

B-29s, NAVY BLAST JAPS ANEW

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

Last week I went to Portland and heard my good friend, Ralph L. Carr, former governor of Colorado, make an effective argument against a Columbia Valley Authority. But Saturday after sitting through two and a half hours of discussion of Rogue river development I was pretty well convinced of the need of a Rogue River Authority, at least. For the federal machinery involved in dealing with this stream less than 200 miles long seemed almost hopelessly cumbersome.

The reclamation bureau whose district office is in Boise is studying the river from the standpoint of irrigation of valley lands. The army engineers from the Portland division office have made studies on the subject of flood control. The fish and wildlife service with regional headquarters in Seattle is charged with responsibility for studying effects of proposed developments on fish life in the river. No attention was paid to navigation and power which I considered would have brought in at least one other federal agency, the federal power commission. Sitting in with acute interest and powers rather ill-defined were the state engineer, who is secretary of the state reclamation commission and the state game commission, concerned with sports fishing.

Were the Rogue open to commercial fishing the state fish commission would have had a place there. A student of political science would be quite appalled at the complications of this simple question of how best the waters of the Rogue may be used and controlled.

Under comparatively recent changes in procedure the several governmental bureaus are required to collaborate and ultimately (Continued on Editorial Page)

OPA to Lower Point Values On Beef, Veal

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—A little more meat for American dinner tables was in prospect tonight as OPA prepared to lower beef, veal and lamb ration points for the August ration period.

The disclosure followed reports from several areas of improved civilian meat supplies and signs of slight further increases in the early autumn.

Reductions of one to two points a pound on steaks, roasts and other cuts of beef probably will be announced Wednesday and made effective July 29. Lamb and veal points will go down as much and perhaps slightly more.

Pork will be omitted from what officials described as the "fairly general" point reduction, because the marketing of live hogs has continued slow. Mutton has a zero point value because there is so little of it that rationing is not considered worthwhile.

GREEK MINISTER RESIGNS
ATHENS, July 23.—(AP)—Foreign Minister John Sophianopoulos submitted his resignation today, saying the time has come for the formation of a new government.

Animal Crackers



Nice day if it rains.

New Spot Blazes Reported

Patrol Prepares To Pack in to Isolated Fires

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Foresters tonight ordered a withdrawal of some fire patrols from quiet sections of the big Tillamook-Wilson river fire to organize pack train units to move into the isolated northwestern sector where new spot fires have broken out.

State Forester N. S. Rogers said it would be several days before firefighters can be on this westernmost blaze near the forks of the Salmonberry and Nehalem rivers. He said there are no roads into the region and men will have to move on foot and pack equipment on trails once used by mounted forest patrols.

Loggers Fight Fire
Loggers of the Waterhouse & Gray Lumber company were reported battling another spot fire north of the Nehalem near Seaside, Ore., a shore resort.

The huge Tillamook fire, spread over some 90,000 acres, spewed spot blazes over a new four-mile area during the night. Rain-wet forests checked the advance somewhat early Sunday, but winds were fast drying the timber and the armies of fighters saw no hope of immediate control.

A delayed report said the Van Fleet Logging company camp, isolated on the north fork of Cronin creek, at the extreme northwest corner of the Tillamook fire, was consumed during the night. Donkey engines and fallen and bucked timber were destroyed.

Weather Helps
Weather conditions likewise aided fighters in two other sectors, in the Wallace-Kellogg region of north Idaho, where some 4000 acres were aflame, and in eastern Oregon where a 400-acre fire roared out of hand on the Little Minam river.

The 10,000-acre Polk county fire was reported to be smoldering, under control, but drying forests and rising winds could whip it out of bounds handily, said Nels Rogers, state forester. The main blaze was being held in check by 500 Negro troops from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Heavy Damage Told In Recent B-29 Raids

GUAM, Tuesday, July 24.—(AP)—Recent Superfortress raids knocked out nearly half the built-up areas of the Japanese cities of Sakai and Wakayama on Honshu and damaged the Nippon oil refinery and tank farm at Amagasaki, reconnaissance photographs showed today.

In the first raids on these cities July 10, Sakai's main area was 42 per cent destroyed and Wakayama's 52 per cent destroyed. Twelve of 14 buildings at the Nippon oil refinery showed damage, and eight of ten large tanks were hit.

Albany Veteran Killed In Automobile Accident

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 23.—(AP)—A Trinidad veteran, S/Sgt. Laurence Layman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Layman, Albany, Ore., was killed yesterday in an automobile accident near the air base here.

