

# Allies Break Center of Enemy Line in Normandy; Nazi Suicide Divisions in Effort to Stem Advance

## Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with showers in mountains. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 72. Lowest this morning 51. Precipitation past 24 hrs. .1

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THEY PAID INVASION PRICE — Row upon row of sheet-covered bodies—American and German alike—await burial on Normandy beachhead. Photo by NEA-Acme photographer Bert Brandt for War Picture Pool, transmitted from London by Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

## YANKEES BYPASS ORBETELLO PORT FAR ABOVE ROME

Fast-Rolling Fifth Army Swings Into Hills To Hit Germans Beyond Base.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, June 14.—(U.P.)—American armored columns by-passed the German coastal stronghold of Orbetello, 70 miles above Rome, and smashed through the enemy's hill defenses five miles beyond that port, it was disclosed today, while other 5th army forces battered slowly through fierce Nazi resistance around Lake Bolsena, 40 miles inland.

Headquarters spokesmen revealed that the fast-rolling Americans swung into the hills east of Orbetello and turned back to hit the Nazis five miles further north at the junction of the coastal road with highway 74, which extends inland to Lake Bolsena.

One wing of the American force drove northward to within 18 miles of the highway hub of Grosseto, while the second knifed two miles eastward along highway 74.

More than 3,000 German trucks, cars and tanks have been smashed by allied planes in the month-long retreat from the south, Saville said, asserting that the enemy's transport system has been wrecked and that it is doubtful whether he can put up a major defense short of the Rimini-Pisa line 100 miles further north.

## PRICE CONTROL COTTON PARITY PROPOSAL DIES

House Rejects Amendment Which Administration Supporters Say Meant Veto.

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—The house today passed and returned to the senate a bill to extend the price control act to June 30, 1945, with many amendments.

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—The house today rejected, 103 to 191, an amendment to the price control extension bill which would have required that cotton growers receive parity prices for their product and would have guaranteed a cost-of-production price for textile manufacturers.

The proposal—a modification of the Bankhead amendment approved by the senate last week—was rejected after assertions by administration supporters that President Roosevelt would veto the bill if, as finally passed, it contained the amendment. They also charged its enactment would wreck the price control program.

Minimum Rule Loses The house also defeated, 103 to 189, another amendment which would have made it unlawful for any price to be paid on agricultural commodities, or any product manufactured from agricultural commodities, lower than the parity or support prices established under the stabilization act.

Democratic Floor Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., and Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott, R., Mich., both told the house that approval of the Cotton proposal would destroy price control.

McCormack said it would mean "price increases all along the line," and that its adoption would cause a veto. Wolcott termed it "inflationary."

Rationing Predicted Rep. Paul Brown, D., Ga., sponsor of the proposal, told the house that "if you don't adopt this amendment you will have rationing of clothing in six months."

Rejection of Brown's proposal came as a victory—after a long series of defeats—for administration adherents and some republicans supporting them, who already had warned that many proposed price control restrictions were "legal booby traps" which will give the black market a field day and turn price control into "price chaos."

COWBOY CROONER AHEAD IN IDAHO PRIMARY VOTE

Bolse, Idaho, June 14.—(U.P.)—Glen Taylor, former singing cowboy radio entertainer from Pocatello and recently a west coast war worker today led Sen. D. Worth Clark by 41 votes in a close contest for the Idaho Democratic senatorial nomination.

It was believed the final result of yesterday's primary election balloting would not be known until after an official canvass.

Terms were not disclosed. Mrs. Gertrude Berry, Joan's mother, succeeded today by Attorney A. H. Risse as the baby's temporary legal guardian, last week asked for an early trial on grounds the child was destitute.

War Bulletins

London, June 14.—(U.P.)—The British Press Association reported tonight that Gen. Charles De Gaulle, chief of the French Committee of National Liberation, was on the Norman peninsula in France.

Algiers, June 14.—(U.P.)—The French committee of National Liberation tonight threatened to take reprisals "if the German government carries out its threat to shoot members of the French resistance groups" who have been taken prisoners in France and the threat was at once broadcast by Algiers radio.

London, June 14.—(U.P.)—The German DNB news agency said Allied warships opened a heavy bombardment against the channel port of Le Havre today.



ANOTHER KEY TOWN FALLS — Americans capture vital junction of Caen after bitter fighting. Berlin acknowledges, putting Allies in position to fan out against even more important positions. Allied forces push ahead in St. Lo sector, continue fierce battle for by-passed Caen.

## U. S. Fleet Blasts Islands Only 570 Miles From Japan

Pearl Harbor, June 14.—(U.P.)—The United States fleet roaming Japanese waters attacked the southern Mariana chain Monday and Tuesday, following up the weekend carrier assault against the islands, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Battleships, cruisers and destroyers bombarded Tinian and Saipan, staging bases for the imperial fleet and air forces.

The surface fleet started large fires at Tananag harbor and in the town of Garapan and Charan-Kanoa. Our ships suffered no damage.

