

SCORES KILLED AS FIRE RAZES CIRCUS TENT

Supreme Governor Of Moose To Visit Local Lodge Friday



Mark Roy Gray

Kowel Seized By Red Troops

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—Premier Stalin announced today the capture of Kowel, south of the Pripet marshes and 70 miles west of Brest Litovsk.

4-Party EFGA Pact Ordered

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association must recognize the Oregon Council of Cannery and Process Workers unions and the American Federation of Labor as parties to the agreement signed June 12 between the association and the Eugene cannery workers local 23031, it was revealed by a national war labor board directive of May 18, made public Thursday through the local union headquarters.

Col. Kermit Stevens Host To Royal Family

By HOWARD COWAN
A BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, July 6.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the eighth army air force, took the royal family on a tour of four flying fortress bases today and every body, including thousands of camera-clicking GIs had a swell time.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Oregon—Fair west, partly cloudy at portion tonight and Friday; scattered showers north portion tonight and Friday; cooler tonight, warmer west portion, Friday.

Local Statistics

Minimum temperature, Thursday morning, 52 degrees; maximum temperature, Wednesday, 80 degrees; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Thursday, 2.46 feet.

Mark Roy Gray, publisher and editor of the Indianapolis Commercial, daily newspaper, for the past 18 years and supreme governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, will visit Eugene Friday evening.

Gray has been in the newspaper business the greater part of his life, having been employed in the mechanical as well as the editorial departments before becoming a publisher in his own right. He established the Hoosier Moose in 1917 as a weekly fraternal paper and continuously edited it since that time.

Gray has spent most of his time fraternally as a worker in the Loyal Order of Moose. He has served on the press committees at most of the order's conventions since 1917, and besides being supreme governor of the order is also secretary of the Indianapolis lodge, second largest body in point of membership. In 1941 he started through the chair of the supreme lodge of the Moose. He turned a like interest to his home lodge of Indianapolis, where a fine country home was erected.

He is a director of the Rotary club of Indianapolis, director of Travelers' Aid association, and in addition to all departments of the Moose he is a member of the Masonic order, Eagles, Elks and others. He has two children—two sons and a son-in-law in the armed forces—one in the navy, one in the infantry and one in aviation. Another son will soon become of age to serve his country.

While in Eugene Gray will be guest of honor at a dinner at 6 p. m. at Will's cafe and will later talk at the lodge session at 8 p. m.

Mine Victims Feared Doomed

BELLAIRE, O., July 6.—(UP)—Mine officials today gave up as dead 64 miners trapped five miles inside the burning Powhatan coal mine, 14 miles south of here, and began sealing the mine shafts.

Hope for the men was abandoned when the first one of the four entrances which had been extinguished broke out again and forced weary rescue crews to return to the surface.

Mine officials said it was necessary to seal the entrances to the mines to put out the fire, which began at 12:30 p. m. yesterday, before it destroyed the entire mine.

Roy Fox, supervisor of the Powhatan Coal Mining company, owner of the mine, the largest in Ohio, said that in "my opinion the men are dead. How they died we do not know. Their supply of

Murder Charge Filed In Hermiston Death

PENDLETON, July 6.—(AP)—A charge of second degree murder was filed before Justice Fred Schmidt of Pendleton today against Francis A. Flynn, 39, of Hermiston in the fatal shooting of Ronald L. Coffman, Richland, Wash., in Hermiston early Sunday morning.

Spanish War Veterans Return To Eugene After Ten Years

Program of the 36th annual department encampment and reunion of the United Spanish War Veterans and auxiliary, to be held in Eugene July 9-12, was announced Thursday.

James T. Marr Named To Head Oregon AFL

PORTLAND, July 6.—(AP)—James T. Marr, 44, Portland, became executive secretary of the state federation of labor today. The AFL executive council named Marr last night to replace D. E. Nickerson, who died Thursday. H. J. Detloff, a member of the machinist union 63, was appointed to Marr's former position as vice-president of the federation.



THEIR FRIENDS TRAPPED—Miners and officials at mouth of nearby Powhatan mine await news of attempt to rescue 64 men trapped in the burning mine. (AP Wirephoto. Wiltshire engraving)

Bond Buyers Back Nimitz Day With Sales Spurt Of \$754,734

Lane county won a small battle on the home front Wednesday in honor of "Admiral Nimitz day" by buying \$754,734 in war bonds. The day, celebrating the commander of the Pacific fleet and the men who fight under him, was the biggest bond-sales day since beginning of the fifth war loan.

