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Partly cloudy with scattered light showers today and in northern portion tonight and Friday.

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## Pincers Close Around Shuri As Yanks Gain

### Tokyo Radio Concedes Main Line in Collapse; Marines Encircle Japs

Guam, Friday, June 1 (AP)—Tenth army marines and soldiers took formal control of the Shuri area in southern Okinawa today, drawing two separate pincers around perhaps thousands of Japanese near the conquered citadel. As Radio Tokyo conceded that its main defense line had collapsed and said the critical stage in the 61-day battle for Okinawa was imminent, the Americans slashed at enemy soldiers seeking to escape to the southern tip of the island for a last-ditch stand. Army troops drove in from the north of Shuri to meet the marine conquerors of Shuri castle and complete one pincer. A larger encirclement was being forged by marines driving southeast from captured Naha, now approximately 1,000 yards from doughboys at the town of Chan, in the center of the island below Shuri.

### Near Okinawa Tip

Advanced elements of the Seventh division were reported moving down the east coast to within two miles of the southern tip of Okinawa.

In Shuri itself, marines of the First division raised the stars and stripes over 15th century Shuri castle, shell-pocked former Japanese army headquarters, at 1:45 p. m. yesterday.

Trig. Gen. Pedro Del Valle, commander of the First division, said his marines now controlled the whole of the ruined city of Shuri, though "actual physical occupation" had not been completed.

Japanese suicide squads still clung to strong positions north, west, east and southeast of Shuri, but the 77th division collapsed the northeastern defenses and plunged ahead to within a few hundred yards of a junction with the marines at Shuri castle.

### Junction Nears

A junction of the 77th division and First marines would encircle the Japanese still holding out on Wana ridge northwest of Shuri and other enemy units north of the city.

The second ring of encirclement was being forged by the Sixth marine and the Seventh army divisions in the Kokuba river valley more than a mile south of Shuri. The marines driving southeast from captured Naha on the west coast, were less than 2,000 yards from a junction with the Seventh division slashing across Okinawa from the east coast last night. A linkup of these forces would trap all remaining enemy forces in the Shuri area.

## Name Is Studied For World Group

San Francisco, May 31 (AP)—The new world security organization probably will be called "The United Nations," but not without objections.

The question of a name is being considered now by a conference committee. There appeared to be little prospect that the name agreed upon by the Big Four at Dumbarton Oaks—"The United Nations"—would be changed. But several Latin American countries have suggested these others:

- Ecuador:—"Juridical Community of States" or "International Juridical Community."
- Mexico:—"Permanent Union of Nations."
- Cuba:—"World Commonwealth of Nations."
- Uruguay:—"Association of Nations."
- Venezuela:—"Just doesn't like United Nations because a name which perpetuates war association seems unsuitable for an organization of peace."

## Man Is Arrested In Stabbing Case

Arrested in connection with the beer bottle stabbing Sunday night in the Shamrock of William Haffner, 33, of 65 Franklin avenue, John W. Jones, 56, a resident of the Shady Nook auto court, today was at liberty on \$1,000 bond on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Jones was arrested on a warrant signed by the victim. He was taken into custody in a tavern in Redmond by Chief of Police Jess Edgar of Redmond. According to Bend officers, Haffner was stabbed by the broken end of a beer bottle during an altercation in the beer parlor. He was taken to the St. Charles hospital where he was treated for severe facial wounds.

## UNCIO Subcommittee Meeting



Much discussion, heavy thinking and heavy smoking mark this UNCIO sub-committee meeting on regional arrangements. At table (left to right) are Arnold Raestad and Arne Ordning of Norway; Maj. Gen. E. I. C. Jacob and Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain. Official Secretariat photo.

## War 2 Combat Casualties Reach Well Over Million Mark

### Total of 227,097 Listed as Killed; Data For Week Show Heavy Losses at Okinawa

Washington, May 31 (AP)—U. S. combat casualties in this war passed 1,000,000 today.