Carrier aircraft attacked Pagan island, about 190 miles north of Saipan.

Ships and aircraft of the Pacific fleet also attacked the Kuriles. A task force bombarded Matsushima Island. Aircraft bombed Shumushu and Paramushiro, major enemy bases in the island chain north of the home archipelago.

It was the first time the Marianas have been attacked from surface craft, but the second time for the Kuriles.

There, the U. S. warships moved through the murky north Pacific to within 570 miles of the Japanese mainland to hit Matsushima.

Admiral Nimitz simultaneously announced that more than 60 survivors of a Japanese vessel sunk northwest of Saipan have been rescued and made prisoners of war.

The unprecedented surface attack against the Marianas followed swiftly and significantly after the three-day aerial assault which sank or damaged 29 enemy ships and destroyed 141 planes in the Mariana group.

Pacific fleet headquarters offered no details of the attacks against the Marianas beyond the fact that they continued.

BASEBALL

American Detroit 3 7 0 Cleveland 0 6 2 Gentry and Swift; Smith, Heving, Pat and Rosar.

Toland Medical School, founded in San Francisco in 1862, later became the Medical School of the University of California.

Holds Air Medal Gillespie holds the air medal for participating in strikes on Tawawa, Wake, Mill, Kwajalein and Truk. He also participated in the air attack which supported the American landing at Hollandia April 22.

The flier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gillespie, Medford, Ore., was a football quarterback at Medford high school in 1937-38.

Lt. Gillespie graduated from Medford high school in 1939 and attended Oregon State college for two years. He has been in the navy since November of 1941 and has been flying in the South Pacific war theater for nearly a year. Dan Bowerman, author of the dispatch, is a friend of the flier, and at one time worked on Medford newspapers.

The Gillespie home is at 1315 East Main street.

## WAR TIDE SWAYS AS BOTH SIDES SEEK SHOWDOWN

Germans Launch Five Major Counter Attacks; Allied Patrols 30 Miles Inland.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 14.—(U.P.)—American and British armored forces have broken through the center of the German line in Normandy, sending patrols as far as 30 miles inland, but the Germans have thrown crack "suicide divisions" into five major counterattacks in an attempt to stem the allied advance.

Supreme headquarters revealed late today that the tide of battle swayed back and forth, with the hotly contested town of Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg, changing hands several times last night.

Throw in Everything Both sides were throwing in everything available for what may be the first big showdown battle of the Norman invasion. The British even wheeled up the battleships Nelson and Ramillies to blast away with their big guns against the towns of Caen and Troarn, most stubborn strong points in the enemy defense system.

Allied mobile units smashed all the way through the primary German defenses to open country below the line from Caen to St. Lo in a sudden onslaught which took the Germans by surprise and outflanked those two key strongholds.

Later it was revealed officially that the Nazi command had assigned four panzer divisions to the area of Caen and Tilly-sur-Seulles, and that great armored battles of mounting intensity were going on around the rim of the bulge hammered into the enemy defenses.

Local Successes Three of the German counterattacks were launched in the general area of Caen, one against Caen itself and one against Montebourg. American forces had captured the latter two towns on the Cherbourg peninsula, only to have the Nazis batter back into them.

The Germans scored some local successes, headquarters reported, while allied advances continued around Caumont, captured by the spearhead of the breakthrough assault southwest of Caen, and in the area of Pont l'Abbe, half way across the Cherbourg peninsula.

Record Air Action Aerial support of the invasion hit a new peak when more than 1500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators — the biggest force of heavy bombers ever in action — scattered bombs across a broad reach of the continent while thousands of other planes hammered the Nazi lifelines behind the French battlefield.

The allies had flown more than 4,000 sorties by midafternoon, and it was announced officially that they dropped 42,000 tons of bombs on the enemy in 56,000 sorties during the first week of the invasion.

Allied air losses in the first week of the invasion were 534 planes—139 heavy bombers and 415 medium bombers, fighters, bombers and fighters. Nazi losses were 396 planes destroyed in the air.

The war shipping board announced that so far not a single American seaman or merchantman engaged in the invasion operations had been lost.

BUND MEMBERS STILL CITIZENS

Los Angeles, June 14.—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Peirson M. Hall today held that pre-war membership in the German-American Bund is not grounds for cancellation of citizenship.

Judge Hall ruled 21 former members of the Bund were within their legal rights in joining the organization, and dismissed a government suit to cancel their citizenship.

The case had been under advisement nearly a year. Ruling was withheld on Frederick Carl Mensing, an admitted member of the Nazi party.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

\$372,592

"E" Sales.....\$63,575

Quota.....\$600,000

Total Quota for County.....\$2,282,000

## SOME OF FRENCH LIKE GERMAN LIBERATORS FIND

By Edward V. Roberts

United Press War Correspondent Representing Combined American Press Allied Advance Command Post, June 13.—(U.P.)—Not all of the French welcome the American invasion forces, I learned yesterday on a tour of the beachhead with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's caravan.

