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"The fast carrier force fighting men can beat the Japs as long as the people at home back them up. Put the 7th war loan across."
—Adm. J. S. McCain

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Partly cloudy with scattered showers today, tonight and Saturday. Little temperature change.

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Final Conquest Of Mindanao Believed Near

Island Split in Two As U. S. Forces Join; Nippons Take to Hills

Manila, May 25 (UP)—The Mindanao fighting reached the mopping-up stage today after two American forces linked in the heart of the island to split it lengthwise.
The 31st infantry division driving north and the 40th and American divisions going south joined Wednesday north of Malabai in central Mindanao, a communique from Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said today.
"The Mindanao campaign has reached the mopping-up stage," the communique said.
The last remnants of a Japanese force which originally totaled around 50,000 had taken to the hills as American troops and Filipino guerrillas extended their hold on the island.

Two Columns Meet

Most of the remaining enemy troops were centered north of Davao, where another linkup took place. This one was between the 24th division, which drove ahead eight miles along the coastal highway, and Filipino force. They met near the head of the Davao gulf.
American planes pounded other enemy pockets in the hills of central Mindanao and in the northeastern part of the island around Remedios.

Organized Japanese resistance also cracked in the Ipo dam area northeast of Manila on Luzon Island. The 43rd division, mopping-up operations, killed 174 Japanese. East of Manila, the 38th division drove toward the Marikina river. They sealed 25 caves where Japanese holdouts hid, and reported another 262 enemy dead.

Jap Ashes Found

Australian forces on New Guinea found over 7,000 boxes containing the ashes of cremated Japanese soldiers at the Wirui mission, three miles south of Wewak. Australian troops drawing a ring around Wewak were two miles apart.
Formosa, now flanked by American troops on Okinawa and Chinese forces on the China coast in the Fochow area, again was pounded by heavy and medium bombers. They dropped 235 tons of bombs including rail yards, airfields, and barracks at Thoshien and Okayama.

Men Leaving Jobs Called Slackers

Portland, Ore., May 25 (UP)—The 30,000 persons who are leaving shipyard jobs throughout the nation every month are, in the opinion of Vice-Adm. Howard L. Vickery, vice chairman of the U. S. maritime commission, "the damndest bunch of slackers."
"The birds who are leaving are holding up the ships and making it necessary for the rest of us to work harder and longer to finish the jobs," said Vickery, here today in the course of a tour of Pacific northwest shipyards.
"These people who are leaving the yards now and going home are the damndest bunch of slackers," he declared. "I feel strongly about this. We are in dire need of the ships being built here. If we don't need them we would stop building them and save our money. Vickery announced that steps are being taken to recruit outside of Oregon and Washington thousands of workers to take up the slack at the Kaiser company's Vancouver yard.
The new worker search is aimed at a 5000 to 6000 man increase.

Picture Window At Berchtesgaden Pleases Bradley

12th Army Group Hqs., Germany, May 25 (UP)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley looked through Hitler's front window at Berchtesgaden at the breath-taking view of the Bavarian Alps, shaking his head, and said:
"If I had a living room like this to sit in, I wouldn't go around looking for trouble."
Bradley visited Berchtesgaden in the course of a two-day tour of southern Germany during which he saw some of the country his armies had won.

NAVAL OFFICIAL DIES
Leonie, N. J., May 25 (UP)—Lt. Cmdr. John J. McCloy, holder of two congressional medals of honor, died of a heart attack in his home today.

Control Over German News To Be Exercised By Allies

Special Press Service to Be Set Up and Will Select Material to Be Released Within Reich

Paris, May 25 (UP)—Supreme headquarters announced today that the allies will exercise close control over news published in Germany until the purge of nazi and militaristic influences is complete.

A SHAEF spokesman revealed that an "allied press service" will be established in the United Kingdom to produce all the world news selected for the German press. It will be headed by James T. Hart, New York newspaperman, and include personnel from the OWI and political intelligence department of the British foreign office.

