

SUPERFORTS SMASH NAVAL BASE IN JAPAN

Wings Plunge
Head In New
French Drive

ALLIED SUPREMACY HEAD-
QUARTERS, LONDON, July
(UP)—Lt. Gen. Omar N.
Bryden started a new Amer-
ican offensive on the mid-
land front north of St.
Jean-de-Daye where his assault
forces captured the rail junc-
tion of Airel and stormed
the Vire river for ad-
vances of more than a mile.
The American forces to the
west almost completed the
capture of La Haye-du-Puits,
leaving to two and a half miles
between the prongs of an
encircling arc, and a head-
quarters said it is "now
a matter of time" until the
falls.

Gain at Caen
The eastern end of the French
front, British patrols thrust
the dock area of Caen and
it deserted, giving rise to
speculation that the Germans
are withdrawing from the
inland port, the most stub-
bornly defended objective of the
military campaign so far.
The United States offen-
sive some six to eight miles above
Caen was aimed squarely at the
way hub of St. Jean-de-Daye,
two miles west of the Vire.
At dispatches reported violent
fighting at close quarters in the
city of the town.
Henry T. Gorrill, United Press
correspondent on the newly
opened front, said the offensive
launched at dawn after the
heaviest artillery barrage of the
campaign had dazed the
Germans and eased the job of
chiboyes who swarmed across
rivers in collapsible boats.
Gorrill said the troops were
making good progress in the re-
capture of St. Jean at mid-afternoon.
They were supported strongly by
planes and artillery ham-
pering the German positions in
the path.

Headquarters here reported that
U. S. forces had advanced
the 2,000 yards—well over a
mile—across the Vire and con-
solidated their gains. They seized
the center, and an intact bridge
across the Vire, and engineers
threw additional bridges
across the stream.
The American drive across the
Vire, a line of some impor-
tance, a headquarters
man said, but no amplifica-
tion of the hint was permitted.
The only reverse suffered by
U. S. first army was the loss
of five hundred yards along the
entire front, where the
Germans struck back viciously.

Leipzig Oil Plants Attacked By Bombs

LONDON, July 7.—(AP)—Around
10 U. S. planes attacked seven
oil plants near Leipzig, central
Germany today, de-
stroying 75 or more Nazi fighters
and bombers. The planes
dropped incendiary bombs on
the oil plants and on a
German airfield. The
Germans offered the most
resistance in the air
several weeks, sending up 100
planes near Leipzig, and one
American Thunderbolt pilot, Capt.
Christensen of Watertown,
Mass., made a record for the
number of planes shot down
in six enemy fighters.
American Fortresses and Liber-
ators drove deep into the heart
of Germany and dropped thousands
of bombs on the Leipzig
area of Mueckow, Lutzendorf
and other places.
The Germans said a force
attacking from Italy dropped bombs
on the Austria-Hungary bor-
der and pushed on over Czechoslo-
vakia into German Silesia. A
German airfield was bombed last
night along with oil and rail facil-
ities in northern Italy.

Yugoslav Cabinet Formed

LONDON, July 7.—(AP)—Exiled
Peter of Yugoslavia an-
nounced tonight the formation of
a coalition cabinet headed by Dr.
Subasic as prime minister
including two of the men of
Yugoslav title.
The aides came to London
from Yugoslavia to represent the
Yugoslav government's liberation
movement.
Subasic took the portfolios of
foreign minister and minister of
war as well as the premiership.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast:
Eugene—Fair today, tonight, and
Monday. Slightly warmer in
evening.
Local Statistics: Minimum tem-
perature, Friday morning, 45 de-
grees; maximum temperature,
Friday, 73 degrees; stage of
Willamette river in Eugene at 7
a. m. Friday, 2.46 feet.
Sunrise and Sunset (PWT):
Friday, 5:37 a. m. and 8:58
p. m.; Saturday, 5:38 a. m. and 8:58
p. m.; Sunday, 5:38 a. m. and 8:58
p. m.
TIDE TABLES (PWT)
FRI, JULY 7
Low 2:20 a. m., 3:02 p. m.
High 9:58 a. m., 9:32 p. m.
SAT, JULY 8
Low 3:19 a. m., 4:38 p. m.
High 10:12 a. m., 10:28 p. m.
SUN, JULY 9
Low 4:16 a. m., 5:25 p. m.
High 10:39 a. m., 11:26 p. m.

