

B-29s in Five Way Assaults

GUAM, July 7 (UP)—Japanese homeland, aflame from Tokyo to the inland sea under one of the greatest fire raids in history, was proclaimed wide open for invasion today after 32 days of continuous aerial bombardment.

More than 600 Superfortresses struck probably the heaviest blow of the Pacific war during the night. They splattered almost 4,000 tons of demolition and incendiary bombs into five big Japanese war centers lying along a 275-mile arc of central Honshu.

Fires Rage
Columns of smoke and flame spouting four miles into the night sky gave fiery proof the flimsy target cities had joined the death list of 27 other Japanese towns gutted by the B-29s.

Tokyo admitted fires were still raging out of control in parts of the bombed cities after daybreak today. The raid capped an all-day series of fighter and bomber forays yesterday in which American fliers sank or damaged 10 more Japanese ships and destroyed 24 grounded enemy planes on Kyushu.

Primary Job
Even before the announcement of the new raid, the U. S. fleet marine force's new commander, Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, declared the aerial softening-up already had accomplished its primary job.

"Now it is just a question of wading in and finishing this war," Geiger told a Pearl Harbor press conference. American troops, he added emphatically, can land in Japan "any time we want to."

The 60-year-old marine commander predicted flatly that the United States' overwhelming superiority in personnel and equipment will make it impossible for the Japanese to repulse the invasion.

Possibly Quit
Geiger brushed aside the Japanese suicide planes and civilian "home guard" as no more than nuisances. He conceded the possibility Japan's big industrialists might force their military leaders to capitulate.

His words were echoed on Okinawa by the veteran Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, who declared flatly that it would take more than overwhelming air power to beat Japan — "it will take invasion." Meanwhile, Japan's ordeal by fire is continuing and mounting in fury. At least three army air forces, backed by marine and navy fliers, are hammering at the enemy's war centers and two more — the eighth and 13th — are on the way.

SHAEF Dissolution Soon Takes Place

PARIS, July 7 (UP)—Supreme headquarters today announced command of the allied expeditionary force and the termination of the combined SHAEF, effective on or about July 13.

With the break up of SHAEF, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will relinquish command of all elements of the allied expeditionary force, including supreme headquarters and attached or assigned units. He is U. S. representative on the allied control commission in Germany and military governor of the American-occupied zone.

Announcement of the exact date and time of the SHAEF dissolution will be delayed "in order to permit the readjustment of certain troops" and until the return of General Eisenhower, who desires an opportunity of saying farewell to the principal commanders and members of his staff.

Pfc Paul Roe Has Developed New Type of Cartoon

Pfc. Paul K. Roe, 19, son of Mrs. Catherine Roe, 1903 X avenue, is developing a cartoon style in the army. Interested in becoming a professional cartoonist when the war is over, he is presently finding experience as a public relations cartoonist with the 32nd division.

Fifteen months of his 22 months service in the armed forces have been overseas. He has worked as a wireman, and during the current fighting in northern Luzon was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in action.

The cartoons combine the mechanical skill of Sgt. Bill Mauldin and the humor of Lt. David Brewer. Typical cartoons show a tank going 25 feet out of its way to demolish a shack; a sailor home on leave describing hand-to-hand fighting with the dubious aid of a dressmaker's form; and a scrawny lieutenant standing before a squad of husky GIs, saying: "An hour's work-out each day will make men of you guys."

