

# Nimitz Says Okinawa Conquest Completed in 82 Days of Battle

## Truman Visions Improvement in Food Situation

Anderson to Straighten Mess Out—To Pay Portland Visit Monday

Olympia, Wash., June 21 (AP)—President Truman today forecast a material improvement in the national food situation when the new food administration takes over.

Mr. Truman made this forecast in a special news conference here in the office of Gov. Mon Wallgren, his host during a vacation in the northwest. The conference was held primarily for reporters from this section.

The president said he thought the food situation would straighten out automatically as soon as the new administration—Rep. Clinton Anderson, (D-N.M.), who becomes administrator and secretary of agriculture—takes over his job.

Mr. Truman also praised congress for its renewal of the trade agreement act, saying this action "places the United States squarely behind the principles of international trade cooperation which must prevail in the interest of world peace and economic well being."

At the same time the president expressed gratification over the progress of the San Francisco United Nations conference, saying he was very happy that it had been a success.

He announced plans to make a brief stop Monday at Portland, Ore., en route to San Francisco where he will address the adjourning session of the congress on Tuesday.

Mr. Truman said he would leave here at 10 a. m. (PWT) Monday and fly to Portland, arriving there about 11 o'clock, and leaving there in time to reach San Francisco about 4 p. m. Monday.

**Permits Quotation**  
He permitted direct quotation of his comment on congressional action in renewing the trade agreements act for three years: "The action of the senate in approving the legislation to renew and strengthen the trade agreements act is indeed gratifying."

"The revitalization of this act places the United States squarely behind the principles of international trade cooperation which must prevail in the interests of world peace and economic well being."

"Trade cooperation, however, must go hand in hand with monetary and financial cooperation and I am confident that the senate will also take favorable action on the Bretton Woods legislation."

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## President for Alaska Road

Olympia, Wash., June 21 (AP)—President Truman today advocated completion of the Alaskan highway as an essential postwar project.

Mr. Truman told his press conference that 600 miles of highway still must be constructed to complete the long highway which links the United States with Alaska.

He made the announcement to his press conference after meeting with Gov. Earnest Gurenning of Alaska and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D., Wash.

Mr. Truman said that the commission which planned the original highway would be revitalized. He observed that Magnuson is now a member of the commission, as was Governor Wallgren who sat beside him during the meeting with the northwest press.

The president said it would be the commission's job to plan the construction of the last leg of the highway.

In answer to a question, the president reiterated his support for the bill introduced by Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell, D., Wn., which would create a Columbia valley authority.

Mr. Truman reminded that the CVA is part of an overall plan in which his home state of Missouri is interested as well.

**Forest Fire in Metolius**  
Bend, June 21 (AP)—Fanned by fitful winds, the most severe forest fire in recent years was raging in the lower Metolius river section of the Deschutes national forest, approximately 45 miles northwest of Bend, as upwards of 300 men fought to bring the blaze under control.

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## Doolittle Marks Map for Set-up For Jap Bombing

Washington, June 21 (AP)—The strategic bombing of Japan will be carried out by two separate heavy bombing forces, the 20th and the 8th.

This was disclosed today in a news conference with Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, chief of the 8th air force which now is being redeployed from Europe to the Pacific area.

In answer to a question about the general setup, Doolittle said: "The 8th will be under my command; the directives will come from the joint chiefs of staff."

This will parallel operations of the 20th air force, commanded by Gen. H. H. Arnold, with Lt. Gen. Barney Giles the deputy commander in the Pacific.

The 21st bomber command (a part of the 20th air force), based on Saipan, has been conducting the attacks on the Japanese home islands. The 20th is directed from Washington and the strategy is determined by the joint chiefs of staff here.

**To Use B-29s**  
Doolittle said that Colorado Springs, Colo., will be the headquarters of the 8th air force while it is retraining in this country.

Asked whether the 8th would use only the Superfortresses used by the 20th, Doolittle said that the "decision to date is to have B-29s and such other ships as are needed." He was unable to say whether the B-17s, used along with the B-24s in the bombardment of Germany would be part of the 8th air force in the Pacific.