Circus Holocaust Deaths Soar To 146

Rent Control Issue Nears Climax Here

The issue of rent control for Eugene, simmering for months, was rapidly nearing a "boiling over" stage, Friday, with the following double-barreled announcement:
(1)—A resolution has been drawn up by the Eugene Realty board demanding immediate action for a necessary ordinance on the part of the city council to forestall federal rent control without further delay—the board members to take in the next council session, Monday, en masse.
(2)—Preliminary investigation has begun here by the office of price administration, rent division, to determine if the time has come to put in rent control in Eugene—John C. Wilson, associate director, representing Dr. Daniel D. Gage, Jr., state rent administrator, arriving Friday.
Realtors' View
The short resolution from the Realty board forwarded to the council states: Resolved: That the

PFC George Swetland Killed In Action

Pfc. George L. Swetland, 33, son of Mrs. Bessie Swetland, 438 Sixteenth avenue east, has been reported killed in action Jan. 26. Earlier reports, first received in February, were that he was missing in action. The final word was received only this week.
Private Swetland was a cook with infantry troops, and cooked for President Roosevelt on the chief executive's visit to Casa Blanca in North Africa. The president wrote a personal letter to Mrs. Swetland, in thanks for her son's service, at the time, and numerous letters of commendation from high officials have been received, relating to that experience.

De Gaulle And FDR Confer

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Gen. Charles de Gaulle began a series of business talks today in an atmosphere of harmony which officials hoped would produce a friendly and efficient working understanding between this country and the French committee of national liberation.
Roosevelt earlier had ruled out any discussion of allied recognition of de Gaulle's committee as the provisional government of France. But he told his news conference that the heretofore controversial question of government in liberated areas of France would be taken up frankly.
WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle declared today that the "year 1944 would pass without the last German in France being killed, captured or chased from our soil."
Speaking in calm and confident French to the staff of the French delegation, de Gaulle declared that France must make itself "great, strong and free."
"France knows that France must be great or disappear," he stated.
He spoke of the cult of greatness and stressed his idea that France must unify herself and rebuild herself by her own efforts.

Ellsworth Here, Eye On Alcohol Project; GOP United On Ticket



HARRIS ELLSWORTH



INFERNO—Flames sweep Ringling brothers circus tent at Hartford, Conn., where scores were killed. Picture taken just before big top collapsed. (AP Wirephoto. Wiltshire engraving)

Eugeneans Took No Risk At Recent Circus Here; Big Top Was Fireproofed

Eugeneans who attended the Beatty-Russell circus here recently and who may have been shivering at recollection of what might have happened to them, in view of the circus holocaust at Hartford, Conn., Thursday, need shiver no more.
It couldn't have happened here—at least not under the Beatty-Russell big top, according to Bill Antes, public relations man for the circus, now playing in Portland.
Antes explained that all tents of the Beatty-Russell Bros. circus had been fire-proofed in Los Angeles, to comply with a city ordinance there.
"Every tent we use," he said, "is non-inflammable, every yard of canvas having been tested with blow torches by firemen. When a blow-torch is touched to the material it turns black but will not burn. The test explains why some of our tents look dirty."

Maj. Gerald Childers Wounded in New Guinea

Maj. Gerald Childers, formerly of Eugene, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Childers of Santa Cruz, Cal., was wounded in action June 21 in New Guinea, according to word received by his parents and telephoned to his sister, Mrs. Leland Morgan of Eugene.
Major Childers had been located in the southern part of New Guinea, but a recent letter said he was moving, so it is not known where he was engaged when wounded. He went to New Guinea in February, having been on the Hawaiian islands previously. He has been four years in the service, enlisting in 1940, on completion of his college work.

