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LA GRANDE, OREGON FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3, 1945

FIVE CENTS

Japanese Shipping Bottled

GUAM, Aug. 3 (UP)—The relentless air offensive against Japan thundered around the clock today and the 20th air force announced B-29s have blockaded shipping between the Japanese home islands and Asia.

Every harbor of consequence on the homeland has been mined, the 20th air force reported, as has every harbor from Korea to the Soviet-Manchukuo border.

Storms, Too Hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping have been sunk by mines and reports from Okinawa said 10,000,000 Japanese on Kyushu are threatened with additional disaster as typhoons lashed China sea.

Progressive disintegration of the Japanese homeland was intensified by attacks on rail transportation which began to sever the vital arteries.

No Ports The B-29 mine-laying program was described as "the greatest in history" and a spokesman said "there are now no major ports or harbors to offer safety to Japanese shipping."

Radio Tokyo reported 100 American fighter-bombers carried forward the assault, shooting up military targets in the greater Tokyo area only a few hours after Manila and Guam communiques tallied up the results of three more attacks.

Tokyo said 105 Mustangs had attacked Utsonomiya, Omiya, Maebashi and Takasaki in two waves about 10 a.m.

Announce Results Allied headquarters at Guam and Manila announced results for three earlier raids:

Tokyo, Monday—carrier planes of the third fleet destroyed or damaged 278 Japanese planes and 116 ships, including 33 warships. Kobe-Nagoya area, Thursday—139 Iwo-based Mustangs damaged 14 enemy ships, knocked out three aircraft and blasted installations at five airfields without loss.

Nagasaki Wednesday—250 Okinawa-based planes sank 10 enemy ships and wrecked drydocks, shipyards, railway yards and harbor installations without loss.

125 Workers Found For Union County Farm, Ranch Jobs

More than 125 workers have been placed in jobs on Union county farms and ranches this summer by the farm labor office here, Mason Caldwell, farm labor assistant to the county agent's office, announced today.

Most of the 125 have been placed in the hay field work and the grass seed harvest, but a few went to the fruit harvest also. Most of that, however, was handled by the fruit growers association.

Use Dozen Within the next few days, Caldwell said, he can place a dozen men or boys in the small grain harvest. Within the last few days he has had calls for more men than he could furnish immediately.

He had been "even" with the demand by Aug. 1, but in the last two days there have been renewed requests for harvesters. He has no doubt that he will be able to find the men for the jobs, as many will be coming back from the hayfields and the seed harvests.

No "Outsiders" Most of the demand has been met by boys from La Grande, Caldwell said, although there have been a few transients who have sought work here this summer. The boys have been able to fill the jobs admirably and the farmers to whom they were sent have been enthusiastic about their work.

There have been no Mexican nationals or prisoners of war imported, because it was felt the need for workers could be met without the complicated procedure involved in hiring either Mexicans or prisoners.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m. Temperature: Maximum 85 Minimum 52 Forecast: Clear over weekend Cooler in extreme east tonight.

200 BRITISH SHIPS NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (UP)—

The British information service said last night more than 200 British royal navy ships now were operating against the Japanese in the Pacific.



INVASION PROBLEM—Maps above show the comparative distances between Pacific and European staging sites and the respective combat areas. Staging areas for the invasion of Europe, in coastal cities of south England, averaged 90 miles to the combat area. Main staging area, in the Philippines, for large-scale attacks on Japan or the China coast average 900 miles from the combat area.

Man Wanted For Desertion From Army Arrested

Pvt. Louis Francis Prerosky, wanted for desertion from Camp Gruber, Okla., since June 6, was arrested last night by state police and placed in custody in the city jail to await arrival of military police from Pendleton army air field.

Private Prerosky was apprehended following a tip received from the Mt. Emily mill, where he worked under the name of Gene Turner, state police said.

Suspicious The mill had become suspicious of Prerosky when he claimed he left his draft card and identification papers in his luggage, and when they noticed his name and social security number on the payrolls of the Enterprise mill, after claiming he had worked only on farms in Oregon.

When Prerosky drew his pay after working only three days, company officials notified L. L. McBride of the bureau of internal revenue and state police, who questioned him.

Held at Pendleton Military police from the ninth service command at Pendleton field picked up the prisoner today. He will be held at Pendleton until word arrives from Gruber officials.

Prerosky, with his wife, Blanche, had been staying in an apartment house on Adams avenue, police records show. She has been working in a laundry here.

Prerosky, who had been in the army six years, gave no motive.

Alexander Keeps Admiralty Post Under Attlee

LONDON, Aug. 3 (UP)—A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty in the Churchill coalition cabinet, was renamed to that post today in the labor government of Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

Additional appointments to Attlee's cabinet were announced after he called on King George VI at Buckingham Palace. He named some key members of his government last week before hurrying to Potsdam for the conclusion of the big three conference.

James Chuter Ede was named secretary of state for the home department. Lord Addison became dominions secretary.

Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence was appointed India and Burma secretary. George Henry Hall became colonial secretary. John James Lawson was appointed war secretary.