Information control teams will work with individual newspapers, exercising strict censorship of local news, according to the spokesman, Brig. Gen. E. A. McClure, chief of the psychological warfare division of SHAEF.

Security Comes First

"Our policy was expressed by General Eisenhower, who stated that a free press and the free flow of information and ideas should prevail in Germany in a manner consistent with military security," McClure said.
He emphasized, however, that there could be no restoration of a free press in Germany until the elimination of nazism and militarism as dominant influences was complete.

"We are not going to lose the peace by giving license to racists, pan-Germans, nazis and militarists so they can misuse democratic rights in order to attack democracy as Hitler did," McClure said.

He is chief of information control services for the United States group control council and chief of the information control division of the United States theater staff.

Local Bond Sales Keep State Pace

Deschutes county is keeping pace with the state in the race to buy bonds in the seventh war loan and hasten the day the Japs are defeated, according to A. L. O. Schueler, war finance chairman, today.

The chairman based his report on figures compiled for the state on May 19, showing that Oregon had reached 20.6 per cent of its quota of \$110,000,000. In E bond sales, the state had sold 27.7 per cent of its \$55,000,000 quota.

Reports for Deschutes county as of last night, show that buyers of this community have taken \$260,418 of the county's \$1,141,000 in bonds, of which amount was \$186,552 in E bonds, or 28.5 per cent of the \$654,000 quota.

While there is a difference of four days in the compilation of the figures, Schueler said that the trend of purchase of bonds led him to believe that the state and Deschutes county are running "neck and neck."

Sales Reported

Other bond sales reported by Schueler follow:
F, \$7,566.50; G, \$24,300; C, \$18,000; 2 1/2 per cent, \$19,000; 2 1/4 per cent, \$1,000, and 7/8 per cent \$4,000.

A novel way has been provided by the government for buying war bonds for the men and women in the service, Schueler reported today.

He said that he expects to receive shortly a quantity of "gift certificates," and which will be distributed at bond headquarters in the J. C. Penney stores. The certificates, drawn in the form of an actual bond and providing space for a record of the real bond, are made in the shape of the regular V-mail. A legend across the design reads: "Another bond between us from the folks back home."

The P. E. O. Sisterhood supplied a staff for the bond booth in Penney's store today. Women who assisted include Mrs. H. H. DeArmond, Mrs. Clyde Spencer, Mrs. W. R. Nance and Mrs. W. E. Chandler.

Hitler's Gold Reserve Apparently Left intact

Seattle, May 25 (UP)—Sgt. George Murphy, Seattle, led the squad which blasted open Hitler's fabulous gold reserve in the Meckers, Germany, salt mine.
He arrived home on furlough yesterday—with 15 cents in his pocket.

FIRST SWANS SEEN

First cygnets to be hatched out in the swan nests along the Deschutes river this season, were reported today by William H. Naylor, member of the Deschutes national-forest staff. He said that he saw the little swans this morning waddling around their nest below the Newport avenue bridge, but their mother would not let them approach the water.

U. S. S. LITTLE LOST
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U. S. Troopers Shatter Organized Resistance In Southern Okinawa

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—Maj. Gen. Arnold, commander of Army's Seventh Infantry Division, shakes hands with men of first contingent from Okinawa to leave for home after discharge from Army under new point system. Most of these men, whose points average about 130, have been through four major campaigns with their division. U. S. Army photo.

500 Big Forts Strike Capital Of Nip Empire

Midnight Fire Raid By Vets' Men Aimed at Vital Industrial Area

By Richard W. Johnston (United Press War Correspondent)
Guam, Saturday, May 26 (UP)—Five hundred Superfortresses dropped 4,000 tons of incendiary bombs on Tokyo shortly after midnight today in the second great fire raid against the Japanese capital this week.

The B-29's braved defenses which the Tokyo radio claimed were the most violent ever put up against America's growing air arm in the Pacific.

The great load of fire bombs again were plummeted into the strategic industrial target of south-central Tokyo bordering on the north by the imperial palace and the south by the Shinagawa small-plants district.

