

NAGOYA GETS 7 MILLION POUNDS OF BOMBS

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

You know how it is: you can't be a member of an organization and escape all of its chores. The time comes when you have to entertain the Ladies aid, or take a dish (meat balls?) to the club's covered dish supper, or chivvy up four bits for a wedding present or funeral wreath for a member.

Now I have been a member of the Salem Chemeketa since the year I came to Salem, which is nearly as long a time as the organization has been in existence. But in later years I have been mostly an indoors member of an outdoors club. My annual "local walk" was to the banquet where it is quite easy to shoulder your alpenstock and tell how snow peaks were won. Having some time or other recommended the climb of House mountain above Mehama as a convenient jaunt in these days when gasoline restrictions limit the range of travel, the local walks committee hung the wether bell around my neck and made me leader for such a climb. So, like the lady who hadn't entertained her club for two years, I felt I had to perform.

House mountain is really just a rocking chair assignment. It is, as mountains go, just a pimple on a relief map of the Cascades. But it has other compensations than accessibility and low altitude. Its face is a sheer escarpment several hundred feet high, making it a familiar spot on the mountainscape. From its summit one gets a wonderful view of the mountains of the North Santiam region, especially of the line of the "old Cascades" which lie westerly of the snow peaks like Jefferson and Hood. Below lies the Elkhorn flat Fork rising to the sharp ridge of Battle-axe mountain.

The hike was set for May 13. I had gotten it deferred to be sure of better weather in late spring, but the guess was wrong.

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France Will Be Given Role of Great Power

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—(AP) France was virtually assured tonight of a place as a great power within the United Nations.

A United Nations conference committee voted to make that war-ravaged nation a permanent member of the inner security council of the world peace-keeping organization being charted here.

It did this by eliminating the phrase "in due course" which previously had qualified France's admission to the select group as a permanent member along with the United States, Russia, China and Britain.

The action is still subject to approval of a conference committee and the full conference itself. However, officials said there appeared no possibility that could fail to come. (Additional details on page 2).

Sub Gives Up To Americans

AT SEA OFF CAPE MAY, N. J., May 14.—(AP) The German submarine U-558 today became the first to surrender to American forces in the Atlantic since the capitulation of Germany.

Escorted to a rendezvous approximately 45 miles off Cape May by two destroyers, the 240-foot submarine which claimed 16 Allied vessels was quickly boarded by marines, naval submarine experts and an anti-submarine detail. Speaking through an interpreter, the 27-year-old commander, Capt. Lt. Thilo Bode, surrendered to Comdr. J. P. Horflet of Bertie county, North Carolina, commanding officer, Delaware group, eastern sea frontier.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Rain, and other weather details for various locations.

Airfield Captured

Okinawa Advance Scored

46 Jap Planes Downed in Blow On Fleet Groups

By Al Dopking
GUAM, Tuesday, May 15.—(AP) Infantrymen of Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th division captured the Yonabaru airdrome in a 2400-ward surge down the east coast of Okinawa yesterday and overran a key hill nearby to form the jaw of a pincers on the fortress city of Shuri.

On the west flank, Maj. Gen. Lemuel Shepherd, jr.'s Sixth marine division still was held on the north bank of the Asato river in the northern section of Naha, but patrols presumably were operating well within the shattered ruins of the Okinawa capital.

The Japanese were resisting bitterly all along the line with artillery, mortar and small-arms fire.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced this progress today in a communique which reported 46 Japanese planes shot down in attacks on American fleet groups. One major fleet vessel and two light units were damaged.

Japanese aircraft again pounced on the American invasion fleet off Okinawa Sunday evening, causing some damage to two light surface units. Twenty-five enemy planes were shot down, eight of them by destroyers' guns.

Enemy aircraft bombed installations ashore on Okinawa on Monday but failed to cause material damage.

U.S. carrier task forces were attacked by Japanese planes on Monday, and one ship was reported damaged. Twenty-one Japanese planes were shot down in this raid.

