional sales of E bonds.

W. C. Perkins, committee chairman, announced E bond sales remain approximately \$22,000 short of the \$741,000 goal, and he suggested that employed persons who have paydays prior to Independence day use the money they normally would spend on a celebration to purchase additional bonds.

"What better way to celebrate the Fourth of July," he said, "than by buying war bonds that will help win the war."

Sales of E bonds yesterday were reported as \$12,081,25, bringing the total for the campaign to \$643,779.50. Sales of bonds to corporations yesterday totaled \$61,512.

With the E bond sales so near the quota, and sales to corporations over the goal-line, Perkins urged that employed persons makes an extra effort to buy one or more bonds of the smaller denominations today to give the drive the push needed to put it over the goal line.

The treasury department's report showed 7th war loan sales aggregating \$21,639,000,000, against a quota of \$14,000,000,000. The previous record was made in the 6th war loan campaign when sales aggregated \$21,612,000,000.

The sales thus far in the campaign include \$3,071,000,000 in E bonds.

## Germans Hanged For Slaying of American Pilot

RHEINBACK, Germany, June 29 (UP)—Three German civilians were hanged at a military prison here at dawn today for the murder of an unidentified American airman who parachuted into Germany from a burning bomber last night.

The men, Peter Back, Peter Kohn and Mathias Gierens, were convicted at a court martial.

A fourth defendant, Mathias Krein, also was convicted, but was reproved by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, commander of the American 15th army.

## Chinese Clear Wide Section of Mainland Coast

CHUNGKING, June 29 (UP)—Chinese forces have captured one of the airfields of Liuchow but have by-passed the city, which has been burning for a week, a spokesman for the high command said today.

A military spokesman disclosed Chinese forces have cleared a 300-mile stretch of east China coastline and reached Huangyuan, Chekiang province coastal city 230 air miles south of Shanghai.

Two of the three airfields where American bombers of the 14th airforce formerly were based still were in enemy hands. The spokesman said that the capture of Liuchow itself was a matter of time. He said the Japanese fired the city a week ago and it has been burning since then.

One column of Chinese troops, which bypassed the city, reached a point three miles north of Liuchow. Another column drove to a point nine miles north of the city.

A high command communique said that after completing the capture of the airfield, Chinese troops were fighting in the western and northeastern suburbs of Liuchow.

The communique also disclosed that the Japanese still were attacking in the eastern part of the Liuchow peninsula on the south China coast. On June 20, it said, an enemy force struck toward Muliuk, 12 miles southeast of Fushien.

Previous Japanese counter-attacks on the Liuchow peninsula were believed to have been designed to cover the enemy withdrawal from Hainan island.

## Enemy Moves War Industry To Manchuria

GUAM, Saturday, June 30 (UP)—A fleet of Superfortresses blasted the big Kudamatsu oil refinery on Honshu island last night 20 hours after huge incendiary fires were touched off at the Sasebo naval base and three other important Japanese cities.

Fifty B-29s flying in close formation pin-pointed the refinery—Japan's fourth largest—with an undischarged tonnage of high explosive bombs. It was a midnight raid.

The Kudamatsu refinery, located outside Tokyama 445 miles southwest of Tokyo, was the target of the 86th raid on Japan. During June, 4,600 B-29s have dropped 30,500 tons of bombs on homeland cities.

Industries Are Moved  
Tokyo announced a mass movement of industry from the invasion-threatened home islands to Manchuria.

The Kudamatsu refinery, only 140 miles northeast of burning Sasebo, produces aviation gasoline and oils. It was the eighth major fuel installation hit by B-29 assaults in the systematic destruction of Japan's war making industries.

Pillars of flame visible 75 miles swirled upward from Sasebo, one of Japan's largest naval bases, casting a fiery glow against the cloudy overcast.

Fires licked through Moji and Nobeoka, Kyushu island seaports, and Okayama, site of a Japanese army training center on Honshu. Returning B-29 crew members from the 400 to 500 plane fleet said red hot thermal updrafts from the fires were so intense that it seemed they "burned a hole in the overcast."

