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Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday; scattered showers in mountains; not much change in temperature.

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High Winds Fan Conflagration in Tokyo; Nippons Reveal City Is Nearly Destroyed

Blasted Capital Of Okinawa Is Under Siege

Nearly 10,000 Yanks Listed Dead, Missing In Grim Isle Battle

Guam, May 26 (AP)—U. S. marines captured a sixth of Naha, shell-shattered capital of Okinawa, in a 500-yard advance today.

A front dispatch said the Japanese appeared to be abandoning the city for a final stand to the death in the fortified inland city of Shuri.

Considerable enemy troop movements out of Naha east and northeast toward Shuri have been sighted, United Press War Correspondent Edward Thomas reported from Okinawa.

Elements of the Sixth marine division jumped off from the south bank of the Asato river in northern Naha yesterday for the climactic assault on the capital. At last reports, they were 800 yards from both Naha harbor and the mouth of the Asato.

Reinforcements of men, supplies and a considerable number of tanks were pouring across four Asato bridges toward the heart of Naha, Thomas said.

The Japanese pounded the advancing marines with 75-millimeter artillery fire from the south shore of Naha harbor, perhaps to cover their own withdrawal to Shuri. The rubble-heaped streets of Naha were mined.

Heavy rains and deep mud stalled the first marine, 77th infantry and 96th infantry divisions in their frontal attacks on the inland fortress of Shuri, central anchor of the Okinawa line.

The Seventh army division advancing south along the east coast below Yonabaru also was slowed by mud and rain.

Casualties High
A Pacific fleet communique disclosed that Americans were being killed or wounded at the rate of more than 800 a day on Okinawa and in supporting fleet operations during the five days ended Thursday.

Casualties for the first 54 days of the campaign had reached 35,116 by that date, an increase of 4,590 for the period ended May 18. A breakdown showed 9,602 killed or missing and 25,514 wounded.

With their main defense line on the ground shattered and their fleet too weak to challenge American naval forces, the Japanese stepped up their efforts to strike back from the air.

A big force of enemy suicide planes attacked the American fleet off Okinawa and installations ashore Thursday night and Friday. They damaged 11 light American naval units, one of them heavily, but lost 111 planes to American guns and aircraft in the effort.

GENERAL OPENS QUARTERS

Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, May 26 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower opened his new headquarters here today.

Veterans Make Arrangements For Memorial Day Services

Plans have been completed for observance of Memorial Day in Bend, it was reported today by Joy Walker, chairman of a committee of the Deschutes County Veterans' council, which is sponsoring the event.

The observance opens with a general assembly in the high school gymnasium at 10 a. m. to which the public is invited, as well as all veterans of world wars 1 and 2, and Gold Star mothers. A special section of the gymnasium will be set aside for service men stationed at Camp Abbot. The veterans were asked to attend in uniform.

Company B, Bend's unit of the Oregon state guard, will act as honor guard during the ceremonies at the gymnasium.

On the program at the school will be an address by Rev. Robert McIlvanna, numbers by the Bend Gleemen, and a solo by Seaman 2/c Izzo of Camp Abbot.

Jap Balloon Attacks Revealed



(NEA Telephoto) Announcement by U. S. War and Navy departments that Japan has been sporadically attacking western United States with bomb-laden paper balloons lent fresh interest to this photo released some months ago. It shows officials examining balloon bearing Japanese inscriptions which was found in western U. S. Left to right: Maj. J. F. Boligiano, Army Air Corps balloon expert; Capt. W. S. Standard, Army Intelligence officer; W. G. Banister, FBI agent; and Ens. F. M. Jackson, Navy Intelligence.

New Cut in U. S. Army Looms; Reds' Entry Into War Hinted

However, Committee Stresses Allies Facing Hard Fight in Pacific; Budget to Be Reduced

Washington, May 26 (AP)—Members of congress told the United Press today there was a possibility of another sharp reduction in the size of the army reasonably soon. The revelation was made following an all-day secret meeting of the house subcommittee on war department appropriations with Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall.

Committee members said the possibility of a reduction in size of the army was based on the chance that Russia would enter the war against Japan. In that event, they said, the United States would need less men in the Pacific.

All insisted, however, that Marshall did not discuss with the committee the possibility of Russia's entry into the war against the Japanese. Russia is now militarily at peace with all nations.

Hard War Ahead
Committee members also indicated that the remainder of the Pacific war would be a longer, more grueling struggle than many expect and that army costs would not be reduced greatly next year.

They said Marshall did not submit the war department budget for the 1945-46 fiscal year, but that it might be from 10 to 20 per cent under the current year's \$49,000,000,000.

This countered speculation that the new army budget might be as much as one-third below current spending.

Transportation requirements and increasing production of bombs mean that army spending will go on at a heavy rate, committee members said.

Snow Still Deep On McKenzie Pass

Salem, Ore., May 26 (AP)—It may be some time before the McKenzie pass is opened to traffic, state highway engineer R. H. Baldock indicated today.

