

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

The strike of the B-25 army bomber against the Empire State building in New York Saturday morning brought at once to mind the impact of the Jap kamikaze planes against our ships, although the B-25 was far larger; and of course was driven with no evil intent. Also it reminds one of the V-2 rockets showered on Britain, though they too were much smaller. The B-25 carried no explosives, its damage being caused by the force of its hit and the flaming gasoline poured into the building. Had it been loaded with six tons of high explosive the damage would have been far greater.

The accident gives Americans a sudden realization of their exposure in the event of another war, particularly if the enemy has floating carriers or long range rockets or bombers. New York City, Detroit, San Francisco would be rich hunting grounds for self-propelled missiles. Their street-canyons would quickly be filled with the rubble of their multi-storied buildings and with the carnage such wrecking would cause.

In our plans for national defense in the future it would be well to include provision for public safety. Of course we hope war does not break out again, and we hope that if it does our own airforce and navy can keep its destruction far from our shores. Even so, it would be well to study the protection of our cities through careful planning in such matters.

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Military Duty Will End for Gen. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, July 30. (AP)—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt's military service will end August 15.

The war department, which only last night disclosed that General Roosevelt had asked to be released from the service, gave out a formal announcement tonight saying that his military service would terminate next month.

The department said that Gen. Roosevelt had originally asked on May 11 to be relieved, and that its decision to relieve him had been taken "before the appearance of recent publicity with respect to certain financial transactions."

The 34 year old officer's financial affairs have been under official government inquiry for several weeks, as a result of reports that he received a \$200,000 loan from John Hartford, president of the great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, which was settled for \$4000.

Two Gunmen Grab \$11,000

BURBANK, Calif., July 30. (AP)—Two Hollywood bank messengers told police they were robbed of \$11,300 today by two gunmen, one of them wearing an army uniform with an "M.P." band on his sleeve and the other clad in civilian clothes.

The messengers, Victory Lohn and Thurston Patterson, said the robbers stopped the victims' car, got it, forced the messengers to drive into the hills, bound and gagged them and drove away.

Lohn, 26, of North Hollywood, and Patterson, 45, South Pasadena, told police the gunmen stopped them as they were enroute from the bank to deliver a weekly payroll to a Lockheed aircraft plant.

1200 Soldiers Return

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30. (AP)—Twelve Hundred soldiers, two thirds of them high pointers ready for discharge, were aboard a Pacific transport which docked today.

The ship also carried 196 civilians being repatriated from the Philippines. It was the first such large group returning in several months.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Japan's Coasts Blazing from Navy Pounding

GUAM, Tuesday, July 31. (AP)—American destroyers boldly plunged into the confines of Suruga gulf, 80 miles southwest of Tokyo, this morning and shelled the town of Shimizu while a 400-mile strip of Japan's coasts blazed from a fiery storm unleashed by 1500 or more American and British carrier planes.

Admiral Nimitz said the carrier planes in their Monday strike against Tokyo and the area extending southwestward to Kyushu, destroyed 65 enemy planes, damaged 73, sank seven vessels and damaged 53.

This was based on preliminary reports, subject to later enlargement, but it was notable that none of the ships hit was a heavy naval vessel.

Most of the ships were caught at Maizuru naval base on the west coast of Honshu 245 miles west of Tokyo.

The Japanese navy already had been given its death blow by three successive raids on the Kure naval base and earlier blows at the Yokosuka naval base. Eighteen action-packed days cost the enemy 68 warships, including three battleships, six aircraft carriers and six cruisers.

Nimitz also issued a terse preliminary report on the Monday morning shelling of Hamamatsu by American and British battleships, cruisers and destroyers.

Shelling Unopposed
That industrial city, 120 miles southwest of Tokyo and 40 miles southwest of Shimizu, suffered damage to its important railroad.

GUAM, July 31. (AP)—American carrier planes sank 24 Japanese vessels and damaged 75 others in last Saturday's strike at the Kure naval base and along the inland sea. Admiral Nimitz announced today in revising the damage upward.

