

AMERICA BREAKS WITH FINLAND

Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday, slightly cooler.
Highest Yesterday Temp. 69
Lowest this Morning 58

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Strong Task Force Pummels Jap Base On Southern Tip of Paramushiro Isle

SURPRISE ATTACK IS CARRIED OUT IN DARK AND FOG

5,000 Projectiles Crash Into Installations at Karabu Zaki Air and Sea Station.

Pearl Harbor, June 30.—(U.P.)—United States armed forces on Saipan have suffered 9752 casualties, including killed, wounded and missing, since the opening of the military campaign there, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz disclosed today.

Admiral Nimitz said there was no accurate estimate available of Japanese casualties. He announced Americans have buried 4951 Japanese dead, however.

By Russel Annabel
United Press Correspondent
Aboard a U. S. Flagship off Paramushiro, June 26.—(U.P.)—A strong naval task force commanded by Rear Adm. Ernest G. Small, New Haven, Conn., subjected Karabu Zaki, Japanese air and naval base on the southern tip of Paramushiro Island, to a half-hour bombardment early today, hurling approximately 5,000 projectiles into the enemy's installations.

The attack apparently was a complete surprise, despite the swarm of small craft encountered in the heavy fog and early morning darkness several miles offshore. There was little, if any, enemy resistance and no damage or casualties to the American force.

Destroyers Close In
While high capacity shells from larger warships crashed among the hangars, barracks and storage dumps of Karabu Zaki, our destroyers, close in against the beach, engaged the small craft in a fierce, spectacular action.

It was determined in the fog and darkness whether the enemy craft were armed patrol vessels or torpedo boats sent out in a desperate attempt to trap the task force, but the fast, hard hitting destroyers racing thru the ghostly murk with automatic weapons lancing the fog with tracers, chased time and again into the flotilla and at the conclusion of the action a number of Jap vessels were stopped, apparently damaged or sinking.

Thirty Minute Action
The action lasted from 4:30 to 5 a. m.

The attack was the third against the Kuriles since February and as in the others, enemy resistance was feeble with little, if any, return fire from shore batteries.

Enemy aircraft took off as the warships were withdrawing and attempted to locate the force under the fog but, retired when friendly bombers from the Aleutians appeared over the task force.

BOEING FIELD CONTRACT
Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—Award of a \$1,644,658 contract for improvement at Boeing Airfield, Seattle, Wash., was announced today by the war department. It is for extension of runways, construction of additional parking aprons, taxiways, and the installation of flood lighting.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Amos Walker happily giving out news of the expected arrival home of a daughter from away down in South America.

Keith Bates and Jimmie Hall stretching their game of golf too far after sundown.

Etha Wall and George Coddling making far-in-advance plans for the next meeting of the "Last Man's Club."

Maj. Gen. Charles Gerhardt Leads 29th Div. In France



CHARLES H. GERHARDT

HUGE SUM READY TO MAKE JOBS IN POSTWAR OREGON

Salem, Ore., June 30.—(U.P.)—A total of \$73,000,000 is on hand for postwar construction projects of the state, county and municipal governments, Gov. Earl Snell was advised today by his postwar development and readjustment commission.

This amount is 22 per cent of the total estimated projects which have been planned. Total amount needed for them will be approximately \$348,000,000.

The funds on hand would give employment to 36,000 men at \$1800 a year one third of the estimated unemployment load.

Twenty-six counties and 40 municipalities have announced they are ready to start plans as soon as men, equipment and materials are available.

The federal government has authorized millions of dollars for Oregon, the commission reported, but there will be no appropriations made until after the emergency.

A breakdown of the cash on hand shows the state government has \$13,541,121; counties (26), \$2,000,000; Multnomah-Portland-Moses plan, \$24,000,000; Willamette Valley, \$20,000,000; Deschutes (1945 fiscal year), \$1,250,000; municipalities, \$750,000; and school districts, \$700,000.

HAUGWITZ FLITS WITH SON LANCE

Hollywood, June 30.—(U.P.)—Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow has slipped out of California with Lance, his nine-year-old son by his former wife, Woolworth Heiress Barbara Hutton, and his attorney indicated today they have no intention of releasing the boy to her custody.