Yonabaru airfield was the third major 'drome on the Okinawa mainland seized by the Yanks. They took the Katena and Yontan fields shortly after the April 1 invasion. Later a large airdrome on a le island nearby was secured.

A prime objective of the southward push is the Naha airdrome, about two miles south of Naha. This is the largest airdrome in the entire Ryukyu chain.

Navy May Be Reduced 30% After V-J Day

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—The navy contemplates a cut of "at least 30 per cent" in the size of the fleet, once Japan is defeated.

The senate appropriations committee disclosed today that it received this estimate from Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King during closed hearings on a \$23,603,775,000 naval supply bill.

This recommended appropriation represented an increase of \$203,273,735 above the amount approved by the house. Most of the increase was \$180,000,000 for ordnance to be spent before July 1. No details were given on this particular item, but it is known the navy has greatly stepped up production of rockets.

German Civilians Tortured, Killed Some American Airmen

LONDON, May 14.—(AP)—German civilians tortured and killed some American airmen forced down in Germany, one of a large group of liberated American prisoners of war said today upon returning by air from a German camp at Barth on the Baltic.

Included among the 9200 prisoners freed from the camp, Stalag Luft No. 1, north of Berlin, were several famed U.S. flying aces, including Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski of Oil City, Pa., and Col. Hubert Zemke of Missoula, Mont. Gabreski, as a Thunderbolt pilot, set the present eighth air force record of 28 enemy planes shot down in the air and also destroyed three on the ground. Zemke, a Mustang group commander, is

Eisenhower Cracks Down On Officers for Friendly Treatment of High Nazis

(By the Associated Press)
LONDON, May 14.—(AP)—General Eisenhower cracked down sharply on senior American officers for their reported friendly treatment of high German war prisoners today after the British press had expressed hot indignation at the "sheer impertinence" of Nazi leaders and German officers since Germany's surrender.

"We have to watch these Germans," the London Evening News warned. "Unless we are very careful, they are going to get away with it again."

Eisenhower said: "My attention has been called to press reports of instances of senior United States officers treating captured Nazi and high German officials on a 'friendly enemy' basis. Any such incident has been in direct violation of my express and long standing orders."

"Drastic measures have been set in motion to assure termination of these errors forthwith. "Moreover," Eisenhower continued, "any past instances of this nature are by now means indicative of the attitude of this army, but are results of faulty judgment of individuals concerned, who will be personally acquainted with expressions of my definite disapproval."

In the name of this great force and on my own, I regret these occurrences. While Eisenhower did not single out any officer for public censure, it was recalled that when Reichsmarshal Herman Goering surrendered to the U.S. Seventh army last week at Kitzbuehl in Austria he was treated with considerable deference.

An Associated Press field dispatch said the former head of the Luftwaffe was given a lunch of chicken and peas in a hotel parlor after "brief greetings and a handshake" and later posed for pictures with Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 36th division, and with Brig. Gen. Robert J. Stack, assistant division commander.

50 Per Cent Increase of Tires Okehed

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—A 50 per cent increase in rations of passenger tires for civilians this month was authorized today, but a slackening in the pace of re-conversion became apparent.

The war production board released 500,000 more tires for rationing by OPA in May, bringing total distribution to 1,500,000. Spokesmen for both agencies indicated another increase about as large may be expected for June.

However, even the June increase, if it is approved, would be insufficient to provide new tires for A card motorists officials said, in view of the big backlog of unsatisfied demand from more essential users.

The action was accompanied by the lifting of production restraints on alarm clocks and galvanized ware, but WPB said no substantial increase in supplies of those house hold items can occur until the military reduced its demand upon factories and material supplies.

Nazis Tried To Bomb U. S. Says Paper

LONDON, May 14.—(AP)—The army newspaper Stars and Stripes, quoting what it called "sources considered reliable," said tonight the Germans had attempted to bomb New York last election day, November 7.

