

B-29s Hit 5 Targets In Japan

WASHINGTON, July 9 (UP)—Probably 600 Superfortresses made another five-way strike at industrial targets in Japan today. The targets were Gifu, Sakai, Wakayama, Sendai, and Yokkaichi. All are on Honshu island.

The attacking planes, based in the Marianas, used both incendiary and demolition bombs.

Gifu, population 172,000, is 18 miles northwest of Nagoya and manufactures machinery, metal products and textiles. Some of the textile plants have been converted, including one making airplane fuselages. Many workers in the Kawasaki and Mitsubishi aircraft plants at Kugamigahara, five miles to the east, reside at Gifu.

Industrial City
Sakai, population 182,000, is an industrial suburb of Osaka. It manufactures ordnance, marine engines, machinery, machine tools, chemicals, explosives and aircraft ordnance.

Wakayama, 195,000 population, is 30 miles south of the Osaka-Kobe industrial area. It is an agricultural marketing center, and manufactures steel products, chemicals, marine engine parts and woodwork.

Sendai, 224,000, on the northeast coast is the largest city in northeastern Japan, a major rail hub and administrative center for the northern area of Honshu. It manufactures steel products, munitions, aircraft components and electrical equipment.

Oil City
Yokkaichi, near Nagoya, is the site of the Utsubo oil refinery which was attacked by Superfortresses June 22 and 26.

Twice attacks on Honshu and Kyushu carried through the 34th straight day of the pre-invasion softening up of Japan in which Superfortresses alone have been delivering bombs at a rate of more than 1,000 tons a day for 40 days.

Fleet dispatches disclosed a strong American task force was ranging the western Pacific under orders to search out and destroy the remnants of Japanese sea and air power.

Libs. Too

Tokyo reported 50 Liberators attacked the Omura area.

About 50 long range Mustangs struck from two at dozens of targets around Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe.

Authorities revealed that Superfortresses had flown at least 6,442 sorties in 40 days, dropping almost 42,000 tons of bombs, and that Mitchell medium bombers had joined the attack.

The devastated area of Japan has risen to more than 130 square miles. In the first nine days of July, four Superfortresses have been lost.

Smash 31 Cities

Since the 21st bomber command first hit Japan in November, 1944, it has flown 241 missions.

Thirty-one of Japan's industrial cities have been smashed with fire bombs and explosives, a dozen of them this month. Ten are now from half to three-quarters destroyed — Tokyo, Yobe, Hamamatsu, Yokkaichi, Toyohashi, Shizuoka, Okayama, Takamatsu, Himeji and Tokushima.

Three others—Yokohama, Kure and Kagoshima — are 40 to 50 percent smashed. Two other major Japanese cities, Nagoya and Osaka, are 31.2 percent and 25 percent destroyed, respectively.

Thirty-five Superfortresses were lost during June.

Three 'Shangri-La' Survivors Arrive

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., July 9 (UP)—Three survivors of a plane crash in a hidden valley in New Guinea returned to the United States from "Shangri-La."

The trio, WAC Cpl. Margaret Hastings, Oswego, N. Y., Lt. John B. McCollum, Trenton, Mo., and Sgt. Kenneth Decker, Kelso, Wash., stepped from a transport here this morning. They said atabrine tablets, taken to forestall malaria, had turned their faces deep yellow.

Twenty persons died in the crash which marooned the three in "Shangri-La." The three survivors left the valley after a spectacular glider rescue after a series of story-book adventures.

All three seemed well, although McCollum said he is still 15 pounds underweight and tiny Corporal Hastings has two pounds to regain.



OFF TO NIAGARA, BUT NO HONEYMOON—William (Red) Hill, pool of late William Hill, who attempted to ride rapids and whirlpool of Niagara river below the falls twice, shows posed in the barrel his father used and which he used in performing the feat July 8.

County Pioneer Sons, Daughters To Meet Thursday

Union county's 20 pioneer sons and daughters will hold their annual picnic-meeting Thursday, July 19, at Riverside park.

