

Furious Artillery Duel Flares on Okinawa Battle Line

Weather
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness with showers tonight. Saturday, partly cloudy and slightly warmer with showers in higher mountains. Temp. 46
Highest Yesterday 46
Lowest this Morning 43
Precip. 0
To 2 a. m., today 41

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99 HIGHWAY HAS CALIFORNIA FAVOR OREGONIANS TOLD

Sister State Highway Commission Backs Medford Route as Inter-region Link

Sacramento, May 18—(U.P.)—The California Highway Commission has instructed Highway Engineer George T. McCoy to inform Oregon highway representatives that California favors designation of U. S. Highway 99 from Weed, Calif., to Ashland, Ore., via Yreka, as part of the Interstate Highway System, Commission Chairman C. H. Purcell said today.

Purcell said that so far as he knows the Oregon Highway Commission has taken no action on the question. An alternate route, through Klamath Falls, has been proposed and if the two states fail to agree the question will be submitted to the U. S. Public Roads Administration, he said.

Representatives of the Redwood Empire Association, the Yreka Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Pacific Highway Association appeared before the commission today to present arguments in favor of the Weed-Ashland route.

Those appearing included O. G. Steele, of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce, and Sen. Randolph Collier of Yreka.

KILLER DOG PACK SHOT BY OFFICERS

Miami, Fla., May 18—(U.P.)—The dog pack which attacked and killed Mrs. Doretta Micko Zinke was wiped out by rifle fire today, as their owner was held for a preliminary hearing on manslaughter charges.

Acting at the request of Joe Munn, owner and breeder of the vicious Pit Bulldogs, sheriff's officers shot eight of the dogs at the quarantine kennels, then went to Munn's shack where the rest of his more than 20 dogs were kept.

Officers said Munn called the dogs a "bad breed" and said they should all be killed. The pack attacked and mangled Mrs. Zinke Wednesday night.

BASEBALL

American	2	5	0
Boston	0	4	2
Chicago	0	4	2

Ferriss and Garbark; Hayes and Tresh.

Maj. Bill Bowerman Arranges Surrender Of 4,000 Germans

Describing the mass surrender of 4,000 German troops in an Italian battle sector, Major Bill Bowerman, former athletic coach for Medford senior high school, now with the Tenth Mountain Infantry division, recently wrote to Mrs. Bowerman, who resides at the family home, 908 Whitman avenue.

Major Bowerman was acting as battalion commander on the day the event took place, and thus happened to be one of the main participants in the surrender. He ordinarily is regimental supply officer for the 86th infantry regiment.

"Day before yesterday I had quite an experience," the major wrote, "I got a report from a partisan (Italian) that there were 100 Germans 15 miles behind our lines who wanted to surrender, so I got my driver and jeep and away we went. We drove about six miles up a steep mountain pass then out into a beautiful mountain valley containing half a dozen Alpine villages. As we drove through the small towns crowds of citizens would cheer and throw all kinds of flowers into the jeep.

Sam Hayes, Noted Radio Newscaster Is Grounded Here

Sam Hayes, known to thousands in past years as the Richfield reporter, expected to leave Medford this afternoon for Sacramento, Calif., after having been grounded here since Wednesday by poor flying weather. In his party were Lee Woods, writer and co-worker, and B. K. Hopkins, pilot.

Hayes, now engaged in a campaign to have cities and other governmental units and organizations select "living memorials" to honor war heroes, was to have spoken at Klamath Falls and Eureka, Calif., Wednesday and in Reno Thursday. Parks, swimming pools, recreation centers and other projects of this nature should be selected to honor dead rather than statues, monuments and similar memorials fashioned in past years, Hayes told Medford people during his visit here.

Hayes now broadcasts for food companies on three different networks.

U. S. CENSORSHIP RULES MODIFIED

Washington, May 18—(U.P.)—Censorship Director Byron Price today severely modified the press and radio code, removing many restrictions on news in this country, Europe and the Atlantic.

Restrictions continued in a new code apply largely to the Pacific and Asiatic war zone. Price said that every provision continued in force "is based solidly and sensibly on visible security requirements related to the war with Japan."

In keeping with the shift of war emphasis to the Pacific, he explained, the Office of Censorship also has reduced its censorship of mail and international communications across the Atlantic. It has cut its personnel from a peak 14,500 in 1943 to 9,999 on April 30. By August, the force will be reduced to less than 7,000.