Military losses as announced officially here reached 1,002,887, an increase of 6,798 over a week ago.

The total included 890,019 army and 112,868 navy, marine corps, and coast guard casualties.

The overall total, including only those casualties which have been tabulated and announced in Washington, was nearly four times the World War I total of 259,735 for all services.

The week's increase was almost evenly divided between the two major branches. The army's total rose 3,494 while the navy's, reflecting heavy losses of Okinawa, climbed 3,304.

### Figures Presented

The casualty total for all services included 227,097 dead, 607,468 wounded, 63,455 missing and 104,867 taken prisoner.

Of the prisoners, about 90,000 were in Europe and have been liberated.

The missing total includes about 44,000 army missing in Europe. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told a press conference that there was little hope that many of these would turn up alive.

Patterson disclosed that five infantry divisions—the third, fourth, ninth, 45th and 36th—suffered among them a total of 133,394 casualties.

Each, he said, suffered losses greater than its total strength at any one time. An infantry division's strength is about 15,000.

## Death of Six Due to Bomb, Says Official

Washington, May 31 (AP)—The only casualties inflicted by Japanese balloon bombs which have fallen sporadically in the western area were suffered by a family that found an unexploded bomb, undersecretary of war Robert P. Patterson said today.

They detonated the bomb, with the result a woman and five children were killed. Her husband and one child survived.

The secretary did not give details of the incident. It was known, however, the incident occurred at Lakeview, Ore.

## Allies Passing From Defensive to Offensive In China, Says General; Jap Lifeline Is Cut

By George Wang (United Press War Correspondent) Chungking, May 31 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. forces in China, said today that the Allies were passing from the defensive to the offensive in China.

"We now are on the upgrade," he told a press conference. "I am very optimistic over future military developments in China."

Even as he spoke, Chinese forces seized control of possibly 180 miles of the Japanese lifeline corridor across China. Still greater victories appeared imminent. The Japanese were reported to have fired and abandoned the strategic cities of Liu-chow and Lueching in the central Kwangsi province sector of the corridor.

## Chiang Quits Premier Post; Still President

### Brother-in-Law Takes Over Position; Other Switches Are Reported

Chungking, May 31 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek resigned as premier of China today, but retained his concurrent post of president.

Reliable sources said a plenary session of the Kuomintang's central executive committee appointed T. V. Soong, Chang's brother-in-law, as premier—a post officially known as president of the executive Yuan.

Soong had been acting premier since last December, when Chiang turned from political problems to urgent military matters including a Japanese drive toward Chungking.

### Resignation Accepted

The plenary session also accepted the resignation of Dr. H. H. Kung, another brother-in-law of Chiang, as vice-premier—vice president, to succeed him.

A Washington dispatch said Dr. Kung resigned because poor health prevented him from returning to China from the United States at this time. Dr. Kung also resigned from the concurrent post of governor of the Central Bank of China, but remained Chiang's personal representative to President Truman, Washington said.

### Officers Retained

Both Chiang and Kung also retained numerous other lesser officers in the Chinese government. Chiang also is supreme commander of Allied forces in China.

The changes were believed the first of several in China's government.

Soong, a brother of Madame Chiang, headed the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco world security conference. His formal appointment as premier was expected to strengthen his hand in dealing with other members of the Big Five—the United States, Britain, Russia and France.

It also may clear the way for an agreement with the Chinese communist regime at Yanan.

## Holiday Marred By Many Deaths

(By United Press) At least 40 violent deaths were counted today as an aftermath to the nation's holiday honoring its heroes felled in battle.

Of this number, traffic casualties were estimated at 10, as compared to a death toll of 50 forecast by the national safety council. The council's figures, compiled on the basis of past experience, included those persons hurt on Memorial Day who die later of their injuries.

Preliminary reports from United Press bureaus throughout the country listed, in addition to traffic deaths, seven drownings, three stabbings, two shootings, two chemical explosion casualties and 13 miscellaneous deaths.

