

Admiral Yamamoto, Commander of Jap Fleet, Killed

Manner of Pearl Harbor Attack Dies in Aerial Action

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Japan announced today the death in air combat in the South Pacific of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander in chief of her fleet, the man who planned and executed the attack on Pearl Harbor and one who boasted that he would dictate peace terms to the United States in the White House.



ADMIRAL Yamamoto, who planned to "dictate the peace" in the White House, died in the air in the South Pacific.

Approval Near in Cannery Pay

SEATTLE, May 21.—(AP)—A 10-cent hourly pay increase for 60,000 cannery workers in Washington and Oregon, granted by the regional war labor board, is virtually certain of approval by the national board, Dr. George B. Noble, regional board chairman, said last night.

Dr. Noble said he had been informed by top officials of the national board that "this important issue has the green light" because of the urgency of assuring a record pack of fruits and vegetables this year.

The decision covers 40,000 workers in Washington and near 20,000 in Oregon.

Dr. Noble said the hourly wage for west Washington and the Portland area under the decision would be: men, 80 1/2 cents; women, 66 1/2; piece workers, 68 1/2.

The board chairman said the board would not have to go before the office of price administration, the director of economic stabilization, James F. Byrnes, if the increases do not insist on price increases. He said cannery had been with the CIO and AFL in fighting for the wage increases.

Wood Products Plant Bought for Eugene

The Eugene chamber of commerce has asked for consideration of Eugene as the site for a \$100,000 Oregon wood products "pilot plant" for which Senator Rufus Holman intends to seek federal appropriation.

Loy W. Rowling, chamber president, Wednesday sent telegrams to Senator Ellsworth, congressman from Oregon's fourth district, and Senator Holman, suggesting that Eugene, as center of Oregon's lumber industry, is the "logical place" for such a plant.

The Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association is working with the chamber in obtaining the prospective plant for this area.

Ellsworth replied that Holman is framing the bill for the plant presentation in the senate, and that he, Ellsworth, would introduce a companion bill in the house. "Will do everything possible to have plant located in my district and believe Eugene area logical location," Ellsworth said in the telegram.

Holman informed the chamber that selection of a site will not be made until the project is authorized and funds are available.

The plant would make commercial use of wood products, commonly regarded as waste, through processes developed by the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis.

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28,000 Detroit Auto Workers Out on Strike

DETROIT, May 21.—(AP)—The regional war labor board ordered 28,000 striking Chrysler Corp. employees to return to work immediately today amid increasing indications that a breach is imminent among top-ranking officials of the powerful United Automobile Workers (CIO).

DETROIT, May 21.—(AP)—Leo La Motte, director of the Chrysler division of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), charged today that current strikes in Detroit war industries are being "fomented by high officials of the UAW because of political reasons."

Almost as La Motte issued his statement, company officials announced closing down of a sixth Chrysler plant—the De Soto bomber factory—when 4,000 employees joined 24,000 other strikers in Detroit's worst labor stoppage since Pearl Harbor.

Five other plants of the Chrysler Corp. and the Kelsey, Hayes Wheel Co., and a plant of the Ray-Day Piston Corp., all engaged in war production, were affected by the flurry of stoppages.

A Chrysler spokesman said continuation of the strikes may close the corporation's tank arsenal Saturday and jeopardize the jobs of 85,000 employees in 24 other Chrysler war plants.

The war labor board telegraphed all local union presidents, declaring "the national interest demands that the striking employees return to work immediately."

Meanwhile, federal and state conciliators and representatives of the army branches whose supplies were curtailed by the strikes conferred with company and union officials, hoping to obtain quick restoration of production.

A Chrysler spokesman described the stoppages as "plain sabotage," although President R. J. Thomas and other ranking UAW-CIO officials insisted they were not authorized by the international union.

Lester Downie, an official of the Kelsey, Hayes Co., said the walkouts at his plants were "well planned."

"This talk about it being a wild-cat strike is the bunk," he said. "They didn't even approach us to negotiate any grievances before walking out."

A spokesman for Chrysler Corp. said 5,000 night shift workers at the firm's Dodge plant and 4,000 at the Jefferson and Kercheval plants responded to broadcast warnings from UAW-operated sound trucks not to enter the factories.

"The men involved in the strikes," he charged, "have legitimate and serious grievances, but I believe that they and their leaders are making a mistake by seeking to adjust these grievances through strikes."