George Cochran, president of the organization, announced today. Although coffee and ice cream will be furnished, members are expected to bring their own lunches. The picnic will last from noon until sunset.

A memorial service will be held for Hattie Eckley, historian of the society, who also organized the sons and daughters in 1918. The service will include other pioneers who have died during the past year.

Committees appointed for the picnic are: Mrs. Kate Hanley and Mrs. Frank Jasper, program; Jim Woodell, decorations and supplies.

Following the meeting, the Union County Historical society, organized by the pioneers, will hold its annual meeting. Charlie Hamman is president.

Hess Guest Of Justice Douglas

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess have returned from Lapover camp, up the south fork of the Lostine river, where they were guests over the fourth of July of Associate Justice and Mrs. William O. Douglas.

They established camp up the north Minam meadows and fished Green lake, reporting excellent success.

Also fishing in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cooper, Ray Rahn, a son of Shelton and Mr. Carper of Starkey who were at the Roy Shafer camp. The men of the party agreed that Billy Douglas is as good a dry-fly fisherman as his father, the justice.

Hess reported that of the principal lakes in that region, only Green lake and John Henry lake are open at this time, the others still being frozen over, but those open have large trout that were biting well.

Sugar, Fat Shortage to Stay Plenty of Cereals, Fish and Milk

WASHINGTON, July 9 (UP)—American housewives can expect shortages in such important food categories as meat, sugar, fats and oils to be with them at least until spring of next year, a survey of government food agencies indicated today.

Prospects are meat supplies for this fall and winter will be no better than last year. While there will be an increase in beef marketings, that will be offset by a further cut in pork. Officials believe there will be no real improvement until late next spring when both beef and pork are expected to be more plentiful.

Some Cakes
Butter production is lagging behind 1944 and non-civilian demands have been greater. The 40 percent cutback in military purchases to be effective next month, however, will relieve the situation somewhat. The expected spring increase in pork is also expected to ease the fats and oil supply. Domestic stores of sugar are

Hill Matches Stunt Of Father, Shoots Falls in Barrel

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 9 (UP)—William Hill, Jr., 32-year-old riverman who matched his father's stunt of shooting the wild rapids of the Niagara river in a barrel, said today the battered barrel would never make the trip again and "I don't think I will either."

"It was the worst pounding I ever took," Hill said as he was helped through the hatch of the 750-pound red steel drum yesterday after outwitting Canadian police to ride from a "secret" launching above the famous rapids to Queenston, Ont.

The barrel had whirled and leaped through the white water for seven miles, sometimes shooting along at 40 miles an hour. The red-haired riverman made the ride to collect contributions from spectators to equip a mobile life-saving unit as a memorial to his father.

The authorities made no effort to bother him after the trip was over.

Three Drown During Weekend Camp Trips

MEDFORD, July 9 (UP)—Three persons drowned on weekend camping trips in the Medford area, it was announced today.

C. W. Thompson and his daughter, Joan, drowned at Lake Woods, and Earl Stewart, Jr., 16, Vancouver, Wash., lost his life in Diamond Lake.

Thompson and his wife were in a boat with two small girls swimming behind them. Joan became tired. Her father went to her aid, but both drowned before help could arrive.

Stewart, an employee of a blister rust control camp near here, was on an overnight camping trip with other workmen under supervision of a foreman. He drowned while attempting to swim from a raft to shore.

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 95
Minimum 63
Forecast: Clear tonight and Tuesday, not much temperature change.

Many East Oregon Residents See Eclipse of Sun; Plain Here

Dawn came up like delayed action thunder today and the moon came up at the same time, at 5:14 a.m., which caused a total eclipse of the sun for 30 seconds, the first since 1932.

The phenomenon was plainly visible here for some minutes, although the eclipse was not total here, by any means. Many local residents saw it and most agreed it was well worth getting up for even so early in the morning.