To date in the drive, said Campaign Chairman L. Clifton Culp, \$3,994,496 in bonds has been sold. Deadline for meeting the quota of \$5,000,000 is only three days away, Saturday, July 8. Daily sales must average \$333,000 to beat the final gun.

Bond leaders were hoping that these last three days, named in honor of army four-star generals, would be equally inspiring as Admiral Nimitz day in stimulating

Final Events Ready To Put Lane Over Top

Lane county's fifth war loan will conclude with a series of entertainments, special events, and meetings meant to stimulate \$1,000,000 in bond sales Thursday, Friday, and Saturday so that the goal will be reached by midnight of the week's end.

Thursday is "free movie day" at all Eugene movie theaters. Free admission will be granted to each patron who buys his bond at the theater he wishes to attend. (General admission is not restricted.)

Friday morning at 9:30 will be the young people's movie bill at the McDonald, open to all under high school age who present tickets obtained on purchase of bonds. Two feature pictures and two cartoons will be shown.

Meals loan women's division meets Friday noon for a report luncheon at the Eugene hotel, announces Mrs. Harold Jensen, in charge of residential solicitation. Chairmen are asked to turn in a list of names of all their workers, and a report on sales.

Saturday night at 8, on Willamette street between Broadway and Tenth, a "victory dance" will be staged. Special events, at which merchandise contributed by Eugene merchants will be given away, are scheduled for 9:30.

Engagement To FDR's Son Elliott Denied

PORT EDWARDS, Wis., July 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Franz Rosebush said today that reports that she had announced the engagement of her daughter, Wac Capt. Ruth Briggs, 32, to Col. Elliott Roosevelt, twice-divorced son of the president, were "entirely in error."

"I have not made any such statement and have no idea how the story got started," she told the United Press.

Announcement of the engagement was reported yesterday in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune. The Tribune said the engagement had been confirmed by the girl's mother.

Bulletins

DE GAULLE ARRIVES WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, saluted by the firing of 17 guns and greeted by America's highest military leaders, arrived by plane today from Algiers for important conferences with President Roosevelt.

BLAST KILLS THREE OIL CITY, Pa., July 6.—(AP)—Three persons were killed, nine injured and four others overcome by fumes when fire, following an explosion, swept through part of the \$1,500,000 octane plant of the Pennzoil Co., one mile north of Oil City.

NINE JAP SHIPS SUNK U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 6.—(AP)—United States carrier planes sank nine Japanese ships, probably sank six and damaged at least 21 vessels in their July 4 strike on the Bonin islands.

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Yanks Capture Three Towns In La Haye Fight

BULLETIN LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—An estimated 7,000 allied warplanes smashed at the Germans from the Normandy battlefield in the Battle today in the biggest aerial offensive in a single day since the beginning of the invasion.

Heavy and medium bombers, accompanied by virtually all types of fighters, scattered bombs across northwest Germany, hitting the seaport of Kiel, struck at the flying bomb platforms in the Pas de Calais area, and raided airfields in France.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 6.—(AP)—Three more towns have fallen to Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's foot-slogging American infantrymen.

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—Berlin announced tonight that Marshal Karl Rudolf von Rundstedt, commander of German forces in the west had been replaced by Marshal Guenther von Kluge.

flanking La Haye du Puits, the Germans' western anchor point in Normandy, supreme headquarters announced today.

The Americans took Glatigny, four miles southwest of La Haye and Scorman, nearby, in the sector near the west coast, while six miles east of the besieged town they captured La Butte, advancing their lines to the edge of the morass, the Marais de Gorges.

In the frontal attack on La Haye, however, front line dispatches reported that Americans who had captured the railway station there withdrew temporarily, to wait for further progress on the flanks.

Field dispatches said the greatest progress was made on the Carentan-Periers road where a 2000-yard advance resulted in the capture of Culot, 4½ miles southwest of Carentan.

But the Germans hit back in strength, regaining 500 yards, and late in the day the Americans were reported holding on just outside the village.

The supreme command announced that 1313 square miles of Normandy had been liberated—an average of 43 square miles a day since the invasion.