VALLEY FROST SEASON IS REPORTED NEAR END

The frost season in the Rogue River valley is now nearing the finish, Frost Observer Ray J. Rogers reports. The season officially ends May 31st, but May 10 to 15 has long been regarded as the unofficial date. Clarence Fankey, a veteran orchardist recalls but two or three times when frosts occurred after those days.

Rogers reports the current rains are slightly retarding pear development, and spraying bears are beginning to set and there is some drop, particularly among the Winter Nellis.

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It is understood that the Grays have purchased the building merely as an investment and that the present tenants will continue to occupy the structure. The sale was handled through the Carl Tengwald agency.

HORATIO ALGER STORY
Ely Nev., May 18—(U.P.)—J. C. Kinnear, who began his mining career 34 years ago as a common laborer in Nevada mines at Goldfield, has been elected vice president of the Kennecott Copper Corp., one of the three largest copper mining companies in the United States, it was announced today.

ALLIES CONSIDER PUNISHMENT FOR NAZI SCIENTISTS

Men Who Used Prisoners as Guinea Pigs May Face Indictment; More Taken

London, May 18—(U.P.)—The United Nations war crimes commission was revealed today to be considering the indictment of leading German physicians and scientists for the deaths of thousands of persons in Nazi "human guinea pig" experiments.

Victims of ruthless human vivisection and experimental injections were slave workers and political prisoners seized in territories occupied by Germany. Investigators for the commission said.

Two groups of investigators, one Czechoslovak and one Polish, were slated to leave London for the continent today at the invitation of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to investigate charges against the medical profession in Germany.

More Taken
The disclosure came as the bag of accused German war criminals and Nazi sympathizers grew steadily. Latest to fall into the allied net were said to be: Lt. Col. Otto Skorzeny—master German spy, liberator of Benito Mussolini and wanted as a war criminal for plotting the assassination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and other allied leaders.

Leni Riefenstahl—German actress and one time close friend of Adolf Hitler.
Heinrich Himmler, No. 1 Nazi war criminal, remained at large.
Lieutenant-Colonel Skorzeny, wanted for an attempt to assassinate Eisenhower, was captured under an unidentified spot in Austria by the American seventh army May 13.

Captured German agents said Skorzeny and other high Nazi agents filtered through the American lines in British uniforms in six command cars during the Ardennes counter-offensive.

THOMAS BUILDING SALE ANNOUNCED

Sale of the building at 223-225 West Main street to Carroll S. and Lotus Gray, Medford, was announced today by W. E. Thomas, trustee for the estate of his grandfather, the late I. W. Thomas. Sale price was \$11,000, Thomas stated.

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SIDE GLANCES
By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Pfc. Frederick Wood declaring that he is so joyful to be home from the war that he's celebrating by doing all the cooking for his wife.
Clarence Winetrot quoting figures of such size that a blackboard wasn't big enough to hold all the zeros.
Ralph Koozer admitting that the best way to find out what goes on is to stay home and just read the newspapers.

STETTINIUS SEEKS TO SPEED JOB OF DRAWING CHARTER

Heads of 4 Commissions of United Nations Called Into Conference by Secretary

San Francisco, May 18—(U.P.)—A United Nations' conference committee today unanimously approved, 42 to 0, the principle of giving the General Assembly of the proposed world organization power "to discuss and make recommendations" on any matters affecting international relations, subject to certain specific exceptions.

San Francisco, May 18—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., today called the heads of the four commissions of the United Nations conference to his apartment to discuss ways of speeding up the work of drafting the charter for a world security organization.

The commissions are ready to begin public sessions at which decisions of their subordinate technical committees will be debated and cleared for final conference action. The first such meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, on judicial organization.

Limitations Talked
The big five have been studying all week to speed the work here and to bring the conference to a reasonably quick close. Stettinius was expected to convey the big five ideas to commission heads.

Those ideas include proposals for limiting the time a delegate can speak, limitation on the number of times a delegate can speak, and combining similar amendments for purposes of debate. June 5 is currently regarded as a tentative—very tentative—deadline for ending the conference.

The four commissions are the major units into which the conference has been divided. They in turn have been broken down into 12 committees in which the technical work of drafting a world charter is done.

