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Partly cloudy today and tonight; scattered light showers north and west portion; clearing and colder tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness.

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## Japan's Inland Seas, Harbors Filled With Mines Dropped By Armadas of U. S. Superforts

Purpose of Move Is to Paralyze All Nippon's Shipborne Commerce; Explosives Are Released From Great Heights, Attached to Big 'Chutes

Guam, May 11 (UP)—Japan's inland sea and major harbors are "polluted" with explosives and mines dropped by an armada of Superfortresses during the last six weeks in operations designed to bottle up the enemy's naval and merchant fleets, the 21st bomber command disclosed today.

A spokesman at Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay's headquarters said that the mining is to assist in destruction of Japanese productive power, both military and civilian, by paralyzing the enemy's shipborne commerce. It has been estimated that 75 per cent of all Japanese transportation is waterborne.

Superforts based on Tinian have carried out nearly a dozen night mining missions since the plan was inaugurated Mar. 27 in time to support the invasion of Okinawa.

## Delay Faced in Quisling Trial

Oslø, May 11 (UP)—The treason trial of Vidkun Quisling, deposed Nazi puppet ruler of Norway, was postponed today because of a death in the presiding judge's family.

If convicted of treason, the puppet leader will face a possible death sentence for his years-long collaboration with the Nazis in Norway.

Meanwhile, there were strong indications that Josef Terboven, Nazi governor of Norway, had escaped Allied justice by blowing himself to bits.

Some mystery still shrouded the death of Terboven, but the likeliest explanation was that he had dynamited himself to death in his secret underground fortress at Skaugum, near Oslø.

The cellar hideout where he was believed to have died was beneath his official residence, a castle which the Germans seized from the Norwegian crown prince.

Room Blown Up Every room in Terboven's elaborate underground fortress showed signs of a violent explosion. The room where the blast actually took place was a mess of cracked concrete and blasted steel.

Chard rubble was three feet deep on the floor. It was impossible to tell at once whether Terboven's body was buried beneath the debris, but the servant who conducted a United Press reporter there called it the room "where Terboven blew himself to pieces."

## V-E Day Service Set for Sunday

"The Way to a New World" will be set forth in a service of worship, praise and thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 p.m., at the First Methodist church.

This service is sponsored by the Bend Ministerial association and is the official observance of V-Day in compliance with the Proclamation of President Harry S. Truman.

Those taking part in the program are the following: Rev. W. I. Palmer, First Methodist church, Invocation, Rev. Robert McIlwenn, First Methodist church, scripture reading; Rev. William L. Schwab, Christian and Missionary Alliance church, litany of intercession; Rev. George R. V. Bolster, Trinity Episcopal church, litany of dedication, and Rev. Kenneth A. Tobias, pastor of the First Baptist church, sermon, with Rev. McIlwenn, the Benediction.

The President of the United States in his proclamation urged the people not only to praise God for the victory won but also for His guidance in the preparing of a peace," ministers announce, adding: "he has asked all to share in intercession to this end."

## Four Year Old Boy Dies Under Truck

Spokane, Wash., May 11 (UP)—Four-year-old Richard Allen Irwin was killed instantly here today when he rode his tricycle underneath the wheels of a heavy asphalt truck.

Police said the boy coasted down a street incline directly in the path of the truck and was run over by the rear wheels.

The boy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Irwin of Spokane.

## Help, Boxes Need To Pack Clothing

Boxes and help. These are the requirements of the Bend Lions and Elks if they are to sort and pack salvage clothing in time for the scheduled shipping tomorrow, according to Clarence Bush, Lions club chairman of the recent old clothing drive.

If more assistance is given, especially by men, and boxes are available, the work of preparing the garments for shipping can be completed tonight, according to Bush.

Bush made an special plea to business firms for cartons in which to pack the clothing, and urged their employees to take all available boxes to the depot in the basement of Lydick's at Oregon avenue and Wall street.

Assistants Named. Assisting in sorting and packing at the depot last night were Hattie Tunnell, Betty Carter, Flora Kirkpatrick, Winona Egg, Juanita Piggott, Mrs. Clara Earls and Ada Summers, all women of the Moose, and Earl Wear, committeeman for the Elks.

All cartons and boxes on hand at the depot were used last night, Bush stated, in pointing out the urgency of persons donating more.

## Lights Go On Again



Floodlights play on the Capitol dome, Washington, as the lights were turned on for the first time since Pearl Harbor.

## Jap Drive to Capture Airbase Crushed By Chinese Soldiers

20,000 Nippons Reported Killed in Opening Days of Offensive; Chennault's Fliers Help

Chungking, May 11 (UP)—Victorious Chinese troops who crushed a Japanese attempt to capture the American air base at Chihkiang have reached a point 30 miles west of Paoching, main enemy base on the Hunan front, a communique announced today.

U. S. 14th air force bombers blasted Paoching with 100 tons of bombs Wednesday, leaving the city "burned out," an air force headquarters announcement said. Demolition and fire bombs were concentrated on the Jap-occupied portion of the city.