Lance was due to come to live with his mother, now the wife of Film Star Cary Grant, today under terms of a divided custody agreement approved by a British court.

But the Danish nobleman's lawyer, Joseph L. Lewinson, announced he had informed counsel for Miss Hutton that Reventlow had left the state yesterday a short time after he had withdrawn a suit seeking an injunction to prevent the boy's mother from "poisoning his mind against his father and from using improper language in the child's presence."

London, June 29.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt is commanding the United States 29th Infantry Division in France, allied headquarters disclosed today.

Gerhardt, born in Tennessee on June 6, 1895, commanded the 91st Infantry Division at Medford, Ore., early in July, 1942. He flew to England in July, 1943, to assume command of the 29th.

Maj. Gen. Gerhardt arrived at Camp White on July 7, 1942, to assume command of the 91st Infantry Division, which was activated Aug. 15 of that year, and left early in July of 1943. His successor as commander of the 91st was Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay, who arrived here on July 14, 1943.

While stationed at Camp White, Gen. Gerhardt accepted an invitation to become a member of the Medford Rotary club.

YANKEES, FRENCH RACE FOR LIVORNO

Rome, June 30.—(U.P.)—American and French troops poured through gaping holes in the German battle line in western Italy today and raced northward to within 20 miles of Livorno (Leghorn) and seven miles of Siena, driving the Nazis into headlong flight behind a screen of minefields and demolitions.

All along a 50-mile front extending inland from the Tyrrhenian seacoast the Germans were in full retreat, breaking off contact completely at many points in a hurried withdrawal toward their Pisa-Florence-Rimini line, only 30-odd miles to the north.

The pursuing American and French columns captured almost a dozen key towns yesterday and hammered out advances running to about nine miles.

Simultaneously, the British 8th army cracked through strong enemy rear guard resistance west of Lake Trasimeno, capturing the fortified towns of Castiglione del Lago and Montepulciano, and fanned out to the north and northwest toward Arezzo and Siena.

MANSLAUGHTER IN FLACK CASE

San Francisco, June 30.—(U.P.)—A jury of six men and six women today adjudged Mrs. Louise Flack, 27, guilty of manslaughter in connection with the starvation death of her invalid eight-year-old daughter, Dolores, and recommended leniency.

The superior court jury deliberated but 50 minutes before returning its verdict.

Mrs. Flack burst into tears when Foreman Austin Kannee announced the verdict, and, addressing Judge Fritz, said: "May I ask that you be lenient with the defendant?"

Later, when she could speak, Mrs. Flack exclaimed: "I am very, very lucky. God was with me."

Banks Criticized For Low Salaries

Chicago, June 30.—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Michael L. Igou today criticized banks which pay low salaries to employees in responsible positions as he placed on probation for five years Edward F. Muzick, 43, former teller of the Cicerio State bank, who was charged with embezzling more than \$41,000 over a period of 10 years.

Judge Igou said: "This man had an excellent reputation. He was living on a salary (\$160 per month) that a canary could not have lived on, let alone a family."

BROWNELL NAMED HEAD OF NATIONAL G.O.P. COMMITTEE

Man Who Managed Dewey's Gubernatorial Campaign to Head Presidency Effort

Republican Campaign Headquarters, Chicago, June 30.—(U.P.)—Forty-year-old Herbert Brownell, Jr., who managed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's successful 1942 gubernatorial campaign, today was elected chairman of the Republican national committee to direct the governor's presidential effort.

Brownell was named in closed session after Dewey had told the committee men and women in a brief speech that: "We will all make a gigantic effort to do our best to save the republic and win the war."

Change Customer
Brownell succeeds Harrison E. Spangler, of Iowa, as national chairman. He is one of the three men who conducted the pre-convention "draft Dewey" campaign which culminated in the 1,056-1 vote by this week's Republican national convention to nominate the New Yorker for president.

A change in committee chairmanships is customary when a new group is taking over party affairs.

In his address to the committee, Dewey charged that the Roosevelt administration sought to divide the country and the Republican party.