It was the Shinagawa district that took the full impact of Thursday's record-shattering attack in which more than 550 B-29's rapped in excess of 700,000 incendiaries totaling approximately 4,500 tons.

Mustangs Also Attack
The mission this morning, originating from Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay's 21st bomber command fields on Saipan, Tinian and Guam, was preceded by small-scale attacks by 60 Mustang fighters and reconnaissance Superforts, enemy reports indicated.

The sky giants rose from their string of Marianas bases during the early evening and joined in a huge parade heading to Japan. They struck about midnight from medium altitude.

Tokyo claimed Japanese defenses accounted for 27 Superfortresses destroyed and 30 damaged in the Thursday morning raid.

Aerial photographs taken Friday while smoke still billowed over Tokyo showed "visible damage" in an area about 3.2 square miles—the equivalent of 26,000,000 M square feet or 2,050 acres.

Visibility Not Good
The 21st bomber command emphasized, however, this was only partial damage since assessment of the strike results were restricted by haze and smoke.

"Considerable additional damage is probable," a headquarters statement said.

Tokyo city damage now totals 35.9 square miles, or 995,826,000 square feet.

Smoke obscured the target area, Tokyo's Shinagawa industrial waterfront, for at least 12 hours after the raid, but Tokyo broadcasts conceded that the attack had disrupted railway schedules throughout Honshu and destroyed numerous buildings.

Through the Shinagawa railway yards normally pass one-third of all Japanese railway traffic.

B.H.S. Seniors To Get Diplomas

The 37th annual commencement exercises of the Bend high school will be held in the school gymnasium tonight at 8 p. m., with Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, delivering the graduation address. Bill Lane is valedictorian of the class of 1945, and Beverley Wennerstrom is salutatorian.

Because of space limitations, admission to seats in the main hall will be only on reserved tickets. However, bleacher seats, on the sides, and the gallery seats will be available to those not holding reservations, which have been distributed by members of the graduating class.

Holders of reserved seat tickets are being asked to enter the hall by the side door. Others will use the front door.

A total of 113 students will receive diplomas at tonight's exercises. Eleven of the graduates are in the armed forces.

Heavy May Rains Drench Midstate

Bend's precipitation for May reached 1.63 inches at noon today and from other parts of Central Oregon came rainfall readings which indicate that this is not the only damp spot of the interior country.

The ranger station at Cabin lake, in the Fort Rock area, reported 3.08 inches of rain recorded already this month. Near the edge of the desert, Fort Rock is normally a dry spot.

Heavy rain has also drenched the Brothers country this past month, and range feed is reported looking the best in many seasons.

Continued rains have also dampened the Madras area, practically assuring one of the best crops of wheat in many years.

Bend's precipitation last night was .63 of an inch. The city's mean precipitation for May, based on a 40 year average is 1.13 inches.

Liquor Industry Drought at End

Washington, May 25 (UP)—"The drought's over," the liquor industry declared today.

The occasion for their pronouncement was, of course, the war production board's announcement that they could make spirituous liquors during July.

"Not only that. The WPB said the supply of war alcohol indicated the industry would get other go-aheads 'from time to time.'"

This, an industry spokesman said, means that from now on the industry will try to meet consumer demand.

Given the nod by the WLB, distilled spirits—which will turn up as gin, rum, whiskey and cordials—will start pouring from spigots July 1.

Will Release Stocks
The July go-ahead probably will have an immediate effect on retail liquor stores. With official assurance that more whiskey will be made, wholesalers are releasing their aged stocks for consumer sale without waiting for the new supplies to come from the distilleries.

Estimates of the quantity of liquor that will result from the July holiday as high as 200,000,000 quarts—considered a year's normal supply in peacetime.

The war food administration is expected to decide soon whether it can release corn to the distillers to make Bourbon whiskey during the July holiday.

Big Four Expected to Stand Pat on Veto Power Provision

Stettinius Returns From Washington, D. C., And Tells of His Conference With Truman

San Francisco, May 25 (UP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., returned today to the United Nations conference and immediately met with other members of the American delegation to give them a "fill in" on his talks with President Truman.

