

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles J. Spurgeon

Clipping ceilings on used cars now is a bit like locking the garage after the theft had been committed. For prices have been fantastic, in terms of normal cost-less-depreciation; but the buyer knows that and the seller knows it too, so each side to the transaction realizes the kind of market he is trading in.

Used car dealers have been fighting off price ceilings, but a roll-back to the first of January this year which now is scheduled for July 10 keeps used car prices still in the higher altitudes.

Using the law of averages perhaps "book" prices will work out over a long term, but the individual purchaser isn't buying an "average," he's buying a particular make of car, of a particular year and model, which has had its own amount and kind of usage since it was put on the road. That is where in the used car business it seems hard to apply set prices with justice to the individual seller or buyer. Enforcement, except on the hard and fast "book" figures, would seem to be impossible.

As time passes the cars on the road are wearing out and transportation becoming more difficult to obtain. If OPA did not clamp on some price control the used car market might follow the cow in "Hi diddle, diddle." Some new cars may be turned out in 1945 but general production is not expected much before 1946, so it is a good many months yet before the prices on used cars will take their ultimate nose dive.

The public view on prices of cars depends on whether one is (Continued on Editorial page)

11 Girls Back After Mass Escape of 13

Within two hours after 13 girls has made a mass escape from Hillcrest, state girls' training school in south Salem, Monday night, 11 of them were back in custody.

The girls choked and overpowered one of the matrons, Mrs. Edith Rhodes, then seized her and slipped out the back door. Mrs. Rhodes, a resident of Salem, was not seriously injured, however. Miss Mary Way, superintendent of the school, blames the entire episode on the shortage of experienced staff members. Apparently the girls, all in the 15-17 year age group, planned their runaway during the day, taking advantage of the shortage of help and newcomers added to the staff. Mrs. Rhodes is quite new at her present assignment.

Two of the girls were picked up on the road by Miss Way and Mrs. Bessie Haynes, another staff member. Ben Haynes picked up five more a little later. One girl was tired and returned voluntarily. The state police found three others who are in their custody, pending the filing of charges, probably some time today.

Senate Passes GI Rights Bill

WASHINGTON, June 12-(AP) American doughboys fighting in France and on other battlefields around the world were virtually assured today of a financial lift when they return home.

The senate passed a modified version of the "GI bill of rights," which provides a wide variety of benefits for veterans of World War 2, and sent it to the house, where concurrence is expected in a day or two.

As finally worked out by a joint conference committee, the measure would:

1. Grant unemployment compensation of \$20 a week for up to 52 weeks to veterans who are out of a job during the first two years after discharge.
2. Set up a job placement bureau under the US employment service to help veterans find work.
3. Provide any necessary hospitalization through the veterans' administration.
4. Offer a year's schooling, and in some cases a complete college education, to veterans who entered the service before they were 25.
5. Guarantee 50 per cent of private loans, at 4 per cent interest, up to a maximum of \$2000, for veterans wishing to set themselves up in business or buy farms or homes.

Southern California Feels Two Quakes

LOS ANGELES, June 12-(AP) Two earthquakes, strong enough to rattle dishes, were felt in this area today and were followed by a landslide near Santa Monica that covered the coastal highway for 500 feet to a depth of 75 feet. No injuries were reported.

The first shock occurred at 3:46 a. m. (PWT) and the second at 4:17 a. m. They were felt in Pasadena, Los Angeles and other neighboring communities.

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Maximum temperature Monday 64 degrees; minimum 51; no precipitation; river -17 ft.
Cloudy west of Cascades and mostly fair east portion Tuesday and Wednesday, with scattered light showers afternoon and evening. Not much change in temperature.

US Tanks Pierce Normandy Line

Red Tanks Drive On Finn Port

Helsinki Itself Ultimate Goal Of Soviet Push

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM
LONDON, Tuesday, June 13 (AP) - Russian tanks and picked troops struck through breaches in the rebuilt Mannerheim line yesterday in a drive toward the big Finnish port of Viipuri — less than 45 miles away from advanced spearheads — with the capital of Helsinki itself as the ultimate goal.

Churning up the Karelian isthmus ravaged by the 1939-40 Russo-Finnish war, Russian artillery, bombs and guns of the Baltic fleet cracked the defenses along a 25-mile front and stunned the Finns with a cannonading which echoed through Leningrad, more than 25 miles away.

