

Crushing Blow On Japs Urged

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Heretofore the weather has been reported so thick that air activity, sea action and even major ground movements were almost impossible in clinging fog.

The navy late Monday broke a three-day silence on progress of the action, but its communique said only:

"Operations against the Japanese on Atsu Island are continuing."

The drive began last Tuesday and ultimately may be expected to clear the Japanese not only from Atsu, westernmost of the Aleutians chain, but also from Kiska where the Japanese have established a submarine and air base.

The navy denied one phase of the Tokyo broadcast—that poison gas had been used against the Japanese in rocky crevices where they dug in on the mountainous island.

"Enemy claims that the US forces in the Aleutians have used gas are absolutely untrue," a navy spokesman said.

He declined to go beyond that statement to discuss the Japanese claims that American troops far outnumber the Japanese forces on the island. In some quarters the Japanese assertion that their troops were fighting against "tremendous numerical odds" was interpreted as a step to prepare the axis public for word of defeat in the Aleutians.

The Tokyo radio—unconfirmed from any sources in Washington—also has reported that a pitched battle is under way on the northern coast of Atsu. The enemy broadcast, attributed to Maj. Gen. Nakao Yahagi, chief of the Japanese army press section, a statement that the American invasion took troops onto the island from three sides—north, south and east. It asserted that the force landing on the eastern beaches was annihilated.

When victory comes on Atsu it appears likely that further offensive moves will be launched promptly. Colonel E. Ernest Dupuy, chief of the war department's news division, has described the Atsu invasion as only a step "in the process of sweeping into the sea the Nips on both Atsu and Kiska."

With control of Atsu, 172 miles to the west, an attack upon Kiska could be launched from two sides, for Amchitka, a strong American air base, is only 63 miles to the east.

Another offensive move possible after Atsu is wholly in American hands is bombing of the major Japanese naval base at Paramushiro on the northern end of the Kuriles island chain, reaching north and east from Japan. That base is only 630 miles from the Aleutians.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Lying on a shining table in Oregon's modern and beautiful state library building, the little books were gay and colorful publications, choice bits prepared for privileged children, you would guess.

A tiny pad, bound simply in red, white and blue pasteboard cover, is largely white paper for "notes," although there is a bit of printing in the front. Larger is "John's Book," primer type, filled with a charming story of the happy lad who lives in a democracy where grain fields are for harvest and not battle and where airplanes carry passengers and not bombs. And tucked away in a pinned fold is a colored pencil with which the lucky young owner may color the stars and stripes on the flag at the close of the little volume.

Other tiny booklets are among those which Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, has on a table in her office, all attractive, printed on fine lightweight paper.

You see, they must be light, since so many of them are carried (or were before the controversy on the subject started in this country) over France, Portugal and Spain in planes of the United Nations. In those lands they must look even more gay and inviting to the children for whom they are intended and in whose language they are printed than they do here on the home front to adults interested in propaganda.

FR Hints Veto Of 'Skip Year'

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"The pending bill should not be made the vehicle for an increase in taxes."

George (D-Ga.), chairman of the senate finance committee, said: "I think the president is right. I took the position on the senate floor that it was unwise to write off a whole year's taxes and that it was not necessary to get the taxpayer on a pay-as-you-go basis."

"When the bill goes to conference we'll try and make it right. It is obvious that if it is not acceptable to the president, however, he will veto it and that his veto will be sustained."

"I think it wise for the president to have made his position clear before the matter came to issue. Then no one can say he vetoed the bill without having advised congress of his wishes."

11 Nurses Lost in Sinking Of Aussie Hospital Ship

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the ship go down, with hundreds still trapped inside. The Centaur sank with little suction.

Queensland Lighthouse Seen

"From the raft we could see the lighthouse on the Queensland coast," Davidson said. "The ship's pilot was on our raft and he said we were twenty-seven miles offshore."

"We thought we heard airplane motors in the darkness but the pilot said it was diesel engines. Then we saw a couple of lights close by and knew it must be the submarine."

"During daylight Friday we saw seven airplanes, one big ship at a distance and we sent up rockets but they went unnoticed."

"The next afternoon we heard an airplane and sent up rockets. It flew over us and within ten minutes an allied ship picked us all up. Although we had tried to row toward what we thought was land, we discovered we were only two miles from the sinking scene when we were picked up and we evidently rowed in circles."

Davidson said the survivors were on four rafts, plus the makeshift wheelhouse wall, and a few clung to floating wreckage. Some of the rafts had plenty of food and water, others were short on supplies but the ocean swells prevented transfer of provisions.

Sharks Driven Off

The ship's butcher added that sharks repeatedly were driven off by use of the oars. A 12-foot shark snapped at an empty, bright-colored tin tossed into the water and sheared off the bottom of the can.

The survivors said the Japanese couldn't have mistaken the hospital ship. Red crosses on its side were newly repainted before leaving Sydney last Wednesday, and the ship was lit up to glory, like a huge Neon sign with red and green lights visible at a great distance—but also an excellent target.