Two new aircraft carriers, whose flight decks were partially ripped up, were added to the warships damaged in the strike which virtually finished the job of knocking out the imperial fleet. Both were still afloat.

The heavy cruiser Tone was beached.

Shops, several of which were fire-gutted, and to its textile works and other buildings from 1000 tons of American and British explosive shells. The shelling was unopposed.

There was no response yet on results of the daring destroyer action at Shimizu shortly after midnight. The town, once a famed Japanese tea-exporting point but lately an aluminum producing center, was subjected to a B-29 fire raid on July 7. It sits picturesquely in a tiny bay with Japan's sacred Mount Fuji as a backdrop.

Nimitz named the Schroeder and Harrison as among the undisclosed number of American destroyers that shelled the town's military objectives.

Airfields, Shipping Hit
The carrier-borne American and British planes meanwhile were striking hard at enemy airfields and lesser shipping. More than 60 airfields were among the targets. The Americans destroyed 58 enemy planes on the ground and damaged 68 while the British fliers shot two out of the air, destroyed five on the ground and damaged five.

One of the enemy air borne planes was destroyed near the fleet—the only mention of possible opposition to the strike that began at dawn yesterday.

The American planes, on the basis of the preliminary report alone, sank one enemy cargo vessel, two midget submarines and three small craft; and damaged one escort aircraft carrier, one large transport, four destroyer escorts, one submarine tender, one large submarine, seven midget submarines, one gunboat, seven cargo vessels and 11 assorted small craft.

The British planes sank one lugger and damaged 12 cargo vessels, three destroyers and four destroyer escorts.

NURSES ARRIVE AT LEWIS

FORT LEWIS, July 30. (AP)—Ready for more work and adventure after service in Europe, 243 army nurses arrived at the medical training center here today for reassignment and redeployment to the Pacific.

Captured Leaders of Hitler's Germany Break Down Morally, Physically as They Wait Trial

By George Tucker

MONDORF, Luxembourg, July 30. (AP)—The captured leaders of Adolf Hitler's Germany are breaking morally and physically as they await trial as war criminals.

American army records kept since the interrogation center here was opened May 13 reveal the stern effects of fear and confinement on nazidom's supposed "iron men."

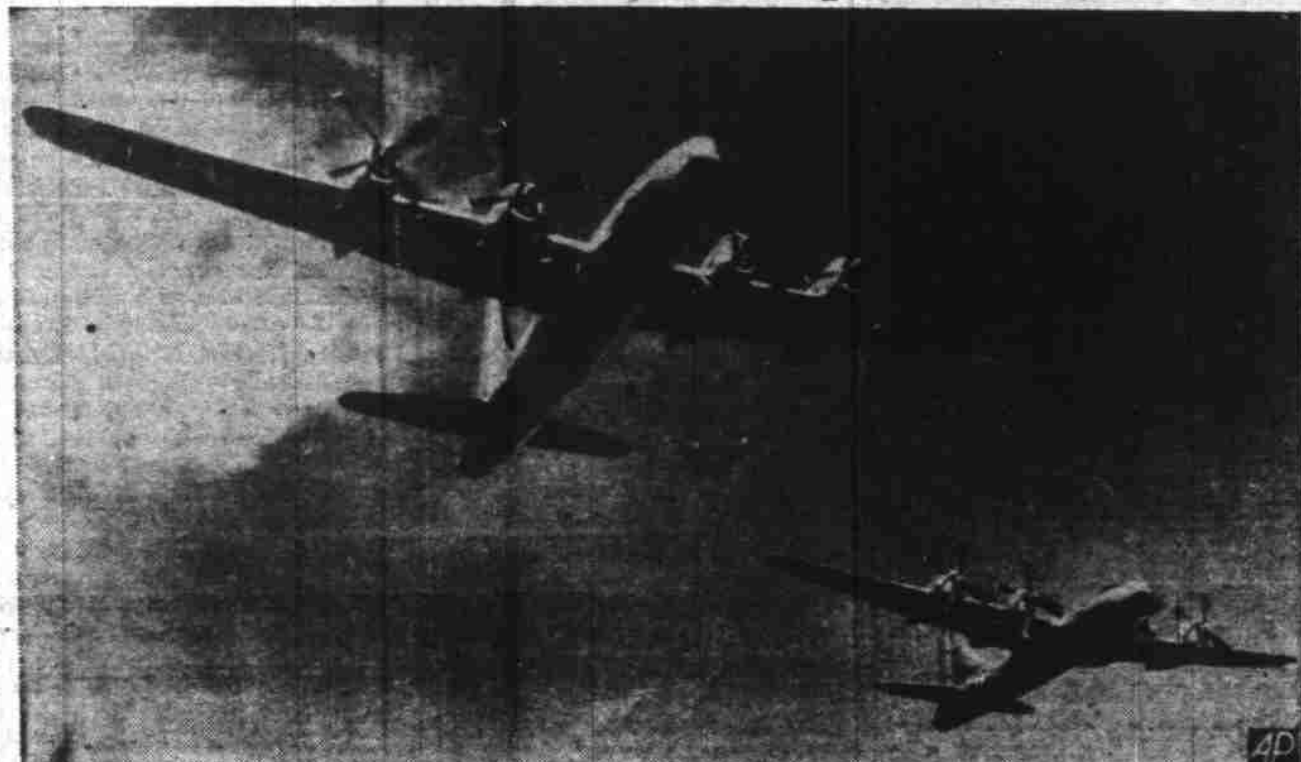
The records show: Herman Goering remains in abject fear of death. Dr. Hans Frank, Nazi chieftain in Poland, shifts between hysterical and scorn, constantly crying out in his anguish that "I am a criminal!"