Yanks Search Every House In U.S. Zone of Occupation

By James F. King
FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, July 23.—(AP)—In perhaps the greatest mass raid in history, half a million American soldiers searched every house in the US occupation zone of Germany over the weekend for weapons, ammunition and loot and arrested 80,000 persons, many of them SS men who had been hunted as war criminals.

Fifteen million Germans in the American zone, taken by surprise, were bewildered and scared, but offered no resistance. Only two tried to escape the search. One was shot to death.

Brig. Gen. Edwin L. Sibert, of Vinyard Haven, Mass., head of the G-2 (intelligence) division of US forces in the European theater, said guns, ammunition and loot, such as American uniforms,

Petaun Asserts He Paved Road To Liberation

By LOUIS NEVIN
PARIS, July 23.—(AP)—Aged Marshal Henri Philippe Petaun went on trial for his life today amid angry catcalls and disorderly courtroom uproars, and asserted that, far from betraying France, he had "prepared the road to liberation."

Proudly displaying the medals France had given him, the 89-year-old former Vichy chief of state answered charges of intelligence with France's hereditary enemy, Germany, and plotting against the security of France, by saying:

"I sacrificed my prestige for the French people. If I've treated with the enemy, it was to spare you."

In a jammed and noisy courtroom, once cleared by Gendarmes carrying tommyguns, the fallen giant of France unrolled the bitter facts of France's 1940 defeat as Petaun sat calmly before the high court of justice and a 24-man jury.

Reynaud Testifies
The old marshal's own assertion from the prisoner's dock that as Vichy chief he was "shield and buckler" protecting the French people was followed by testimony from Paul Reynaud—the premier who brought Petaun into the French government—that the marshal was responsible for the armistice despite a solemn pact with Britain not to make a separate peace.

Reynaud's voice quivered with emotion when he described as his "monumental error" his belief that the patriotism of Petaun and Gen. Maxime Weygand "was greater than their political aims and their personal ambitions."

Judges Confer
Three times in the five-hour session between 1 p. m. and 6 p. m. the three scarlet and ermine-robed judges headed by grizzled Paul Mongibeaux adjourned to consider defense charges leveled against themselves and to await a clearing of the disordered courtroom.

When the tumultuous first day of the trial ended after threats of arrest the spectators, Reynaud, a prosecution witness, still was on the stand and his statement was only one-third completed. The trial will resume at 1 p. m. (7 a. m. EWT) tomorrow.

Flood Control District Eyed

ALBANY, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Formation of a flood control district in Linn county was proposed today after rejection by the court of a US engineering plan for controlling erosion of farmlands by the North Santiam river near Stayton.

Roy Clark, US engineer, told the court a \$50,000 fund had been allocated for building revetments along the bank, but that Linn county would have to finance maintenance.

The flood control district could finance the maintenance, the court ruled.

Trapped Japs in Burma Lose 500 in Killed

CALCUTTA, July 23.—(AP)—Five thousand Japanese troops, pocketed by allied forces in the Pegu area of southern Burma, already have lost more than 500 killed in initial attempts to break out and reach the Sittang river, the south-east Asia command reported today.

Pvt. Jamison Dies at Camp

JEFFERSON, July 23.—Pvt. Robert Jamison was killed at Camp Roberts, Calif., his wife was notified today by the war department. Mrs. Jamison and her 4-year-old daughter, Patsy, make their home here with her mother, Mrs. E. S. Bruce.

Jamison was 25 years old and was just finishing his basic training. Besides the widow and daughter, other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jamison of Salem; three sisters, Mrs. Richard King of Talbot, Mrs. Rhea Whitby of Salem and Dorothea Buttler of San Jose, Calif.; also two brothers, John, U. S. army, and Russell, U. S. navy.

Jamison was killed in an automobile accident. This was the information received here Monday night. The body is being shipped to Salem where funeral services will be in charge of W. T. Rigdon.

Veterans' Contact Office Established

A contact unit of the U.S. Veterans' administration in Portland was established in Salem on Monday under James E. Harris, contact representative, at 417 Oregon building. The announcement of the new unit said it was established to aid the returning veterans.

Truman Wins Vital U.S. Aims

Friendship With Premier Stalin On Cordial Basis

By Daniel De Luca
POTSDAM, July 23.—(AP)—President Truman was reported tonight to have won important American aims at the big three conference and to have established a cordial friendship with Premier Stalin that produced unexpected Russian concessions.