Dispatches from Moscow said the red army had seized several large railroad centers beyond the 1938 Russo-Finnish border and that Finnish casualties, heavy from the start, were increasing.

They pictured the Finns as dazed by the suddenness and weight of the attack and as ill-prepared for threats of big-scale landings behind their lines under cover of the Soviet Baltic fleet. More enemy positions were being rolled up hourly as the Russians under Col. Ken. Leonid Govorov, liberator of Leningrad, struck repeatedly in the virtually (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Marianas Hit Second Day

By CHARLES H. McMURTRY
US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 12-(AP) - American carrier planes, striking at the Marianas islands for the second day, and United States submarines have dealt new blows to Japan's island empire and her shattered merchant fleet.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the continuing action against the islands within 1600 miles of Japan while a navy department communique at Washington reported submarines had sunk 18 more enemy vessels.

The bag by submarines, operating in the farflung Pacific, was the largest number so far reported in a single communique. It brought the war's total of enemy ships sunk by United States submarine action to 807. The newest sinkings included a large tanker, a body blow to the Japanese navy, a medium transport and 16 cargo ships.

Nimitz reported the powerful carrier task force that struck at the southern Marianas islands Saturday also was in action Sunday. It again attacked Guam, former American naval base, and Saipan and Tinian islands and extended the strike to Rota island. Rota is half way between Guam and Saipan. The four islands are at the southern end of the Marianas group. Guam is less than 1600 miles east of Manila.

Results of the Saturday and Sunday smashes in the Marianas still were shrouded in secrecy, presumably because the warships were observing a rigid radio silence. There was no indication whether enemy shipping had been caught in the harbor, as was the case last February when a similar task force sank or damaged more than a score of Nipponese ships.

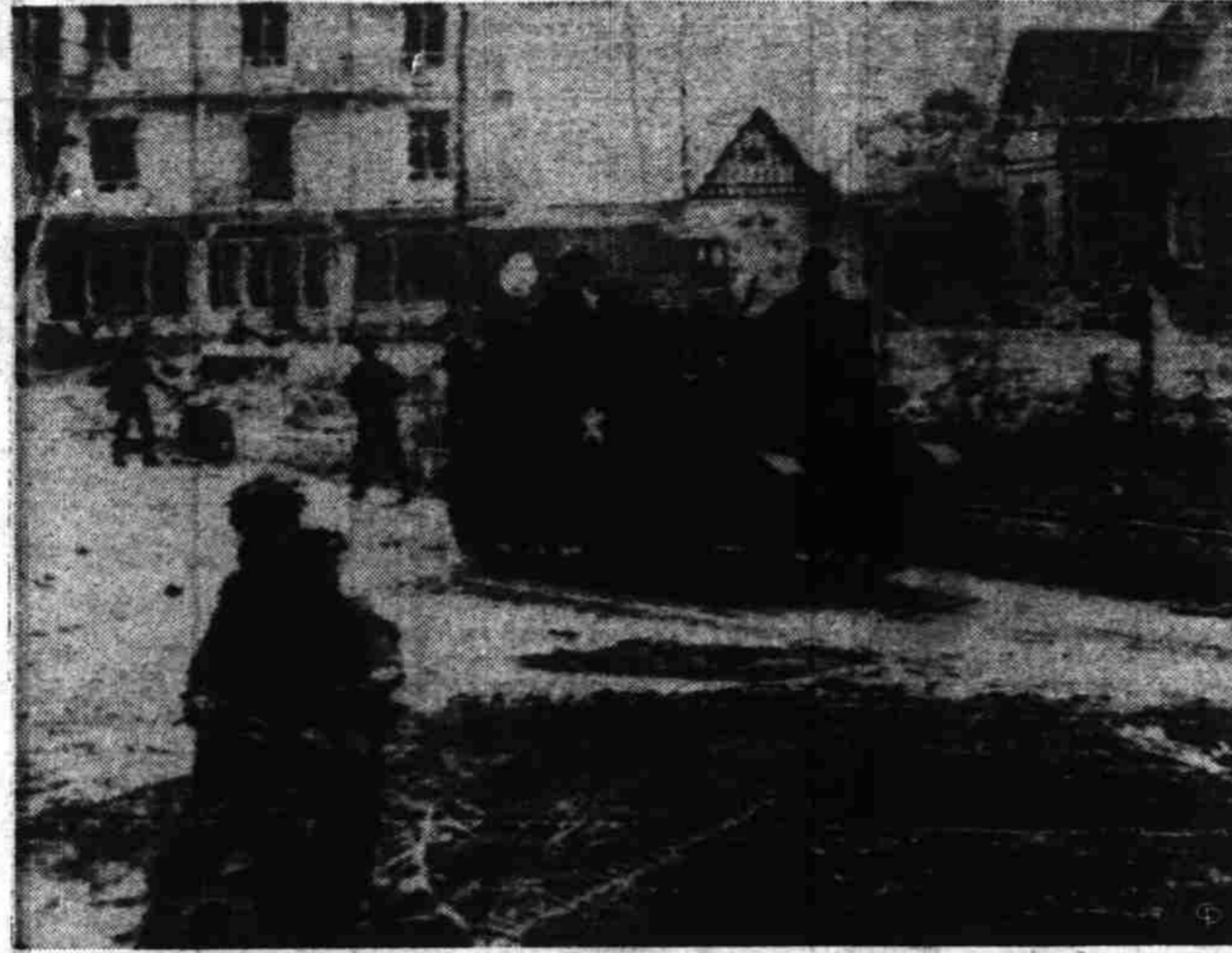
The size of the force attacking the Marianas still was undisclosed.