VIEW GRADE CROSSING

SALEM, Aug. 3 (UP)—The state highway commission visited Sisters today to view the proposed site of a new grade crossing. The commission, which left Salem this morning, plans to speed its work in Eugene. Members are M. R. Chesnut, A. A. T. H. Baugh, Portland, and Arthur W. Schaub, Salem.

Village in Fire Area In Danger

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (UP)—Consolidated Timber company's sawmill near Glenwood was threatened again today in the Wilson river sector.

New flare-ups of burning snags menaced the mill and 60-home village and a backfire on the north side of the Wilson River highway has been set up to provide a bare area of protection.

Fire lines protecting the Forest Grove watershed were holding today with the exception of a quarter-mile finger snaking into the Soda Springs-Cherry Grove sector.

Spot Fires

Dangerous spot fires are still burning in the coast range between the middle and south forks of the Salmonberry river, running parallel to the Wolf Creek highway. A few loggers from camps in the vicinity are fighting the flames without benefit of communication.

Fire trails protecting Cochran were connected Thursday, giving the town added security, although flames in some places are only a mile away.

Soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash., meanwhile, battled the Cedar mountain blaze which raged over 300 acres near Enumclaw in western Washington. The fire jumped fire trails and spread rapidly last night. Washington's only other major fire is burning along the North river in Pacific and Grays harbor counties, but foresters said it is under control.

Lost Trail

Fire fighters last night all the fire trail won earlier in the week at the southern tip of the Wilson river fire on the Jordan creek front. More equipment was rushed to the fire scene this morning.

An appeal for even more troops was made to help hold uncontrolled fires in the northern sector from the Nehalem into southern Clatsop county. One spot fire believed carried by winds from the Salmonberry into southern Clatsop county has covered an estimated 800 acres.

Farther south, fire is burning only a mile from Wakefield near the railroad line down the Nehalem.

Scholarships For Canning Offered 4-H Club Girls

Chances for college scholarships are being offered to 4-H club members in the national canning contest now being sponsored by the Kerr-Mason manufacturing company, the Union county home demonstration agent's office announced today.

Persons eligible for participation in the contest are 4-H club members working under the supervision of the extension service, and enrolled during the current year in a food preservation project or activity. In addition, those competing for state awards must be between the ages of 14 and 21, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H club work including the current year. Before the final reporting date, members should submit such records as may be requested by the county extension agent.

National awards will be six college scholarships of \$200 each to be presented to a blue award group selected from state winners; state awards will be an all-expense trip to the 24th national 4-H club congress in Chicago Dec. 2 to 6, 1945 or, in case war restrictions should prevent trips to Chicago, the state winners will receive a \$100 war bond in lieu of the trip; and county awards will be goldplated medals of honor.

Senator Morse On Way to Oregon

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (UP)—Senator Wayne Morse is on his way to Oregon, according to information received from his Washington, D. C., office.

The senator will meet Mrs. Morse and children in Madison, Wis., motoring to the coast from there. He is expected to be in Portland about Aug. 9 for a brief stop before going on to his home in Eugene.

'There Goes Republic,' Says Laval, Signs Pact

PARIS, Aug. 3 (UP)—Pierre Laval was charged today with exclaiming "there goes the republic" when he affixed his signature at Vichy to the new French constitution.

Taft Sees "Another War" in Giving Poland Part of Reich

Suggestions Listed For Memorial Here

Suggestions for a living war memorial for La Grande and Union county are being circulated in the city and already probably 2,000 signatures have been obtained to the forms on which the suggestions have been set forth.

The letter is not a petition and is not meant to represent the strict program of any group. It does, however, list the following things which it urges the committee for the living memorial to consider:

A Grandstand, a half mile race track with a baseball diamond in the center, a swimming pool and improvement in the playgrounds; all this to be placed on the Pioneer park grounds. It is further suggested the park be named Memorial park.

Sam Hill was appointed chairman of the group which had the mimeographed letters prepared. The suggestions were made and Hill was selected during a social meeting not long ago at the Maverick club. It is not, however, an official program of the Maverick club itself.

The committee suggested the letters might be able to arouse interest in residents of the city who might otherwise not make suggestions to the memorial committee; and it also declared if there were any who did not agree with the proposals set forth, they would be inspired to protest or to make counter proposals.

About 60 copies of the letter have been circulated and already many of them have been filled with signatures, and some members of the committee have started filling second copies with signatures.

"We are not stirring up any argument and we have not set out a hard and fast program," said Hill. "We merely thought we would give the public a chance to indicate what it thought about these suggestions."

Harvest of Bing, Lambert Cherry Crop Started

Royal Anne cherries in this area have been harvested almost 100 percent now and the harvest began yesterday and today on the Bing and Lambert varieties, according to cherry growers in the Grande Ronde valley.

At least 350 pickers are engaged in the harvest, including the Pumpkin ridge area, and those near Cove and Union in the principal cherry sections.

While quality is high, the tonnage in most cases is not expected to be quite so heavy as last year, when the crop was unusually heavy. There will be a normal crop this year, however.