Headquarters announced that Nazi troops were more densely packed in defense positions in the Caen region than on any battle ground in this or the last war. The allied troops also are closely packed, with little freedom of movement.

The German high command was reported throwing tanks and infantry lavishly into the battle, and hand-to-hand fighting was going on for the airfields south of newly-captured Carpiquet.

The mile-long Carpiquet airfield is a no-man's land and an officer observer reported to supreme headquarters that three sets of two huge hangars had been destroyed.

Today's clearing weather gave promise of the most intense air activity for three weeks. Front dispatches indicated that medium bombers, which have been inactive over the battle area for several days, struck last night and this morning in and around Caen.

The German air force took advantage of a cloud cover yesterday to challenge the allied air supremacy in isolated sectors but lost 35 planes in the air against 17 for the allies. Four other German planes were destroyed on the ground.

Japanese Gas Use Confirmed

14TH U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE BASE, China, June 29.—(Delayed)—Capt. Ralph F. Thompson, a U. S. army chemical warfare intelligence officer, confirmed today that the Japanese were using poison gas against the Chinese defenders of Henkang.

Thompson found evidence of use of both mustard and Lewisite gas, he reported on his return from a special trip to Henkang to investigate Chinese claims that death-dealing gases were being employed by the Japanese.

Through the Chinese on several previous occasions have made similar claims. This was believed to mark the first time that they have been investigated on the spot and confirmed by an American army officer.

Baseball

American Cleveland 000 000 000—0 4 3 New York 200 011 00x—4 8 3 Harder, Heving (7); and Schlueter, McDonnell (7); Borowy and Garbark.

American St. Louis 301 000 100—5 10 0 Philadelphia 000 000 000—0 4 0 Muncie and Hayworth; Wheaton and Hayes.

Detroit 000 001 020—3 10 0 Boston 033 230 20x—13 20 1 Gentry, Mooty (3); Beck (3); and Richards, Unser (5); Hughson and Wagner.



Wiltshire engraving. CPL. GENE MORRISON

Cpl. 'Gene' Morrison Missing Since D-Day In Normandy Fight

Cpl. Eugene W. "Gene" Morrison, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Morrison of Route 5, Eugene, has been reported missing in action June 6, over France. Word was received Wednesday by both his parents and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Morrison of 724 Fifteenth Avenue east.

Corporal Morrison, who had been overseas since January of this year, was a paratrooper. He had been stationed in England. He entered the army service in December, 1942, taking his training at Fort Benning and Camp Toccoa, both in Georgia, and at Camp Mackall, S. C.

He was married in July, 1943, at Camp Mackall, to Miss Dorothy Cannon of Eugene. He is a graduate of Eugene high school.

Death Closing In On Saipan Japs

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 6.—(AP)—Impending slaughter of Japanese, massed body to body for a last-ditch stand on Saipan, and the swift seizure of a second enemy airfield 800 miles southeast of the Philippines, added emphasis today to a highly significant prediction by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

"What we learn on Saipan we will use in assaults on other Japanese positions," he said at a press conference in which he pointed out that Saipan's larger land mass afforded valuable lessons for future operations.

"We are moving westward across the Pacific as rapidly as we can," the admiral assured.

"And we continue to view the future with confidence."

Howard Handelman, representing the combined allied press, reported today from aboard a flagship off Saipan that thousands of Japs, squeezed into the northeastern eighth of the island, awaited the inevitable.

"The Japs, resigned to death and defeat, lie body to body in caves and pillboxes for a final, frantic gesture against Americans they know they can't halt," he said.

Massed with them were many of the island's 25,000 Japanese civilians, whose role in the bloody showdown was a source of conjecture.

At Noemfoor in Dutch New Guinea's Geelvink bay, where south-west Pacific ground forces are 1000 miles closer to the Philippines than they were a year ago, capture of Kornoren airfield was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Paratroops, dropped in force on two successive days, helped win it on the Fourth of July. On Sunday, sixth army troops opened the invasion of Noemfoor, investing Kamir airfield in the first hours. Kornoren's advantage over Kamir is that it can be enlarged into a heavy bomber base from which the Philippines can be pounded.

Goliath Gooseberry, Snapdragons, 17-Bloom Easter Lily In Spot

The gooseberry that should end all "big gooseberry" competition arrived at The Register-Guard office Thursday, along with 74-inch snapdragons and an Easter lily with 17 blooms.