"In the months to come, regardless of the propaganda agencies of the national government, we will stand united as we are today," Dewey said.

Four vice chairmen were chosen to serve with Brownell: Ezra R. Whitla, Idaho; Werner W. Schroeder, Illinois; Mrs. Howard Sayre, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Katherine K. Brown, Ohio. J. Ross Todd of Kentucky was elected treasurer and Harold Mason of Vermont was re-elected secretary.

Marooned Fliers Reach Canyon Rim

Grand Canyon, Ariz., June 30.—(U.P.)—Three sun-blistered army airmen, marooned for 10 days on an isolated plateau near the bottom of mile-deep Grand Canyon, reached the canyon rim today and celebrated their rescue by gulping down a bottle of whiskey that had been dropped to them for medicinal purposes.

Peas, Asparagus, Tomatoes Back On Rationed Food List

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration returned canned peas, asparagus, and tomatoes to the ration list today and warned civilians that their supply of canned vegetables and fruits during the next 12 months would be smaller.

The action ended a point holiday for canned peas, asparagus and tomatoes that has been in effect since early this year.

"Everyone no doubt has heard that record food production is expected this year," said OPA chief Chester Bowles, "but the amount needed for our armed forces also is far greater than a year ago."

"The net result will be less canned fruit and canned vegetables for the home front during the year ahead."

OPA announced that effective July 2 the popular No. 2 size containers of asparagus would require 10 ration points and similar size cans of peas and tomatoes would require five ration points each.

Brandied, spiced and pickled

BRITISH THRUST WITHIN HALF MILE OF CAEN AIRFIELD

Fresh German Forces Rushed Into Attempt to Stem Montgomery's Advance.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 30.—(U.P.)—British armored forces steadily expanding a firmly held salient between the Orne and Odon rivers despite intensifying German counterattacks, have driven from the southwest to within three miles of Caen, it was announced officially today.

The assault arc pressing over the approaches to Caen was within half a mile of one of the city's main air fields, it was revealed.

Fresh German elements have rushed into battle in a full scale attempt to stem Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's push in the Caen sector, and the Nazi command was expected to step up the number and scope of its counterblows from all directions as they swing into action.

Nazi Losses Heavy

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters reported late today that the British had beaten off all Nazi thrusts and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy while grinding slowly but steadily forward for important strategic gains.

For the first time it was disclosed officially that the famous 51st Highland division is fighting in France.

American forces mopping up German nests of resistance on Cap De La Hague west of Cherbourg encountered heavy artillery fire in the area of Beaumont-Hague, eight miles from the occupied Normandy port.

12,086 Jap Planes Marine Corps Toll

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—The navy revealed today that army, navy and marine corps fliers have destroyed at least 12,086 Japanese planes in the air or on the ground since Pearl Harbor at a loss of 2,726 American planes—a victory ratio of almost five to one.

LECTURER WEDS

Winnemucca, Nev., June 30.—(U.P.)—Ruth Mitchell Knowles, lecturer and author, and sister of the late Brig. Gen. William Mitchell today revealed she was married May 24 to Benjamin H. Jackson, mining man of Boise, Ida., and Winnemucca.

Youngsters Should Hurry Application For Summer Camp

Young people planning to attend the Salvation Army camp at Lake O' Woods, which opens July 6, must have their applications filed at the army headquarters, Fourth and Bartlett streets, by noon on Monday, July 3, Major Nettie Brown stated today. Those having applications now should return them at once, she stated, and those desiring to apply must do so over the week-end in order to have the applications returned by the Monday noon deadline.

Major Brown particularly called this to the attention of young people in the outlying districts who have been quite slow this year in returning the applications, she said. The camp will be open for two weeks and will be divided into two periods, one from July 6 to July 13, and one from July 13 to 20.

About 200 young people annually attend the camp.

BASEBALL

National
New York 7 16 2
Pittsburgh 5 10 1

Feldman, Adams and Lombardi, Mancuso; Sewell, Rescigno and Davis, Camelli.

To Minsk—and Berlin!



