

ROBOT BOMBERS HIT ENGLAND; NAZIS BLOW UP DIKES AT CAEN

ALLIES ADVANCE DESPITE RETURN OF BAD WEATHER

Americans Now Within 2½ miles of Last Nazi Escape Lines From Cherbourg.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 16.—(U.P.)—American troops advanced today to within 2½ miles of the main highway and last German-held railroad south of Cherbourg while, on the other flank of the Norman beachhead, the Nazis reported they had blown up sluices and dikes at Caen, possibly foreshadowing abandonment of the ruined stronghold.

The weather turned the worst since D-Day and German resistance stiffened in a number of sectors, but supreme headquarters revealed that the Allies had hammered out gains, especially on the Cherbourg peninsula where Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American troops were driving to cut off the great port.

To the northeast the Americans scored modest advances between Montebourg and Quineville, a four-mile coastal sector in which they were pushing toward Valognes and Cherbourg. Confused fighting still swirled through the ruins of Montebourg.

A headquarters spokesman revealed that the Allies were in firm possession of Caumont, hotly contested stronghold at the center of the beachhead, and had pushed two miles southwest from it where British units met the enemy in strength and were fighting "superbly."

There was no change in the situation at Villers-Bocage, but British tanks and infantry were steadily infiltrating the forested country in the Caumont-Bailleville-Villers triangle. Heavy fighting was in progress between Caen and Tilly-sur-Seuilles, where Marshal Erwin Rommel had thrown in a panzer Lehr or training division, probably not so well equipped as the other armored forces engaged in the battle of Normandy.

Bond Headquarters Given Floral Bell

A big floral Liberty bell, fashioned of red, white and blue blossoms, is being displayed in the window of the Fifth War Loan drive headquarters, 21 North Central avenue, today and tomorrow. The bell is the gift of the Medford Elks club and everyone is invited to stop by the bond headquarters and see the display.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Doc Charles Kunz feeling neglected without a recent mention in the Side Glance column.

Les Grant searching through two dictionaries in a futile effort to prove correct his pronunciation of a word.

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WET LANDING—These American soldiers started out for France with full equipment and plenty of company, but finally landed the hard way—coming ashore in a life raft after their landing craft had been sunk. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING SLATED FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Public hearing on the 1944-1945 Jackson county budget will be held in the courthouse auditorium Friday, June 23, starting at 10 a. m. The budget calls for the raising of \$383,560.28 by tax levy. This is an increase of 2.3 per cent over last year.

Figures compiled by the county clerk's office show an increase of 208 per cent in estimated county receipts for the 1944-1945 tax year, over 1934, one of the depression years. The 1944-1945 receipts are estimated in the budget at \$433,596. In 1934 they were \$140,650. The current budget shows a 22.4 increase over the 1934 budget total. The estimated receipts in both years, are for those received from sources other than taxation.

The increase is due to higher receipts from the government, and receipts of county offices due to an increase in business in the ten year period. These include fees for marriage licenses which boomed during the two years Camp White was maintained at full strength, deed records, receipts from the O-C land grant taxes, sale of county land and timber, and other sources.

Radio Highlights

7:45 p. m., NBC Red, "New Business for Small Business," discussion between Sen. James E. Murray, of Montana, and Maury Maverick, chairman, Smaller War Plants Corporation.

German Civilians in Italy Ordered Home Immediately

Bern, June 16.—(U.P.)—Reports from the Italian frontier said tonight that German authorities had ordered all German civilians living in Italian territory to return to the Reich immediately—a move regarded in some quarters as foreshadowing a Nazi military evacuation of Italy.

The move affecting all German civilians in Italy were sent to German consulates in occupied Italy yesterday, the frontier reports said. No explanation accompanied them. The move came after a German military flight of nearly 100 miles north of Rome and Allied advances from Italy were referring to the likelihood of a quick drive to Florence.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, June 16.—(U.P.)—Fifth army troops sweeping northward up Italy have taken through more towns and plunks Grosseto, 95 miles northwest of Rome and 60 miles below Florence, it was announced officially today.

DRAFT LAW VIOLATOR TAKEN TO PORTLAND

Joseph Pierpont Morgan, held in the county jail as a selective service law violator, was taken to Portland today by Deputy U. S. Marshal Paul Hanlin. He has been detained here for three days. The first name of the prisoner being Joseph, fellow prisoners factiously referred to him as J. Pierpont Morgan.

Norwell, Mass., June 16.—(U.P.)—Apparently the victim of a sex fiend, the body of 10-year-old Frances McGrath, daughter of a former Boston city councilor, was discovered in a patch of woods here today after a week-long search.