Japan reported U. S. parachute and mountain troops have seen JAPAN ... Page 7

## Nazi Confesses Giving Order to Czech Butchery

LONDON, June 29 (UP)—Karl Hermann Frank has confessed that he ordered the mass slaughter of Czechoslovaks in reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, it was revealed today.

Frank, former Nazi state secretary for the "protectorate" of Bohemia-Moravia, sought to mitigate his crime by claiming that the orders caused the butchery of "only 1,500 to 2,000" Czechoslovaks and that estimates of 20,000 were exaggerated.

Dr. B. Ecker, Czechoslovak member of the United Nations war crimes commission, disclosed that he had a 70-page signed confession by Frank. On the basis of the document, he said, he is insisting that Frank be returned to Czechoslovakia for trial as the country's No. 1 war criminal.



FLAME THROWERS MOP UP ON OKINAWA—Organized resistance by Japs has ended on Okinawa but many resistance pockets remain to be cleaned out with flames and bullets. Here a flame throwing tank of U. S. 10th army moves close to a Jap position as an infantryman crouches ready to get any Jap fleeing flame. Signal corp photo.

## Youngsters Will Be Heard Tonight In Band Concert

A widely varied program will be presented at 8 o'clock tonight in the high school auditorium at the third annual concert of the summer band students of La Grande public schools.

Leroy Darling, high school band director who created the band, will direct approximately 80 students of elementary school age. The band has been divided into three groups: beginning class, intermediate class, and junior band, all of whom will present selections.

Highlights of the program will be cornet, flute and batitone horn solos, and selections by clarinet and cornet quartets.

Culminating the activities of the band more than 60 students attended the annual picnic yesterday at Cove and Pine Cone.

After a picnic dinner at Cove, the group went to Pine Cone to swim.

In charge of the group were Leroy Darling, band instructor at La Grande high school for the past three years, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Stuart Bennett.

## Achievements Win Awards at Cub Pack's Meeting

Achievement awards were distributed to members of Boy Scout cub pack 111 at a meeting yesterday in Riverside park.

Roy Skeen was chairman and the awards were presented by Forest Zirkle, cubmaster. The group was welcomed by Rev. Logan A. Pruitt, new pastor of the First Methodist church, sponsor of the pack.

## Japanese Expect New Allied Thrust At Borneo Coast

MANILA, June 29 (UP)—Tokyo said today allied minesweepers were operating off Balikpapan "apparently preparatory to a landing" after it was officially revealed that the U. S. 7th fleet was ranging the Macassar strait.

The Japanese broadcast claimed that an allied destroyer had been sunk by air attack, and said that two patrol boats sank from "unknown reasons."

**Fleet on Prowl**  
A communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters confirmed that the 7th fleet, commanded by Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, is roaming the waters between Borneo's east coast and Celebes. Balikpapan, important oil center, is located on the east coast.

A Melbourne dispatch reported that the rich oilfield on tiny Tarakan island, northeast of Balikpapan, has resumed production for the first time since it was demolished by the Japanese a few days before the Australian landing there May 1.

The Tarakan field can produce oil suitable for pumping right into ships' bunkers without refining. Before the war it turned out about 6,000,000 barrels a year.

**Aussies Take Beaufort**  
On the opposite side of Borneo, according to a Melbourne radio report, Australia forces captured the rubber town of Beaufort, northeast of Brunei bay.

To the southwest of Brunei bay, troops which took the Miri oilfields linked with other Australian units who had captured the Seria fields. Destroyers shelled Japanese positions 11 miles south of Miri.

In the Philippines the main fighting was over but nasty mopping-up continued in the mountains of northern Luzon and in Mindanao in the Davao area.

## Mitscher is Again Bombed Out By Jap Suicide Plane

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 29 (UP)—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, whose quarters on his flagship were destroyed by a flaming Japanese plane just three days after he was bombed off the aircraft carrier Bunker Hill, said today that Japanese suicide attacks were only about one per cent effective.

The naval commander, who left the Bunker Hill after two suicide planes blasted her into a mass of charred wreckage, established his headquarters on an unnamed second carrier.

Three days later, he revealed, a flaming Japanese plane, shot down by the ship's anti-aircraft guns, crashed into the carrier, engulfing it in smoke and flames and destroying the admiral's quarters.