Col. Elliott Roosevelt (left), son of President Roosevelt, on a visit to Malta, sees how veteran RAF fighters on the bomb-scarred island load cannon shells into a magazine of one of Malta's warplanes.

War Veteran Serves Twice In This One

Presently, a veteran of World War II who became a member of the American Legion on the strength of that record, is also going to be serving Uncle Sam in World War II. There won't be many, if any, others with just such an experience.

This unusual legionnaire is Thomas J. Riches, who was admitted into membership Monday night in Capital Post No. 9 of Salem. It happened this way:

Riches enlisted in the navy and was in training for the naval air corps. He was "washed out" for physical reasons and discharged. So he became eligible as a "veteran" to join the American Legion. Soon however after minor physical defects are remedied, he intends to enter the army air corps, going in as a volunteer inductee.

Capital post voted Monday night to hold a "stag" meeting June 28 at the Eagles hall to which all ex-servicemen of both wars, regardless of membership, are to be invited. There also was preliminary discussion of the Fourth of July program and a decision to hold it, not at fairgrounds which are not available but at George E. Waters park. Sports events and a carnival in addition to the patriotic exercises, are planned.

Jap Bombers Attack Wau

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, May 18—(AP)—Forty three Japanese planes attacked the allied base at Wau Monday, the high command reported today. Damage was slight.

"Twenty two enemy bombers, escorted by 21 fighters, bombed the airfield, causing slight damage and casualties," the communique said.

Allied bombers attacked the enemy airfield at Gasmata, New Britain, destroying an enemy bomber caught on the ground and causing numerous explosions in the supply dump and dispersal areas.

Ex-Mayor of City Reported Missing

The name of P. M. Gregory, former mayor of Salem who for several years has been in ill

Pinball Games Are Defeated

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played to draw a "fool-proof" ordinance.

He went on to say he had been unjustly labeled in a letter of doubtful origin appearing in a Salem newspaper (The Statesman, May 4, signed H. C. Hall) and that Alderman Gertrude Lobdell in reference to him as a defender of gamblers may have referred to his defense of one Peter Sorenson of Silverton, found innocent by a circuit court jury. Steelhammer declared he had been associated with Ralph Moody in prosecution of pinball interests. Steelhammer was the author of the measure passed by the recent legislature authorizing the state to tax gaming devices.

"Gambling, bribery, drinking, drunkenness and prostitution" follow in the wake of any let-down of the bars in such an instance as that presented in the form of the game-tax ordinance. Her background as a member of the 1935-37 grand jury which served over the long period because of its investigations into gambling and related vices was cited by the city's only councilwoman.

Youngest of the speakers was Chris Kowitz, jr., representing the new Salem youth council, who told of the fascination he and another representative of the youth group had found in the machines when they were exhibited last week in the council chambers.

"If the games are the clean, pure fun some claim them to be, why are minors forbidden to play?" Kowitz asked.

LeGarde, who carried most of the burden of defense for the proposed ordinance, interspersed his arguments with some of those presented by the opposition, citing at one time Publisher Charles A. Sprague of The Statesman as "sincere and conscientious in his stand against" the measure, at another time declaring that the police "cannot catch" those who now gamble commercially with cards and at pool.

"The police could catch them if they and the police committee wanted to; they find the boys who are driving without operators' licenses," retorted Alderman C. F. French. The signers of the petition favoring the law, with a few notable exceptions, French declared, have shown themselves as those who "have not much respect for law."

LeGarde, waxing eloquent about the "poor little kiddies" who had been crowded into the council chambers, asked the courtesy of the floor for Confederate Tom Hill, father of several children and leader in several civic recreation programs.

Hill declared he would not be seeking legalization of the machines if he thought them gambling devices or likely to lead youth astray.

When it was suggested to LeGarde that he had held the floor on several occasions during the evening and that the hour was growing late, he responded, "We can't go into the pulpits and preach; I've got to bring my point here."

Declarations were made by LeGarde that there had been packing of the gallery, which consists of seating space for 50 persons and standing space for an equal number—Monday night the listeners-in and lookers-on, forced by lack of room to line up against the wall, almost completely encircled the council.

To these accusations, Rev. W. E. Williams, president of the Salem Ministerial association, who in his Sunday evening sermons by radio has asked listeners to consider the ordinance and urged a stand against it, brought a rapid denial. "These people are here because they are deeply interested," he declared.

A movement to amend the ordinance, lost aborning. The council and its "congregation" had sat through a budget meeting lasting more than an hour and the session proper was close to the two-hour mark.

LeGarde, himself, early in the evening had moved that the bill be given third reading. Seeking to withdraw his motion, when City Attorney Lawrence Brown said that any amendments to the measure should be made prior to the third and usually final reading, his way was blocked by Alderman Albert E. Gilie, who had originally seconded it.

The amendment, proposed by Alderman Dan Fry informally at last week's "pinball party," when the devices were demonstrated for the public, would have stricken out a clause allowing payback of tokens, which under the ordinance, were to have been for replay only.

HOLLYWOOD Last Time Tonight
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BARB
— and —
Gloria Jean
Jonas
"When Johnny Comes Marching Home"
"THESE ARE NOT HARD TIMES" - BUY WAR BONDS!