While heavy casualties were being inflicted on the retreating Japanese, a Chinese statement that 30,000 enemy troops had been killed during the past ten days on the Hunan and Honan fronts was admitted by a Chinese military spokesman to be "miscellaneous."

The statement based on communique, had said 20,000 Japanese were killed on the Hunan front, which with the usual ratio of wounded would have accounted for more Japanese than are known to be involved in the fighting.

Japs Hard Hit. Eight hundred casualties were inflicted on the retreating Japanese in western Hunan province yesterday, the communique said. Chinese troops recaptured Shengcheng, Hengpanschiao and Lungtan, the latter 30 miles west of Paoching.

Other Chinese forces advanced 21 miles to remove the threat of Japanese forces to Chihkiang from the south, capturing Wu-yang and Sinning.

Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, head of the 14th air force, said the Japanese attempt to take Chihkiang had been stopped and turned into a Chinese offensive, for the first time in a year of enemy drives against U. S. bases.

## African Veterans Given Guarantee

Paris, May 11 (UP)—Supreme headquarters tonight issued a letter from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to all senior commanders containing a guarantee that veterans who fought in both North Africa and Europe would not be sent to the Pacific.

"We must be sure that no combat soldier is sent to the Pacific who has fought both in North Africa and Europe," Eisenhower said.

"It may be that some soldiers in this category will not have sufficient points to be eligible for discharge. However, these men should be retained in the European theater for the army of occupation, as they should not be required to fight another campaign."

## High Wage Level Peacetime Goal

Washington, May 11 (UP)—The war labor board today assured the nation's workers that it will try to preserve the general level of their wartime hourly wage rates when they go back to peacetime jobs.

It will not guarantee that their total weekly take-home pay will amount to as much as it did in war work.

WLB chairman George W. Taylor said, however, that the board is studying the wage problems which will arise from production cutbacks, reduction of the work week and loss of overtime and incentive pay.

## Targets on Japanese Home Islands Hit by Superforts as U. S. Fliers Blast Aircraft Plants, Fuel Bases

London, May 11 (UP)—Plans for hurling 2,000 Superfortresses at Japan in an aerial campaign exceeding that against Germany were envisaged today at a press conference of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle and his deputy commander of the Eighth air force.

Doolittle and Maj. Gen. Orvil Anderson revealed that part of the famous Eighth air force would stay in Europe as an occupation force. Part will be sent to the Pacific, where the Flying Fortress will rate as a medium bomber alongside the Superfort.

Doolittle said he expected a progressive increase of the American air forces in the Pacific. He added that "I do not know the plans," and turned to Anderson who said a force of more than 2,000 Superforts was envisaged.

Doolittle revealed that the Eighth air force, at the maximum strength it reached, had 2,400 heavy bombers and 1,200 fighters based on 80 airfields. An army of about 200,000 men and women served in the Eighth.

45,000 Men Lost. Other statistics he revealed were: In 995 days of raids, the Eighth lost 43,742 bomber crewmen or fighter pilots, killed or missing. For the last 12 months one ton of bombs was dropped every minute.

The Eighth destroyed 15,439 enemy planes. Most of those were knocked down by bombers. In the 995 days of attack, 701,300 tons of bombs of all types were dropped by an average of 1,200 planes daily.

Doolittle said he believed the pattern of the Pacific war would follow that in Europe, first the weakening of the enemy by air power, then the occupation by land forces.

To Carry 10 Tons. However, he added, "my feeling is that we will continue to increase the size of the air force there up to the point where we will be able to complete the job properly."

Anderson said that bases on Okinawa would enable Superforts to increase their bomb loads by 1 1/2 tons so they could carry ten tons. He pointed out that 75 per cent of Japan's war potential would be within range of Fortresses, Thunderbolts, and Mustang fighters flying from Okinawa.

## Job Freeze Rule To Be Modified

Washington, May 11 (UP)—Millions of workers who have long been "frozen" in their jobs will soon be free to seek employment where they choose under a sweeping relaxation of manpower controls announced today by the war manpower commission.

All manpower regulations—such as job freezes, the compulsory 48-hour work week and man-power ceilings—will be lifted by July 1 in 116 communities where the labor supply is equal to or in excess of demand. These areas are known as groups III and IV under WMC's labor market classification system.

In these and other areas where controls may also be lifted workers will not need after July 1 certificates of availability from employers or the WMC before changing jobs.

## New England Area Gets Heavy Snow

Boston, May 11 (UP)—The worst May snowstorm in 25 years raged in northern New England today after taking two lives, causing more than \$1,000,000 crop and property damage, and leaving highways clogged with up to 15 inches of snow at some points.

The weather bureau was unable to contact several of its New England stations because communication lines were down. Officials said the lowest temperature thus far reported was 29 degrees at Augusta, Me., where six inches of snow fell.

Two highway deaths were attributed to the storm. Brunt of the storm was felt by western Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Many towns were in darkness during the night as power lines fell. Plows which had been put away for the season were hauled out to open snow-clogged highways.