Highway inspectors have reported that the snow is packed to a depth of three feet several miles east of the summit, and that the snowpack increases in depth near the summit. It has been snowing heavily over the pass for the past several weeks, Baldock said.

No report has been received from the west slope of the pass, Baldock reported, although a survey is being made by men equipped with snowshoes.

ARMY PLANE CRASHES
Washington, May 26 (AP)—A two-engine army plane crashed and burned near Silver Spring, Md., north of Washington, today, killing all persons aboard.

Nips Roll Shells Down Isle Hills As Allies Strike

Japs Also Use Spears In Bloody Battle on Tarakan, Off Borneo

Manila, May 26 (AP)—Savage fighting raged today on Tarakan island off Borneo as trapped Japanese troops counterattacked with spears and rolled artillery shells down hills on the heads of allied soldiers.

The Japanese, compressed in the central hills of the island, were fighting their most primitive and desperate sort of battle against Australian and Dutch troops. The conquest of Tarakan was virtually complete, with all the island's major installations in allied hands. But the mopping-up of the remaining Japanese troops was turning into one of the dirtiest jobs faced yet.

Japs Use Spears
In the counterattacks, one Japanese force charged allied lines brandishing spears like the warriors of centuries ago. In another action, small soldiers struggled to lift heavy 75 millimeter shells, then dropped them like giant grenades down steep hills on allied troops below.

A communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported naval units and planes were thrown into the effort to wipe the last Japanese from the island. Tokyo yesterday reported a new allied attack under cover of a naval and shore bombardment.

In the Philippines native troops took the lead in fighting to liberate their homeland by scoring notable gains on the east coast of Luzon. Guerrillas, now fighting as the Philippine army, took Infanta, 44 miles east of Manila, and nearby Misau. The entire Dinahican peninsula was in their hands.

The Filipino forces earlier had made an amphibious landing on the peninsula, which is on Polillo strait, 10 miles across from the neighboring island of Polillo.

The native troops joined with the American First cavalry division to pursue the Japanese toward the unexplored hills in the northwest.

In northern Luzon the 32nd division broke through a strong Japanese pocket on the Villa Verde trail and crashed within three miles of Santa Fe.

The 43rd division mopping up in the Ipo dam sector northeast of Manila reported it was still killing Japanese at the average of 100 a day.

Big Three Parley Dates Are Hinted

London, May 26 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that the next Big Three meeting will be held sometime between June 15 and July 5, at the height of Britain's general election campaign.

In an election speech delivered at suburban Loughton, Churchill gave the strongest official intimation that a meeting with President Truman and Premier Stalin is imminent, and that he might have to leave Britain for the conference.

Hints of Absence
"If I have to be away from this constituency during the 17 days of the election period (June 15 to July 5), Mrs. Churchill will take my place," he said.

"It may be I shall have to go to some conference of what they call the 'Big Three'."

Not Guilty Plea Made By Indian

McMinnville, Ore., May 26 (AP)—Phillip John Warren, 34-pound Grand Ronde Indian, pleaded innocent when arraigned in circuit court on charges of second degree murder of Henry Blair.

Blair died May 13 from a blow on the head. Warren's attorney, Bruce Spalding, requested a three weeks delay of trial to prepare the defense. The date of the trial has been set for June 19th.

Named By Truman to Take Cabinet Posts



(NEA Telephoto) Named by President Truman to take new posts in cabinet shake up are (left to right) Federal Judge Lewis B. Schellenback, Spokane, Wash., to become Secretary of Labor; Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D., N. M.) to be Secretary of Agriculture; and Tom C. Clark, Dallas, Tex., to be Attorney General.

Truman Seeking Hoover's Advice

Washington, May 26 (AP)—The White House announced today that President Truman had invited Former President Herbert Hoover to the White House for a conference Monday on the food situation in Europe.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Hoover had accepted the invitation. Ross said the president felt "that Mr. Hoover had information which would be valuable to him. Hoover was chairman of a commission for relief in Belgium from 1915 to 1919 and during two years of this time—from 1917 to the middle of 1919—he was food administrator for this country."

Headed Council
Following the last war, he served as head of the American relief administration and the European relief council. Hoover is now in New York City.

It is believed the Monday conference will be the first time Hoover had been in the White House since he left it in 1933 at the time of the first inauguration of the late President Roosevelt, who defeated him for reelection in 1932.

Man Pulls Lever, Firemen Answer

Spokane, Wash., May 26 (AP)—Four alarms rang through the Spokane fire department yesterday and three companies clanged to the scene. There they found a puzzled, middle-aged man still desperately pulling the lever in the alarm box in a futile effort to mail a letter.

FIRE DAMAGES DAVENPORT

Fire, presumably started by a lighted cigarette, last night almost destroyed a davenport and caused considerable smoke damage to the room at 1662 West Fifth street, city firemen reported today.

The dwelling is the home of Glen W. Thompson.

Plane Production Facing Cutback; But Japs Promised Heavy Tonnage of Bombs This Year

Washington, May 26 (AP)—Army plane production took a sharp, planned nosedive today but it was not good news for Japan.