He said the 8th hoped to have long-range fighters as part of its Pacific organization.

While Doolittle gave no further details on the Pacific air organization, he said there would be an announcement on the strategic command in that area soon.

## Abele Sunk by Jap Baha Bomb

Washington, June 21 (AP)—The navy rapidly removing the news blackout on Japanese suicide attacks, told today how the double blow of a Japanese suicide plane and a "baka bomb" sank the destroyer *Mannert L. Abele* off Okinawa last April 12.

The account, containing the first disclosed incident of a baka bomb hitting an American ship, followed by only 12 hours navy release of a six-month old account of a suicide plane attack on the light cruiser *Nashville* enroute to the invasion of Mindor island in the Philippines.

The *Nashville* was hit by a single suicide plane while in convoy last Dec. 13. A total of 133 officers and men were killed but the ship remained afloat and has since been repaired and restored to action.

Casualties aboard the *Abele* were 113—81 dead and 32 wounded. The ship was on picket duty off Okinawa on the day of the attack.

## \$100,000 in War Bonds Sold at Victory Center Show

While totals were not yet figured up an estimated \$100,000 in bonds were sold yesterday under the stimulation of last night's bond show and the cleanup made in jeeps yesterday by bond salesmen. It is estimated fully 2000 people saw the show on the courthouse lawn and a considerable number participated in the bond bidding.

A purchase of \$10,000 in war bonds brought the services of a group of business men to cook and serve a dinner, the seven men being Glenn McCormick, Ed Boring, Dent Reed, Doug Yeater, Loyal Warner, Bob McEwan and Burr Miller. It was then discovered by the brave seven that the bond purchasers were the St. Paul Rodeo association and they'll have to serve the dinner to around 150 persons at the rodeo.

The rodeo association queen with her court and a fine showing of visitors appeared in full regalia and opened the bond

## 30,000 Japs in Cagayan Valley Herded in Trap

Manila, June 21 (AP)—A force of possibly 30,000 Japanese was herded north up the Cagayan valley today by onrushing columns of the 37th Ohio infantry division—toward fierce Igorots bent on adding them to the more than 400,000 enemy casualties on Luzon.

The Nipponese were falling back on Aparri, a scant 100 miles ahead of 37th advance patrols, with nowhere to go once they reach that northwest city on Luzon.

On the west side of the Cagayan river, which splits the valley, the Igorots and other Filipino guerrillas waited in long-prepared positions to frustrate any Nipponese attempt to find refuge among the wild, spiny ridges of the Cordillera mountains.

Maj. Robert S. Beightler's Buckeyes drove unchecked north of captured Iligan and its grass-grown airstrip. The backtracking foe was hounded by planes, some flown by Mexican pilots, which are making as many as 300 sorties a day in support of the Luzon operations.

Latest field advices added 336 more Japanese to the daily-mounting casualty lists.

**New Borneo Landing**  
On Borneo, Australian forces have made a new landing, this time at the northern head of Brunei bay to give them control of "the shores bordering both entrances into the bay," headquarters announced today.

The diggers crossed the five-mile strait from previously captured Labuan island in a move which would block any attempt of the Japanese to attack from Jesselton, 60 miles north.

Headquarters reported another in the daily series of attacks by heavy bombers on the oil center of Balikpapan on Borneo's east coast but still said nothing concerning repeated enemy broadcasts that an allied fleet is offshore, shelling and mine-sweeping.

In dozens of small scale mopping up operations on Luzon and Mindano island fronts of the Philippines, ground forces killed more than 350 Japanese Tuesday and captured 160 others.

## Prison Terms For 12 Poles

Moscow, June 21 (AP)—Twelve of 16 Poles accused of subversive activities behind red army lines were convicted by a Soviet court early today and given sentences of from four months to ten years in prison. There were acquitted and the trial of another was postponed.

The heaviest sentence—10 years—was imposed upon Maj. Gen. L. Bronislaw Okulicki, commander of the underground home army after the ill-fated Warsaw uprising.

