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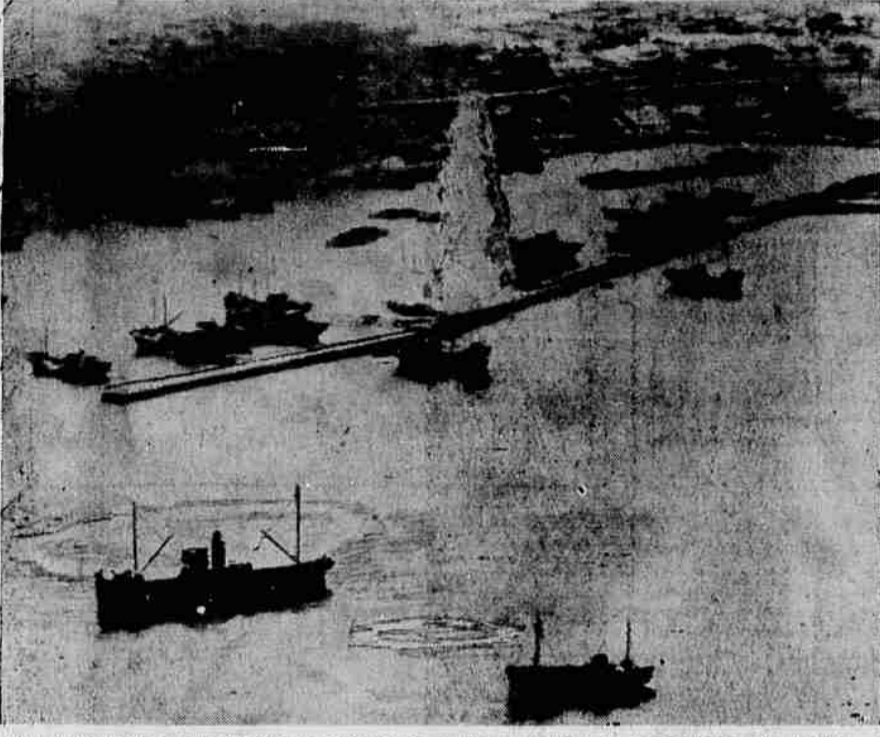
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FIVE CENTS



YANK PLANES HAMMER JAP SHIPPING IN MONSHU HARBOR—Jap shipping in harbor of Machinohe, North Honshu, undergoes attack by carrier-based planes of Adm. Halsey's Third fleet, July 15. One ship is sinking from direct hit, another (left) survives near miss during early stages of attack. U. S. Navy photo via radiophoto from Guam.

'Death of Japanese Fleet' in Prospect in New Air Attacks

GUAM, Thursday, July 26 (UP)—Superfortresses blast three more of Japan's vital oil refineries early today while more than 1,200 U. S. and British carrier planes blew the Japanese air force from the skies over western Honshu as they swarmed back into the burning Kure naval base to finish the crippled remnants of Japan's Imperial fleet.

Between 75 and 100 B-29s struck in precision demolition raid near Tokyo shortly before midnight as the U. S. third fleet maneuvered offshore after its devastating two-day strike at Japan's great inland sea anchorage which blasted at least seven enemy warships.

Record Strike
Bombing at medium altitude in their 12th strike at Japanese oil refineries and installations, the Superforts smashed at the Mitsubishi oil refinery, the enemy's largest producer of aviation gasoline; the Hayama petroleum refinery and the Asahi Oil company, adjoining each other in the Kawasaki area.

The raid followed by less than 36 hours a record strike by 625 Superforts on seven industrial targets in the Osaka and Nagoya areas.

Thundering back for their second straight blow at the great inland sea anchorage of Kure yesterday the carrier pilots shot their way through a blazing screen of flak and enemy fighters to get at the seven or more major Japanese warships they had rid-dled with bombs and rockets.

Use Planes
The Japanese countered first with a terrific anti-aircraft barrage that turned the sky into a rainbow-colored hell. They sent their hoarded fighter planes aloft in a last desperate bid.

Earnest Hoberch, United Press war correspondent, reported from one of the attacking carriers the enemy aerial opposition appeared to have been smothered.

By late afternoon, American Corsair fighters had won mastery of the skies, clearing the way for the knockout by the fleet's Hell-divers and torpedo bombers, and were strafing the enemy airfields almost at will.