### Three Fatally Burned

Pennsylvania, reporting eight deaths, had the largest holiday toll. Three brothers were fatally burned when their car was struck by the Pennsylvania railroad's crack liberty limited passenger train outside Pittsburgh, two others died in automobile collisions, and three miscellaneous deaths were listed.

Michigan ranked second with six deaths, including one traffic accident, one drowning, two stabbings, a shooting and a fatality caused by a fall.

## County Residents Hurt in Action

Two local men have been wounded in action, the office of war information reported today.

T/A Louis A. Walter, son of Roy Walter, Route 1, Box 15, was wounded in Europe; and Pvt. Robert Johnson, husband of Mrs. Loraine A. Johnson, 330 East Revere street, was wounded in the south Pacific, the OWI reported.

## Donald Sholes Writes From Japanese Camp

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sholes, 1430 Newport avenue, this week received a regulation censored card from their son, Donald R. Sholes, who is a prisoner of the Japanese at Camp Fukuoka Furge Shuyosho on Honshu island.

According to the card, which was dated Oct. 11, 1944, Donald was "doing very well," and he added, "I hope to be with you all soon." The last card the Sholes received was dated in April, 1944.

## Bend Children Produce 25 Tons of Paper, Attend Show

### New High Mark in Collection Work Set After Boys, Girls Submit Salvage in Lieu of Tickets

When it comes to producing salvage paper for the war effort, it takes the youngsters of Bend to do it.

This was the opinion today of members of the Bend junior chamber of commerce, who reported that more than 25 tons of paper were delivered Tuesday to the Tower theater by boys and girls, when admission to the show required only a bundle of paper. According to Don Higgins, president of the Jaycees, the 50,000 pounds of paper greatly exceeded the amount gathered in any city-wide pickup made by the Junior chamber of commerce since that organization assumed responsibility for the paper salvage in this community.

Making three trips to the theater with an automobile and trailer, Teddy McIlvanna, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert McIlvanna, was announced the winner of the \$25 war bond given for the largest amount of paper donated. Jaycee officials who weighed the largest donations, said that Teddy brought a total of 2,338 pounds of paper to the theater.

### 912 Attend Show

B. A. Stover and Ken Hodgkinson, operators of the Tower theater, reported that 912 boys and girls attended the theater after they had brought paper to aid the war effort. The theater management and President Higgins of the Jaycees, reported that the boys and girls were most orderly in the theater, Higgins adding that "they are a credit to the community."

Junior chamber officials said they were a "bit disappointed" when they called for a small boy to stand up in the theater and be applauded for his efforts in the paper drive. The boy, they said, had made six trips to the theater with a wheelbarrow loaded with paper. Apparently, Jaycees said, his modesty prevented him from "making a bow."

According to Higgins, three trucks and trailers were loaded with paper. The last truck load was taken to the salvage depot because of the inability to send it direct to Portland with the other trucks, it was reported.

### Traffic Slowed

Motorists who were inconvenienced by slow traffic on Wall street during the paper assembly, apparently took the matter in good spirit, for there was no impatient honking of horns or attempts to speed traffic, police reported. For a time cars and trailers were backed up from the Tower theater to Greenwood avenue.

Members of the Junior chamber of commerce, children, women and those of other organizations assisted in weighing paper bundles and loading the trucks. The Jaycees listed the following persons who formed the "crew":

Marion Cady, Don Connor, Claude Cook, Ray Dahl, Bruce Gilbert, Don Higgins, Wilfred Jossy, Vernon Larson, Charles Morrison, George Thompson, Joe Van Wormer, Mrs. George Thompson, Barbara Steinhauer, Frank Nelson and Ollie Bowman.

### Red Cross Lauded

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## Sorority Helps In Selling Bonds

Patrons of the Capitol theater are finding the seventh war bond subscription booth being conducted there by members of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority a real convenience, it was reported today by members of the organization who have been staffing the headquarters. A number of bond purchasers have informed the girls at the booth that owing to the fact that they work during the day, their service affords them the only opportunity they have at night to subscribe to bonds.