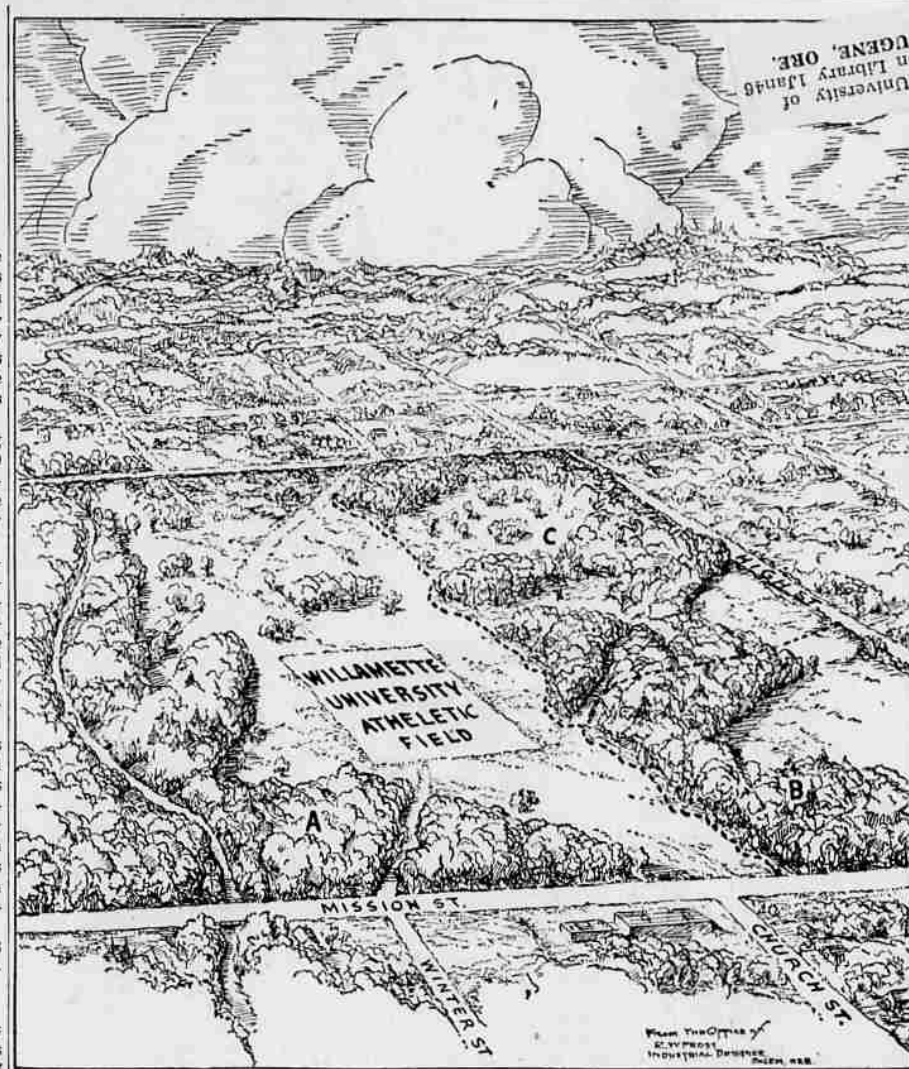
Jan Janowski, deputy prime minister of the London Polish government-in-exile and leader of the Polish underground movement, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment.

## Strike Threat Hangs Over Lumber Plants

Portland, Ore., June 21 (AP)—A strike threat hung over the northwest lumber industry today.

The executive committee of the AFL northwestern Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers went into closed session this morning to discuss calling a general strike vote in support of their demands for a flat 20-cent-an-hour wage increase.

AFL officials said the strike, if called, would involve some 60,000 loggers and sawmill workers in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana. An AFL spokesman estimated the conference would last at least through today, but declined to say how soon a decision might be reached.



Map of Bush's Pasture, purchase of a portion of which will be voted on in the special city election Friday. The area marked A is the lower 57 acres already owned by the city in which the 10 acres to be used as an athletic field by Willamette university and the community is located. B is the portion to be retained for the use of Miss Sally Bush during the lifetime of Miss Bush and A. N. Bush, after which it will revert to the city. C is the remainder of the tract. Portions B and C are the 43-acre area to be voted on Friday.