We were told of the capture of a number of French women snipers who have been shooting the Americans in the back and of the finding of women's clothing and toilet articles in German billets and dug-in positions, indicating they had been living with the Nazi soldiers.

The Germans were popular with many of the young girls, it was reported. Several maternity cases, admittedly of German paternity, are receiving care from Allied medical units.

As our cars rolled through villages, many of the French residents shouted and waved greetings, but others stared woodenly or turned their backs. "A certain amount of resentment must be expected," military experts told us. "You can't smash their homes, commandeer their fields and buildings and bring them the general disruption accompanying any military movement without it."

TRIAL TIME EXTENSION SIGNED BY ROOSEVELT

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt announced today that despite objections of the secretaries of war and navy, he has signed legislation extending to Dec. 7, the time in which trial proceedings may be instituted against persons accused of responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Technically, the measure extends for six months beyond June 7 the date on which the statute of limitations would bar institution of the proceedings. That statute originally ran out on Dec. 7, 1943, two years after the actual date of the attack, but it was extended by congress until June 7.

IZZY GOMEZ ILL

Alameda, Cal., June 14.—(U.P.)—Izzy Gomez, San Francisco restaurateur and the city's leading Bohemian, was reported critically ill at the Alameda hospital today, suffering from uricemic poisoning.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

City Supe Frank Rogers being forced to go in debt in order to raise funds for a morning cup of coffee.

Don Caton declining to preserve his "girlish figger" and indulging in a second helping of ice cream and cake.

Lulu Saulsberry having difficulty in assembling letters so they would result in "Aleutian."

## Pearl Harbor Surprise Held Due To Colonel's Mismanagement and Machinations of Nazi Contractor

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—A congressional committee declared today that "mismanagement" by an army colonel, and his collaboration with a German-born contractor, had delayed completion of an aircraft warning system that would have detected the approach of Japanese planes in the Pearl Harbor attack.

In a lengthy report compiled after months of secret investigation, a House military affairs subcommittee said that the Japanese assault could have been robbed "of much of the element of surprise" had there been no "neglect and delay" in carrying out the contracts for the warning system.

Boozing Companions The report criticized Col. Theodore Wyman, Jr., district army engineer at Honolulu from June, 1940, to March, 1942, for "discriminating" in favor of Hans Wilhelm Rohlf, leading Hawaiian contractor, in the award of secret army construction contracts. It named the two men as companions on "wild drinking parties."

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## ROSCOE ROBERTS ELECTED STEWARD OF STATE GRANGE

Morton Tompkins, Yamhill county, was re-elected master of the Oregon State Grange at the annual session being held in Grants Pass this week. A Jackson county man on the roster of state officers is Roscoe Roberts, elected steward. Roberts is a member of Roxy Ann Grange.

Elmer McClure of Clackamas county was named overseer and Mrs. G. W. Thiessen of Clackamas county won the lecturer's position. Bertha Beck of Multnomah county was elected for the 26th consecutive term as secretary of the grangers.

Serving on the executive committee for the coming year will be Ray W. Gill, Multnomah county, Peter Zimmerman, Yamhill county and Allen Wheeler, Lane county. Other officers elected were chaplain, Arthur Brown, Polk; treasurer, Glen Adams, Polk; gatekeeper, Arthur Hahn, Harney; Pomona, Pauline Ross, Malheur; Flora, Bertha Hanscom, Umatilla. A runoff election was to have been held this afternoon for the offices of assistant steward, Ceres and lady assistant steward, first voting having resulted in no majority for any candidate.

(More about Grange on page 8)

SHEEP SHEARING NOW WELL ADVANCED HERE

Sheep shearing is now well advanced in the county and the clip is estimated at approximately 100,000 pounds by County Agent Robert G. Fowler. The shearing is late and warm weather, needed to bring out the oil in the wool and increase its weight, never came.

MOWERS, SWEEPERS ARE NEEDED ARTICLES

Washington, June 14.—(U.P.)—A War Production Board consumer goods survey revealed today that such items as lawn mowers, carpet sweepers, tea kettles, and wash boilers—rank with alarm clocks and garbage cans as the most sorely-missed household commodities.

BROKER BUYS ESTATE

New York, June 14.—(U.P.)—Joseph Miller, Beverly Hills, Cal., investment broker, today was revealed as the purchaser of the million dollar East Isl. estate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, including a 54-room mansion and a pond.

30 YEARS HARD LABOR FOR CONVICTED RAPIST

Santa Ana, Cal., June 13.—(U.P.)—Capt. Morrison J. Wilkinson, Jr., 28-year-old veteran fighter pilot who saw duty in China, today faced 30 years at hard labor and dishonorable discharge from the army after a 10-man court martial found him guilty of four sex offenses, bigamy and theft.

KLAMATH BOMBER FALLS IN MONTAGUE SECTION

Seattle, June 14.—(U.P.)—Three men were killed when a medium navy bomber from the Klamath Falls, Ore., naval air station crashed late Tuesday about one mile southeast of Montague, Calif., headquarters of the 13th naval district reported today.