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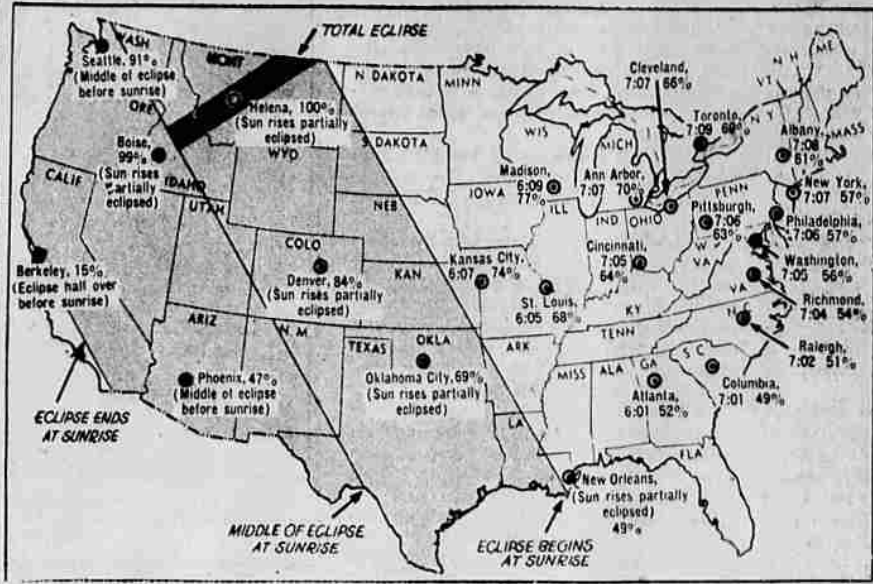
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HOW U. S. WILL SEE ECLIPSE OF SUN—Map above shows how various sections of country will view July 9 total eclipse of sun, starting at sunrise near Boise, Ida. In map's white area eclipse begins after sunrise. Figures at city names give eclipse time and degree of totality. Only in strip from Boise through Helena, Mont., will eclipse be practically complete. In eastern half of shaded section, eclipse begins at sunrise, in western half sunrise comes in middle of eclipse. Watchers along coastal strip of southern California will miss it altogether as it will be over by sunrise.

FBI School Will Last Five Days; Barnes To Speak

Marshall I. Barnes, Pendleton, special agent for the federal bureau of investigation, will address the first meeting of the police school held Monday, July 9. He will speak on the subject of police courtesy, and will also discuss the program and explain the schedule of the school, which will be held from July 9-13.

Circuit Judge R. J. Greene will lecture Monday on the Oregon laws of arrest, followed by a panel forum on the subject. Programs of other days will be announced as completed.

C. C. Lund, chief of police, will be in charge of the school, which was brought here largely through his efforts. The school will be for all peace officers, federal, state, county and city in eastern Oregon.

Garden Exceeds Hope, Says Ford

La Grande's two acre community garden is exceeding expectations, according to Ed Ford, city manager.

The garden, located in the Conard addition, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets and H and I avenues, has been divided into 40 family-sized plots of approximately 30 by 40 feet each.

The ground for the gardens was readied for "vegetable-occupancy" by the city, which also furnished water and fertilizer. Onions, carrots, radishes, in fact, everything from pickles to pumpkins is being grown.

Aussies Complain Of Treatment In Panama Canal Zone

SYDNEY, July 7 (UP)—Almost 700 Australian troops, enroute from German prison camps, arrived in Sydney today protesting bitterly over rough treatment by native policemen and courts in the Panama Canal zone.

Aussies said trouble over the Australian-American currency exchange rate started a free-for-all at Colon, while their ship was passing through the canal.

The Australians said the fight broke out when they and a group of returning New Zealanders objected to receiving only \$2.50 for the English pound instead of \$4.

Native Panama policemen "interfered" and used their clubs on the Aussie veterans, and arrested many of them, they said.

"The courts sat day and night as Australians and New Zealanders lined up to be fined," said one soldier. "The native police were given a percentage of the fines."

Body of Girl Found At Base of Cliff

RENO, Nev., July 7 (UP)—The badly broken body of an attractive young woman was found yesterday at the base of Cave rock beside the highway skirting Lake Tahoe in Douglas county, and sheriff's officers are conducting an investigation to determine her identity.

A preliminary investigation by sheriff's officers from Minden and state police indicated that the woman had jumped, fallen or been thrown from the top of Cave rock, although because of the extreme crushed state of the body, a possibility she had been struck by a car or truck was considered.

27 Auto Deaths in State During May

SALEM, July 7 (UP)—Thirteen persons died for every 100,000,000 miles of automobile traffic in Oregon during May, the state department safety division reported today, or 27 deaths in all. For the first five months of 1945, 12 persons died for the same distance traveled, and the rate was eight during the same period of 1944.