"They always get the admiral's quarters," Mitscher said. He moved to a third carrier, where he remained until returning to his home here.

Mitscher said he thinks the American people were making too much of stories of kamikaze attacks on U. S. warships. While the Japanese get through one per cent of the time, he said, American dive bombers get through 90 per cent of the time, and get back.

# Three More U. S. Warships Survive Japanese "Suicide" Attacks

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 29 (UP)—The destroyer USS Halsey Powell, which Tokyo radio reported sunk last March 20 after it was hit by a Japanese suicide plane 90 miles off the coast of Japan, soon will be back in action.

The crippled craft fought for two days to fend off continuing air attacks after the kamikaze plane crashed through the deck and out the bottom of the ship. It is undergoing repairs at Terminal Island.

The suicide plane struck as the destroyer was fueling and transferring rescued airmen to a carrier. The flaming kamikaze, apparently aimed at the carrier, overshot its mark, tore a gaping hole in the destroyer's after deck and shot through the starboard side into the ocean.

An underwater explosion followed. The Powell lifted and shook and flames burst over the ship from exploding gasoline. The stern one-third of the destroyer was a mass of flames and wreckage, settling fast.

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**DESTROYER ESCORT WINS THROUGH**  
PORTLAND, Ore., June 29 (UP)—A spunky little destroyer escort, the U. S. S. Bright, manned by a "never say die" crew, reached port here today for repairs to battle damage sustained in a hectic three-minute fight last May 13 with a Japanese "kamikaze" suicide plane off Okinawa.

Skipped by Lt. Comdr. William A. McMahan of Chicago, Ill., the DE-747 docked at the Portland waterfront after crossing the Pacific from Okinawa under its own power with no rudder, being steered only by a "jury rig" of unique and effective design.

In the three-minute of "frightening hell" which saw the Japanese suicide pilot and his plane crash to fruitless destruction astern the Bright, the vessel suffered a "veering" hit on the stern which blew it in below the water line up to the main deck.

Corrosion from the explosion of a 500 pound bomb attached to the Jap plane also pushed the steering engine of the ship against a watertight bulkhead, blowing large holes in the main deck and in the 40 millimeter gun magazine. Numerous electrical fires were started below decks.

All personnel in the ship's steering room were wounded, but miraculously, none fatally.

McMahan called the incident "definitely 'lucky' with the ship's crew showing amazing daring, skill and just plain 'old-fashioned American ingenuity'."

While the ship's repair crews battled the flames, hospital staff members fell to the task of rescuing the wounded from the ward rooms, many of which were blazing infernos. They carried about 180 to safety, but 16 of the battle veterans died. The other 18 dead or missing were members of the ship's crew.

One of three of its type of ship in the navy, the Pinkney is designed both to land assault troops and evacuate wounded. Because it is armed, it does not bear the customary marking of a hospital ship.

It had been in action in the Pacific 20 months, including the Solomons, Levte, Lingayen gulf, Iwo Jima and Palau campaigns.

## Baseball Results

| NATIONAL LEAGUE   |        |
|---|--------|
| Chicago   | 4 3 0  |
| Brooklyn  | 5 10 2 |
| Prime, Starr, Chipman 9, Singler 8, and Williams; Herring, Buker 8 and Denton, Peneck 3, Cincinnati | 4 11 0 |
| Boston  | 1 5 0  |
| Walters and Unser; Andrews and Mast   |        |
| Pittsburgh  | 2 7 1  |
| New York  | 3 8 2  |
| Butcher and Salfield; Vossie, Adams (9) and Klutz   |        |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE   |        |
| Philadelphia  | 2 5 0  |
| Cleveland   | 4 13 0 |
| Gerkin, Berry (7), Knorr (6) and Rosar; Reynolds, Klemm (6) and Hayes                               |        |
| Boston  | 4 12 5 |
| Chicago   | 2 9 1  |
| Ferriss and Garbark; Humphries and Tresh  |        |

## Transport Casualties Are Light

ALAMEDA, Calif., June 29 (UP)—Repair crews were busy today on the battered and torn bulk of the transport U. S. S. Pinkney, which took the full force of a Japanese suicide attack April 29 while loading battle wounded off Okinawa, at a cost of 36 dead or missing.