"The bomb, presumably a jet or rocket propelled projectile, was reported to have been launched from the deck of a German submarine lying off the Atlantic coast. The attempted bombing failed when the V-bomb either fell short of New York or was shot down by fighter pilots alerted to watch for such projectiles."

Sugar Crisis Fault of CCC

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—Federal agencies must prevent a sugar shortage in 1946 and 1947 or congress must step into protect the public, a republican committee asserted today.

The group, composed of house members making a food study, declared the current sugar crisis is the fault of the commodity credit corporation for "failure to encourage production in Puerto Rico and Cuba, where 60 per cent of our supply is grown." It charged the OPA handling of rationing had "accentuated" the shortage.

Month of Mourning For FDR Ends Monday

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—At sundown today the month's period of mourning for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt came to an end. Flags on government buildings and at military and naval establishments and elsewhere will again fly at full staff tomorrow. Mr. Roosevelt died April 12. The month of mourning was proclaimed by President Truman.

Two B-29s Lost In Big Raid

Superforts Hurl Heaviest Attack On Nip Islands

By James Lindsay
GUAM, Tuesday, May 15.—(AP)—The fury of America's aerial assault on Japan mounted to a new pinnacle of violence Monday as a record pack of 500 mighty Superfortresses dumped 7,000,000 pounds of fire bombs on the great industrial city of Nagoya.

"Contrast with the enemy's claim of shooting down eight Superfortresses, 20th air force headquarters at Washington reported that only "two of our planes were lost to enemy action." This was a minute percentage of the number engaged in the attack).

The devastating attack, directed against some of Japan's most important war industries, was officially reported by 9-29 head-quarters only a few hours before Tokyo said waves of allied carrier planes were hammering Nippon's southern airdromes for the second day in a row.

Some of the 5500 Yank airmen who took part in the Nagoya missions, hardest aerial blow ever thrown against Japan, said on their return to Marianas bases they believed the 3500 tons of fire bombs dropped destroyed the sections of the city not devastated in previous raids. They agreed that Japanese interceptors were not anxious to challenge and that ack-ack fire was weak and inaccurate.

Smoke columns shot up some 17,000 feet over the target areas and could be seen by returning fliers when 80 miles at sea. Nagoya, 150 miles west by south of Tokyo on Japan's main Honshu island, is the third city of the empire. The B-29's, carrying some 1,165,000 new type six - pound jelly gasoline fire bombs, came pretty close to unloading a bomb for every one of the city's 1,500,000 inhabitants.

Ed Kennedy Discredited, Ordered Home

PARIS, May 14.—(AP)—Supreme headquarters discredited Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press today on a charge of breach of confidence in breaking prematurely the story of Germany's signing terms of unconditional surrender and ordered him to leave May 17 for the United States.

Morton P. Gudebrod of the Associated Press also was discredited for taking "an active part in the premature release of a news story" and ordered to return to the United States, but was granted an extension beyond May 17, chief of public relations.

Gudebrod is ill with pneumonia and is not expected to be discharged from a hospital for two weeks.

Robert Bunnelle, managing executive for the United Kingdom for the Associated Press, was reinstated.

Lend-Lease Criterion Set

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—The state department said today that the test for future lend-lease of Russia is "adequate information regarding the essential nature of Soviet military supply requirements" and their importance as compared with competing demands.