Meanwhile, it was understood that no Russian reply on the regional issue has yet been received. A big five meeting was called off at the last minute yesterday because no instructions had arrived from Moscow and as of noon (PWT) today no new big five meeting had been scheduled.

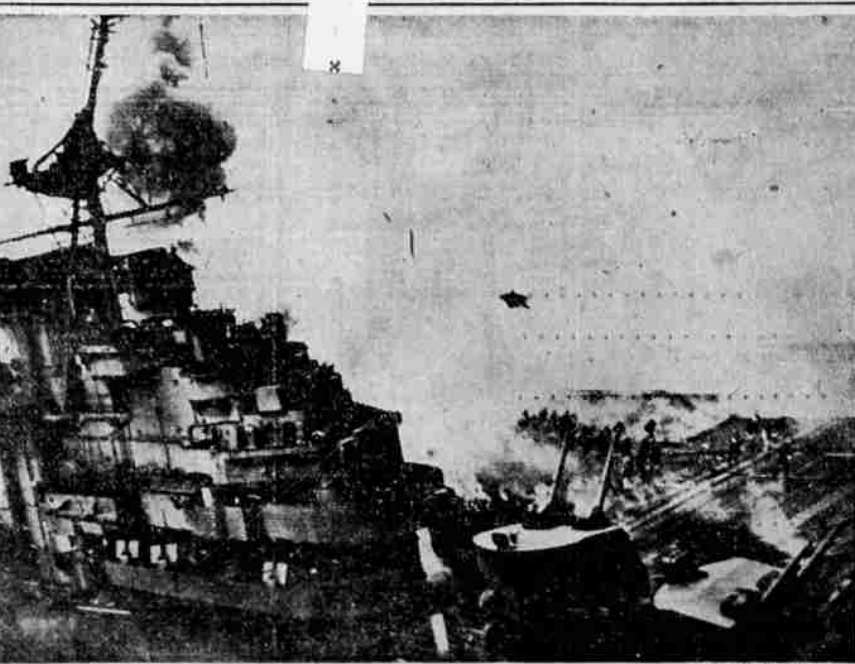
Former Camp White Soldier Killed In Action On Okinawa

Second Lt. George Weiner, stationed at Camp White for a time with the 383rd Infantry of the 96th Division, was killed in action on Okinawa, according to information received here by M. and Mrs. Mark Goldy, Berkeley Way, friends of Lt. and Mrs. Weiner. While here the young man was a staff sergeant and he received a field promotion during the action on Leyte.

While the Weiners were in Medford they resided at the Cady home and Mrs. Weiner served as secretary in Mr. Goldy's office. Information on the officer's death was received from Mrs. Weiner's parents who reside in Chicago. The widow is now there with her parents.

26 DIVORCE SUITS FILED DURING MAY
So far during May, 26 suits for divorce actions have been filed in Jackson county, according to the county clerk's office records. This is more than one per day. Some of the suits have been filed by men in the military services who have been on overseas duty for several months.

Filing of suits to quiet title continues in a steady manner though exceeded the last few weeks by the divorce suit wave. Titles to much of the land along Rogue River recently purchased with a government patent, includes a clause providing damage suits may be filed only for the improvements on the land but not for the land itself, in case of flooding.



Essex-class carrier, USS Franklin, operating approximately 60 miles from Jap coast, is victim of attack by Jap dive bomber. Picture shows debris hurled in the air as the great ship is wracked by blasts, while fire-fighters race away to dodge explosions.

Carrier Franklin Will Make Comeback From Worst U. S. Ship Disaster of War

By Joseph L. Myler
United Press Correspondent
Washington, May 18—(U.P.)—Big Ben has come back from the most terrible U. S. ship disaster in this war and will fight again—on borrowed time.

Behind her in the bloody Pacific, where for 15 hours she was a flaming funeral pyre for heroes, she left more than 1,000 casualties as the price of her survival. It was the heaviest price thus far paid by an American fighting ship in World War II. It was twice the cost of the entire battle of the Coral Sea.

Poised For Strike
Big Ben is the USS Franklin, 27,000-ton Essex class carrier. An hour after dawn on March 19, as she stood 60 miles off Japan, she was as proud and trim a warship as ever rode the waves. She was a carrier division flagship poised to strike with other units of Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's task force 58 at remnants of the Japanese fleet in the inland sea.

