

Yankee Shock Troops Storm Cherbourg Outer Defenses

PORT WILL FALL
WITHIN TWO DAYS
SAY OBSERVERS

Nazis Given No Chance for
Sea Escape—Defenders
Are Badly Demoralized.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 20—(U.P.)—American shock troops stormed the outer defenses of Cherbourg five to six miles from the heart of the city today, and 14 miles to the southeast captured Montebourg, one of the most bitterly defended German bastions encountered in the Normandy invasion.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's forces drove in to clamp an assault arc against Cherbourg, reaching its suburbs in some sectors, beating down German resistance so disorganized in some places that observers predicted the great French port would be in American hands within two days.

30,000 Doomed
Naval authorities at supreme headquarters put the seal of doom on the survivors of an estimated 30,000 Germans grabbed by the U. S. drive across the Cherbourg peninsula, declaring that they had virtually no chance of evacuation by sea.

Toppling German strong-points behind the Cherbourg defenses in a concentric drive against the port, the Americans seized Montebourg and a number of lesser villages, and 10 miles southeast of Cherbourg invested Valognes from the east, west, and southeast.

Other U. S. forces bending back the center of the German defense line around the Norman beachhead drove to within two miles of St. Lo, rail and highway hub at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula.

Farther around the Allied front, British troops seized Hotot, two miles southwest of captured Tilly-sur-Seuilles.

On Wide Front
The converging push against Cherbourg appeared to encompass the entire front below the port. The Americans held Montebourg in strength and were clamping an assault arc against Valognes, four miles to the northwest.

Whether the outer defenses of Cherbourg could be carried on the momentum built up during the smash up the peninsula, or whether Bradley would have to call a halt to move up heavy forces while artillery pounds a way into the town was anybody's guess, but many of the guessers were on the port being taken in short order.

RUSSIANS REACH VIIPURI SUBURBS

Moscow, June 20—(U.P.)—Soviet vanguards reached the outskirts of Viipuri, back door to the Finnish mainland and Helsinki, today and front dispatches indicated the enemy's retreat had been turned into a complete debacle.

Russian tanks and infantry, converging on Viipuri over highways and forest trails on a big arc from southwest to east, captured town after town intact and swept on in pursuit of the fleeing Finns.

The Finnish army appeared to have been disorganized completely by the Red army's swift smashing of the Mannerheim line and two other defense lines farther south in the Karelian isthmus in the first 11 days of an offensive designed to knock Finland out of the war.

Collaboration Plank Is Favored For GOP

Washington, June 20—(U.P.)—A six-man republican platform subcommittee, it was disclosed today, has unanimously recommended a condensed version of the party's machine declaration for postwar international collaboration as one of the planks in the 1944 GOP platform.

SIDE GLANCES

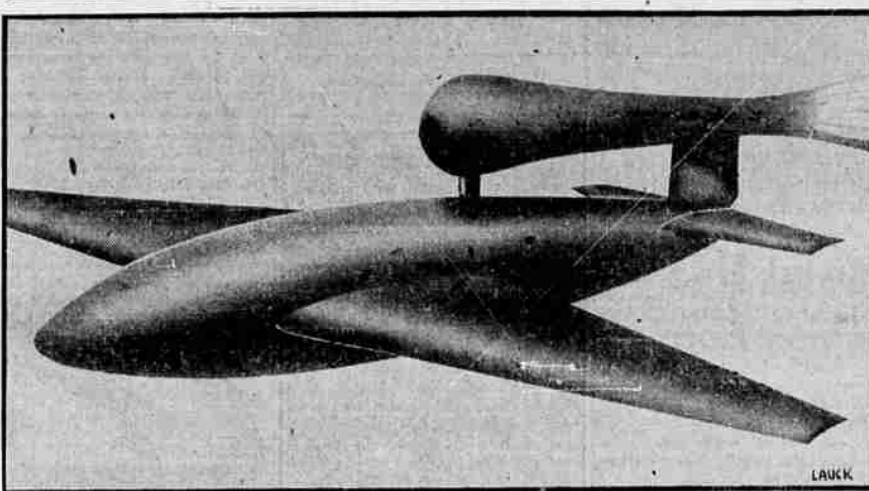
By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Leland Brophy gloomily reviewing all the trials and tribulations of farming.