Allies Capture Women Snipers in Normandy

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 12-(AP) - A small number of women fighting on the side of the Germans, mostly snipers, have been captured and some were killed and wounded in the Normandy fighting, field dispatches said today.

Some of these women were identified as Germans, while others were camp followers of the Nazi defense forces in France.

Tommies Move Through Normandy Village



British Tommies aboard allied troop carrier passing through captured village in Normandy. Signal corps radiophoto. (International soundphoto.)

FDR Sees Jap Defeat Sooner Than Expected

WASHINGTON, June 12-(AP) President Roosevelt said tonight he can force the Japanese "to unconditional surrender or to national suicide much more rapidly than has been thought possible."

The president, speaking on a national radio program opening the \$6,000,000,000 fifth war loan drive, said our original strategy of eliminating Germany first and then turning our full war strength into the Pacific can hasten the day of our victory on all fronts.

Germany, he said, is "first on the list for destruction," and added: "Germany has her back against the wall — in fact three walls at once."

"On the south — we have broken the German hold on central Italy . . . on the east — our gallant soviet allies have driven the enemy back from the lands which were invaded three years ago. Great soviet armies are now inflicting crushing blows."

"Over head — vast allied air fleets of bombers and fighters have been waging a bitter war over Germany and western Europe. They have had two major objectives: to destroy German war industries which maintain the German armies and air forces; and to shoot the German Luftwaffe out of the air. As a result German production has been whittled continuously and the German fighter force now has only a fraction of its former power."

"This great air campaign, str—" (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Aerial 'Invasion' Opens Marion War Loan Drive

"Invaded" by army air forces, marine planes and part of an infantry division, Marion county surrendered Monday to its home guard, the 2000 men and women campaigning for the Fifth War Loan.

Though ununiformed and unarmed, save for war loan kits, the bond sales folk had "the situation well in hand" by dusk of the first day of the greatest money-raising campaign Marion county, or the United States as a whole, has ever seen.

This announcement from Chairman Douglas Yeater was accompanied by an emphatic declaration to the effect that "We'll have to wage a new battle every day to get the victory" and an explanation that the county's \$5,477,000 quota must be topped in Marion to share in Oregon's glory.

For the state war finance committee has voluntarily raised the state's assigned quota some \$2,000,000 to guarantee to invading forces in both Atlantic and Pacific the best in fighting equipment and ammunition.

Marion county's invasion started Monday morning with arrival of planes from the Portland army airbase swooping low over the city. Later, marines from the Corvallis base "strafed" the city with 20,000 handbills urging the citizenry to "Buy Bonds to Back the Boys to Berlin."

The infantry invasion was really the vanguard — the press-agent — of a bigger show to come. Yeater said, but the Monday exhibition of arms in a blocked-off portion of Court street west of Commercial attracted considerable attention.