Fleet Dying
The Imperial battle fleet that steamed out to challenge the United States barely three years and seven months ago is dying impotently in the bomb-churned waters of the inland sea.

At least seven enemy battleships, carriers and cruisers—virtually all of Japan's surviving seapower—were holed or set ablaze.

"This may well mean the end of the Japanese navy," reported United Press war correspondent Richard W. Johnston from Admiral William F. Halsey's attacking armada.

40 FAMILIES HOMELESS

EUGENE, July 25 (UP)—Forty Eugene families were homeless today after a early morning fire swept through a court apartment house near the business section. So far as is known, there was no loss of life. The property, valued at approximately \$40,000 was a complete loss. Cause of the fire was being investigated today.

Rain Aids Blaze Battle

Truman to Inspect American Troops During Recess

Churchill To Go To Receive News Of Election

POTSDAM, July 25 (UP)—President Truman will fly to Frankfurt tomorrow to confer with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and review American troops during the brief recess in the big three conference, it was announced today.

Truman will inspect the 84th infantry division and the third armored division at Frankfurt. He will lunch with Eisenhower and his staff.

Truman will return to Potsdam tomorrow night and it is expected big three sessions will resume either Thursday night or Friday morning.

The big three held a final discussion today after which Prime Minister Churchill with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and opposition leader Clement Attlee left by plane for Britain to receive the British election returns tomorrow.

It was also learned during Churchill's absence the three nations' foreign secretaries will continue to confer with Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent under secretary of foreign affairs, sitting in for Anthony Eden.

Aside from the British delegation members departing for London it was understood both the American and Soviet delegations will remain intact until the conference ends sometime next week.

Can Sealing For Overseas Mail Will Continue

Tin can sealing service for overseas mailing of food will be continued as long as needed, Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent announced today.

Postal regulations permit overseas mailing of tin cans properly inspected and labeled. All sealed tins bearing the sticker, "United States department of agriculture label," signed by a representative of the department, such as a home demonstrator agent or a county agent, designating the contents of the tin, pass the censor without being opened for further examination. Sealed tins not bearing this label are subject to further inspection.

Foods such as nuts of all kinds, cookies, candy, and cheese may be taken to the office and packed there. To save space in the tins, fruit cake may be baked directly in the tin, and fudge may be poured into the can and allowed to harden, Miss McWhorter stated.

This sealing service, started September, 1944, is available at the home demonstration agent's office for a minimum charge of five cents a can, to cover the cost of the can, freight charge, and the label.

Office hours for this service are from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. every day except Sunday.

Predicts Rising Armed Forces Cut Claims on Beef

LOS ANGELES, July 25 (UP)—Emperor Hirohito will meet the fate of Benito Mussolini when the Japanese people rise "in one of the bloodiest revolutions in history," Rear Adm. Thomas Leigh Gatch predicted today.

Two of the defendants are women, stony-faced sisters, Kathie Reinhardt, 38, and Margaret Witzler, 50.

One defendant, Josef Hartgen, tried to kill himself by slashing his wrists last night.

The names of the victims were withheld, because their families were informed only they died in action and the government wants to spare them the knowledge of the actual circumstances.



VERDUN HERO FACES TREASON CHARGES—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, marshal of France and accused traitor, sits in high court of justice, Paris, on trial for his life. The 89-year-old hero of Verdun told packed courtroom he surrendered France in 1940 to save her, reminded his accusers he led France to victory in 1918.

Sobbing Lebrun Avers Petain Sought for End of Democracy

PARIS, July 25 (UP)—Albert Lebrun, last president of France's third republic, sobbed today as he said Marshal Henri Philippe Petain demanded his resignation, insisted on an armistice, and fought a move to continued resistance from North Africa.

Lebrun was the third witness in Petain's treason trial. He followed former Premier Edouard Daladier, who told the French high court of justice Petain and his Vichy regime sought only the destruction of the French republic and of democracy.

The session adjourned earlier by request of Petain's physician. The 89-year-old marshal was showing the strain of the terrific verbal mauling he had taken.

Jittery and haggard, Petain bluntly refused at one point to answer questions about a message he sent to the Germans after the Dieppe raid in 1942.

Lebrun told a dramatic story of the turbulent last days of the republic, the wrangle over the armistice and the proposed move to North Africa.