A few minutes later, because one Japanese dive-bomber got through, she was a volcanic chaos of bursting bombs, flaming gasoline, and exploding rockets and gun ammunition.

By nightfall she counted her heroes high in the hundreds, her dead at 341, her missing at 431, and her wounded at more than 300.

Big Ben's story can be told now because she came back. After steaming 12,000 miles under her own unquenchable power, Big Ben, unrecognizably seared and battered and mangled is home at last long in a berth at the Brooklyn (N.Y.) navy yard.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CITES REPORTER

Washington, May 18—(U.P.)—The house world war veterans committee headed by Rep. John E. Rankin, D. Miss., today cited a newspaper reporter for contempt because he refused to divulge some of the sources of news stories he had written.

The reporter, Albert Deutsch of the New York newspaper PM, said he had received the information given him in "strictest confidence." He rejected the committee's demands on grounds of "professional ethics and personal integrity."

The committee is investigating published charges by Deutsch and others that veterans do not receive adequate care in veterans administration hospitals.

SIGNAL DEPOT TO BE BUILT AT SACRAMENTO
Washington, May 18—(U.P.)—The war department today authorized construction of a new signal depot near Sacramento, Cal., at an estimated cost of about \$7,000,000. The construction will include four warehouses comprising 1,000,000 square feet of space, 1,000,000 square feet of open storage, a rail yard, shops, buildings and quarters.

Jap Lands Lucky Punch

The Japanese bomber, its approach undetected, caught the carrier at the moment of greatest vulnerability when its planes were being launched, its gasoline lines were full and flowing, and its bomb and rocket stores exposed.

From the time the enemy's two 500-pound armor-piercing bombs found their marks until the agony was over, Big Ben took enough punishment to kill a hundred ships, enough to wreck a city.

In the hours of her ordeal, 200,000 pounds of the carrier's own bombs, rockets and ammunition blew up, and an estimated 12,000 gallons of high octane aviation gasoline either burned in cascades of flame or exploded in volcanic eruptions.

Of the ship's complement of more than 2,500 sailors and men of air group 13, many scores died in a flash. Other hundreds were blown into the sea, where many drowned. Fire, fumes and smoke trapped and killed still others below decks.

Many Saved
Heroic rescue work, brilliant seamanship, and incredibly efficient damage control operations saved many hundreds. The exact number of survivors remains undisclosed because the navy does not want the enemy to know just how many men the Franklin carried.

But at least 706 of the crew survived to sail the carrier from the scene of disaster, and other hundreds of sailors and airmen were removed and kept in the Pacific.

The Japanese reported Big Ben sunk, and the navy admits that "she should by all accounts have gone to the bottom."

But Big Ben refused to die. For seven hours packed with deeds of heroism unrivaled in this war she lay dead in the water. For nine hours she had no communications, no electricity, no drinkable water. For 15 hours fires burned—in Niagaras of flaming gasoline at first; in smoldering, fume-generating pockets at the last.

Near Jap Shore
Before Big Ben came to life again and shook off the tow lines of friendly ships, she had

drifted within 38 miles of the Japanese home island of Shikoku. At one time, a time of horror for men trapped below decks, she listed 20 degrees and seemed to be on the verge of capsizing.

But Big Ben refused to die—because her skipper, 47-year-old Capt. Leslie E. Gehres of Coronado, Calif., said "I won't abandon this ship"; because her crew would not be cowed by death; because her officers and men, those that lived, did all the right things at the right times.

Before the March battle, Big Ben had destroyed 199 enemy planes, 148,500 tons of enemy warships, 275,000 tons of merchant vessels, and for extra measure three Japanese destroyers and four cargo craft.

450 STUDENTS IN MUSICAL FESTIVAL AT SENIOR HIGH

Approximately 450 students of Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford high school participated in a music festival at Medford senior high school Thursday and some 350 took part in a colorful concert that evening presented at the gymnasium by massed groups from all three schools.

Guest directors were Karl Ernst, school music supervisor of Portland and John Stehn of the University of Oregon and these musicians served as critics during the day.

With Mr. Ernst directing, the girls' chorus of 104 voices sang three numbers and he also directed the mixed chorus of 124 voices in a group of three numbers. The 52-piece orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Stehn, present two numbers and the 143-piece band was also directed by the university musician for a group of three numbers.