MacArthur Condemns Sinking

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, May 18—(AP)—Commenting on the sinking of the hospital ship Centaur, General Douglas MacArthur said:

"I cannot express the revulsion I feel at this unnecessary act of cruelty. His limitless savagery represents a continuation of the calculated attempt to create a sense of repudiation through the practice of horrors denied. He apparently capabilities."

"Brutal excesses of the Philippine campaign, execution of our captured airmen, the barbarity in Papua are all of a pattern. The enemy does not understand that our inviolable strength is not so much of body as it is of soul and rises with adversity."

Farm Labor Campaign Is Pressed Here

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day for 150 cannery workers who are urgently needed in the Salem area to save the spinach pack. Workers are urged to sign up with the United States employment service or directly with the canneries. The chamber of commerce office is being kept open until 8 o'clock at night to answer inquiries and help recruit such workers. Both full-time and part-time workers are being sought.

Miss Alene Phillips, secretary to Gov. Earl Snell, was canvassing government offices Monday in quest of workers who would volunteer for part-time labor this week from 6:15 to 11:15 p. m. each day.

In recognition that the wage "freeze" is largely responsible for the cannery labor crisis at present, telegrams were sent to Sen. Charles L. McNary and federal production officials Monday, urging quick action on a readjustment of the cannery wage ceiling.

W. E. Baillie of the employment service told the chamber of commerce luncheon group that the plan to send out marching juvenile workers would function again this year and that thousands of youngsters were being recruited through various organizations.

The nation last year broke all records in food production but will find that impossible or at any rate more difficult this year due to less favorable weather, shortage of machinery and fertilizers, and a more acute labor shortage, the group was told by Robert E. Rieder, county agriculturist.

Marion county's production goals for this year include 2,858,000 dozen eggs, 1,300,000 pounds of milk, 225,000 turkeys, 7200 cattle for meat and 47,500 acres of hay, in addition to many other crops, Rieder said. Yet from each of the county's 5000 farms an average of one and one-half workers has been taken into the armed services or into other work, and only one-third of the number has been replaced.

German Dams Hit by Mines

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bombers and big thunderbolt fighters fought through enemy flank and fighters over the continent Monday afternoon to keep going an offensive which had been virtually continuous for the past 140 hours.

The American bombers made their main attack on Lorient's harbor and the adjacent U-boat base of Keroman, but also dropped bombs effectively on Bordeaux on France's south Atlantic coast. The Thunderbolts made an offensive sweep over the Cherbourg peninsula.

A "large number" of enemy fighters was destroyed in the clear bombing weather, it was said, and at least two were brought down by accompanying fighters, while fourteen of the bombers, including four four-engine planes, were missing.

American four-engine Liberators flew 500 miles to raid Bordeaux—the longest flight yet made by heavy bombers of the US air force to attack European targets from English bases.

Brig. Gen. James F. Hodges, commander of the Liberator wing which carried out the Bordeaux mission, said that "this is the first time Liberators have attacked in force" from England.

The Rome radio, in a broadcast recorded here by Reuters, quoted reports from Paris that Bordeaux was without electricity, gas and water Monday night as the result of the raid.

The fliers who gave Lorient and its U-boat pens the seventh American pounding of the war said they saw their bombs explode squarely on the target. The whole waterfront was pock-marked with bomb bursts, they said.

In some places as many as 100 to 150 Focke-Wulfers were reported hurled into the fight in a desperate attempt to ward off the attacks.

Bombers Fly Over Rome

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of a third, and damage to three others at Civitavecchia, important port 40 miles northwest of Rome. The seawall was destroyed at two places and several warehouses appear to have been damaged.

Flying Fortresses, Mitchell and Marauders of the American Air Force caused much of the wreckage which spread from tip to tip of the Italian island.

Continued tabulation of the droves of prisoners captured in the amazing collapse of the axis in Tunisia disclosed that 27 generals were among the captives. The total number of prisoners was expected to reach 175,000.

TRAVEL TALK

MR. WHAT? EVERYTIME I HEAR A TRAIN WHISTLE I GET TO THINKING ABOUT A VACATION.

MR. WHY? KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR WORK, CHUM. WE'RE VICTORY GARDENERS THIS SUMMER!!

MR. WHAT? YEP, BLESS OUR ONIONS—AND OUR MOTTO IS: "LET'S HOE INSTEAD OF LET'S GO"

SPEND YOUR VACATION IN A VICTORY GARDEN; PLANT YOUR MONEY IN WAR BONDS.

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Block Leader Meeting Set

The first general meeting of block leaders ever to be held by the Salem civilian defense organization is scheduled for this Tuesday night at 9 o'clock at Leslie junior high school. Approximately 750 block leaders are expected to attend.

Wabash Overflows

INDIANAPOLIS, May 17—(AP)—The Wabash river and half a hundred normally insignificant tributaries, glutted with two weeks of almost constant rain, forced more than 500 families in central and northern Indiana from their homes Monday night.

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