Violated Pledge
Lebrun said France violated a solemn pledge not to make a separate peace with the Germans, but "we had had talks with the British, and they knew we had to conclude an armistice. Their minds were prepared."

It was July 11, 1940, Lebrun said, weeping openly, Petain demanded his resignation after the resignation of Paul Reynaud as premier had opened the way for Petain to form a cabinet—make up of which he pulled from his pocket the instant Lebrun asked him to undertake the job.

Asked under cross-questioning whether he thought Petain deliberately betrayed France, Lebrun said:

"I cannot understand how he allowed himself to do such blameworthy things."

Leonard Huntley, 73, Retired, Dies

Leonard Huntley, 73, retired railroad machinist, died shortly before noon today apparently of a heart attack while he was en route to a hospital in the city's first aid car.

Huntley collapsed on Y avenue and the car was called immediately. He was pronounced dead upon his arrival at a hospital. Further information as to his survivors and the time of funeral services is not immediately available.

Petitions For Soil District To Circulate

Committee Will Meet Friday To Discuss Matter

Petitions for organization of a soil conservation district in the Hot Lake, Ladd Canyon and Union district will be assigned for circulation to various members of the Hot Lake soil conservation committee at 8:15 p. m. Friday in the Hot Lake sanitarium, it was announced today.

The territory will be divided, and it will be decided which members of the committee will circulate the petitions through the press. It was announced that signing of the petitions will probably begin about the first of next week.

The petitions, it was announced will be presented to the state board of soil conservation, which in turn will decide whether or not the district is desired, and will set a date for a hearing before final decision.

The purpose of forming a soil conservation district in this area is to aid drainage and general land reclamation, including weed control.

Members of the committee are Gilbert Courtright, J. C. Beddingfield, Charlie Grandy, all of route two, La Grande, and Royal Allen, Cove.

Opinion Filed In Valley Sausage Company Case

Since a decree in the case of Ben Kramer and a group of his neighbors in the north part of town against Walter Sweet, doing business as the Valley Sausage company, has not yet been entered, attorneys for Sweet are not yet ready to state definitely that an appeal from the opinion of Judge R. J. Green in circuit court here will be taken.

The suit was brought a year ago for a mandatory injunction against Sweet, Fred Roe and the company to restrain the defendants from operating a slaughter house contiguous to the northern boundary of La Grande.

The court's opinion said "if the defendants are restrained from slaughtering animals from April 15 to Nov. 1 of each year, this should and will afford plaintiffs substantial relief without compelling removal or destroying of the building."

"The court realizes the defendants should and will be allowed a reasonable time to make arrangements to slaughter at some other place. It would seem 60 days is ample time and the defendants will therefore be allowed another 60 days to make other arrangements."

"It is thought in the court's mind that by defendants in good faith endeavoring to operate this place in the winter months in as cleanly a manner as possible, they may be able to keep their business from being a nuisance to the residents of that section of the city; and it will be the order of the court that the defendants so conduct and operate the business," said the judge's opinion.

Chinese Press On In Kwangsi Battle

CHUNGKING, July 25 (UP)—Chinese troops pressing hard after Japanese units withdrawing from northeast Kwangsi province have crashed into Yangso, 55 miles south of Kweilin, amid fierce street battles, a headquarters communique said today.

Chinese troops also have recaptured a point 14 miles north of Kweilin and driven within 10 miles southwest of Chansien, which is on the railway 75 miles northeast of Kweilin.

Other Chinese forces repelled approximately 700 Japanese troops who swarmed over the Indo-China border in the Dong Dang area pushing north in the general direction of Nanning.

Chinese troops attacked Yeung-kong, which is 210 miles west of Hongkong.

Consignors from Union county will include Herbert Cpeckhart and Paul Knautz, both of route 2, La Grande, and Clayton Fox, Imbler.

State Police Make 1,619 Arrests
SALEM, July 25 (UP)—1,619 arrests in connection with motor vehicle laws were made by Oregon state police during the month of June, the monthly police report showed today, and \$15,349.05 was collected in fines.

In the course of their duties, members of the force traveled 281,700 miles, in 4,774 man-days. There were 268 arrests in connection with criminal offenses, the report showed. Stolen vehicles recovered were valued at \$24,445, and property recovered amounted to \$2,555.