Deepest snowfall was reported on the route between Woodford and Brattleboro, Vt., where plows were battling through 15 inches of snow.

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## Ex-Nazi Commander in Norway Asserts Allies Have Freed Reich From 'System of Gangsters'

By Jack Fleischer (United Press War Correspondent) Seventh Army Headquarters, May 11 (UP)—Gen. Nikolaus von Falkenhorst, former German commander in Norway, surrendered today with an assertion that the Allies have liberated Germany from "a system of gangsters."

"It's a national disgrace that we were unable to liberate ourselves," he told Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, commander of the 42nd (Rainbow) division.

Falkenhorst was picked up at Traunstein, where he had fled when the Russians approached his home near Breslau. One of Germany's ablest strategists in combined land, sea and air operations, he commanded all forces in Norway from the invasion April 9, 1940 until the middle of last December.

He said he was relieved of his command when Col. Gen. Lothar Rendulic went to Norway from Finland following the latter's capitulation.

"Germany is through now as a world power and you need never fear she will rise again and wage another war," he said. "It would take 100 years to repair this country to the point where it was in 1940."

Germany never at any time could have beaten the United States, he said. "The army knew it," he said. "Your country can produce more in one month than Germany can in one year. Everyone should have known that when war was declared on America. Hitler had complete control of the army, for the army leaders never would have done that."

He said the German General staff knew from the beginning that Germany could not win the war.

## Nippons Will Be Hit By Big Sky Fleet

London, May 11 (UP)—A fleet of more than 150 Superfortresses hit the Japanese home islands again today, dropping high explosives on a large naval aircraft plant, airfields and two southern Kyushu cities.

The task force of over 100 of the big bombers attacked the Kawanishi naval plane plant at Fukae, on the inland sea coast of Honshu between Osaka and Kobe, in excellent weather. Fifty Superforts hit the Miyazaki airfield and targets at Miyakonojo and Nittogahara on Kyushu.

On southern Okinawa, marines of the sixth division crossed the Asa river estuary, last natural barrier before Naha, and drove on within 1,000 yards of the ruined capital city.

Fires Still Burn. Fires still were burning nearby in Japan's main fuel storage area and synthetic oil plants along the inland sea from yesterday's record 400-plane Superfortress raid.

(A Japanese Doolittle dispatch reported by the FCC said a suicide plane had heavily damaged a large Allied aircraft carrier off Okinawa yesterday.)

(A Japanese communique said Japanese forces on southern Okinawa had killed or wounded about 1,250 American troops, destroyed or set afire 134 tanks and destroyed 39 guns between April 29 and May 7. The communique also claimed that Japanese planes and submarines had sunk eight Allied warships and heavily damaged nine others off Okinawa since May 6.)

Fleet Under Attack. Japanese planes renewed their attacks on the fleet off Okinawa Wednesday night, a communique revealed. Two auxiliary ships were damaged, one of them by a suicide plane that shattered into hundreds of pieces on the vessel's deck.

A second attack followed next morning, but caused no damage. Yontan airfield also was bombed Wednesday. Hits were scored on one runway, but it was in operation again within two hours.

Marines and tanks crossed the Asa river estuary above Naha, on the west coast at low tide over a pontoon bridge. Construction of the bridge was delayed slightly by two Japanese soldiers who approached the span and blew themselves up.

Some Gains Made. Limited gains also were made elsewhere along the 10th army line stretching within 1,500 yards of the inland town of Shuri and the east coast port of Yonabaru.

Carrier and marine land-based planes had a field day. They sealed caves with 500-pound bombs and bombed and strafed groups of up to 150 enemy troops moving north toward the American lines.

Gunfire from ships offshore also broke up a number of enemy troop concentrations and destroyed pillboxes, gun emplacements and motor transport.

## Warns Nippons



Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle of the Eighth air force today announced that fleets of 2,000 Superfortresses will be hurled against Japan in an aerial campaign exceeding that against Germany.

## Co. I Soldiers On Eligible List

Original members of Bend's Co. I, a unit attached to the 41st division in South Pacific warfare, will be eligible for immediate discharge under war department regulations announced in Washington, it was learned here today.

Members of the Bend company, composed of 121 men when it left for Fort Lewis on September 23, 1940, have at least 91 points or six more than the required number. The 41st was the first combat division to go overseas, after it was activated in September, 1940.

First elements of the division left the United States for the South Pacific on March 2, 1942, landing in Australia in April of that year.

In Seven Battles. The group participated in seven major assaults in the South Pacific battle area and is credited with stopping the southward sweep of the Japs toward Australia.

Original members of the unit have so many points that they do not need decorations or dependent children to qualify for discharges.

Few of the original members of the Bend unit are still attached to Co. I, but they will be eligible for discharge regardless of where they are now serving.

## Hitler's Office Studied

Moscow, May 11 (UP)—Two correspondents of the official Soviet newspaper Izvestia reported from Berlin today that Adolf Hitler's private offices in the Chancellery on Wilhelmstrasse showed signs that their occupants made a hasty departure.