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**Weather**  
 Forecast: Cloudy with showers and slightly cooler tonight; Saturday, partly cloudy with little change in temperature.  
 Highest yesterday Temp. 45  
 Lowest this morning Prec. 33  
 Past 24 hours Prec. 36

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## AMERICAN FLIERS DESTROY SEVENTH JAPANESE CONVOY

### Effect of Aerial Assaults Beginning to Tell Heavily on Enemy Air Power.

By United Press  
 American airmen, rapidly winning aerial dominance over the central Philippines, were credited today with destroying their seventh Japanese convoy west of Leyte and killing another 5,000 enemy troops en route to the island.

Communiqués issued by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz indicated that the cumulative effect of American carrier and land-based strikes was beginning to tell heavily on Japanese air power throughout the western Pacific.

**Attack Beaten Off**  
 A weak enemy attack on the Superfortress base at Saipan was beaten off Tuesday, the Japanese losing one and probably two bombers without causing any damage. At the same time, Tokyo scaled down sharply its recent fantastic claims of numerous ship sinkings off the Philippines.

A dispatch from MacArthur's headquarters said U. S. fliers shot down at least six enemy planes over the islands and that Japanese airpower appeared to have been crippled.

The latest convoy battle was fought out over a wide area off the west coast of Leyte between American fighters and patrol planes and a widely-dispersed enemy fleet of five transports and a destroyer. All six were wrecked before they could put their troops ashore at Ormoc.

The sinkings swelled the enemy's losses in seven attempts to reinforce Leyte to 26,000 men, 29 transports, and 18 escort vessels. Only a small percentage of the reinforcements actually reached Leyte, where some 45,000 to 50,000 Japanese were being squeezed into a narrow pocket around Ormoc, despite heavy rains that all but stopped the American ground offensive.

U. S. heavy bombers also continued their neutralization raids on enemy airfields on Mindanao, destroying four parked planes on two airfields at Davao. The Japanese also lost a submarine off Ormoc harbor Monday, when the raider was caught on the surface and sunk by an American destroyer.

Nimitz' communique continued mopping-up on Peleliu island in the Palau group, where another 1,300 enemy hold-outs were killed and 142 captured between Oct. 20 and Nov. 26 at a cost of 92 Americans killed, 622 wounded, and five missing.

Tokyo, still jittery over the three B-29 raids in the past week, cracked down on all "loose talk" by the public that might reveal to the United States the extent of the damage caused by the Superfortress strikes.

## Death From the Air



(Acme Telephoto) Skimming through the Philippine air at mast-head level, this B-25 Mitchell bomber comes in for a bomb run on this Japanese destroyer escort in Ormoc Bay, Leyte. Seconds later two bombs scored direct hits on the vessel, literally blew the ship apart. U. S. Navy photo.

## 7-PASSENGERS DIE IN AIRLINER CRASH ON BURBANK EDGE

Los Angeles, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—A New York bound transcontinental and Western Airways airliner plunged suddenly to earth today as it glided toward Burbank airport, killing seven of the 23 passengers and crew.

Hartley Knox of San Diego, least seriously hurt of the passengers, said the ship appeared to be coming in for a normal landing from San Francisco at about 3 a. m.

"Then I felt it start to go down too steeply," he said. "I grabbed my pillow and put it in front of my face. Then we hit."

The ship was due to stop here before turning eastward, and had reported by radio a few minutes earlier that everything was in order.

Airline officials said they would not be able to surmise the cause of the crash pending an investigation.

Pierce Bros. mortuary, Van Nuys, identified the dead as: John V. Frankenthal, address unknown.

Billie Jack Powers, U. S. navy, on leave and reportedly en route to Joplin, Mo.

Conrad Lee Brinkman, Wellington, Mo.

Walter W. Cooper, city manager, San Diego, Calif.

Howard Muller, American Paper Stock Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Capt. John Pollard Snowden, North Hollywood, Calif., pilot.

First Officer Thomas Bamberger, Jackson Heights, N. Y., co-pilot.

The crash sheared off the wings and nose, grinding the wreckage into a heap under the tail. It lay on its side, with pieces strewn for hundreds of feet.

## AUSTRALIA CITES JAP CRUELITIES

Canberra, Australia, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—The Australian government today formally accused the Japanese military of torturing and murdering Australian service men and civilians on New Guinea and declared that every possible step will be taken to track down and punish the responsible parties.

Evidence of Japanese atrocities, compiled after an investigation lasting nearly two years, will be forwarded to London for action by the United Nations war crimes commissions, Attorney General Herbert Evatt told the house of representatives.

Evatt said the investigation had uncovered proof that the Japanese massacred, tortured and maltreated New Guinea natives as well as Australian nationals during their occupation of the island.