More Aid In Breeze In North

PORTLAND, July 25 (UP)—Light rain today heartened fighters pitted against the 90,000-acre forest fire in western Oregon, which State Forester Nels S. Rogers called "a powder keg of catastrophic dimensions" and which he said could be checked only by heavy rain.

The drizzle came after the fire, on the Wilson river, jumped fire trails Tuesday night six miles south of Glenwood and swept down the Scoggins valley north of Stimson's logging camp in western Washington county. With the aid of the light rain, crews established a new trail.

Smoke Heavy
Scout planes were flying over the fire area to gather data for use in attacking new fires sweeping through rugged mountain terrain, but dense smoke clouds had all but obliterated the fire from view of mountain lookouts or scouting aviators.

Forestry officials said they are expecting a northwest wind which would drive numerous spot fires on the west side of the Tillamook fire area back into the main conflagration, giving fire parties natural aid in controlling the blaze. Showers were forecast for later this week.

More Help
Lumber mills in the vicinity were reported shutting down and sending their crews to assist begrimed volunteer civilian and servicemen who had been battling for two weeks.

Forest rangers said the fire is the greatest since the 250,000-acre Tillamook county outbreak of 1933. More than 2,000 firemen, soldiers and sailors using tank trucks, bulldozers and mobile equipment and pack horses have been fighting the blaze.

In Washington and northern Idaho, weather conditions improved.

Liaison planes from Spokane's Geiger field surveyed eastern Washington, northern Idaho and Montana. Pilots reported all but 2 1/2 miles of a fire near Kellogg, Idaho, had been surrounded and is under control. A force of 725 firefighters held the blaze to 4,500 acres.

New Fire
Another 550 men were controlling a 1,600-acre fire in the Nez Perce national forest, but a new fire was reported out of control in the Kaniksu forest near Clarks Fork, Ida.

Cooler weather in the Dayton, Wash., area, has bettered chances of controlling grain and pasture fires there.

Fire warden in the North river county of western Washington said favorable weather would permit controlling a 7,600-acre fire by tomorrow. It was estimated this weeklong fire had destroyed 12,000,000 board feet of felled and bucked timber.

Annual Ram Sale Set For Aug. 17

Annual ram sale of the eastern Oregon wool growers' association will be held in Pendleton Aug. 17, according to a notice received today by the Union county agricultural agent's office.

Victor Johnson, Umatilla county agent, acting secretary for the organization, has announced that the sale will start at 10 a. m. and will continue for the rest of the day.

Consignors from Union county will include Herbert Cpeckhart and Paul Knautz, both of route 2, La Grande, and Clayton Fox, Imbler.

Ideas, Opinions on War Memorial Asked

A living war memorial. A proper tribute to the heroes of World War II. A tribute, however, which will live—which can be used by growing youth and adults for development of physical fitness. What shall it be in La Grande? The living war memorial committee for this area, part of the state and national programs, meeting this morning for discussion of the local project, has decided to take the problem of determining the most fitting and usable memorial to the public.

Four Objectives
Projects may be of many kinds. However, fully to accomplish their purpose they must conform to four important objectives:

1. Suitable and appropriate as a war memorial.
2. Properly planned; first, that it will be properly located in the community; and second that it will be convenient and satisfactory to use.
3. Pleasing to look at and an inspiring civic asset.
4. Well built so that it may be easy to administer and economical to maintain.

Examples are: Camps, reservations, trails; parks and playgrounds; fields for team play; indoor sports centers; community physical fitness centers; waterfronts; swimming facilities; winter sports centers; stadiums and auxiliary projects, such as night lighting for parks and playgrounds.

The Question
Question is: what is best for La Grande, most necessary, and what will accomplish best our local objectives?

This question the committee wants the public to answer.

Do you have definite ideas? Do we need a swimming pool most? Is a winter sports center the proper project? Shall it be constructed in the city? or in some nearby area?

If you have, write to the editor of the Evening Observer or to the memorial committee expressing your ideas.

Shortly, boxes will be placed in downtown stores so that you may express your opinion. Letters and answers need not be signed. Simply determine what you believe to be the proper living war memorial for our community and then express yourself.

This is a community project to commemorate the activity and heroism of our youth in the service of their nation and their community. Here is your opportunity to participate in the establishment of a living, grateful tribute for the sacrifice of their lives and the horror they have endured. Write today.