A spokesman for the U. S. delegation said the big three had met again today—their seventh day of conferences — and "are driving ahead."

Sources close to the chief executive said he and Stalin have established the most cordial relationship and have reached a stage

NEW YORK, July 23.—Reporter Roy Porter of the National Broadcasting company said in a broadcast from Berlin tonight that part of the American delegation to the big three conference already has left Germany and other members are preparing to leave for "a new and surprising destination."

"It is possible to say tonight," Porter declared, "that a part of the American delegation already has left Potsdam. Who they are and what they will do is another one of those prohibited subjects, prohibited this time by security rather than political significance."

of understanding considered impossible before the meeting opened.

The belief prevailed that Truman, in his debut as an international negotiator, had achieved a substantial understanding with the Russians on impending developments in the Japanese war.

Men close to the president reported he is happy over concessions won thus far. Despite the difference of language, the president is said to have made a big hit with the Russian leader, who, like the mid-westerner, is a man of direct action and few words.

Prospects for an early conclusion of the big three parley appeared enhanced tonight.

The last of their scheduled state dinners took place tonight, with Churchill and his daughter, Mary, entertaining Truman and Stalin at the "little No. 10 Downing street" here.

A tight-lipped silence was maintained in the allied compounds about concrete matters already agreed upon by the conferees.

Apartmentboat, Gay Marie, Sinks at Dock

The Gay Marie is on the beach. Once a riverboat, operating on the Willamette, later outfitted as a gambling vessel for a project which was abandoned before her varnish and fresh, bright paint were dry, the houseboat which has served as an apartment house on the Salem waterfront for two years probably will be written off as a loss, Willard Taylor, her owner, said Monday night.

Super-structure and furnishings for the dozen apartments are unharmed except as twisting of the Marie as she settled in the mud warped some doors. But the hull is probably of small salvage value, Taylor believes.

More small boats plied the river here Sunday than for the past year and the stirring of the water may have caused the original leak which caused the boat to settle until the river was washing into dried seams Sunday night, the owner suggests.

Residents of the boat have reported one particularly interested onlooker who remained on the banks above the boat's Chemeke street moorage much of Sunday night while Taylor and his assistants were trussing the vessel with cables. Possibility that the first leak was caused by a pervert is being considered, the owner admitted Monday. Insurance covering the Gay Marie was for fire and not for flood, he said.

Jap Base At Kure Attacked

Carrier Planes Of Third Fleet Hit in Strength

GUAM, Tuesday, July 24.—(AP)—Carrier planes of the U. S. Third fleet are attacking the Japanese naval base at Kure, on Japan's inland sea, in "great strength" in an assault which began at dawn and is still in progress.

It was the second onslaught against a major enemy naval base in seven days, planes of the same force having heavily damaged the Japanese battleship Nagato and sunk 12 other ships at Yokosuka last Wednesday.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who announced the present strike, gave no details. His terse communique said merely that the attack was on "military targets in the vicinity of Kure, in western Honshu." His use of the term "great strength," however, indicated that it was among the heaviest carrier-plane strikes of the war.

Previous use of the term has meant at least 1000 planes were involved.

Nimitz also announced that on Sunday light units—probably cruisers and destroyers—of the Pacific fleet shelled Paramushiro in the northern Japanese Kurile islands but that fog obscured results. Since he specified the Pacific fleet, this force undoubtedly was from Aleutian waters, part of the Ninth fleet of Vice-Adm. Frank Jack Fletcher.

On the same day, Sunday, American destroyers attacked enemy shipping directly off the coast of Chekiang province, China, south of Shanghai.

Several small craft were sunk and others damaged.

This was the first surface blow off the China coast, although planes have raided the area.

Floods Cause Crop Damage On East Coast

By the Associated Press
Overflowing rivers in the east caused damage unofficially estimated at more than \$2,000,000 to crops, victory gardens and property yesterday, (Monday) but hot, moist weather in the mid-west and west benefited corn and wheat crops.

Two deaths were attributed to the floods, and one woman was reported missing. Drownings caused five deaths; heat prostration, one.

Eastern and western New York, western Massachusetts, New Jersey and Vermont reported crops and gardens washed away by torrential rains that spilled rivers over their banks.

Roads were covered, communications disrupted, homes marooned and war work halted by the water.

Mrs. Roosevelt Gets First Sheet of New FDR Memorial Stamp

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—The first sheet of the new Roosevelt memorial postage stamp will be presented to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Thursday at ceremonies in Hyde Park.