The gooseberry, measuring 3½x3½ inches in circumference, came in from Mrs. Fannie E. Goude, Cottage Grove. "This gooseberry was a 'little mite stunted,' but I'm wondering if Route F can beat it? It was grown by Mrs. Larry Brumfield, east of Cottage Grove," reports Mrs. Goude.

Certainly it was by far the largest thing in the way of a gooseberry brought in during this season.

Now, about the tall snapdragons. They come from the Route F country Mrs. W. L. Parker, Elmira, reporting them.

The Easter lily with 17 blooms, the plant being six feet three inches tall was grown by Mrs. M. Soudeau, one mile north of Goshen on highway 99.

Panic Sweeps Crowd As Big Top Collapses

HARTFORD, Conn., July 6.—(AP)—An undetermined number of persons, estimated by various officials at between 50 and 100, died today in a fire which turned the big tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus into a tragic scene of death and pandemonium.

At 4 p. m., about two hours after the fire was discovered, some unofficial estimates placed the death toll at about 200.

Bodies were sent to the state armory as quickly as they were removed from the ruins and officials said it was impossible immediately to attempt any identification of the dead.

Many were believed to have died in the flames or in the rush to leave the big top before it collapsed at 2:45 p. m. in fiery ruins. The fire broke out just after the first act of the afternoon performance.

Some eyewitnesses said the circus lot on Barbour street quickly became a scene of wildest confusion. They reported women without shoes, their stockings torn, wandered in a daze on the lot, frantically calling for their children.

Every drug store in the neighborhood was mobbed with persons calling for first-aid or seeking to use telephone lines.

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, who was in the audience, called for all members of the department to report at once.

One report was that a bus load of injured had been taken to a hospital.

The circus animals appeared to have been rescued. They were tethered on the grounds some distance from the burning tent.

As people recovered from the first shock of the fire, the pandemonium increased.

They clustered against police lines, and as each body was brought out of the ruins the mob surged forward vainly trying to learn the identity of the victim.

At least 12 persons were carried out three-quarters of an hour after the fire began.

Mrs. Sophis Shaw of Newington said she was sitting in the reserved section.

"I saw a flash and then I heard yelling," she said. "Then there was a rush down the seats."

The Red Cross was on the scene to administer first-aid.

Key To Livorno's Defense Tottering

ROME, July 6.—(AP)—American armored forces battled halfway through the stronghold of Rosignano, keystone to the German defenses before Livorno, today while other allied troops smashed northward toward Florence and Ancona in a general advance of one to more than five miles.

The Germans hurled four strong counterattacks against the Americans yesterday, only to be pushed back again into their dwindling corner in the northern end of the town. There was no word on the progress of the American units attacking around Castiglione, two miles to the northwest.

Bitter fighting also was continuing around Castellina, five miles inland, where another American column was pushing slowly toward Poggibonsi, five miles farther to the northeast. In the same sector the Americans advanced 1½ miles from Montecatini to within less than 20 miles of the Pisa-Florence highway on which the nazis were expected to make their next major stand, and closed in on Colle di Val D'Elsa.

The Americans also pushed into the outskirts of Monteriggioni, 5½ miles to the east, and Abbazia, where they were only a few miles from a juncture with a French column that moved up five miles in 24 hours to a point eight miles northwest of Siena.

British 6th army units at the center of the Italian battle line forced the Germans into a slow, fighting retreat all along the approaches to Arezzo. Another British column drove 14 miles north of Perugia to capture Umbertide.

Sergeant Joranger Wounded At Biak

Staff Sergeant Orville T. Joranger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joranger of 144 West K Street, Springfield, was wounded June 9 at Biak Island, according to word received July 4 by his parents.

The parents also received a letter June 30 from their son, written June 15, telling that he had suffered a shoulder wound and that there was a piece of shrapnel lodged in his body, which might have to be removed.

TWO OFFICERS PROMOTED

Promotion of Lt. Col. C. D. Washburne of Junction City to the temporary rank of full colonel was announced Thursday by the war department. Colonel Washburne's home is at 488 West Sixth street, Junction City.

Lt. Ray Everett Cooley, son of Mrs. Lena Cooley, 1197 Emerald street, Eugene, also has been raised in rank to first lieutenant in the air force. It is announced.