The college astronomer, Prof. Charles W. Quintance, is at Walla Walla and could not be reached for a scientific description of the celestial affair but a few local residents described it in layman's language for the Observer.

Best Ever
Lyle Johnson, registrar of Eastern Oregon college, averred it is the best eclipse he has ever seen, because he could see it with the naked eye and without eye strain. He said the shadow across Old Sol was plainly visible.

Mrs. W. E. Wilkins and her son, Bob, also were among the early risers, though Mrs. Wilkins confessed she went back to sleep before the shadow had passed. She described it as having the appearance of a foggy day.

Mrs. Marian Baker said she had seen the eclipse, the first one since she was a little girl, but said she would not attempt to describe it. Ed Hart, contractor, also was out for the eclipse.

ASTRONOMERS TAKE FIRST ECLIPSE IN COLOR FILM

The Amateur Astronomers association, watching the solar show from Butte, took the first colored motion pictures of an eclipse.

In Britain, where the eclipse reached its height at 2 p.m., England's number one physicist, Sir Edward Appleton, director solar studies, to identify phenomena seen in connection with wartime uses of radar.

Moscow radio said more than 20 Russian groups had left for various parts of the Soviet union to observe the eclipse. The groups are seeking photographic data, such as the spectrum of the sun's rim behind the shadow cast by the moon.

Total in Spots
Among other things, scientists the world over hoped to add to their store of information about conditions on the sun, the causes and effects of sunspots and the effect of the sun on electrical currents.

The eclipse was total, however, over a strip 100 miles wide passing through Idaho, Montana, Manitoba, the northern tip of Labrador, Greenland, Norway and Russia. It was visible to some extent in all parts of the United States.

Harold Cochran Home From Army; Served 5 Years

S/Sgt. Harold M. Cochran, 38, son of W. M. Cochran, 2709 N. Birch street, arrived here Saturday, with an honorable discharge from the army after five years' service.

He entered in September, 1940, with company E, 186th infantry, 41st division, and has served continuously since that time, having duty in Australia, New Guinea, the Dutch East Indies and after returning to the states, instructing at Camp Gordon, Ga.

After a rest Cochran plans to resume his work at Mt. Emily mill where he was employed prior to leaving La Grande with the national guard.

Also granted a discharge at the Fort Lewis separation center was Maurice L. Hand of North Powder.

Mrs. Helen Smith Of Cove Dies; Was Ill Long Time

Mrs. Helen Pearl Smith, 67, of Cove died Sunday in a hospital here following a long illness.

She is the wife of John Wesley Smith and leaves one son, Clark Sharp of La Grande, three grand children and a great-grandchild, a sister, Bertha Wimer of Los Angeles and other relatives.

Mrs. Smith was born April 16, 1878 in Chester Center, Ia., and had been a resident of Union county for 42 years. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Methodist church in Cove, with the Rev. Mr. Smoot officiating. Interment will be in Cove cemetery.



ROOM ONLY FOR GRIPING—Typical of day coach accommodations gives returning troops is this view of men trying to snatch sleep on crude beds made by dropping seat backs. These troops, at Camp Shanks, N. Y., face 65-hour train ride to Fort Lewis, Wash., providing transportation difficulties don't add to the time.

"What Peace Officers Ought To Know" on School Program

A wide variety of subjects will be presented to state, county and city peace officers at the five-day police school which started at 2 p.m. today.

The session was opened by Chief of Police C. C. Lund, who introduced Resident Agent Marshall I. Barnes. Agent Barnes will introduce the various instructors and explain the school's schedule. He will lecture on police courtesy and telephone courtesy.

At 3 p.m. Circuit Court Judge R. J. Green will lecture on the Oregon laws of arrest, dealing with arrests with and without warrants in misdemeanors and felonies. Judge Green will also lead a panel forum on the subject.

Session Tuesday will open with lectures on interviews, and report writing, given by Special Agent Howard B. Patterson. At 4 p.m. Special Agent Max E. Taylor will talk about defense tactics, followed by demonstration and practice.