## University Policy on Sports Field Liberal

Willamette university has no intention of adopting a selfish attitude in connection with the development of an athletic plant on the lower level of Bush pasture should the proposal to secure the entire tract as a public park meet the approval of the voters at Friday's special election. This was the assurance given today by President G. Herbert Smith in explaining the university's plans for the 10-acre tract for which it is willing to pay \$25,000.

## Security Meet Ends June 26

San Francisco, June 21 (AP)—A charter embracing the views of 50 United Nations was wrapped up today into a world document designed to maintain peace.

President Truman, now taking a brief holiday in Washington state, will bring the United Nations conference to a formal close with a speech on international affairs Tuesday afternoon.

Until that time the delegates of the 50 nations represented here will be busy with a variety of technical problems and speech-making sessions. But the real work of the conference, which met April 25, is accomplished.

It reached that stage last night. A committee approved an Australian-Russian compromise empowering the proposed general assembly of nations to make recommendations on any question "within the scope of the charter" written here.

Thus ended a long struggle by small nations to make the assembly a "town meeting of the world" potentially capable of exerting the pressure of public opinion on the big-power-controlled security council, even though it could exercise no control over the council directly.

Victor Andrade of Bolivia, chairman of the committee on assembly powers, attributed leadership in this struggle to Foreign Minister Herbert V. Evatt of Australia.

**The Weather**  
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)  
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with temperatures about the same as today. A few light, widely scattered showers are expected Friday afternoon. Minimum tonight about 52. Conditions will not be favorable for dusting. Max. yesterday, 91. Minimum today, 53. Mean temperature yesterday, 74, which was 12 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11.30 a. m. today, 0. Total precipitation for the month, 32, which is 63 inches below normal. Willamette river height -1.7 ft.

## Remnants of Japs in 2 Pockets Mopped-Up by Flamethrowers With Over 90,000 Nips Killed

parations Underway for Invasion of Japan's Home Islands—'Vinegar Joe' Succeeds in Command of 10th

Guam, June 21 (AP)—The American Tenth army has won the battle of Okinawa after 82 days of the bloodiest fighting of the Pacific war, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Simultaneously, Gen. Douglas MacArthur in a surprise move appointed Gen. Joseph W. (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell, chief of U. S. army ground forces, to command the victorious Tenth in the climactic battle of Japan.

Radio Tokyo said the United States apparently already has begun preparations for a "direct invasion of the Japanese mainland."

Nimitz's brief, triumphant communique reported that all organized Japanese resistance on Okinawa, hard-won stepping stone island only 330 miles southwest of Japan, ended today.

The 41-word communique was issued at 10 p. m. (Guam time) after a dramatic message to headquarters here from Marine Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, Tenth army commander, three days after his predecessor, Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., was killed in action.

"Remnants of the enemy garrison in two small pockets in the southern portion of the island are being mopped up," the communique said.

**Two Pockets Left**  
Only yesterday, marines and doughboys of the Tenth army had split diehard enemy remnants into three separate death pockets. Nimitz's announcement indicated one of the three pockets since had been wiped out and the others reduced to impotency.

Apparently still holding out were pockets in the area of hill 81 and another pocket at the extreme southern end of the island where many of the Japs were leaping from cliffs to their deaths. But the marines and doughboys swept into the pockets, breaking up what little was left of Japanese communications and severing the enemy from overall command.

**Handful of Guerrillas**  
A handful of Japanese fighting as guerrillas remain at the northern end of the island, but it was believed they would be of no effect in halting development of Okinawa as a base for the reduction of Japan.

Total Japanese casualties were not announced immediately, but they were believed well above the 90,000 mark. A total of 87,343 Japanese dead had been counted through Tuesday and 2565 other enemy troops had surrendered.

American casualties have not been tallied for publication since May 24. Then they totaled 35,116 in the army, marine corps and navy, including 9602 dead.

It was a costly campaign for the U. S. fleet as 31 ships, mostly smaller units, were sunk, and 54, including four large units, were damaged.