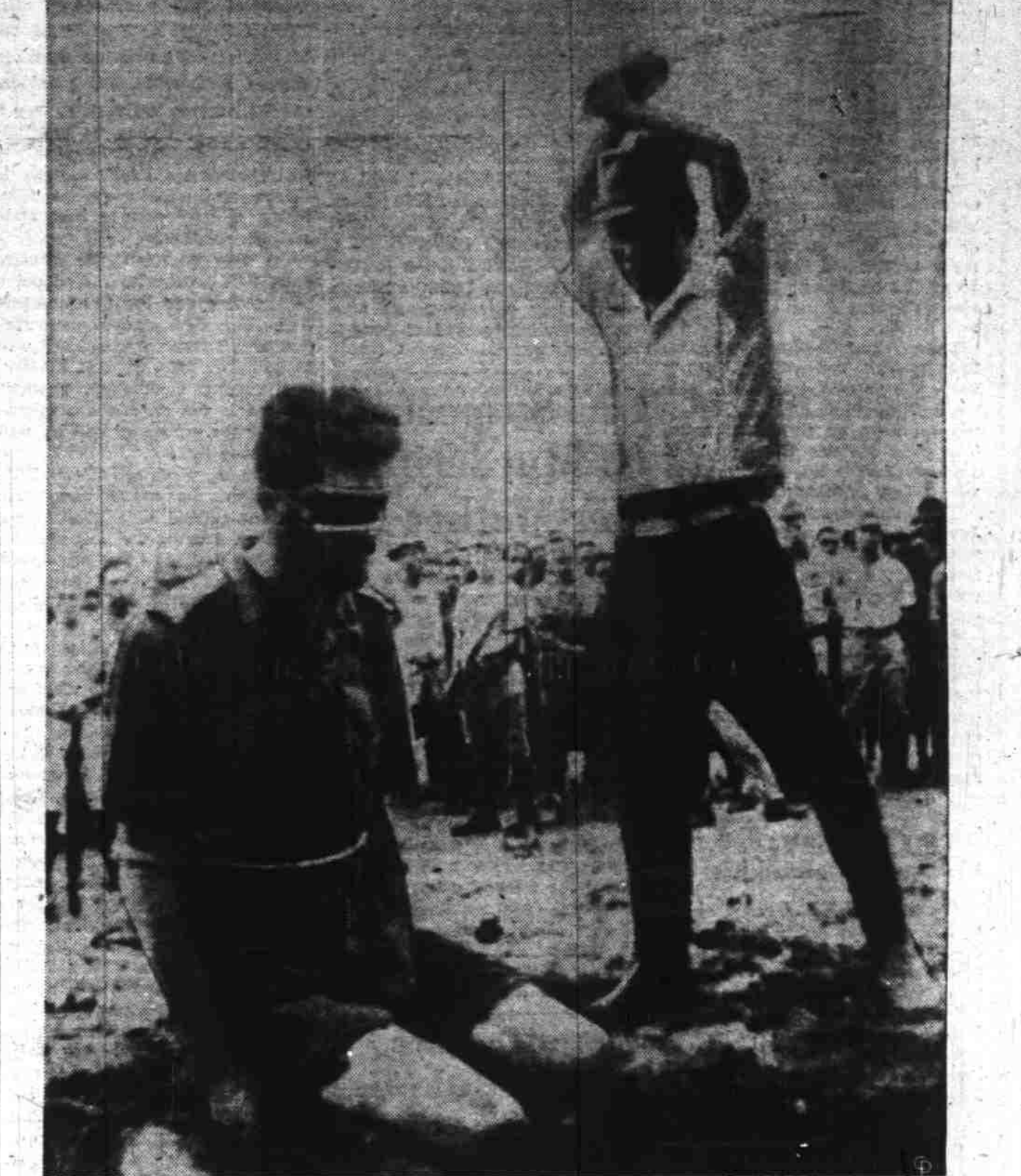
A statement by Acting Secretary Joseph C. Grew predicted "substantial reductions" in current deliveries, but made it clear that deliveries meeting the test will continue to go forward.

The criterion, he emphasizes, is the same as for other lend-lease countries.

MOLOTOV BACK IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Tuesday, May 15.—(AP)—Soviet foreign commissar Molotov has arrived in Moscow from the San Francisco conference. The Moscow radio announced in a broadcast heard here early today.

Kind of Foe We Are Fighting!