Wednesday, 2 p.m. Agent Patterson will lecture on taking fingerprints and palm-print impressions, followed by practice work, and at 3 p.m. he will conduct practical latent fingerprint work, including dusting and lifting latents.

Thursday, at 2 p.m., Special Agent K. D. Deaderick will talk about testifying, and lead a discussion of aids.

Agent Taylor, at 4 p.m., will lecture again on defense tactics, with both demonstration and practice in the use of handcuffs and leg irons, as well as the quick trick.

School Friday will be opened with a lecture by Agent Deaderick on the searching of persons and places with an actual problem adapted to the La Grande police department.

Agent Taylor, at 4 p.m., will continue his lectures on defense tactics.

Frank Schiro, publisher of the Observer, will lecture on public relations at 4:30 p.m. The school will close 5 p.m. Friday.

Navy Man Fears Lumber Shortage

PORTLAND, July 9 (UP)—Alarm was expressed today by Com. W. W. Kellogg, navy lumber coordinator and deputy chief of the central procurement agency, over lumber production after a coastwise tour of timber areas.

Kellogg said neither the army nor the navy had stockpiles of lumber sufficient to last 60 days.

Sunday Hottest July 8 in Six Years With Temperature 95; No Relief Seen

La Grande's hottest July 8 in six years left citizens gasping for breath yesterday as the temperature climbed to 95 degrees and stayed there. Residents sought relief at local parks, swimming pools, near-by forests, and mountain lakes.

July 8, 1939 had a temperature of 102, setting a new high in temperatures for the last 15 years.

Little respite may be expected, since records show the lowest maximum temperatures in La Grande vary from 99 degrees to 108 degrees for the month of July.

Flames Destroy Union Garage

Raging flames, starting from spontaneous combustion, demolished the Oregon Trail garage at Union Saturday afternoon. Irvin Hess, owner of the garage, established in 1919, said the loss, which included the building, equipment, a newly acquired logging truck which had never been used, and three cars, was estimated at \$25,000.

About one-third of the loss was covered by insurance. The conflagration, which started about 4:10 p.m. had filled the interior of the garage in a matter of seconds. One man who stated that he had driven into the intersection and glanced in that direction saw nothing amiss, but by the time he had parked his car in the middle of the block saw that the entire building was ablaze following the explosion.

Fearful for Town
Residents of Union feared the entire town was threatened, with a woodshed three blocks away and grass fires within a radius of a block started from flying sparks. The continuous explosion of oil cans filled the air with black smoke. A small shed of value, located immediately behind the garage was burned.

Work of the firemen prevented the blaze from spreading to the gas tanks, and though the extension to the building that housed the garage was a complete loss, the part which had been the old bank building was damaged only inside. The vault, containing the papers for the business, was intact with all its contents, and a few tires kept in that part of the building were salvaged.

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It was the only garage in the town and furnished repairs for the Oregon Trail Lumber company logging operations, as well as for citizens of the town and community.

Though their plans are indefinite, Mr. and Mrs. Hess are strongly considering rebuilding. The garage was first established in the fall of 1919 by T. R. Braher and G. I. Hess.

Help Breaks Down
Union officials called the La Grande fire department for aid, but the drive-shaft on the engine, a 1940 Seagrave, broke when the machine was about a mile out of La Grande. Repairs are sent for.

The gears were stripped on the other fire engine, a 1929 Stutz, this morning when firemen were on their way to a trash fire in front of the Salvation Army headquarters. There was no damage. It has been repaired.

FIRE CAUSES SMALL DAMAGE IN FOREST

Four small fires in 40 acres of timber in the Meacham creek district of the Umatilla national forest which started Friday noon were brought under control by Saturday afternoon, the U. S. forest service reported today.

The fires were in open stands of yellow pine and there was very little timber damage, before the flames were brought under control by the Union Pacific railroad and ranger crews. The first blaze, the forest service said, was near Huron and started in U. P. property.