ROAD TO CRATER OPEN TO TRAFFIC

The road to Crater Lake is open to the rim from both the south and the west, according to a report from the office of the National Park service here yesterday. Crews have cleared a parking space near the lake which will accommodate about 20 cars and it is expected that this will be enlarged before Sunday.

Park officials point out that while the roads are open, due to the weather being unsettled there may be fog at the park and persons arriving there may be unable to see the lake. It was also stated that there are no facilities at the lake for camping, for servicing of cars, for meals, lodging or fishing. The trail from the rim of the lake down to the lake has not yet been cleared.

Snow in the lake area is still about four feet deep, the crews reported. The name of the town of Manteca is derived from the Spanish manteca, meaning butter.

YANKS ON SAIPAN SHATTER FIERCE COUNTER ATTACKS

Invasion Forces Sweep Forward From Beachhead—Latest Landing Important

Washington, June 16.—(U.P.)—A U. S. carrier task force ventured within 600 miles of Tokyo on Wednesday to blast Japanese bases in the Bonin and Volcano islands, the navy revealed late today. The task force destroyed 47 enemy planes, sank two ships and damaged 10 other surface craft, the navy said. American losses were four planes and five men.

Pearl Harbor, June 16.—(U.P.)—American invasion forces, shattering fierce Japanese counterattacks against their Saipan beachhead, swept forward today against principal island installations, including the town of Garapan, to exploit their landings.

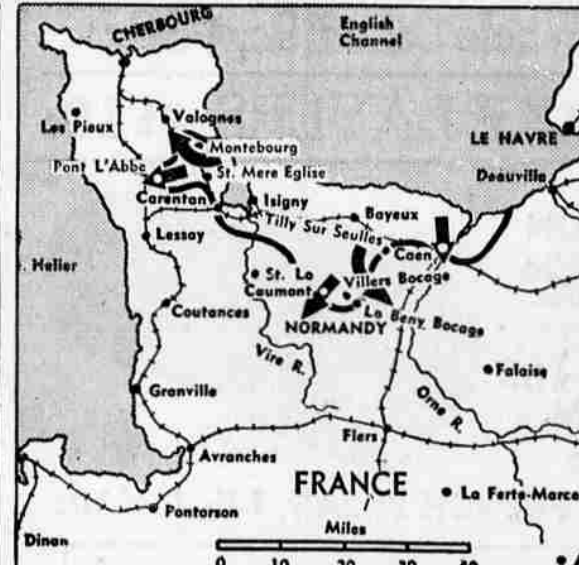
Progress of assault forces at Agaña Point at the southwestern end of the island indicated the situation was satisfactory and that further gains were expected. Earlier reports said that assault troops broke through enemy defenses at the point, turned back several armored counterattacks and struck in to Charan Kanoa.

The attempt to seize Saipan was considered significant in the light of the possibilities as a central Pacific base. It now appears that the American high command deliberately timed the B-29 raid against Japan with widespread assaults in the Pacific in one of the greatest single series of attacks against the enemy.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, in his second communique on the operations, said fighting was heavy but his troops were making "good progress" in their drive through Saipan, lying strategically in the middle of Japan's central Pacific island chain 1449 miles southeast of Tokyo.

The invasion of Saipan, a volcanic-peaked island 15½ miles long and 4½ miles wide, outflanked the enemy's important Caroline islands and placed the American front line within five hours flying time of Japan.

San Francisco, June 16.—(U.P.)—The management of San Francisco's renowned Hotel St. Francis today confirmed its sale to an eastern syndicate headed by Benjamin Swig of Boston for a reported \$5,000,000, believed to be the largest outright sale price paid for a single real estate holding in California.



30 MILES INLAND!—American and British mobile forces smash through center of German's Normandy defense lines at Caumont and Villers Bocage while patrols race southward beyond Le Beny-Bocage, 28 miles inland and far beyond outflanked bases of Caen and St. Lo.

LIMESTONE PLANT TO BE INSTALLED AT ROGUE RIVER

Rogue River, June 16.—Oregon's first high-grade, low-cost agricultural limestone plant and distribution system is being constructed by the Sullivan Lime company, W. B. Sullivan, Rogue River, and H. B. Jorgensen, Silverton, announced this week.

Price of the ground agricultural limestone in carload lots at Rogue River will be \$2.75 a ton, it is announced. The plant to handle 300 tons of ground limestone daily is being built on the Southern Pacific railroad siding here. The lime will be distributed from bunkers to be constructed at various points in Willamette valley. It will be handled through farm co-operatives in the vicinity.