## HEAVY FIGHTING RAGES SOUTH OF CASTELLARO

Rome, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—A German attack launched against the Fifth Army front south of Bologna moved into its second day today with "extremely heavy" fighting reported south of Mount Castellaro, which the Nazis captured yesterday, 10 miles southeast of the city.

**ALL SEATS SOLD**  
 All seats for the Craterian Theater war bond premier, featuring Bing Crosby in "Going My Way" and an auction of hard-to-get articles, have been sold out for tonight. There are no reserved seats and first ones there will get their choice of seats. Doors will open at 7:30.

## BAILEY SENTENCED TO LIFE TERM FOR SLAYING CARMAN

### Jury's Recommendation Followed by Judge; Brief Deliberation Before Verdict.

Fred Alva Bailey, 27, fugitive from a San Quentin prison camp, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state prison at Salem this morning, by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna. Bailey will be taken to prison early next week by the sheriff's office.

A circuit court jury, C. A. Marshall, Medford, foreman, and composed of ten men and two women, returned a verdict of guilty of first degree murder, with a recommendation of life imprisonment, following deliberations from 4:55 p. m. to 6:37 p. m. yesterday. Trial of the case, in which Bailey was charged with the auto-jack slaying of Ira Clyde Carman, 45, millworker, here last September 3, started last Monday.

**"No Parole" Asked**  
 The jury at one stage of its deliberation asked permission to include a "no parole" clause in their verdict. They were advised by the court that this was not permissible under Oregon law and were required to stay within the instructions of the court.

Text of the verdict was: "We, the jury duly empaneled and sworn, find the defendant, Fred Alva Bailey, guilty of murder in the first degree, as charged in the indictment, and recommend life imprisonment, all of our number concurring."

Courthouse officials reported the jury at one time stood nine to three for murder in the second degree. The court instructions permitted the returning of a first degree verdict, with or without recommendations, second degree or acquittal.

Following the verdict the dapper defendant shook hands with and thanked the jury. He seemed cheered by the verdict. The extreme penalty under Oregon law is death in the gas chamber. Parole, rests with the state parole board.

The sheriff's office reported Bailey today wrote a letter to his aged mother, telling her the good news with the assurance "everything is all right and I will be home one of these days." She lives in Marion, Ind., the birthplace of the defendant. He was represented by Attorney Roy C. Dempsey of Marion, Ind., a long-time friend of the family, and Attorney Rawles Moore of this city, named by the court to defend him.

Bailey was the only witness called by the defense. Under cross-examination yesterday by District Attorney George W. Neilson, Bailey admitted striking Carman on the head with an auto jack for the purposes of robbery, but claimed he had no intent to kill. At one time, Bailey broke down and wept. He admitted a long prison record including terms in the Indiana boys' school, Indiana reformatory and San Quentin, for arson, larceny, auto theft and forgery. He staged two escapes. Bailey's crime career started, he said, when he was 14 years old.

Bailey was extradited from Hammond, Ind., in February, 1943, and sentenced to seven years at Beverly Hills, Cal., on a forgery charge. Last May, with 50 other San Quentin inmates he was taken to a forest camp on Beaver creek, near Yreka. Bailey acted as a trustee and would have been eligible for parole next February.

**Wine Caused Flight**  
 Bailey testified that while at the prison on last September 2, he became intoxicated on wild blackberry wine, made by himself, and while in this state, planned to take the prison camp station wagon and escape. After procuring his grip and bundle of possessions, he drove to the Pacific highway and north to this city.

## AIR MEET AGREED ON U. S. PROPOSAL FOR FULL FREEDOM

Chicago, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—With the American proposal for virtually unlimited freedom of the air for all nations that want it tentatively approved, only the selection of the members of the interim council and its site remained today for the civic aviation conference to settle before adjournment.

However, since the interim council will be composed of only 21 members, there remained a possibility of a squabble over which of the 54 nations represented here would be on it. Apparently each of the countries would like a seat on the council.

## ABANDONED WELL NOW FLOWS OIL

Billings, Mont., Dec. 1—(U.P.)—A formerly abandoned oil well brought in fresh yesterday and flowing at the rate of 1,000 barrels a day, marked the discovery of another major oil field in Montana, Julius C. Peters, president of the Resolute Oil Corporation, reported today.

Peters, a veteran Western Oil man, said the oil has high gravity, suitable for the manufacture of high octane gas.

Originally, the well was jointly operated by the Northern Ordnance and Resolute companies, but was abandoned in 1943 after it was drilled to a depth of 4,212 feet.

General Petroleum and Resolute Oil companies deepened the hole to 6,530 feet where it was brought in fresh.

## 1200 SURVIVORS FROM PACIFIC FLEET RETURN

San Francisco, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—Twelve hundred survivors of vessels lost in the Pacific, including crewmen of the heroic baby flattop Gambier Bay sunk in combat with a squadron of Japanese battleships and cruisers, arrived today aboard a big navy transport carrying a total of 3,500 passengers.