Appearing also on the evening concert was a vocal number by students from each school chosen by Mr. Ernst as the superior number offered by that school during the day for criticism. Representing Medford was its mixed a cappella choir, while both Ashland and Grants Pass were represented by their girls' sextets. The Ashland senior high school band, chosen by Mr. Stehn as the outstanding band of the day, played in the evening concert.

A special feature of the day was a concert given at 1 p.m. by a woodwind ensemble from the University of Oregon. This provided a pleasant rest period for the high school students. Final echo of the day was provided by a group of Medford students who made a round of friendly serenades through the town.

Music directors of the various high schools are Nora Lunde, vocal, and I. A. Mirick, instrumental, Ashland; Cloyd Riffle, vocal and Martin Trepte, instrumental, Grants Pass; Mabel Nansen, vocal and Sydney Bouck, instrumental, Medford.

10TH ARMY MEN SLUG AWAY INTO WRECKED BASES

Tokyo Reports American Fleet Out of Marianas for New Blow at Empire.

Guam, May 18—(U.P.)—A great artillery duel of unprecedented fury in the Pacific war flared along the Okinawa battle line today as 10th army forces slugged their way, yard by yard, into the three wrecked bastion towns of Naha, Shuri and Yonabaru.

Tokyo reported without supporting allied evidence that a powerful American fleet steamed out of the Marianas last Sunday or Monday, presumably for new forays against the Japanese empire.

Inside Bastions
Front dispatches indicated U. S. ground forces now were battling inside Shuri and Yonabaru, as well as in Naha, where marines of the sixth division expanded a hard-won bridgehead across the Asato river.

The enemy had reported earlier that American troops broke into Shuri, the inland anchor of the Japanese defense line lying midway between Naha on the west coast and Yonabaru on the east.

Nowhere were the Americans making big advances. Fiercely resisting Japanese, supported by the heaviest concentration of artillery ever assembled by the enemy in the Pacific war, limited Yank gains to yards and feet.

Front dispatches said marines deep inside Naha were cracking fanatic Japanese resistance there. But later reports said the leathernecks in Naha were "pinned to many positions," and that only small amounts of equipment had crossed the Asato river at the edge of the city.

Artillery Busy
Shells from big Japanese and American guns crashed ceaselessly into the lines of struggling infantrymen strung out along the five-mile coast-to-coast battlement.

East of Naha, the first marines and two army divisions—the 77th and 96th—attempted to swing the American flank southward.

The 77th was attacking Shuri while the 96th stormed Yonabaru.

A Tokyo broadcast, referring to the purported U. S. fleet movement out of the Marianas, said "although it is not definitely known whether it is directed toward the Okinawas or not, its activities require a rigid watch."

By United Press
As the bloody battling continued across the southern end of Okinawa, more heavy air blows against the enemy's homeland were disclosed.

The 21st bomber command announced that four of Japan's largest oil supply plants had been "rendered inoperative" in a raid by 400 Superfortresses on southern Japan May 10.

A delayed dispatch from a task force off Japan revealed that carrier planes delivered a "50 per cent knockout blow" on a hitherto unknown aircraft assembly plant in north central Kyushu last Monday.

Detailed reports on yesterday's second big B-29 fire raid on Nagoya, Japan's third largest city and its greatest aircraft manufacturing center, still awaited reconnaissance photographs. Crewmen reported all of southern Nagoya, including the huge Mitsubishi aircraft works and the dock area, was left in flames.

On Mindanao in the Philippines American troops were reported closing in on Valencia and its two-strip airfield after a six mile advance along the Sayre highway. To the north other forces met stiff Japanese mortar and artillery fire in a push south from a juncture.

16-YEAR-OLD HELD ON AUTO THEFT CHARGES
A 16-year-old Medford boy was remanded to the county juvenile officer yesterday when he plead guilty in justice court to a charge of auto theft, according to a report on file today.

JAPS SAY SUBS SUNK
By United Press
Tokyo radio claimed Thursday that Japanese Air Units sank two Allied submarines off the eastern coast of Java May 10 and 11. The broadcast was heard by United Press, San Francisco.

Seventh War Loan Drive
"E" Sales to date \$150,918
Quota \$1,067,000
Total Sales to Date \$440,769
Quota \$2,067,000