Traffic deaths during the first five months of the year totaled 118, compared to 96 for the same period last year, an increase of 18 percent. Excessive speed was blamed for a large share of the accidents.

300 Attend Vocal Institute Recital; Chorus, Soloists

More than 300 music lovers of La Grande who attended the vocal recital at Eastern Oregon college auditorium Friday night are looking forward to the institute next summer which will probably again offer a closing recital.

The institute this summer, lasting three weeks, under direction of Charles Wilson Lawrence, guest instructor, was productive of excellent results, judging from the concert last night. Soloists were well chosen and were well received by the audience.

Professor Lawrence's easy, effective directing of the chorus of 50 voices gave charm to the program of well balanced selections. Of the 70 students registered for the institute, at least 50 took part in the chorus, which had an outstanding contralto section.

Mrs. Florence Miller, vocal instructor at the college, was in charge of the details of the program and Miss Marcia Miller was accompanist.

Jap Attempt On MacArthur Foiled

MANILA, July 7 (UP)—It was confirmed today a Japanese spy ring attempted to assassinate Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The seven spies who took part in the plot all were caught and hanged June 7 and 8. They included four Japanese civilians, two Japanese soldiers, and one Filipino civilian.

The spies infiltrated American lines after MacArthur arrived at Manila. They were armed with revolvers and grenades and they made attempts to get within range of MacArthur. However, they were never able to get close enough to do any damage.

The plotters asked too many questions, and that probably was their undoing. They persistently questioned Manila residents about MacArthur's movements. They also had been instructed to determine the schedule of movements of other high officials.

Angell Declares Power Rates High

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP)—Rep. Homer D. Angell, R. Ore., charged today consumers of electric power from the Bonneville, Ore., project were forced to pay inquitably high rates.

Angell said the \$17.50 kilowatt-year rate set by the federal power commission could be reduced to \$14.50 if "Oregon rate payers are not penalized by having subsidies in their rate base to pay reclamation costs in other districts."

Vinson In Favor Of Broad Base For Income Tax

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP)—Personal income tax payers—including the little fellows—can expect little from Fred M. Vinson who has been chosen to become secretary of the treasury next month.

Vinson believes excess profits taxes on business should be repealed immediately after Japan is whipped. He would write post-war tax bills to encourage capital to take job-making risks. But he believes the personal income tax base should be broad—that is, the exemptions should be low.

Ideas Shown
Actually, of course, congress writes the tax laws. But the recommendations of the treasury usually weigh heavily.

Vinson will step up from directorship of the office of war mobilization and reconversion. He is a Kentuckian and a graduate of the house of representatives.

Vinson's ideas on postwar taxes and spending were revealed a week ago in his report as war mobilization director to the president and to congress.

Huge Budget
"It is reasonable to expect," he said, "the government will be spending, on the average, about \$25,000,000,000 a year, about three times the prewar budget."

Vinson endorsed the pending full employment bill. It is a plan to make estimates of business and employment conditions under circumstances which would permit the government to expand or contract its own spending to keep everyone employed. The bill has been mightily applauded and equally condemned. Its opponents contend the margin of error in such proposed estimates would be disastrously great and costly.

Reds, Poles Sign Repatriation Pact; Bor is Unreconciled

LONDON, July 7 (UP)—The Soviet and Polish governments have signed an agreement making possible the repatriation of each other's nationals, Radio Moscow said today.

The agreement, signed in Moscow yesterday, provides that Polish Jews who had Polish citizenship on Sept. 17, 1939, can abandon their Soviet citizenship and emigrate to Poland.

In return Russian, Ukrainian, White Russian, Ruthenian and Lithuanian nationals can abandon their Polish citizenship and emigrate to Soviet territory.

A Zurich dispatch reported the Swiss federal council has decided to recognize the new Polish government in Warsaw. General Tadeusz Komorowski issued an order of the day here to Polish troops, in which he said he hoped they still would recognize the London government as the only legal government of Poland.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum — 92
Minimum — 57
Forecast: Clear tonight and Sunday. Not much temperature change.