Postmaster General Robert E. Hamegan will make the presentation.

The central design of the new one-cent stamp will be a photograph of the late president on the left and a reproduction of his ancestral home at Hyde Park on the right. The stamp will be printed in green.

Lambs Swamp Oregon Packers Following OPA's Point Removal

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Lambs swamped Oregon packers and wholesalers today following OPA's point removal order, but brisk buying cleared the market.

One packer said he purchased 300 lambs, but would not have done so if the removal order had not been issued.

Full effect of the directive will be felt in several days, when all sheepmen hear of the action, one shipper said.

The Valley Packing company, operator of Salem's federally inspected meat plant, will be back in the market for lambs by August 1, perhaps by the first of next week, G. F. Chambers, president of the company, said last night.

In Pacific



Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle

8th Air Force Will Be Hitting Japs by Aug. 1

GUAM, July 23.—(AP)—Jimmy Doolittle disclosed his return to the Pacific war today and announced that planes under his command—this time and henceforth mighty Superforts and escorting Thunderbolt fighters of the redeployed eighth air force—would be raiding Japan by August 1.

The colorful army air commander said at an interview that he has already inspected his new headquarters and striking base at Okinawa. He declared the newly-conquered island, only 325 miles from the Japan mainland and about 900 miles from Tokyo, was an excellent base.

Doolittle, now a lieutenant general, was a lieutenant colonel when he led the first American raid on Japan April 18, 1942.

Doolittle's Okinawa-based B-29s and fighters will add their destructive power to the 20th air force's Superforts based in the Marianas. He said that the first targets would be in Japan but that it was possible his Superforts would also range over China, Manchuria and Mongolia.

Second Largest
Osaka, population 3,250,000, is Japan's second largest city. It has iron, steel, electrical, aluminum, oil, airplane and shipbuilding industries.

It has been attacked five times previously, the first in March and four in June.

For Nagoya, one of Japan's four largest industrial centers and an important aircraft manufacturing city, this was the 17th attack by Superforts.

'Army Puts too Heavy Burden On Railroads'

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Col. J. Monroe Johnson, the nation's transportation chief, complained to congress today that the army kept him in the dark on re-deployment plans and is building up such a load the railroads simply can't carry it.

"Something must give way," the office of defense transportation director testified before the senate war investigating committee.

The army, he said, failed to consult him in drawing up a 16-month transportation program, and then speeded up troop return from Europe even beyond the planned rate.

Johnson said about 60 troop trains are moving daily now and the number will certainly reach 100 and may go higher.

Con Free But Not for Long

Twenty-year-old George Earl Wood, who escaped from a prison flax gang at mid-afternoon Monday, was back in the state penitentiary when cells were locked last night.

Wood, who was sent up in April to serve two years for burglary not in a dwelling, was found near the swimming pool on the prison farm by Everett Kaiser, state farmer. The youth had been swimming, though not from choice, Warden George Alexander said, having taken to the pool to avoid prison guards who were closing in on him.

France Hopes to Get Coal From United States

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—The Paris radio, reported by FCC, quoted "authoritative circles" today as expressing hope that France would receive 300,000 tons of coal monthly from the United States "in compensation for coal loaned by France to the United States for the redeployment of United States troops."

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600 Forts Hammer 2 Cities

Record-Breaking Assault Aimed At Osaka-Nagoya

By Al Dopking
GUAM, Tuesday, July 24.—(AP)—A record breaking strike by more than 600 B-29s attacked targets in the Osaka-Nagoya region with nearly 4000 tons of explosives at noon today.

It was the first Superfort strike in daylight in nearly a month.

The Superforts, splitting into several task forces, swooped brazenly without fighter escort at altitudes ranging from medium to high and dropped their loads of demolition bombs, weighing from 500 to 4000 pounds each.

The giant B-29s spread out for miles overhead like great silvery sharks as they caught two of Japan's most highly industrialized areas just at lunch time.

Daylight Blow
It was the first daylight strike on the Japanese home islands since June 26, when 10 aircraft and airplane parts factories in four Honshu industrial areas were hit by nearly 500 B-29s.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, commander of the 30th air force, did not immediately announce the number of targets on today's schedule, but it was likely the B-29s had several objectives as they struck from the largest force yet sent over Japan.

This was the third raid by more than 600 planes, but headquarters said that while exact figures would not be released, today's was the largest attack yet.

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