At the same time Thomas alleged the managements "are completely responsible for the unrest which has led to today's walkouts. The strike had the backing of Earl Reynolds, Dodge local president, who said he ordered the walkout to protest an alleged company policy of hiring new workers at pay higher than that given workers with seniority."

A Chrysler spokesman "emphatically denied" that this was true and termed the series of strikes "plain sabotage."

The evening was a pleasant diversion from most of the season has brought so far. As the crowd assembled one could hear snatches of conversation about this plant and that in the victory garden, or comment on the latest bulletin from the war news. Once the program, started, however, gardens, the appeal of spring's outdoors, and worry about the war.

Survivors include, besides the husband, one son, Wilbur, of Paisley, Ore.; a sister and two brothers, Mrs. May Turkington and Paul Zumwalt of Portland, and Lynn Zumwalt, Junction City, Rt. 2.

The Poole chapel has charge of funeral arrangements.

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S-SGT. GEORGE W. WILLIAMSON

Sergeant Wins 5 Decorations In One Month

Five decorations within a single month, the final one the distinguished flying cross, which is the highest award he can receive next to the congressional medal, is the record of Staff Sergeant George Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hedrick of 1248 Bethel Drive, Eugene. Sergeant Williamson is a member of a Flying Fortress crew stationed in England. He formerly flew with the late Major Tom Taylor of Eugene, who was leader of their squadron.

The first decoration which Sergeant Williamson received was the air medal, given for raids over Paris at the time the allies bombed a large factory turning out trucks for the Germans. Three oak clusters, each a separate decoration, for gallantry in action, had been added to the medal, and the latest V-mail letter from the flyer states: "Received the distinguished flying cross today. It's a nice medal in the shape of a cross, with four-bladed propeller, made of gold."

Over the radio, the Hedricks learned that their son's decoration this time was given him for bringing in his plane after the pilot had been incapacitated.

Sergeant Williamson was born at Drain, was graduated from Drain high school and enlisted from there in April, 1942. His parents have since moved to Eugene.

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Japs On Attu Making Last Stand In 15-Square Mile Area; Planes Attack

Allied Air Units Continue Blows On Germany

LONDON, May 21.—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses heavily raided German U-boat and naval installations at Wilhelmshaven and Emden today in another two-pronged assault on Nazi sea bases which cost 12 of the big Boeing bombers.

The Fortresses swarmed back into the non-stop Allied air offensive against the continent after a one-day lull that followed their double-barreled attack on Flensburg and Kiel.

Speedy Mosquito bombers of the Royal Air Force raided Berlin for the second consecutive night a few hours earlier, while other planes struck at Nazi communications and industrial targets on a broad front.

Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking at Edinburgh, said pile-driver blows now being delivered against the Reich could be called the "Battle of Germany," and would continue ceaselessly until unconditional surrender had been forced on the Axis in Berlin.

The attack on Berlin was the 66th of the war by the Royal Air Force, and the fifth within an eight-day period.

The air ministry announced that all of the Berlin raiders returned safely, as they had the night before. Neither raid was in great strength.

Planes of the bomber command laid mines in enemy waters last night.

One fighter plane was missing from all operations, the air ministry announced.

The intruder sweeps have been carried out for nine consecutive days by the RAF.

A Mosquito light bomber patrolling between Essen in the German Ruhr and Bremen set fire to a factory with cannon bursts and attacked and halted a train. Another Mosquito hit seven different trains near Bremen.

A Canadian Beaufighter squadron attacked locomotives, barges, supply wagons and canal jetties, and other Beaufighters damaged two locomotives and destroyed a motor truck between Chartres and Orleans in France.

One German Heinkel-III was shot down during the night by a Beaufighter. Two Beaufighters of the coastal command had shot down a Junkers-88 over the bay of Biscay yesterday.

Thugs Beat, Rob Man
Emmitt C. Sizemore, construction laborer, is in the Sacred Heart hospital with a fractured skull. City police say that he was hit over the head with a club, near the Southern Pacific depot, and robbed of about \$4.

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113 Enemy Planes Destroyed Over Italy, Sardinia

By NOLAND NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 21.—(AP)—American fighters and bombers destroyed 113 enemy planes in widespread and devastating raids yesterday against Italy and Sardinia during what was officially called "one of the greatest victory days in the history of the strategic air force."

The strategic air force, under command of U. S. Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, is made up of U. S. heavy and medium and RAF medium bombers.

Aircraft of a half dozen types participated in the whirlwind aerial action in which 91 axis planes were shattered on the ground and 22 axis pilots engaged in air combat were sent crashing in flames. One American plane was lost.