Richard Payne turning into the man-of-the-hour by discovering and reporting a fire at Valentine's.

Maury Spatz explaining that his case of poison oak was undoubtedly caused by touching some of those kind of leaves.

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GERMANY'S SECRET WEAPON—ROBOT PLANES—Here is an artist's conception of a German robot plane, made from British Home Security drawings. The pilotless aircraft has a 16-foot wingspan, is 25 feet long and carries the equivalent of a 2000-pound bomb. The propulsion unit is mounted above the plane's tail.

2 MEDFORD MEN ELECTED IN UNION

Eugene, Ore., June 20—(U.P.)—Officials of the Oregon State Federation of Labor today awaited a ruling from national headquarters of the American Federation of Labor on the State Federation ousting of delegates from five unions, an action taken in annual convention sessions here that included election of state officers.

New officers, elected at final sessions Sunday, are:

Volney Martin, Portland, president; John O'Neill, Portland, secretary-treasurer; Charles W. Cray, Medford, vice president; John Gillard, guard, and Ted Fry, conductor.

Executive board members named included District 10, Don Stancell.

Delegates ousted, for asserted failure to affiliate with their district councils, were from the following locals:

Eugene Carpenters, Corvallis Laborers, Grants Pass Carpenters, Tillamook Laborers and Medford Carpenters.

At the Medford Labor Temple W. M. Garfield, manager of the Medford Carpenter's local, stated that William L. Coombs was the Medford delegate to the convention. Mr. Garfield had not been informed of the convention's action and could make no statement until hearing from Mr. Coombs.

Cray, named vice-president of the Oregon State Federation, is business manager of the Medford Electrician's Union, Local 659. Stancell, elected to the executive board as a representative from District 10, is secretary of the Medford Teamsters' Union, Local 962.

METALLIC RIBBONS NEW NAZI SECRET

London, June 10—(U.P.)—The Germans introduced another "secret weapon" today, a foot-square box which rises to a height of 6000 to 8000 feet and then springs open to release long, silvery strips apparently intended to foil the propellers of attacking airplanes.

The strange new anti-aircraft missile was used for the first time today in attempts to defend robot plane launching platforms behind Pas de Calais from Allied air attack. It was reported to have been completely ineffective.

Airmen speculated that the strips, apparently metallic, were designed to foul propellers, but others believed it was more likely that they were aimed to throw off whatever device the Allies used to locate and bomb targets through the clouds—a condition which prevailed over much of the Pas de Calais today.

Dr. Hedges Elected Chiropractic Chief

Portland, Ore., June 20—(U.P.)—Dr. A. R. Hedges, Medford, is the new president of the Oregon Association of Chiropractic Physicians.

Other officers elected at the meeting here Monday night were Dr. J. W. Sargent, Portland, vice-president; Dr. Charles H. Rhoades, Portland, secretary-treasurer; Dr. R. D. Ketchum, Bend, Oregon representative to the National Chiropractic Association, and Dr. Roy L. Dunn, Roseburg, Chaplain.

Four Big Nazi Oil Centers Blown Up By Yankee Planes

London, June 20—(U.P.)—A record fleet of 2250 American heavy bombers and fighters blasted four big Nazi oil centers into roaring pillars of fire today.

The mighty blow at the heart evoked only meager opposition.

Switching suddenly from the tactical campaign against enemy communications in northern France, the 8th Air Force sent well over 1500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators and half as many fighters over northwestern Germany to bomb and burn synthetic and natural oil refineries at Hamburg, Hannover, Magdeburg and Poelitz.

Other American heavies crossed the Straits of Dover to smash for the third time in 24 hours at the robot plane catapults in the Pas de Calais area.