Under the plan, the farmer will receive his lime shipment directly on his truck from the bunker at the time he wishes to spread the lime on his fields.

The deposit of limestone, running 98 per cent calcium carbonate, is known as the Bristol deposit and is located on Footh Creek. The rock will be loaded by power shovel onto trucks to be transported six and a half miles to the grinding plant at Rogue River.

Construction of the "agstone" plant has received high priority rating from the War Production Board, Sullivan said, and he hopes to be in operation by August.

REPUBLICANS TO NAME OFFICERS

Republican precinct committeemen and committeewomen selected at the May primary election will meet Thursday, June 22, in the basement dining room of the Medford Hotel, it was announced today by Kenneth Denman, Medford, retiring chairman of the Republican central committee for Jackson county. The meeting will open at 7:30 p. m.

New officers will be elected and other committee business transacted during the meeting, according to Denman, who will preside until his successor is elected. Democrats of the county have also scheduled their precinct committeemen's meeting for the same date and will meet on the mezzanine floor of the Medford Hotel at 8 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY ELLIOTT

Committee members who will work out details of a program for the newly organized Medford Y. M. C. A., aid with the selection of the association's personnel, and plan the budget, have been announced by Dr. B. R. Elliott, president.

Serving on the program committee will be the Rev. Harry W. Hansen, Mrs. Karl Brockhaus and Homer Blum. Named to the personnel committee are Mrs. Dolph Phipps, Frank Redden and A. C. Pierce while Tony Manno, Mrs. Richard Payne and Ralph Cook will make up the budget committee.

ROCKET MISSILES WOOSH ACROSS LIKE FIRE BALLS

Fantastic Stream of Pilotless Nazi Bombers Blasts Southern, London Area.

London, June 16.—(U.P.)—A fantastic stream of pilotless Nazi bombers rained fire and explosives across southern England all last night and through the morning hours today, and Radio Berlin said the robot fleet had smashed at London itself in "the beginning of vengeance" for the allied attacks on Germany.

Adolf Hitler finally launched his boasted secret weapon against Britain and the mighty invasion arsenal piled up on the island, and British official sources made no effort to minimize the gravity of the attack.

Counter Promised
All southern England was alerted, and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison confirmed the existence of the robot raiders and promised immediate counteraction, in a statement to commons.

"A German high command communicate said south England and the London city area were bombed last night with 'new type explosives of very heavy caliber,' and Berlin military commentators boasted that the mysterious raiders were 'a new anti-invasion weapon of the greatest effect.'"

"The new weapon used against England is the beginning of vengeance" for the "barbaric" allied bombing of the Nazi homeland, one enemy commentator said.

Also Carry Guns
Reports from eyewitnesses who watched the Welsian parade swoosh across southern England during the night poured into official London today, including one account that told of automatic machine guns raking the countryside.

Flashing across the night skies like a string of fiery comets, the mysterious projectiles whooshed down on scores of unidentified districts in southern England, exploding into gigantic balls of fire.

Eyewitness accounts of the raid varied, but all reports indicated that the missiles were either rocket-bombs or radio-controlled planes crammed with high explosives set to go off within a matter of seconds after striking the ground.

High Speed
Observers said the projectiles came over at terrific speeds, singly or in groups of two or three, some soaring 3,000 feet or more in the air and others slamming over the rooftops in level flight.

RAF night fighter pilots went up to challenge the robot raiders, diving recklessly through a terrific hail of flak thrown up by the British ground defenses in an effort to explode them in mid-air.

Many of the projectiles were believed to have been hit and eyewitnesses reported seeing tremendous explosions high overhead.

Many more fell with terrific impact on the countryside, and preliminary reports indicated that considerable damage and casualties resulted. Rescue squads still were digging through the wreckage for victims in a number of southern districts this afternoon.

United States Marauder Base, Eng., June 16.—(U.P.)—Ninth air force marauder and havoc crews, sworn to secrecy, were revealed today to have pounded the Nazis' "secret weapon" installations since last November, dropping a total of nearly 11,000 tons of bombs on the tiny targets in the face of desperate flak barrages.

The Ninth air force made more than 7,000 separate attacks in an attempt to knock out the guns before they could be completed and trained on southern England. The tonnage they dropped is in addition to thousands of additional tons dropped by the Eighth air force's heavy bombers.

Industrial accidents last year took the lives of 18,400 American workers, according to the U. S. department of labor.