Among the survivors were naval personnel from the destroyer-escort Abner Read, lost as the result of undefined "perils of the sea."

**BETTER COWS**  
 Chicago, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—Artificial breeding of cattle can produce cows which will give more milk and butterfat than naturally bred ones, Dr. J. W. Bartlett, head of the department of animal husbandry, New Jersey State college of agriculture, told the American Society of Animal Production today.

## RETIREMENT PLAN IS DISCUSSED BY LEAGUE OF CITIES

### Regional Meeting Here Centers Talk on Proposal for Statewide System.

Discussion of proposed legislation featured the regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities held yesterday evening at the Chamber of Commerce offices here and attended by about 50 officers of the league and city officials from Medford and nearby cities. Bulk of the discussion centered around the proposal to create a statewide retirement system for city, county and state employees, since they are not eligible for federal security, and proposed legislation to increase the allocation of state liquor revenue to cities of Oregon.

Here for the meeting were Fred L. Inkster, Oswego, president of the league; Herman Kehrli, executive secretary; Jack Barrett, member of the governor's postwar planning commission, and George P. Stadelman, mayor of The Dalles.

Meeting opened with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p. m. and continued for four hours. Arrangements were in charge of Mayor Clarence A. Meeker and City Recorder Ralph Woodford.

Today Mayor Meeker accompanied President Inkster and other members of the group to Klamath Falls to attend a similar regional meeting there. Meeker is a member of the board of directors of the league.

## Cold Vaccines Are Said Of No Value

Chicago, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—None of the so-called vaccines for the prevention of the common cold that are now available have been proved to be of any value and their uncontrolled use should be discouraged, the Journal of the American Medical Association said today.

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## LIBERATOR FALLS IN GRANTS PASS AREA

Grants Pass, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—A Liberator bomber from the Mountain Home airfield crashed last night 10 miles northwest of the base, killing four crewmen and injuring four others, Col. Curtis D. Sluman, station commandant, said today. The ninth crew member was not injured. Details of the crash were not released.

## Japan's Vast Manpower Revealed By OWI; Can Put Four Million Men Under Arms

Washington, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—The tremendous task awaiting American forces in the Far East was outlined by the office of war information today in a report estimating that Japan already has 4,000,000 men in the field and can easily muster another 2,000,000.

Japanese strength in China alone was placed at 2,000,000 troops, indicating the minimum number of allied soldiers that may be needed in that theater alone after Germany is defeated.

**277,000 Killed**  
 Since Pearl Harbor, OWI said, U. S. troops have killed at least 277,000 Japanese at a cost of 21,000 American dead—a ratio of better than 13 to 1. But with at least four millions still under arms, Japan is far from any desperate manpower problem, OWI said in a report based on war department information.

"Even today," OWI reported, "the war department says the Japanese can equip and train 2,000,000 more soldiers without seriously affecting war-production manpower reserves. This figure does not include the added millions who might be 'recruited' from subject nations."

Blasting the notion that the Japanese soldier is a "stupid, insensate peasant," OWI said it was the opinion of army officials that the average enemy trooper is a "good fighting man," although many are likely to "go to pieces" when the going is rough.

**250,000 Isolated**  
 Besides the 277,000 Japanese soldiers killed by American troops, the OWI report said, another 250,000 are in isolated island pockets, cut off from rescue. Overall Japanese dead since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war was estimated at 850,000.

The report gave this picture of the typical Japanese soldier: He is five feet three inches tall and weighs 117½ pounds. (The average American GI is about five feet eight inches tall and weighs 145 pounds.)

**Japs Emotional**  
 He is emotional and in a tight spot is likely to blow up.

Under the unwritten law of the Japanese army he must atone for the disgrace of capture by the enemy by committing suicide. He cannot retreat or call for help.

He never says "so sorry"—contrary to the belief of most Americans—since he cannot pronounce "L's." He can say "R" as well and as easily as an American and tries to lure GIs into language "bobby-traps" by calling out in English.

He has had some form of military training since the age of eight.

If he is a second class private—the lowest rank—he is paid \$1.38 to \$2.07 a month. Top Japanese generals are paid \$126.50 a month.

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London, Dec. 1—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons today that a new lend-lease arrangement has been planned with the United States which will enable Great Britain to assume a full share in the war against Japan after Germany has been defeated.

The new reciprocal aid program, he said, will enable Britain to maintain in the Far East the same relative fighting power, in proportion to the United States, as she has in the European theater.

(In Washington, it was disclosed that the new plan envisages the transfer of about \$2,500,000,000 in lend-lease goods and services to Britain annually for the war against Japan.)

Churchill said British and American representatives in Washington had examined in detail all the military and economic questions involved in the lend-lease program and that he expected Britain's requirements under that plan would be halved when the European war ends.

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