Here is where four Russian armies, totaling more than a million soldiers, are annihilating and routing the Germans. If Minsk main German bastion, falls, the enemy will probably fall back to Brest-Litovsk, 200 miles southwest and only 115 miles east of Warsaw.

Reds Pour Across Berezina To Outflank Fortress Minsk

Moscow, June 30.—(U.P.)—Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian army poured across the Berezina river, last natural defense barrier before Minsk, on an ever-widening front today and began to outflank that fortress city from the south.

Cavalry led the pell-mell pursuit of the disorganized enemy legions and reached a point 30 miles south-southwest of Minsk in a drive that raised a threat of encirclement against the White Russian capital, next obstacle on the ancient invasion route to Warsaw and Berlin.

The Soviet high command reported the Germans were fleeing so rapidly and in such disorder that they had no time to man their intermediate defense lines. Groups of hundreds of Germans, engulfed by the Russian flood, surrendered with all their arms and baggage.

(A London broadcast recorded by CBS said two more German generals, the commanders of 53rd army corps and the 306th infantry division, had surrendered.)

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WAR PARTNERSHIP WITH GERMANY IS CAUSE OF SCHISM

Quarter Century Diplomatic Relation Is Wrecked By Little Country's Decision.

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—The United States, abandoning all hope that anything but shells and bombs will force the Finns out of the war, today severed a quarter of a century of diplomatic relations with Finland.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in advising the Finnish diplomats here of the United States decision, called attention to the announcement of the Finnish government on June 27 of complete agreement between Finland and Germany to carry on the war.

Partnership Admitted

"The Finnish government has thus formally admitted to the world that it has now entered a hard and fast military partnership with Nazi Germany, irrevocable throughout the war, for the purpose of fighting the Allies of the United States, in alliance with the enemies of the United States."

Hull said that up to the present the United States has taken every opportunity to warn Finland "of the inevitable consequences of continuing its association with Nazi Germany."

Two Envoys Here

Alexander Thesleff, the Finnish charge d'affaires, was called to the state department this morning to receive the note advising his government to break. The department said it had notified the U. S. charge d'affaires in Helsinki, Edmund A. Gullion, that relations between the countries were "now impossible" and instructed him to request passports for himself, members of his staff, and their families.

Hull's note said the United States has asked Switzerland "to assume immediately the representation of American interests in Finland."

Relations with Finland had been tottering since June 16 when Hull ordered former Finnish Minister Hjalmar J. Procope and three Finnish legation counselors to leave the country as soon as possible because of action "inimical" to the United States.

Procope's persona non grata status was announced the day after Finland had paid its semi-annual installment of \$148,000 on a post world war I debt. President Roosevelt told a press conference later that the foreign policy of the United States was not for sale for \$148,000.

INNER TUBES FREE OF RATIONED LIST

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration, in a move to conserve tires, today abolished all rationing restrictions on inner tubes, which have been rationed since January, 1942.

The OPA, announcing at the same time that passenger tire allocations for July and August will be 50,000 a month above the June quota, reported that the inner tube stockpile has grown enough to meet the anticipated future demand for 1,500,000 tubes a month.

OPA emphasized that available tires will continue to trail far behind demand and pointed out that by making new inner tubes more readily obtainable it hopes to diminish tire wear. A good tube properly inflated, officials explained, will extend the life of a tire.

Nazi Commander's Death Announced

London, June 30.—(U.P.)—The death of Colonel General Friedrich Dollmann, commander of German forces on the Norman front, was announced today in a special order of the day issued by Adolf Hitler and broadcast over the Berlin radio.

CHINESE EVACUATE KWANGSI CAPITAL

Chungking, June 30.—(U.P.)—Evacuation of civilians, industrial plants and publishing houses from Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, was reported today as the Japanese offensive moved swiftly southward from Hunan province.

A communique announced simultaneously that Chinese troops, on the offensive along the Salween front in Yunnan province, were closing in from three sides on Tengchung after breaking through the outer enemy defenses along a line from the northwest around to the southwest. All but one road into the Japanese stronghold has been cut and the Chinese are within three miles of the city.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

\$1,515,247.03

"E" Sales \$354,987.25

Quota \$600,000

Total Quota for County \$2,282,000