Staggering Blow
The staggering blow at Germany's fast-dwindling oil resources was carried out in perfect weather that enabled the American sky giants to lay their high explosives and incendiaries squarely across the targets.

They came over their objectives almost unopposed and left great billowing columns of smoke and flame towering thousands of feet in the air. Two hundred miles away on their homeward flight, the American crewmen still saw black smoke clouds, evidence of the success of their attack.

PROPERTY VALUES GROW IN COUNTY

Total net taxable valuation of property in Jackson county has been placed at \$27,747,670 for the 1944-1945 tax year, as shown in the annual summary by the assessor's office. This is an increase of \$633,700 over the 1943-1944 tax year when it was \$27,113,970. Assessor C. A. Myers reported there was an increase in the valuations and a cut in the tax levy. The above figures do not include the public utility valuations which are fixed by the state.

Real property value is fixed at \$22,847,110, an increase over last year when it was \$22,113,970. The personal property valuation is listed at \$4,900,560, an increase of \$110 over last year.

An increase is shown in the number of beef cattle, dairy cows and poultry, with hogs, lower and sheep and goats with only a small gain.

JEWELER BROPHY BUYS BUILDING

Purchase of the old Jackson County Bank building at the northeast corner of Main street and Central avenue was announced yesterday by Leland Brophy, Medford jeweler. The building was owned by the United States National Bank of Portland houses the Lantis and Johnson shoe store, the Lawrence jewelry store and Herman Nigli's shoe repair shop.

At the time of purchasing the bank building, Mr. Brophy acquired a 12½-year lease on the Vawter building adjacent on Main street and which houses his jewelry business, the Needle Art shop and Dr. Frank A. Freeburger's office.

POWERFUL AMERICAN AND JAP FLEETS MAY TANGLE IN FAR WESTERN PACIFIC

BRITISH WIPE OUT ISOLATED NAZIS IN OLD PERUGIA

Germans Resume Retreat to
North Alone Entire 150-
Mile Italian Battlefield.

Rome, June 20—(U.P.)—British 8th army wiped out isolated German rear guards in the streets of the ancient cathedral town of Perugia today as French colonials smashed the last organized resistance on Elba after a lightning 78-hour campaign that cost the enemy 500 dead and wounded and more than 1,900 prisoners.

Official reports disclosed that the Germans had resumed their retreat to the north along all the 150-mile Italian battlefield under savage attack by allied warplanes and the pursuing 5th and 8th army ground columns.

27,000 Prisoners
Approximately 27,000 enemy prisoners already had been rounded up by the advancing allies since the start of their offensive little more than a month ago and the bag was mounting rapidly.

Bad weather that limited aerial operations and left trucks and troop cars bogged deep in mud appeared to be the major factor slowing the allied advance on all fronts, and there was no indication that the enemy was yet ready to stand and fight in force.

The Elba campaign, meanwhile, came to a blazing climax at noon today when the last Nazi stragglers and snipers were rounded up and killed or captured.

Halt Repair Work On Old Normandie

New York, June 20—(U.P.)—The former French luxury liner Normandie, now the U.S.S. Lafayette, is lying idle at the Todd shipyards, and no repair work is being done on the ship once scheduled for conversion into an American troop ship.

"The Lafayette remains at the Todd shipyards in Brooklyn for preservation," an officer of the third naval district said.

The Lafayette burned and capsized at her Hudson river pier in February, 1942, as she was undergoing conversion from passenger liner to navy uses. She was raised at a cost of \$3,750,000.

Henry Wallace In Chungking To See Chiang Kai Shek

Chungking, June 20—(U.P.)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace arrived in Chungking today with personal representatives of Gen. Chiang Kai Shek and American Ambassador Clarence Gauss who flew with him from Sinkiang, China's vast western province.

Wallace and the Generalissimo rode together in an automobile to Chiang's residence where they had tea. In the welcoming party were Dr. T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister; Dr. Sun Fo, president of the legislative Yuan of the Chinese national government; U. S. Ambassador Clarence Gauss and other members of the American diplomatic corps.