**Suomela Appointed State Fish Warden**  
Portland, Ore., June 21 (AP)—Arnie J. Suomela, Ilwaco, Wash., was appointed master fish warden of Oregon today by the Oregon state fish commission.

Suomela, managing biologist of the Washington fisheries department, will take over his new post August 1.

M. T. Hoy will continue as secretary of the commission under the title of assistant master fish warden. Irvine French, now field superintendent, will replace Hugh C. Mitchell as chief fish culturist.

**Senate Passes Tariff Cut Bill**  
Washington, June 21 (AP)—The broadened, extended reciprocal trade legislation which President Truman called "of the first order of importance for the success of my administration" was his for the signing today.

The senate passed it late yesterday by a vote of 54 to 21. First it restored a house-approved provision permitting Mr. Truman to reduce selected tariff rates another 50 per cent. Then it slapped down a series of proposed restrictive amendments.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee had made good on Tuesday his effort to put back the additional rate-cutting provision which had been eliminated in committee, 10 to 9. He and other administration Democrats, joined by a considerable number of Republicans, followed up the initial victory by defeating yesterday all other attempts to amend the bill and by passing it in the same form in which it cleared the house.

**No State Fair in 1945 Is Decision of State Board**  
There will be no state fair in 1945. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Oregon state board of agriculture held in Salem Wednesday. In making this decision the board called attention to the following factors:

1. In the face of food shortages the efforts of farmers are devoted fully to production, leaving little time either to prepare exhibits for a fair or to attend if one were to be held.

2. The farm labor supply is such that a fair held at harvest time would impair the necessary harvesting of crops in the territory adjacent to Salem.

3. The redeployment of military forces to the Pacific is creating a very difficult transportation problem, already critical.

4. Crowded transportation facilities and tire and gasoline shortages together make holding of a fair inadvisable.

5. The extent of repairs and renovations required at the fairgrounds would utilize labor needed in more essential production activity.

The agricultural board again stated it was only with reluctance that this decision was made, particularly as this makes the fourth year in which no state fair has been held. However, plans are definitely made to hold a fair in 1946. Improvements are underway on a limited scale at the fairgrounds and will continue as materials and labor become more readily available.

Director E. L. Peterson, in commenting on the board's action, said: "I think in view of the facts mentioned this is a wise decision. We still have a war to win. We are far from easy street with respect to food supplies. I hope the friends of the Oregon state fair will be patient. We will have a good fair when the gates open Labor day, 1946."

## Jap General Being Hunted

Okinawa, June 21 (AP)—Seventh division infantry stormed up hill 89, south of Mabuni Town, today in search of the Japanese general commanding the Okinawa garrison, whom they want dead or alive.

The hill, 200 yards south of Mabuni on the southeastern coast, is believed by many to be Japanese army headquarters.

It is highly probable the Japanese general was killed by naval gunfire, bombing or artillery. Or he may have committed hara kiri, a precedent set by other Nipponese commanders elsewhere in the Pacific.

There is a bad pocket near Ozato, which was so badly infested with mines that the Yanks withdrew from it upon their first entry several days ago.

This Ozato pocket was 1000 yards behind American lines. Three hundred Japanese held out there for three days before the pocket was cleaned out by troops led by Lt. Col. Charles W. Johnson, Olympia, Wash., and James F. Doyle, (no rank given), Worcester, Mass.

Japanese increased their attempted infiltrations in these final hours of the campaign, but were having little success.

## Stilwell in Buckner's Place

Manila, June 21 (AP)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell has been appointed commander of the American 10th army on Okinawa to succeed the late Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., it was announced today.

The appointment was made by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of all Pacific ground forces for the climactic battle of Japan.

Stilwell still is in the Pacific area, where he has been making a tour of the battlefronts and training area in his former post as commander of army ground forces.

He will take over command of the 10th army as soon as he can reach Okinawa.

Okinawa at present is under the over-all operational command of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, but MacArthur's comparatively new post of commander of all army forces in the Pacific left to him the selection of local army commanders.

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