Jap Steel Center B-29 Target; Western China Air Bases Revealed

Washington, June 16.—(U.P.)—The bombing of Japan's largest steel mills was "accurate and effective" when American superfortresses inaugurated their war of destruction on Japanese industry yesterday, the army announced today.

An afternoon communique also revealed that four B-29s were lost in the raid—one to antiaircraft fire, two due to accidents, and one simply listed as missing.

The number of the giant bombers on the raid was not stated.

By Walter Rundle

Advance Echelon, 20th U. S. Bomber Command, Western China, June 16.—(U.P.)—A powerful force of B-29 superfortresses—flying history's longest air raid—plastered tons of destruction Thursday on the steel plants of Yawata, "the Pitts-

burgh of Japan." Returning crew members today jubilantly described the raid as "most successful."

It was announced officially that preliminary reports showed heavy damage to the imperial steel mills at Yawata and that two of our aircraft were missing.

Japs Given Notice

The crew men said the raid served notice on the Japanese that the industrial heart of their empire is marked for the same type of systematic destruction that was heaped on the Ruhr. Our superfortresses set ablaze the Imperial Iron and Steel Mills, the largest in the empire, whose blast furnaces and coke ovens produce one-fifth of Japan's steel.

"It looked like we knocked hell out of the place," Lt. Robert Winters, Wichita, Kans., one of the returned fliers, said.

Pilots said the attack apparently caught the Japanese off-

guard. Most of the pilots said they encountered no fighters and the flak was inaccurate.

Colorful Show
Capt. Ira Matthews, Fayette, Ala., said, "It was as colorful as a Fourth of July celebration—no kidding."

First news that the planes were over the target was flashed back to base by radio from Maj. Donald Humphrey of Pottsville, Pa.

Lt. Col. William S. Blanchard, Boston, raced into the map-lined warroom in which Maj. Gen. George Stratemyer, Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe, and the 20th bomber command staff were sweating it out.

"I have the pleasure to announce that Betty is over the target at 10:50," Blanchard shouted.

Wolfe's tense face broke into a grin and he said: "This is only the beginning of our organized destruction of the Japanese industrial empire."

Wolfe then authorized correspondents to reveal that the B-29s had made an earlier raid on June 5 when they bombed the Makasan railway shops at Bangkok, Siam, through which Japanese supplies pass into Burma.

The Siam raid was described as a "maximum strike," intended as a shakedown flight for the B-29s and their crews preparatory to the Yawata raid. Results were described as "good to excellent."

The planes on the Japan raid started out after a briefing at which the crews were told: "If there ever was a juicy target, this is it."

By Walter Rundle

UP War Correspondent
A Secret American Base, Remote Western China, June 16.—(U.P.)—Great secret air bases from which American B-29s took off yesterday to bomb Japan were planned at the Cairo conference and rushed to com-

pletion in four months by thousands of Chinese farmers and laborers who undertook the most massive construction project here since the great wall of China was built centuries ago.

Under the direction of 26 American army engineers, 400,000 Chinese, working with little else than their hands, converted ancient rice paddies into taxi strips and hard stands which meet the most exacting engineering specifications.

These Chinese, drawn from their farms and towns in the lush plains of western China not far from the towering mountains rimming Tibet, sweated and toiled hauling 158,000 tons of rock and sand which went into these vast bomber bases with their several thousand foot runways and inner and outer ramps.

5000 Laborers

A few weeks ago, I stood on the platform of a newly-completed control tower and looked across a heaving sea of 5,000

straw-hatted Chinese laborers, scattered as far as the eye reached.

Thousands of crude baskets dangled from bamboo poles balanced over the stooped shoulders of the Chinese filling in endless procession along the roads leading to the field. They carried carefully selected water-worn rock taken from rivers, many of them felled away, for 20-inch foundation runways and hard stands for parked planes. Elsewhere groups of coolies with hammers crushed stone for the filler layers, while crews of women pitted the stones into place and painstakingly tapped them into the ground by hand.

"This would be a good-sized job at home with modern equipment," army engineers told me. "Here it's hard even to realize what we're doing."

From the control tower the field presented a fantastic panorama. Groups of 15 to 40 farmers,

each with the name of his native village painted in black and red characters on a white banner, filed by. They were shifts which moved all day to and from individual projects—men from one village broke rocks, those from another carried water in buckets.

Lines of 50 to 200 Chinese chanted as they tugged at ropes to drag eight-ton hand-hewn sandstone rollers—the local version of a steam roller—over the hand-placed rocks on the field.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

\$505,804.50
"E" Sales\$112,137.50
Quota\$800,000
Total Quota for County\$2,262,000