Particularly did it draw the eyes of boys who are to be organized as junior commandos in the drive. First of the comman—" (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Low Tide Reveals Obstacles on Beach



Low tide on a Normandy beach of France reveals a long stretch of skeleton-like obstructions erected by the Germans in a vain attempt to prevent allied landings. These structures are veiled by water at high tide and provide a menace to landing craft. Note bodies and wrecked allied vehicles on the beach. (AP Wirephoto from US navy.)

Air Blitz Pounds Germany

Night Bombing Follows French Invasion Raids

LONDON, June 13-(AP) - The entire German radio network left the air abruptly at 7:55 a. m. (1:55 AEW) today, indicating that American daylight bombers might be striking at Europe anew in swift follow-ups to last night's RAF assaults on Germany and France.

Returning to the air a short time later, one Nazi station reported single enemy raiders over southwestern, western, middle, and north Germany.

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, June 13

-(AP) - Cologne was reported by DNB today to have been bombed just before midnight in an after-dark sequel to daylight invasion attacks Monday in which allied air fleets flew up to 10,000 sorties against German holdings in France.

A brief allied announcement confirmed that targets in Germany, as well as in France, had been bombed by the RAF during the night, but did not identify them.

A strong force of RAF bombers crossed Dover strait to north France and flashes of bomb explosions and anti-aircraft fire were seen in the Pas de Calais area by English coastal watchers. For nearly an hour the explosions were heard and later there were blasts west of Boulogne.

Many Nazi-controlled radio stations in France and Germany shut down, suggesting widespread activity by the RAF.

A record 1400 US heavy bomb—" (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Japs Close in On China City

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, June 12-(AP) - Invader troops are pounding incessantly at all sides of besieged Changsha against heroic Chinese resistance and the battle around the outer defenses has reached its "fiercest proportions," a Chinese communique said tonight, indicating virtual encirclement of the Canton-Hankow rail city.

Far to the west, however, near the Burma border, Chinese troops were scoring further successes and were mopping up enemy remnants in the outer areas of Luning, important Yunnan province base whose fall was announced yesterday. The Japanese still held strongly fortified positions on three hills outside the town, and attempted an unsuccessful flank attack from the south, a communique declared.

While American bombers and fighters blasted enemy troops, river craft and installations over a wide area of the Hunan front, the Chinese still were holding in the area 15 miles northwest of Changsha, while directly north of the city the Japanese were fought to a standstill, the high command said.

The Japanese also were driving on Changsha from the east only six miles away, and fierce fighting was reported in all these sectors, with casualties heavy on both sides.

At the same time a new Japanese drive was developing far to the south, this one northward along the Canton-Hankow railway, in what Maj. Claire L. Chennault, US 14th air force commander, called a new push to establish an impregnable defense in China. With this new thrust, he said, the Chinese war has been brought to its greatest pitch since 1938.

Ration Board to Close While Moving Offices

Salem war price and rationing board offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16, while records and equipment are moved to the board's new headquarters in the rooms formerly occupied by the Argo hotel dining room, Chairman John Heltzel announced Monday.

Factories Said To Be Moving Over Channel

BALTIMORE, June 12-(AP) - London factories, broken down into numbered parts and packed into crates, are beginning to move across the channel to be set up behind the lines. Thomas O'Neill, of the Sunpapers London bureau, said in a dispatch to the Baltimore Evening Sun today.

Unpacked and assembled, they are expected to furnish a close-up supply to allied troops fighting their way into France, the cable dispatch reported, and will take a load off the trans-channel transport, as well as make available services thus far unavailable to troops.

Numbered parts for these installations started going into packing cases last August to be ready whenever the signal might be given.

None of the boxes weighs more than 100 pounds, because they must be moved by hand until the allies capture a port and get it in working order, the dispatch said.

Nazi 14th Army In Disastrous Rout in Italy

By LYNN HEINZERLING
ROME, June 12-(AP) - The German 14th army has been "dispersed to the four winds," allied headquarters declared today as Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American and British forces, pursuing the disorganized Germans up the Italian west coast, approached Orbetello, 71 miles northwest of Rome.

As depleted enemy units fell back toward the Florence area with the greater part of their equipment lost, the Nazi high command faced the immediate necessity of sending heavy reinforcements from France or elsewhere in Europe if any real attempt was to be made to hold northern Italy.

"It is now quite clear," the allied announcement said, "that the original 14th army has been dispersed to the four winds. All that remains is a few scattered remnants who mainly are engaged in stealing one another's transport to get away as fast as possible. Prisoners describe the situation as wholly chaotic."