NOT MERELY FRIENDLY, BUT SOLICITOUS, TOO

THE DALLES, Ore., July 9 (UP)—My, what a friendly town, mused Henry Striell. All the residents he passed waved and called as he drove through The Dalles. Arriving at a feed store, Striell learned more. His load of hay was afire.

Transport Brings In 1,819 Wounded

SEATTLE, July 9 (UP)—A great navy transport ship docked in Seattle yesterday, returning 1,819 troops, a third of them wounded, to the United States after participation in the Okinawa and other Pacific campaigns.

A tug carrying the 388th army service forces band, met the transport off West Point and escorted her to the dock while a navy blimp circled overhead and dropped copies of Sunday newspapers to her deck.

The Okinawa casualties were met by ambulances which took them to Madigan general hospital at Fort Lewis. Other army men, back on leave or for discharge on points, were taken to Fort Lawton for dispatching to reception centers near their homes.

MacArthur Declares Philippines Ready To Govern Selves

MANILA, July 9 (UP)—General of the Army Douglas MacArthur today said the Philippines are ready for self-government.

MacArthur was given a terrific ovation as he appeared before a joint session of the island congress to be made an honorary citizen. It was announced congress also had passed acts to have MacArthur's likeness on stamps and coins.

Island City Will Look Into Cost of New Water Supply

Council Moves For Further Fire Protection

A new water supply for Island City may be in the offing as result of action scheduled soon by members of the health committee of the common council of the town.

Members of the committee will be meeting soon with army officials who will inform them as to the possible costs of making a survey of the area for a suitable source and for a pipeline to bring the water to the mains.

First step toward the new supply was taken last Friday night when the common council approved a request of Mayor M. W. Kiddle for the investigation by the committee. Heretofore, the city has been supplied drinking water from shallow wells.

Besides taking action for a water supply, the council also made a move for further safety from fire. Deciding it is of utmost importance for anyone desiring to burn trash or weeds during July, August or September to notify officials, the council ordered that permission for such a fire must be obtained from either H. A. Decker, fire chief, or Milo Blokland, recorder.

In addition to routine business, the councilmen adopted the budget for the coming year. It amounts in all to \$519.22.

Members of the health committee are Decker, Orville Lentz and John Bowery.

Truman Sails for Big 3 Conference

WASHINGTON, July 9 (UP)—President Truman sailed from the Norfolk, Va., naval base last Saturday for his forthcoming conference near Berlin with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

He was accompanied by a large party — larger than those which usually accompanied the late President Roosevelt when he met with Stalin and Churchill.

Among the party were Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, assistant secretary of state James Dunn and Charles E. Bohlen, special assistant to Byrnes and an expert on Russia. Bohlen was Roosevelt's interpreter at conferences with Stalin.

It is understood Truman plans to make some side-trips around Europe after the big three talks end.

Also aboard the ship with the president were the White House correspondents for the three major press associations. However, the last public word from Press Secretary Charles G. Ross prior to his departure was, that no reporters will be allowed to cover the big three meeting itself.

Daily Mail Expects Churchill Defeat

LONDON, July 9 (UP)—The conservative Daily Mail said today Prime Minister Churchill may have lost Thursday's general election, the results of which will be announced July 26.

The Daily Mail was the first conservative newspaper to acknowledge the possibility of a Churchill defeat. Under the caption "close shave, warning on election results," the newspaper said he "can scarcely win a big majority" and may have lost the election "against the combined victories of left parties" in some 50 constituencies where the results looked close.

Cpl. Dean Wells Wounded Again

Cpl. Dean Wells U. S. marine corps reserve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wells, Union, was wounded for the second time, the office of war information announced today.

It was announced today by OWI that Pvt. Edwin A. Goebel, son of Mrs. Clara M. Goebel of Flors, Pfc. David W. McBeth, Wallawa, and Pvt. Herman H. Young, son of Mrs. Rose M. Powell, Elgin, were killed in action in the Pacific regions.