"I come from Siberia, one of the newest lands, to begin my visit in one of the oldest," Wallace said at the air field.

He said he had entered China via Sinkiang, "through the back door, but I believe developments of the coming years will prove me right in saying I've entered through the new front door."

BOLT HITS AERIAL ON
GOLD HILL RESIDENCE

Gold Hill, June 20 (Sp.)—Lightning struck an aerial pole at the home of Mrs. Joe Blair, during Sunday's electrical storm, ripping shreds of wall paper and insulating paper from the walls of an upstairs room, where iron bolts held the aerial in position from the inside. Fortunately the paper did not ignite, although it was badly scorched in streaks. A large radio, downstairs was silenced.

BAN ON LOBBYING BY BUREAU AIDES REMAINS IN BILL

House Insists On Amend-
ment to Ag. Department
Appropriation.

Washington, June 20—(U.P.)—The house insisted by a vote of 219 to 124 today on retaining in the agricultural department appropriation bill an amendment to ban "political or lobbying" activities of department employees.

The house also voted to cut funds for the farm security administration but concurred in a senate-approved provision allocating \$1,500,000 to cover operation of the farm tenancy act and \$400,000,000 for rural electrification administration loans.

The conference report on the measure now goes to the senate with strong indications that it will be returned to the conference committee for further efforts to resolve differences.

Extend Guayule
The house earlier had voted 299 to 43 to extend the \$35,000,000 guayule rubber experimental program.

The house reduced farm security administration funds for lending activities from \$96,710,000 to \$67,500,000 and cut the administrative fund from \$28,265,000 to \$26,000,000.

Rep. John Taber, R. N. Y., opposing the granting of any funds at all to FSA, charged that administrative costs represent 39 per cent of the total appropriation.

AUGUST ALCOHOL FREED FOR DRINK

Washington, June 20—(U.P.)—War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson today notified distillers that their August industrial alcohol output will not be needed, freeing their facilities for the manufacture of whiskey.

Nelson said he made the decision after Rubber Director Bradley Dewey advised him that alcohol requirements for the synthetic rubber program will be about 20,000,000 gallons less than had been estimated for 1944 and about 30,000,000 gallons less than expected for 1945.

Surprise Attack By Naval Task Force Hammers Matsuwa Island, Key Jap Base

By Russell Annabel
United Press Staff Correspondent
Aboard a United States Flag-ship Off Matsuwa Island, June 13—(Delayed)—A strong naval task force ghosted in through dense fog before dawn this morning to surprise Japan's key naval and air ferry base on Matsuwa Island in the central Kuriles and subject the installations to a half-hour bombardment, the heaviest ever delivered in this sector of the Pacific front.

The warships making the daring foray under the command of Rear Adm. Ernest Gregor Small, Washington, D. C., steamed in under enemy coast defense batteries and threw in a terrific volume of fire before the Jap guns could open up or enemy bombers could get into the air.

Complete Surprise
The surprise was so complete and the effect of the shelling so demoralizing that no resistance developed so far as the commanders could determine. Only a few wild shot were fired in return.

The strike was the deepest penetration yet made in force into Japanese waters, for Matsuwa lies only 400 miles from the big, thickly populated northern home island of Hokkaido and 900 miles from Tokyo.

The action was coordinated with naval operations taking place in the central Pacific and, according to the commanders, was unique as one of the few times a naval force has attacked an enemy air base without fighter support and the first time such an operation has been carried out in heavy fog.

During the half-hour bombardment, approximately 5,300 projectiles were hurled into the one and one-half square mile base, equalling the bomb load of around 120 Liberators. The action was supported along the Kurile chain by bombers of the 11th AAF and Venturas of Fleet Air Wing Four.

Before the attack, a bugle call sounded general quarters through the steel passageways of this warship at 3:30 a. m.

In Thick Fog
The task force turned in toward Matsuwa, knifing through the grey fleece of the fog, so thick you can't see the length of the ship.