NORSE DECLARE WAR
WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP)—Norway has declared war on Japan, the Norwegian embassy here said today.

Cut in Butter Point Values Announced About July 29

Former Pleasant Grove Youth Dies In Okinawa Battle

Walter Garrett, Marine Private, Imbler Graduate

Pfc. Walter Gene Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Garrett, formerly of Pleasant Grove, was killed in action with his marine corps outfit on Okinawa June 23, according to word received by his parents, who now live in Portland.

Private Garrett had been in the Marshall and Gilbert islands campaigns and had come through them safely.

A native of Oregon, he had attended grade school at Pleasant Grove and was a graduate of Imbler high school in 1942. After graduation he worked at the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation plant at Portland, prior to his enlistment in the marine, Feb. 20, 1943, at Portland.

He took signal corps training at San Diego and was sent overseas Sept. 17, 1943. He had never had a furlough. He was in a signal company, headquarters battalion of a marine division.

Besides his parents, he leaves his grandfather, W. H. Miller of Pendleton; and aunts and uncles; Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Garrett of The Dalles; Ed Garrett of Yakima; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cates of Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Miller of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Miller of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Garrett of Yakima, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton of Salem.

600 Acre Forest Fire Still Rages

QUILLAYUTE, Wash., July 7 (UP)—State fire wardens and navy personnel today battled a 600-acre forest fire on the western edge of the Olympia national forest.

The fire had raged out of control since Thursday afternoon, eating a mile-wide path through cut-over land.

The navy's auxiliary air station at Quillayute was closed to permit all personnel to join the battle, and 150 other navy men were flown to the fire lines from the Whidby island naval air station.

Bulldozers and other navy equipment was rushed into the forest. Four sections of standing timber were in the path of the flames.

Rivers protected both the Quillayute air station and the town of Lapush.

Nicaragua First To Approve Charter

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP)—The United States senate kept to its hurry-up schedule on the united nations charter today although it had lost the race to make the United States the first nation to ratify.

Nicaragua became the first nation to formally subscribe to the charter of the new world peace league last night when its congress passed and its president signed the historic document.

President Truman has expressed himself as hoping this country would be the first, or at least one of the first, to ratify the charter. Administration leaders in the senate undoubtedly will concentrate on making the U. S. one of the very early signers—perhaps first among the big powers.

British Push Back Jap Reinforcements

CALCUTTA, July 7 (UP)—British troops have thrown back the Japanese from positions astride allied communications lines in the Sittoung river bend, a communiqué reported today.

The communiqué said the Japanese were trying to reinforce their troops in the area, roughly 25 miles north of Pegu. Heavy casualties were inflicted on a force of 200 Japanese troops, who tried to cross the Sittoung river 16 miles southeast of Pyy.



LAST OF REBELS HOIST OLD GLORY — Stars and Bars are brought down in Dade county, Georgia, to be replaced by Stars and Stripes as last hold-out rebels of southland join union after 85 years as independent state. W. W. Williams, American Legion, (left), and Judge M. C. Townsend unfurl Old Glory as F/1c Isaac Maxwell brings down Confederate flag.

"Psychological Appetite" of Soldier Has Medics Guessing

By LARRY DALE

ATLANTA Ga., July 7 (UP)—Harassed army doctors, pressed for details on the bottomless stomach of Pfc. Chester J. Salvatori, today called a press conference at which they promised newsmen "all details."

They are ready to release a medical report on the Southbridge, Mass., G-1 whose appetite threatens to bankrupt army mess halls. Last previous data from doctors had suggested Salvatori's appetite was "psychological." But anyone who could polish off 36 pork chops and relax after dinner at a Red Cross canteen or a USO quietly consuming a few dozen doughnuts, some ice cream, and sandwiches was worth "observing."

Not Satisfied
They "observed" for the past several days, and perhaps with an ulterior motive.

For Salvatori, to whom army life is one glorious smorgasbord, simply cannot be satisfied with the army's maximum allowance of \$5 a day.