Robert Ley, overlord of Nazi workmen, disintegrating physically and morally, has only one friend among the dozens of top nazis here—Julius Streicher, Hitler's No. 1 Jew biter. Streicher himself now professes to have decided that there are "good Jews" and that Jews should be allowed to live unmoled.

Of these top-ranking nazis and the Nazi military leaders who planned and fought history's most

WPB FAVORS CLOSING OF SALEM ALUMINA PLANT

New B-32 Dominator Superbombers



Two new B-32 Dominator Superbombers are shown in flight in this first photo of them just released. The craft are being produced at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation's Ft. Worth, Tex., plant. (AP Wirephoto)

Big 3 Has Not Held Meeting Since Saturday

POTSDAM, July 30. (AP)—The big three has not held a business meeting since Saturday night, it was learned tonight.

Censorship would not permit speculation on the reason for the failure of the big three to get together today, but it was said tonight that the lack of a meeting would occasion no serious delay in bringing the conference to a conclusion. Optimism was said to be undiminished.

The conference has proceeded since Saturday on the foreign secretary level, and a session was held today, but it was not a top-flight meeting of the big three.

The belief prevailed tonight, however, that President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee would meet again Tuesday to continue work toward their final agreements.

Laval's Trip From Spain Delayed Again

BARCELONA, July 30. (AP)—Pierre Laval said a "regretful" farewell to Spain today, but after his plane had taxied twice around the field it had to return because of engine trouble and the former Vichy premier's party was left waiting nervously tonight for repairs to be made.

Spain had ordered Laval to leave the country today in the same swastika-decorated Junkers plane which brought him here from Bolzano, Italy, 89 days ago. The order called for the plane to return to its point of departure, but officials agreed that once in the air Laval and his two German pilots were masters of their own destination and might go anywhere.

MARINE FOSSILS FOUND

EUGENE, July 30. (AP)—Discovery of a marine fossil bed near the mouth of the Rogue river containing remains of prehistoric oysters was revealed by Dr. Warren D. Smith, University of Oregon geologist, today.