This snapshot, taken by a Japanese onlooker, shows a Japanese officer about to behead an allied flier with his Samurai sword. Note the grinning Japanese soldiers looking on in the background. The picture was made somewhere in Japanese-occupied territory. There is no clue to the nationality of the victim. This picture is a shocking warning of what allied fighting men may expect at the hands of their foe in the Pacific. (International news photo from Life Magazine)

Chinese Close On Paoching, Nip Stronghold

CHUNGKING, May 14.—(AP)—Two Chinese columns closed today on Paoching, Hunan province stronghold from which the enemy marched last month on the road to defeat and disaster in the battle for Chihkiang air base.

On the eastern seaboard, Chinese troops fought on through the streets of Foochow after entering the old treaty port opposite Formosa Friday.

In the Hunan counteroffensive, the Chinese high command said one column Sunday reached a point 15 1/2 miles northwest of Paoching, while another was pounding down the main highway 19 miles west of the city.

Trieste Will Be Controlled

LONDON, Tuesday, May 15.—(AP) A British spokesman said today the United States and Britain had informed Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia that Trieste would remain under allied control until its status was settled by the peace conference.

This view has been communicated to the Yugoslav government in Belgrade in an atmosphere of frankness and friendship, the source said, adding that the soviet government had been kept informed.

Reports published in London concerning peremptory orders to Tito and hints of force are exaggerated and the discussions with the Yugoslav leader are on a friendly plane, the spokesman said.

7th War Loan to Be Tough But Vital Task, Sammons Declares

If Oregon uses but one out of every 12 dollars in bank deposits to buy a bond in the Seventh War Loan campaign, the state will top its quota. This was the statement of Edward C. Sammons, state Seventh War Loan chairman, in an impressive opening of the bond sale in Salem Monday at the chamber of commerce luncheon.

Oregon has the best record of any state in the union for E bond sales and has been given the largest quota ever for a war bond campaign, Sammons said. The Seventh bond sale probably will be the toughest yet because of the let-down among the people following the victory in Europe, he added.

Oregon in addition faces the sale with a reduced payroll because of more than 16,000 "voluntary quits" among defense workers since the first of the year, he added.

The money to buy bonds must

Ickes Charges Government Officials With Bungling Production of Aluminum

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes charged today that government officials bungled aluminum production early in the war and that one result is a Canadian plant built with U.S. funds competing with U.S. industry.

Testifying to the senate small business committee, Ickes urged:

1. That independent operators be encouraged to acquire and operate government-owned aluminum plants in competition with the Aluminum Corporation of America.

2. The contract with Aluminum Corporation of Canada be cancelled or negotiated to termination. This was for 250,000,000 pounds of aluminum at the Ship-saw, Can., power plant.

Ickes said the Ship-saw plant was built with a \$68,000,000 loan, interest free. Its existence was a "surprise" to him and to President Roosevelt until 1943, he said.

Northwest Ignored Ickes contended it never should have been built while the great power developments of the Pacific northwest and the bauxite producing areas of Arkansas were available.

Dr. Paul Raver, Bonneville power administrator, declared that war agencies never gave him a chance to know the power needs and always looked on Bonneville and Grand Coulee as more or less "incidental."

Ickes said the Ship-saw contract was made by Metals Reserve Corporation, a subsidiary of Reconstruction Finance Corporation, when Jesse Jones was chairman. OPM Draws Blame

He said "bungling" of the early aluminum requirements came from the OPM (office of production management), and its successor, the war production board. Dollar-a-year men, Ickes said, declared there was enough aluminum to go around in one breath, and in another would call it critically short.

Senator Morse (R-Ore) praised Ickes' summary of the aluminum-power situation and said that the handling of the job through the critical war years "just stinks."

Dragnet Out For Himmler

FLENSBURG, Germany, May 14.—(AP)—A dragnet is out for Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler in this area, with British security police and intelligence officers leading the search.

Danish underground organizers who have submitted important information to the Allies throughout the war insist that the arch-Nazi is in this territory. Germans as well as Allies have been alerted to watch for him as well. There is considerable talk that Himmler recently got in touch with Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz and asked his protection, but was told that if the Germans found him he would be turned over to the Allies.