Twelve of 25 Savoia-Marchetti-79s, three-engined Italian bombers, were set afire on the Milas airfield.

LONDON, May 21.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch which quoted NBC said today allied air raiders scored direct hits yesterday on a dam in central Sardinia, recalling the RAF breaching on Germany's Moehne and Eder dams Sunday night.

The great Tiro dam, which may have been an allied target, is in central Sardinia on the largest artificial lake in Europe, Reuters said, describing it as about twice the size of the quarter-mile-long Eder dam.

The hydro-electric plant at Tiro dam was said to provide most of Sardinia's electric power. The lake was described as 1 1/2 miles long and three miles wide with a storage capacity of nearly 15,000,000,000 cubic feet of water.

Hundreds of civilian recruits—including high school boys and girls in some towns—labored throughout the night in towns regarded as in imminent danger, aiding engineers and soldiers in the struggle to hold back the surging waters.

Red Cross officials rushed relief to the stricken families and government engineers and soldiers aided civilians in evacuating homes in hundreds of towns and cities and farms.

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Yank Aircraft Bomb Remains Of Nip Garrison

BULLETIN!
WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that the battle for Attu island is "a successful operation" and is now in the "mopping up" stage.

Asked at a press conference whether he would say that to all intents and purposes the campaign to smash the Japanese force on the westernmost of the Aleutian islands is now over, Knox replied: "It's a successful operation—no question about that. It is a mopping up operation now. The situation is a good deal like the Tunisian operation when the enemy was driven back on Cap Bon."

Japanese troops on Attu are now encircled on a little peninsula on the northeastern end of the island, Knox noted, and "it is only a question of time until they will either be liquidated or surrender."

The secretary was asked about axis reports that the Japanese were evacuating their troops from Attu and he said, "I don't think they are; we control the sea approaches."

He declined to talk about what might be done with regard to the Japanese forces on Kiska island, their main base 172 nautical miles southeast of Attu. He said that would be discussing future operations.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—The navy reported today that operations on Attu island in the north Pacific are continuing with the latest reports indicating that the Japanese are making a last stand in defense of ground on the island's northeastern extremity.

(The Vichy radio in a broadcast recorded in London said today that "the Japanese have begun to evacuate Attu." This had no confirmation.)

The enemy, as of Wednesday, held an area of about 15 or 20 square miles with a line opposite American advancing forces about five miles long.

Operations Continue
Today's communique however, gave no information on what had occurred on Attu yesterday and officers said frankly that all they could be sure of for the present was that operations are continuing.

They assumed that the Japanese probably had been driven back somewhat farther in the meantime, although fog and cold might have slowed down the American movement.

Navy communique number 385 said: "North Pacific: On May 19th, operations on Attu continued. Japanese forces have established positions on the high ground east of Attu village. United States army bombers attacked Japanese entrenchments in the area north of Sarana bay."

Yesterday's communique also had told of operations on the 19th and had said that army bombers attacked military objectives in the Chichagof area.

Regional WLB Man To Address Loggers
Thomas F. Noble, of San Francisco, regional chairman of the war labor board, will address the fifth annual Willamette valley logging conference Saturday, instead of the previously announced Wayne L. Morse.

The conference will be a dinner meeting starting at the Osburn hotel at 6:30 p. m.

Morse, public member of WLB and now on leave as dean of the University of Oregon law school, is detained in Washington on official business.

Vic Torrey of Marshfield, president of the conference, Friday named committee chairmen, including Beryl H. Hunter and Faye Abrams, both of Eugene, and Fred A. Hills, Jasper. Approximately 200 loggers are expected for the streamlined event.

The program will feature an address of welcome by Loy W. Rowling, Eugene chamber of commerce president; response by C. W. Ingham, president, Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association; remarks by President Torrey and H. J. Cox, secretary-manager of the association, and committee reports.

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100,000 Flee Homes in Flood

By The Associated Press
Spreading waters from the rampaging Mississippi and Missouri rivers brought added concern to southern Illinois and Missouri today as other smaller streams in six mid-west states rose relentlessly, causing further widespread destruction in the flood-stricken zone.

As the two big rivers joined together early today some 10 miles northwest of the normal confluence near Alton, Ill., the number of persons driven from their homes by the disastrous floods was close to 100,000—as estimated by Red Cross officials and other observers.

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Air Raid Warning Signal

Short blasts, repeated every three seconds for two minutes, will be the official air raid warning signal. A long steady blast approximately a minute long will be the all-clear signal.