The secretary was in Washington for two days, during which he canvassed the many postwar European problems in talks with Truman and with state department officials who have been handling those problems in Stettinius' absence.

He also revealed while in Washington that the president will come here to address the closing session of the conference.

May Stand Pat
Stettinius was believed to have brought word from Truman that the United States, along with Britain, Russia and China, will stand pat against any "softening" of their veto power in the proposed world organization.

These four countries, in talks here prior to Stettinius' return, had made it clear that they were ready to reject demands of the "little" United Nations for liberalization of the Yalta voting formula for the proposed security council.

For two days and two nights the big powers have been studying 22 questions submitted by the little nations seeking modification of the voting formula through informal interpretation.

FLEXIBILITY DESIRED
San Francisco, May 25 (UP)—Military advisers to the American delegation want to keep flexible the clauses in the world organization charter dealing with the use of armed force, it was learned today.

"They don't want the U. S. to be straight-jacketed when it enters into special military agreements after the world organization is set up."

Flier Dangles In Sky High Above Tokyo

Tinian, May 25 (UP)—Lt. Wayne Maki, Berkeley, Calif., Superfort commander, had a close call over Tokyo yesterday after his plane was hit by flak in the bomb bay and center wing gas tank.

Maki climbed back to inspect the damage and while there the bomb bay doors suddenly flew open, leaving him hanging in mid-air.

T/Sgt. George M. Hester, of Pittsburgh, central fire controller, hesitated to touch Maki for fear of knocking him from the plane. The co-pilot was notified to close the bomb bay doors and after several minutes the mechanism worked. The doors closed, saving Maki from a plunge earthward.

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Then two enemy planes dived into the Laffey within a space of 30 seconds. The two planes sealed off openings to the repair parties fighting the fires below decks.

Many died then from suffocation and burns.

A U. S. Corsair fighter bore down on an enemy plane which hit the yardarm and crashed into the sea. The Corsair hit the other side of the yardarm and sustained a damaged wing but went on and shot down another enemy plane before its pilot was forced to bail out.

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score for the Laffey of 14 certainties and one probable.

The story of the destroyer's greatest trial by fire and bomb was told by one of the ship's communications officers, Lt. Frank Manson, of Tahlequah, Okla.

The first enemy plane, he said, brought under fire at 7:45 a. m. It dropped its bombs, and got away.

Then dozens of enemy planes—probably up to 36 ranging as far away as 40 miles—were reported in the area. Twenty of them converged on the Laffey.

Four Vals—enemy dive bombers, came at the ship. All four were shot down at ranges of 3,000 to 10,000 yards. Then the Laffey's 40 mm. gunners bagged a suicide plane before it could crash onto the deck.

A sixth Japanese plane was exploded by intense fire from the Laffey so close that it caused the destroyer's first casualty. A man was killed by flying metal.

The tempo of the battle mounted. Other planes attacked and bombed and were destroyed. One bomb jammed the ship's rudder

but still proudly afloat.

The saga of the Laffey's two hours of agony will stand out among the sea epics of the war along with other great episodes such as that of the Franklin.

It was unquestionably the most savage and spectacular action in which an American destroyer has participated in the entire war.

In no other part of the world would the enemy hurl six screaming war planes in flaming suicide dives onto a ship. This 2,200 ton "can" absorbed all the Japanese could give that day with tremendous heroism and unparalleled fighting performance.

The gallant destroyer stayed at her post until the last enemy planes had been destroyed by gunfire or American planes.

When the last fire was out it was found that there were 31 of her officers and men listed as killed or missing in action. Another 60 were wounded.

Her gunners had shot down eight Japanese planes and probably a ninth. Added to the six suicide crashes that made a

Mormon Head



(NEA Telephoto)
George Albert Smith, 75-year-old president of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church council of 12 apostles, has been named eighth president of the church, succeeding the late Heber J. Grant.