Far East Air Force Planes Blast Carrier

MANILA, Tuesday, July 31. (AP)—Mitchell bombers of the far eastern air forces attacked a large Japanese aircraft carrier at the Kure naval base Sunday, left it listing and down at the stern and other planes sank or damaged 20 or more Japanese ships, General MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

A direct hit on the carrier was not claimed as clouds obscured vision, and it may have been hit earlier by navy planes. It was a different one, however, from the light carrier Katsuragi, which was identified as the one damaged in the previous sweep Saturday.

The headquarters spokesman also reported reconnaissance photographs showed the battleship Haruna, hit by both army and navy bombers, still afloat but badly damaged at Kure.

American Press Convoy Enters Ruins of Vienna
VIENNA, July 30. (AP)—An American press convoy entered Vienna today and found the historic city scarred by smoke-blackened ruins and its people, traditionally carefree, still smiling but begging, "Will you feed us?"

Allied Control Council for Germany Maps Plans; OKs Berlin Sector for French

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN, July 30. (AP)—The allied council, holding its first meeting today with General Eisenhower presiding, bolstered hopes that a uniform pattern of allied rule would be imposed for all four occupation zones in Germany.

Control machinery is yet to be set up, but all four powers were believed convinced that Germany must be regarded as a single entity instead of territorial fragments to be governed independently according to the whims of each occupying army.

Eisenhower, British Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Soviet Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov and France's hero soldier Lt. Gen. Pierre Koeng passed along to their deputies for study and report at the next meeting, August 10, proposals for "establishment and bringing into operation the organs of control provided for in the agreement on control machinery in Germany."

The council said it "took note with approval of the arrangements reached for allocation of a sector of Berlin to the forces of occupation of the French republic."

Boundaries of the sector that will be taken over by the French were not stipulated.

In addition the council agreed to hold meetings on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month and at any other time upon request of any member. It agreed also that the chairmanship should "rotate every calendar month in the following alphabetical order by countries starting with the month of August: Eisenhower, Montgomery, Koeng and Zhukov."

Hitler Death Not Certain

BERLIN, July 30. (AP)—"There is no definite proof that Hitler is dead," Col. Gen. Alexander Gorbatov, Russian chairman of the allied commandant for Berlin, told allied newsmen today, declaring he did "not rule out the possibility that he is alive and in hiding."

"But," the general added, "the saying goes in the Red army that he definitely is nowhere in Russian territory."

Gorbatov said he had heard reports that Hitler's dentist had taken a human jawbone to Moscow and identified it as that of Hitler, but said he knew nothing beyond that.

Construction of Steiner Hill-Albany Road Project Starts
Included in the project is a \$600,000 steel triple-arch bridge across the Santiam river four miles downstream from the present Jefferson bridge and a \$70,000 overpass above the Southern Pacific rails south of Jefferson.

All of the bridge work is to be completed before the next high water in the Santiam and all grading should be finished by fall, Baldock said.

The entire new highway is to be completed by September 30, 1946. Warren Northwest company holds the paving contract on the work now in progress, while C. J. Montag & Son are in charge of bridge construction.

Metals Chief Thinks WPB Will Not Act

SEATTLE, July 30. (AP)—Charles F. Clise, chairman of the board of Columbia Metals, said tonight he did not believe the war production board would carry through its recommendation that the Salem, Ore., alumina plant be closed.

Columbia Metals operates the Salem plant.

"The plant is valuable for experimental purposes and should be kept open," he said.

"In the interest of national safety it would be wise to keep the plant in operation and I'm sure the WPB will see it that way. If they do close it it will be like our synthetic rubber situation at the beginning of the war. When the national emergency arose we were caught short."

Built at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000, the Salem alumina plant will be ready to commence its pilot (or experimental) operations in late September if construction and installation work are allowed to continue, officials said Monday night. Its payroll of \$100,000 monthly would continue during experiments with various western clays and variations of the chemical processes by which alumina may be segregated.

Selection of Tax Head Due

With the elimination of Umatilla County Judge Carl Chambers, who asked Monday that his name be removed from the list of possible appointees, selection of a state tax commissioner to succeed Earl B. Day may come out of today's meeting of the state board of control.