Child Saves Circus Actress From Death In Fire Stampede

By MARY HARRINGTON
HARTFORD, Conn., July 7.—(AP)—A wire the diameter of a pencil and 40 feet below it, 10,000 intense, upraised faces.
On that wire were the five "Flying Wallendas"—Herman, Carl, Joe, Helen and Henrietta. Death, according to the circus advertisements, pushed up their nimble feet and rode their shoulders as they tripped along their slender, steel path, "defying the laws of gravity."
But death was not with them. Death was for some of those 10,000 upraised faces and before the Flying Wallendas could invite death to follow them, death was much too busy down below.
Herman Wallenda happened to glance down. At that instant a bright patch of flame hardly larger than a clenched fist appeared in the canvas roof at the point where it joined the canvas wall.
Hypnotized by dread, he saw the flames climb up the roof toward the center poles. Then screams and moans and frenzied shouts laden with lunacy induced by panic burst upward at him like an explosion.
The Wallendas looked down into hell, they said.
"People always looked up at us," Herman said. "I can never look down at a crowd again without smelling the flames and the burning flesh." He pulled at his red and white tie. It was hours later, but he was sweating.
Herman tried to save his bicycle, but Carl dragged him down the rope ladder and they jumped over the animal cages with Henrietta.
The children, the Wallendas always will remember.
"I will remember them always because a child saved my life," Helen said, holding her brother's hand tightly and weeping a little. She wept all night, Herman said.
Helen ran out of the tent with the crowd fleeing the flames.
"I fell and they stepped on me," she said. "I could feel them over me and I knew I was going to be trampled to death."
A little girl saw the coral fluff of Helen's costume.
"I heard her yell as she covered me with her little body," the bright flying lady, help her—and then an usher came and pulled us out," Helen said.
Herman, Joe and Carl carried water to help put out the fire—a futile gesture, because within 15 minutes flames ate up the huge tent.

Big Chinese Victory Breaks Japanese Siege Of Hengyang

CHUNGKING, July 7.—(AP)—Chinese troops have made a smashing comeback in Hunan province, breaking the siege of Hengyang and driving back a distance of 25 miles the main body of Japanese troops which had by-passed that vital rail junction in their drive south along the Hankow-Canton railway, a Chinese army spokesman declared today.
The victory, scored with the aid of reinforcements moving up from the southwest, has "removed for some time to come" the Japanese threat to occupy the whole of that vital rail line and cut China in two, the spokesman said.
Announcement of the sudden success came as China entered the eighth year of her war with the Japanese invaders, confident that with the help of the United Nations she eventually would drive the enemy from her soil.
The army spokesman said that only scattered Japanese remnants which are being surrounded and wiped out now remain south of Lei-yang, railway town 34 miles south southeast of Hengyang. Lei-yang, itself, he added, is firmly in Chinese hands.
Declaring that the Chinese counterattack was in full swing in all sectors the spokesman said the Japanese had broken into the Japanese strong point of Liling, about 80 miles northeast of Hengyang, and that street fighting was in progress.

Baseball

NATIONAL
Philadelphia 000 102 000—3 9 3
Cincinnati 010 000 100—2 11 0
Schantz and Finley; Shoun, De La Cruz (8) and Mueller.
New York 000 101 000—2 7 0
Chicago 000 101 100—3 6 2
Allen, Adams (6) Polli (7) and Mancuso; Wyse and Kreitner, Williams.
AMERICAN
Detroit 000 000 010—1 9 1
New York 010 001 100—3 8 0
Overmire, Gentry (8) and Swift; Bonham and Garbark.