The German commander, Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, not only has been forced to throw all but one of the 284 divisions he had in Italy into a desperate effort to slow the allied steamroller, but has brought in three fresh infantry divisions, it was disclosed today.

What is left of the next 10th army, which once struck hammer blows at allied troops clinging to the Anzio beachhead, appears to have been put on an every-man-for-himself basis in the flight toward Florence.

The most striking evidence of the degree of disintegration was provided by the fact captured stragglers were provided with passes saying the bearer was authorized to proceed either alone or in small groups to an assembly place near Florence," the allies announced.

Across the breadth of Italy the allied Fifth and Eighth armies pressed grimly forward, meeting organized resistance only where the Nazi badly needed time to extricate their troops. The countryside was littered with abandoned enemy equipment.

Fifth army troops pushed through the important road junction of Montefiascone near the shores of Lake Bolsena and fought on toward the town of Bolsena, eight miles beyond. Eighth army columns moving up both sides of the Tiber river north of Rome neared Bagno Reggion and Rieti.

Headquarters disclosed that the Sixth South African armored division participated in the Eighth army's drive up the Liri and Sacco valleys to Rome and that it now is fighting more than 30 miles north of the capital.

The South Africans, who played a prominent part in the desert warfare in north Africa, entered the fighting near Cassino with zest. Only two days ago they broke into a German position held by two battalions, killing about 200, capturing a like number and adding new stores of enemy equipment to the Eighth army's collection.

Carentan Toppled By Yanks

Rommel Using 250,000 Troops Against Invasion

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, June 13 (AP) - American tanks and infantry smashed through the center of the German line in Normandy yesterday, capturing the Cerisy forest 18 miles inland from the sea, toppling the stronghold of Carentan after a bitter fight, and battling Nazi forces only 14 miles from the prize port of Cherbourg.

Headquarters said that Field Marshal Gen. Erwin Rommel was using from 14 to 15 divisions, 250,000 German troops, against the allied forces, but communique No. 14 declared: "The fusion of our beachheads is now complete and a coastal strip some 60 miles long is firmly in our hands. Its depth is being increased steadily."

A later official statement also said: "The enemy has been uprooted as rapidly as anticipated."

Carentan's fall put the Americans a third of the way across the Cherbourg peninsula at its narrowest point, and opened roads leading to La Haye and Du Puits, Lessay and Costances on the highway near the western side of the peninsula.

(Berlin radio, in a broadcast recorded by NBC, said two new divisions had landed northeast of Cherbourg, presumably in the 15-mile area between the port and Pointe de Barfleur at the northeast tip of the peninsula. German broadcasts earlier had predicted allied "leap frog" landings close to Cherbourg.)

At the end of the first week of invasion fighting the allies have taken more than 10,000 prisoners, a statement said. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, allied ground commander, said some regular Japanese soldiers were among the captives and the axis slain, but did not explain their presence on the front.

The seizure of Cerisy forest put American troops near the mid-Normandy communications hub of St. Lo, and was the deepest inland penetration yet scored by the allies.

Slight advances were made east of Caen on the British-Canadian sector of the American left flank, headquarters said, and "American troops in the Cherbourg peninsula have made further progress to the north and west" in their effort to seal off an 800—" (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

21,000 Japs Dead in Burma

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH
SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 12-(AP) - The Japanese lost 21,650 men killed in India and Burma since the first of the year, excluding their losses on the North Burma front, an allied officer estimated today.

The headquarters officer said that during May alone 7800 Japanese were killed — 1180 by Maj. Gen. W. D. A. Lentaigne's chindits, 1220 on the Arakan front, 3300 at Imphal and 2100 on the Kohima front.

Today's communique from headquarters of Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten said allied troops advancing from Kohima in India encountered Japanese resistance 24 miles east of the town along the Jessami track, and eight miles southeast of Kohima, near Viswema.

Unsuccessful attacks on allied positions were reported on the Imphal plain, where an allied advance continued north of Kamsiatonghi, the communique said.

The war bulletin made no mention of ground fighting in North Burma in and around the besieged Japanese bastion of Myitkyina, but a field dispatch reported Chinese troops 40 miles to the west had advanced to within two miles of Kamsing, bringing the city under heavy shellfire.