According to Pvt. Harold Julian, Long Beach, Calif., who has the dubious distinction of eating right next to Salvatori, the army has offered Salvatori several discharges but "The Stomach" won't think of it.

A Snack
"He wants to stay in the army where he can get plenty to eat," said Julian.

One G-1 musician wanted to clear up what he considered an earlier misstatement by the press to the effect that "The Stomach's" favorite breakfast consisted of 40 eggs, 20 slices of meat, eight strips of bacon and at least three quarts of milk. He said the egg estimate "should be around 60."

He said one day "just for a joke" the boys in the band built a "pig trough" three feet long and 12 inches deep, filled it with army mulligan stew and put it before their eating wonder.

"We figured anyone who could eat that, could eat anything," his pal said. "And he did, after which he asked for more."

Chester Peterson To Head Jaycees

Chester Peterson was elected president of the junior chamber of commerce at their meeting last night. The office was formally held by Assistant County Agent Price Schroeder, who will leave Aug. 1 for Corvallis, where he will be state supervisor of turkey and poultry.

Alden Long has been moved up to Peterson's position as first vice-president.

More Gasoline Used During May in State

SALEM, July 7 (UP)—Six percent more gasoline was used in May, 1945, than in May 1944, throughout Oregon, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., said today. This is the first time gasoline consumption has shown an upward trend since 1941, he said.

Twenty million seven hundred eighty-two thousand five hundred twenty-nine gallons was used, or an increase of 1,321,399 gallons. Taxes on gasoline during the month were \$1,039,126.47, the first time gasoline taxes have gone over the million-mark a month for a year and half.

U. S. Will Buy Much Less Soon

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP)—Agriculture Secretary Clinton P. Anderson announced today a sharp cut in government purchases of butter.

OPA said this will make a possible reduction in ration point values of butter July 29. Anderson said government purchases in August will be only 20 per cent of creamery butter production, compared with the 50 per cent taken this month.

As a result of the action, Chester Bowles, price administrator, said a "slight cut" in red point values will be possible for the next monthly ration.

The amount of the point cut will be announced later, probably a reduction to 20 points a pound. It has been 24 since Dec. 26.

Anderson reported that civilians may expect to get 90,000,000 pounds of butter during August compared with about 80,000,000 this month.

Today's action followed charges in congress last week that the high point value on butter was causing it to accumulate in storage in some areas, with spoilage resulting.

It was learned that OPA favored immediate reduction in point values to take care of these "trouble spots." Anderson, however, took the firm view that the present butter supply situation would not warrant the cut until next month.

"With the set-aside at 50 per cent during July," Anderson said, "the supply of butter available for civilian consumption will not be sufficient to justify a change in point values for the remainder of this month."

Windsors Avoid Meeting Queens

LONDON, July 7 (UP)—Court circles said today the Duke and Duchess of Windsor have timed their planned visit to London next month to avoid embarrassing meetings with Queen Elizabeth or the dowager Queen Mary.

The royal family will be on vacation at Balmoral, Scotland, when the former king and the woman for whom he gave up the British throne arrive here.

The duke and duchess will stay at some London hotel, probably Caldrifield, and not at one of the royal residences.

It was expected, however, the duke will confer with King George to decide what if any future job he will fill now that he has retired from the governorship of the Bahamas.

Sources close to the duke said he will not make a long stay in London because he is eager to prepare his residence on the Boulevard des Capucines in Paris, where the Windsors probably will make their home.

Boy Learns Dud Bomb Dangerous

BEND, July 7 (UP)—Vernon Johnson, 15-year-old Bend youth, learned today that practice bombs—even though they are duds—can be employed as fourth of July fireworks with near fatal results.

Johnson was in a hospital recovering from a badly cut and burned hand and an injury to his right eye after he and a companion exploded a one-pound dud which they found on the army's practice range near Horse Ridge last Wednesday.

State Officer Glen Ray, who conducted the investigation, said the boys had exploded some of the bombs by use of a string and an iron bolt. However, one dud exploded prematurely causing injuries to Johnson which were described by hospital attendants as "critical."

Johnson's companion was not injured.