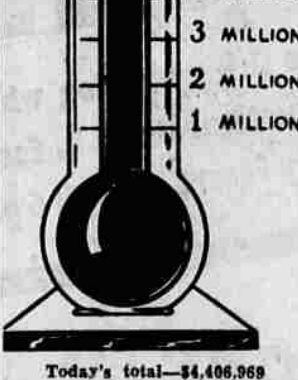
Five Officials Charged With Manslaughter

HARTFORD, Conn., July 7. (AP)—The death toll in the fire which destroyed the Ringling Brothers circus jumped today to 146 as investigators pressed inquiries into the origin of the blaze and simultaneously held in heavy bail five officials of the company.
The injured, scattered in three Hartford hospitals, were counted at 250; at least 25 of whom were in serious condition.
Not a circus performer was lost in the holocaust.
As a steady stream of weary relatives continued to wend through grim aisles of the dead in the state armory these officials of the circus were arraigned in police court charged with manslaughter:
J. A. Haley, vice president; George W. Smith, general manager; Leonard Aylesworth, boss

Bond Sales Within \$600,000 of Quota

Investors bought close to a half million in war bonds in Lane county Thursday, which was "General MacArthur day" in the fifth war loan. Sales totaled \$412,473, bringing the grand total to date in the drive to \$4,406,969. Approximately \$600,000 in war bonds will have to be sold Friday and Saturday if the county goal

War Bond Test Tube



of \$5,000,000 is to be attained by close of the campaign, which is midnight Saturday.
Issuing agencies were expecting fairly large sales Friday, named "Gen. H. H. 'Hap' Arnold day" for the commanding general of the army air forces, and a grand climax on Saturday, designated as "General Dwight D. Eisenhower day."
Barring a miracle, agencies doubted if the E-bond quota of \$1,591,000 would be reached in the last two days. Sold so far in this issue are \$1,067,610, a figure more than half a million short.
Sales on "General MacArthur day" consisted of \$72,796.50 in E bonds, \$1,017.50 in F, \$10,600 in G, \$11,000 in C, \$8,340 in 2 1/2 per cent, \$100,055 in 2 per cent, and \$211,120 in 7-8 per cent.

Victory Dance On Willamette Street Winds Up Bond Drive

With victory in Lane county's fifth war loan only \$600,000 short of reality, bond buyers today were preparing for the grand "victory dance" which will be held Saturday night starting at 8 in downtown Eugene.
Place of the dance has been changed to Willamette street, between Tenth and Eleventh, instead of as formerly announced. It was reported by Chairman Arnie Mills of the special events committee.
Darlene Wood, "Miss Victory Pin-Up Queen," will make a personal appearance. Merchandise contributed by Eugene stores will be given away starting at 9:30 p. m. Bonds autographed by "Commando" Kelly and Lt. Ernest Childers, war heroes who appeared here earlier in the week will be sold to bidders.
L. Clifton Culp, campaign chairman, urged large attendance at the dance, success of which may determine the county's completion

Steel City of Yawata Given Second Pounding

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(UP)—American Superfortresses today blasted at the great Japanese home naval base of Sasebo and for the second time hit industrial plants at Yawata, target of the first B-29 attack on Japan three weeks ago.
Both targets are on Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's major home islands. Sasebo is reputedly the greatest naval arsenal and base in the Japanese homeland, and Yawata is the site of the empire's biggest steel mills.
The attack reported today came just three weeks and a day after the June 15 B-29 attack which left large portions of the imperial iron and steel works at Yawata a smoking ruin. From that first raid, four Superfortresses failed to return. Two were lost because of accidents, one was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire, and a fourth was reported missing.
Today's communiqué did not mention U. S. losses if any. The planes probably were still over Japan, in fact, when the communiqué was issued.