Margaret Dougherty and Ruth Yelding, co-chairmen of the theater bond sellers, said that the booth will be maintained the rest of this week, and perhaps longer if the demand warrants.

## Change in Point Values Due In Coming Month, Says OPA

Washington, May 31 (AP)—Lower point values in June for tomato and mixed vegetable juices and higher values for canned tomatoes and canned spinach were announced today by the office of price administration.

The new values take effect June 3 and continue through June 30. Raising of canned tomato point values to 40 points, the highest for tomatoes to date, came as chairman Elmer Thomas, D. Okla., of the senate food committee declared that tomatoes and a lot of other processed foods should be off the ration list entirely.

Thomas charged OPA officials of keeping canned goods rationed "because they want to keep their jobs."

Along with the processed food changes OPA announced that point values for most meats, fats and oils would remain undisturbed for the June period but warned that there would be seven per cent less meat for civilians than the meager supplies available in May.

OPA said there would be 6,700,000 pounds less beef, 12,300,000 pounds less pork, 600,000 pounds less lamb but 5,300,000 pounds more veal and 1,600,000 pounds more mutton.

Values for fatback or salt pork were increased three points bringing them to eight points a pound, plate bacon the same and pork sides, aged and dry cured, one point to nine points a pound. Lard shortening, salad and cooking oils were left at 10 points a pound, margarine at 12 points and creamery butter at 24.

Canned tomato juice and vegetable juice combinations containing 70 per cent tomato juice were set at two cans (up to and including the No. 2 1/2 size) for one blue ration stamp (10 points). Cans brought singly, however, still require one blue stamp, except for the No. 10 size.)

## Great Britain Orders Troops Into Lebanon

### Big Power Acts to Halt Bloody French And Arab Disorders

London, May 31 (AP)—Great Britain ordered her troops into Syria and Lebanon to halt the bloody Arab-French disorders today and served a virtual ultimatum on France to cease hostilities in the Levant immediately.

In a move to resolve the Levant crisis and prevent a possible rupture of allied communications lines to the Far East, Prime Minister Churchill announced he had ordered British armed intervention between the warring French and Arab forces in Syria and Lebanon.

At the same time, a terse memorandum was dispatched to Gen. Charles De Gaulle "requesting" the immediate withdrawal of all French troops in the Levant to their barracks "to avoid collision between British and French forces."

### To Hold Discussions

"Once firing has ceased and order has been restored, we shall be prepared to begin tripartite discussions here in London," the British note said.

The sudden British intervention climaxed three weeks of spreading disorder in the Levant, touched off by the dispatch of French reinforcements to Syria and Lebanon to back up France's demand for strategic bases in the former mandated countries.

The ancient city of Damascus was aflame from French bombing and shelling, and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced in Commons that the situation there had become worse in the past 12 hours.

Eden said late advices from the British minister in Damascus reported heavy and continued fighting in the city throughout last night and early today.

### Big Fires Burn

He said two great fires were burning in the center of the city. They were about a mile apart but spreading swiftly.

Eden said the British and American civilian colonies were evacuated from Damascus during a brief armistice yesterday afternoon. Then the center of the city was subjected to a very heavy and concentrated French artillery bombardment and French warplanes roared in to bomb the Syrian garrison.

Cries of "shame" arose in the house when Eden revealed that bombs had been dropped on the Biblical city.

Eden emphasized that Britain had been "immensely anxious" to avoid intervention in the Levant, but he reiterated that the threat to British and American supply lines to the Far Eastern war theater had become too serious to ignore.

### Would Shame All

"We have not acted until our overall responsibility was so serious that we simply had to act or stand by and see a situation develop which would have shamed us all," he said.

The British cabinet, he added, is in constant communication with the United States government on the situation.

## Lt. Ken Preston Returns to Bend

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