A well-informed congressman said the land of the rising sun would be plastered during the coming 12 months with more than double the weight of bombs the allies dumped on Europe in the last year of the war there.

The congressman, Chairman J. Buell Snyder, D., Pa., of the house sub-committee on war department appropriations, told reporters after an all-day closed meeting with Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall:

State Superintendent Speaker At Bend Graduation Exercises

113 Seniors Receive Diplomas as Climax of Commencement Program; Class Is Presented

One hundred and thirteen Bend high school students, 11 of whom are in the armed forces, received their diplomas at commencement exercises here last night, with Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, delivering the commencement address. "The Grand Act" was his topic, and as he spoke to the Bend high school war-time class of 1945 thunder crashed outside, and flashes of lightning illuminated the high windows of the big gymnasium.

Putnam paid tribute to the 11 graduates who are already in the armed forces, and reminded the audience that, with their high school career at an end, many of the other boys and girls will soon be taking up their assignments, to assist their nation in the grim days ahead. He touched on grand acts of world history, then added: "For the most of us, the grand act is the sum total of a human life nobly lived."

Deschutes Men Get Service Call

A number of men who had been processed for physical examinations for induction and were about to depart for Portland yesterday, were reclassified and withdrawn from the list, it was announced today at the Deschutes county selective service board.

Removal of the men from the list came as a result of new federal regulations, which permitted the reclassification of men over 30 years of age who are engaged in essential industry. The men, who were reclassified to the 2-A status, are:

Harold Smith Darling, Clell Clayton McCrea, Leland Carl Erickson, Donald Howard Hartley, William Rolan Hatch, George Edward Williamson, Chris Nicholas Renno, Marion Delbert Spencer, Bruce Perry Gilbert, Earl T. Huberd, Lloyd Ralph Downs and Theodore T. Vilhauer.

Others who were sent to Portland for examinations, and new board transfers, follow:

Ordered to report for pre induction physicals in Portland May 25: Vernon A. Forbes, Norman H. Owens, Leslie Daniels, Ralph V. Wilson, Edward Glaab, John William Pickles, Frank Edward Webster, Norman Carl Hewitt, Henry Helmholtz, Mervin F. Kirby, Albert Gordon Craig. (Continued on Page 5)

County Expense Estimates Made

Deschutes county's budget committee, in another late meeting in the courthouse last night, virtually completed its expense estimates for the 1945-46 fiscal year, forecasting a tax reduction of approximately three mills, but holding post-war construction allowances at \$17,500.

No reduction had been expected in the earlier meetings of the committee, it having been intended to fund the saving resulting from state payment of the \$44,000 county school tax for post-war building. Later examination of the new statute providing for the payment indicated, however, that the amount must be budgeted and levy made for it, with the saving appearing later for direct benefit of the taxpayers when it is used by the assessor to adjust the levy.

Memorial Budgeted
On the assumption that this interpretation of the law would stand, the committee decided to make use of the full six per cent levy increase permitted by law, \$8,994.22, and to reduce the contemplated \$35,000 county hospital appropriation to \$5,000. An appropriation of \$12,500 for a veterans memorial, already promised, would stand. The money for the memorial (Continued on Page 5)

Fire Damages Royal Palace, Enemy Reveals

Entire Capital Must Be Rebuilt, Premier Says; Japanese Are Very Mad

Washington, May 26 (AP)—Nineteen Superfortresses were lost in yesterday's great fire raid on Tokyo, the 20th air force announced today. This was the largest number of B-29's ever lost on a single mission. Twelve were lost in the earlier Tokyo raid this week.

Guam, May 26 (AP)—Premier Kantaro Suzuki announced tonight that huge fires touched off by a American Superfortresses damaged Tokyo so extensively that the entire city will have to be rebuilt. Japan also reported Emperor Hirohito's palace virtually was destroyed.

"Our beautiful capital must be completely replanned from a bare start," Premier Suzuki told his nation in a radio broadcast Saturday night (Japan time). "There is no present hope for mere restoration."

Earlier Japanese broadcasts said flames started by 4,000 tons of incendiary bombs and whipped by 70-mile-an-hour gales had "laid waste" to most of the remainder of Tokyo.

On Large Scale
The capital, once the world's third largest city, was literally "scorched to the ground," one broadcast said. Virtually the entire central business section, including many government ministries, was said to have been levelled by the flames.

A Japanese announcement said Hirohito and his empress were safe, along with the Empress Dowager, his mother, whose nearby Omiya palace also burned to the ground.

Meeting Called
Premier Baron Kantaro Suzuki called an extraordinary meeting of his cabinet while inhabitants of the capital still were fighting the fires kindled by 500 B-29's with 4,000 tons of incendiaries just after midnight.

Suzuki issued a statement regarding the burning of the imperial palaces, radio Tokyo said, and the cabinet ministers pledged to work for the "renovation of the administration."

Vice ministers also were called into session later and deliberated (Continued on Page 5)