For three days we had been hoping to get within range before the enemy detected us, and now it was beginning to appear that we were going to achieve a complete surprise. We were so close to Japan proper anything could happen. We knew the enemy had warships, bombers and submarines which could be used against us. The Japs



ITALY PREMIER—Ivanoe Bonomi, Italy's new premier and former underground leader, who succeeded Badoglio when King Victor Emmanuel delegated his powers.

FEAR CHANGSHA TAKEN BY JAPS

Chungking, June 20—(U.P.)—Japanese forces have broken into and probably captured the flaming city of Changsha after a whirlwind three-week offensive through Hunan province that threatens to cut China in two and isolate her from her western allies, a communique disclosed today.

More than 50,000 Japanese shock troops, including picked veterans rushed down from Manchuria, launched the final assault on Changsha Sunday, attacking behind a massive aerial and artillery bombardment.

By mid-day, the city's outer defenses were beaten flat and the invaders smashed into the streets, while strafing fighter planes turned its crowded buildings into flaming torches.

Bitter street fighting raged on until nightfall when Chungking lost radio contact with the outnumbered defenders, and it was indicated they had been forced to surrender the city, a key point on the Canton-Hankow railway.

BABE WINS

Chicago, June 20—(U.P.)—Babe Didrikzen Zaharias, using her superior power to recover from many off-kilter shots, defeated Margaret Russell of Detroit, 4 and 3, today in the initial match of the 15th women's western open golf tournament.

MELO IS ELECTED ON SCHOOL BOARD

George Mero was elected to a three-year director's term at the annual school election of the Griffin Creek district held last night. R. R. Childs, who has served on the board for the past 12 years, declined election for another term.

Harold Tolle will serve as chairman for the coming year and the third member of the board is Ray Guehes.

Patrons at the meeting accepted the financial statement and approved a tentative budget submitted by the board. Mrs. Myrtle Wilson was reelected as school clerk.

Weather
Forecast: Cloudy with showers tonight and Wednesday. Slightly cooler. Temp. Highest yesterday 64. Lowest this morning 50. Precipitation past 24 hrs. .06

JAPANESE LOSE 300 PLANES IN AIR-SEA ATTACK

Futile Stab at U. S. Task
Force Seen Tip-off Jap
Carriers Near Squadron.

By United Press
Powerful units of the American and Japanese imperial fleets probed the war western Pacific virtually within battle range today, after a desperate air-sea fight in which the enemy lost more than 300 planes in a futile strike at the big U. S. task force supporting the invasion of the Marianas Islands.

Disclosure that some of the enemy planes were launched from carriers raised the possibility that the Japanese naval command might at last be ready to risk its battle fleet in defense of the Marianas, only four hours' flying time from Tokyo.

One U. S. Ship Damaged

The Japanese were believed to have sent a strong task force, including carriers and escorting warships, within range of the American task force to launch their attack Sunday. There was no official comment on that prospect from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' Pearl Harbor headquarters.

The abortive attack on the American fleet off the Marianas cost the Japanese the bulk of their striking force and resulted in damage to only one U. S. ship.

American plane losses were not announced immediately, but the enemy's casualties were the heaviest they have suffered since the climactic battle of Midway, more than two years ago, when about the same number of Japanese aircraft were destroyed. Many of those planes, however, went down with their wrecked carriers.

Take Aslito Field

The crushing blow to Japan's waning aerial strength came as American marines and army troops fought their way across the southern end of Saipan Island and in the Marianas and captured the Aslito airfield. Seabees were reported already at work repairing the 3600-foot landing field which, if extended, could accommodate the new B-29 Super-Fortresses.

A Japanese communique said 30,000 American troops had been landed on Saipan. It claimed that Japanese planes were attacking the supporting American fleet continuously and that they sank six U. S. warships, damaged 17 others, and shot down more than 300 planes since June 12.

Other American air forces were on the attack over the central and southwest Pacific, smashing at Truk and Rabaul.

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Sales to date in the Fifth
War Loan Drive—
\$762,502
"E" Sales\$171,637.50
Quota\$800,000
Total Quota
for County\$2,262,000