Other names before the board are those of Sen. Coe McKenna, Multnomah county, and R. L. Gile, Roseburg, McKenna, a realtor, has served three sessions in the senate, while Gile, a prune broker, is a member of the house of representatives.

Day, appointed to the tax commission in May, 1941, is returning to Jackson county, where he owns a farm and has other property interests.

The position of tax commissioner carries a salary of \$4200 a year.

Adair Soldier River Victim

CORVALLIS, July 30. (Special)—The body of T. Sgt. Harry S. Stergos, who was drowned in the Willamette river just north of Corvallis late last week while attempting to rescue a Camp Adair buddy, has been shipped to St. Louis, Mo. Brief funeral services were held at the DeMoss-Britt Mayflower chapel here for the young technical sergeant, whose father, Sam Stergos, resides in the Missouri city.

Stergos, with Vito M. Ziccardi and Robert A. Nappé, all recent arrivals at Camp Adair, had gone fishing from logs in the river when Ziccardi, who does not swim, slipped into the river. He was saved, but Stergos was drowned attempting to rescue him.

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

LOS ANGELES, July 30. (AP)—James J. Walker, 64, former mayor of New York City, was released from a hospital today where he had been undergoing treatment for a minor stomach ailment.

Said No Longer Essential

WASHINGTON, July 30. (AP)—The war production board has recommended that work at a Salem, Ore., alumina plant be stopped, a WPB spokesman said tonight.

He said that it no longer is essential to the war effort. The decision of what is to be done with the plant will be up to the defense plant corporation, he added. DFC, he pointed out, owns the plant and is the final authority on whether work should be halted.

WASHINGTON, July 30. (AP)—Aluminum division of WPB has determined the Salem, Ore., alumina reduction plant is not essential to the war program and Director Nigel Bell said today the division would recommend to WPB Chairman J. A. Krug that plant production plans be canceled.

Bell said if Krug and the war department concur in the recommendation a directive will be sent to Columbia Metals Co., operators of the newly constructed plant, to cease activities.

He said the plant was scheduled to begin production August 1 but failure to procure aluminum sulphate delayed the schedule. The chemical is needed for fertilizer.

"This plant is not needed to meet war requirements," Bell said. "And under the circumstances I do not see that the WPB has any justification for continuing to sponsor the costs of the project."

Bell said if WPB cancels its sponsorship it will then rest with RFC, owner of the plant, to make plans for its disposal or operation.

Warden, Aides Of Michigan Prison Fired

LANSING, Mich., July 30. (AP)—The state corrections commission tonight fired Warden Harry H. Jackson and six other suspended officials of the state prison of southern Michigan who have been accused by Attorney General John R. Dethmers of responsibility for alleged maladministration in the penitentiary.

At the instance of Dethmers, the commission rescinded its decision of Monday afternoon to grant the seven accused officials a public hearing August 10 and 11.

The commission yielded to Dethmers' assertion that a corrections commission hearing would be unnecessary and that the right of the officials would be protected by the state civil service commission at a constitutional hearing before that agency.

3 Portlanders Lost in Plane

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30. (AP)—Three Portlanders flying in a private plane from San Francisco to Eugene, Ore., were reported to be overdue here tonight.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan L. Gosliner and Mrs. Gosliner's sister, Mrs. Alma V. Pratt.

They left San Francisco at 11 a. m. Saturday in a chartered plane and checked out of the Red Bluff, Calif., airport for Eugene at 1:10 p. m. There had been no report since that time. Visibility was reportedly bad because of forest fires.

Seagulls Save Crops
PIERRE, S. D., July 30. (AP)—Thousands of seagulls have helped "put the run" on the Pierre area's grasshopper population in a throwback to the storied assault by their ancestors upon the locust infestation of early-day Mormon fields in Utah.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	80	53	80
Eugene	77	45	80
Salem	77	45	80
Portland	77	45	80
Seattle	73	47	80
Willamette river	33	31	80

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy early this morning, will clear before noon, with quite warm temperatures this afternoon. Maximum near 80 degrees.