More Red Points For Salem Cafes

SALEM, Aug. 3 (UP)—More red points for restaurants in Salem are in sight today, as the result of increased patronage because of the reaction of Camp Adair.

George Aiken, executive secretary to Gov. Earl Enell, will meet next week with local OPA officials, and will show them records indicating the large increase in military personnel.

Role of Russia In Japan War Not Revealed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP)—Big three plans for restoring order to war-devastated Europe and reducing Germany to a nation of farms and peaceful, domestic industries were generally approved today by prominent U. S. senators.

Only one critical note was immediately forthcoming. Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., thinks the proposal to give Poland a large chunk of eastern Germany contains "the seed of another war."

Praises Italy The major unresolved question is: what role does Russia plan to play in the closing days of the war against Japan? Few had anticipated the big three communique would give more than a hint on an issue of such tremendous import.

But there was little doubt the military matters of common interest" discussed by the chiefs of staff of the United States, Britain and Russia involved Japan. It was also noted generalissimo Stalin had signed a communique which praised Italy for at least joining the allies in the struggle against Japan—notice the Russians no longer are concerned about offending the Japanese.

Expect Help Most officials here expect Russia to be in on the final stages of the Japanese war. But one senator — Warren Magnuson, D., Wash.—predicted unless Russian help is "absolutely necessary" she will not become a belligerent.

The senate had recessed for two months. Those who noted the absence of final decisions approved.

"If they go slow, we'll have a better peace," said Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah.

TRUMAN DECLARES NO SECRET DEALS

ABOARD USS AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, Aug. 3 (UP)—President Truman said flatly today, after publication of the Berlin conference communique, "There are no secret agreements of any kind" resulting from the big three meeting.

As Truman traveled back to the United States, he worked on a report to the nation which he will deliver by radio shortly after he is in the White House again. Also he canvassed carefully special dispatches reporting reaction in the United States to the big three announcements.

Meanwhile, a lot of the decisions of the big three remained to be activated by the newly created big five council of foreign ministers which will meet at London not later than Sept. 1.

A number of questions put before the president, Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Generalissimo Josef Stalin were left to the foreign secretaries for final discussion and disposition.

Truman conferred frequently with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Samuel I. Rosenman, special counsel to the president, and other advisers.

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HOME FROM CROSS-STATE FROLIC — Fatted-calf welcome home youthful jaunters, chubby twins, Jerry and Jimmy, as mother, Mrs. R. H. Crow, Seattle, Wash., meets them at depot as they return from stowaway trip by train to Portland, Ore., where railroad officials "got wise" and detained the six-year-olds. Funds pooled for the trip totaled 1.50.

Beef Steaks (Remember?) Coming Back Butter, Sugar, Soap Shortages Continue

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson today offered civilians the cheering news beef steaks and roasts are "coming back" this fall and winter.

Writing in the current issue of American Magazine, Anderson said there should be "appreciably more" beef on the market soon. He listed prospects of increased production, cut-backs in military purchases and better distribution as the reasons.

"Your butcher should be back at work this fall and winter," he said.

Anderson warned, however, the outlook for other foods is not so bright.

"As things look now," he said, "we're going to be short of eggs, pork, lard, butter, sugar and even soap, as well as chickens, until the spring of 1946 at least."

Anderson disclosed at the peak of the black market this spring fully one-half of the civilian supply of top-quality beef and almost 75 percent of the chickens were being sold at illegal prices. He expressed the belief recent government steps are slowly choking the black market to death.

The nation's food boss said the fear of being caught with food surpluses on V-J day was the "basic cause" of present shortages.

Needs Confidence The farmer is "hesitant to produce" after his experiences in 1944 with market gluts in pork and eggs, Anderson said, and his confidence must be strengthened with price support.

Anderson disclosed more U.S. butter than ever now is being shipped to "our allies" under "some new supply arrangements necessary to the strategy of the war."

Relief food shipments to liberated nations are "a mere crumb from our gigantic breadbox," Anderson said. He pointed out civilians will get about 77 percent of the nation's food supply this year while the army will take about 17 percent.

Doolittle Calls For Undivided Command For War in Pacific

10TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Okinawa, Aug. 3 (UP)—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the Eighth air force, called for the appointment of a single supreme commander for the Pacific war in an army air forces day speech.

He told soldiers of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's 10th army he is convinced unity of command through the naming of a single over-all commander for ground, sea and air forces is essential for victory over Japan.

Doolittle's remarks made him the first general officer in the Pacific campaign to criticize publicly the present divided command. Under the present set-up, Gen. Douglas MacArthur commands all army forces in the Pacific and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, all navy forces. Each has a number of air forces under his command.

New Program Will Relax Meat Quotas

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP)—The agriculture department said today custom slaughterers in non-federally inspected plants may be brought under a new program relaxing slaughter quotas and permitting plans to ship meat into interstate commerce.

Under the program, secretary of agriculture Clinton P. Anderson will certify non-federally inspected plants which meet prescribed conditions. Once certified the slaughter houses are free of quotas and may have meat across state lines.

Custom slaughterers on one specific order of individuals. If they are operating in a non-federally inspected plant certified by Anderson present limitations on their output will be lifted.