Russians Drive On Past Kowel

LONDON, July 7.—(AP)—German reports said the Russians were advancing today within 10 miles of Wilno, where Moscow reported the nazis had declared martial law.
Smashing beyond the old Polish bastion of Kowel, the Russians were approaching the Bug river at a point about 135 miles southeast of Warsaw along the main trunk line. Virtually all the prewar Polish frontier was crossed save for a section before Luniniec in the Pripyat marshes.
Wilno, city of 207,750 which has changed nationality six times since the last war, lies but 97 miles from the border of east Prussia and is a rail and highway center. A Moscow dispatch quoted Yustas Paletskis, chairman of the presidium of the supreme soviet of Lithuania, as saying the German martial law edict barred persons from the streets between 3 p. m. and 5 a. m. and forbade walking in groups greater than two. Paletskis said there had been uprisings in Kaunas, Mariampole and Vilnius.
While at least four Russian army groups pushed westward, other soviet forces mopped up bewildered German stragglers east of Minsk, leagues behind the main front. Moscow said 5,000 were killed last night. The midnight communiqué listed at least 9,000 Germans killed in all and nearly 1,000 captured.
Lithuania and Latvian borders both were within easy striking distance of red armies. Forces of Leningrad district drove deeper into the Finnish front. At one place the soviets were within 18 miles of the Warsaw-Leningrad railroad.
On the main Minsk-Warsaw railroad 81 miles beyond the captured capital of white Russia, red troops laid siege to the important rail center of Baranowice from nearest reported positions 11 miles away.
From Kowel deep in prewar Poland, the direction of the Russian offensive appeared to be due west to the Bug, 35 miles away, although Pinsk, 85 miles north-east of Kowel, was outflanked and threatened. Brest Litovsk on the Bug 70 miles northeast of Kowel likewise was under pressure.

Train Wreck Fatal To 17

JELICO, Tenn., July 7.—(AP)—Rescue workers, cutting with welding torches into one of six coaches of a troop train which spilled into a mountain gorge 12 miles north of here last night reported today that they could see "seven or eight" lifeless forms inside the car, indicating that the death toll would go to at least 24.
JELICO, Tenn., July 7.—(AP)—At least 17 persons, all but two of them soldiers, were killed last night when a troop train plunged into a 50-foot gorge of the clear river 11 miles south of here.
Dr. E. P. Muncy, resident physician of Knoxville's general hospital, said the death toll probably would exceed 40.
The locomotive and four cars were piled at the ravine's bottom, and a fifth hung over the precipitous edge, where it left the Louisville and Nashville railroad tracks.
One soldier, identified by army public relations as Pvt. Leonard Battag of Evanston, Ill., was still pinned in the bottom of a wrecked car 12 hours after the crash, with four dead men piled on him. He regained consciousness and talked with rescuers as acetylene torches cut through twisted steel nearby.
Work of extricating the victims from the locomotive and five cars which tumbled down the steep 50-foot bank to the shallow stream was slow.
An emergency train, made up from the 12 cars which did not leave the track, left this morning taking 50 of the injured to Lake City, Tenn., en route to the government hospital at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and at least 30 other injured servicemen were sent to Oak Ridge hospital in ambulances.

Bill Steele Safe After D-Day Jump; Eisenhower Shook Hand, Said Ore. His Favorite State, Too

Bill Steele of Eugene, a paratrooper in the United States army, who jumped into France the first day of the invasion, is safe, in perfect health, and did not receive as much as a scratch when the first contingent of paratroopers landed behind the German lines, he says in a letter received Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Steele of the Bailey Hill district.
The letter, dated June 20, says: "France is beautiful. We were the first to land over here. I'm in perfect health and haven't got a scratch. General Eisenhower shook my hand before the take-off and asked me what state I was from. Oregon is his favorite state, too, he said. He waved every one personally a farewell."

Bulletins

MINE RESCUE STARTS
BELLAIRE, O., July 7.—(AP)—The largest and most modern drilling machine in the world arrived today at the burning Powhatan coal mine, where 66 men are known to be trapped, and prepared to begin operations in the hope of finding some of the men alive.
ARGENTINE POST FILLED
BUENOS AIRES, July 7.—(AP)—Col. Juan Peron, war minister, was named vice-president of Argentina by presidential decree today a few hours after the resignation of Gen. Luis Perlinger as minister of the interior.
COW KILLS GIRL
KLAMATH FALLS, July 7.—(AP)—Four-year-old Margie Mae McDaniels was fatally injured at Warden last night when she was butted against the wall of a barn by a cow.



DARLENE WOOD