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FLAMING OIL USED BY MARINES UPON SHURI STRONGHOLD

Japs Leave Yonabaru — U. S. Fleet Girds For Attack On Japan.

Guam, May 21.—(U.P.)—Marines and army infantrymen on Okinawa battled to complete the encirclement of Shuri today in a drive that threatened to trap the main strength of the Japanese garrison in a one-square-mile area. Strong tenth army patrols entered Yonabaru, east coast port and anchor base for the sagging Japanese line bisecting southern Okinawa, front reports disclosed.

Guam, May 21.—(U.P.)—The 10th army on Okinawa sent strong patrols into Yonabaru on the east coast today while marines used flaming oil to drive Japanese defenders from formidable fortifications guarding the virtually encircled stronghold town of Shuri, front dispatches reported.

The Domei (Japanese) news agency said an American fleet again was "on the prowl" off southern Japan. It appeared to be approaching Kyushu for new attacks on the Japanese homeland.

Close-range fighting of unsurpassed intensity in the Pacific war raged among the ridges and caves outside Shuri and Yonabaru. Army patrols, dispatched by Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge of the 24th corps, penetrated Yonabaru and found but few Japanese. The enemy apparently has been moving out of the town during daylight hours when American artillery spotters are overhead.

The first marine division—one of the three enveloping Shuri—blazed a fiery path toward the ancient stronghold which the Japanese were defending with do-or-die desperation.

Front dispatches said leathernecks poured fuel into coral caves and hill-side fortifications, igniting it with exploding grenades. Sheets of flame shot skyward, casting a pinkish glow on Shuri, directly ahead, and killing or routing the defenders. Anti-tank gunners used their big weapons like rifles, firing them point-blank at slits in coral pill-boxes. Savage ground fighting progressed under cover of the heaviest land, sea and air bombardment of the Pacific war. It appeared the heaviest ground assault was being directed at Shuri. Except for patrols, the 96th division has not yet entered Yonabaru in strength. Final attacks against Naha, rubble-heaped west coast port and capital of Okinawa, apparently were being held up pending completion of the Shuri campaign.

WAR DOGS BUSY

Naha, Okinawa, May 21.—(U.P.)—The Marines brought their dogs in today to rat out Japanese snipers. Two long files of doberman pinschers and German shepherd police dogs marched along opposite sides of the road on the long slope leading to the north bank of the Asato river.

Each dog moved intently in military fashion directly ahead of his marine trainer who held a twelve-foot leash. The dogs will be used to scent snipers in caves, ruins, and rubble after the 6th corps marines push across the Asato into Naha proper. Despite the fierceness of the Japanese defense, the marines obviously are gathering sufficient power to cross the river and take the entire town.

300-POUND LIMIT ON HOGS REMOVED

Washington, May 21.—(U.P.)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones today broadened the government's support program on hogs by removing the 300-pound top limit on the weight of hogs for which the price will be guaranteed.

Under the new program, WFA will support at \$13 the price of all good and choice barrow and gilt butcher hogs, regardless of weight, until Sept. 1, 1946. The broadened program is expected to give added assurance that the government will stand back of farmers in meeting the production goal of 37,000,000 pigs this fall.

Married Today In Ohio



(Acme Telephoto)

Mansfield, O., May 21.—(U.P.)—Hollywood's Lauren Bacall, wearing a simple doekin beige dress and a huge Accolade orchid, became Mrs. Humphrey Bogart today in a simple wedding on Louis Bromfield's famous Malabar farm.

Miss Bacall recited the vows, her voice a little more husky than usual. Bogart, on his fourth trip to the altar, spoke softly but with precision. Slightly nervous, he sipped a few martinis before the ceremony.

SOLDIERS, 40 OR OLDER, ELIGIBLE FOR DISCHARGES

Washington, May 21.—(U.P.)—Army enlisted men aged 40 or older were made eligible today for discharge on their own application.

The war department said the discharge age cannot be reduced below 40 "at this time without jeopardizing military operations or slowing down the release of combat veterans who have earned the right to discharge under the point system on the basis of long and arduous service."

"Through the inclusion of a heavily-weighted factor for parenthood, the point system provides indirect consideration for age," it said. "Statistical surveys have indicated that the average age of fathers is several years above the average age for soldiers without children."

As heretofore, officers over 38 and young officers not physically qualified for combat for whom no suitable assignments exist may be discharged.

STALIN ADVISED BIG 3 MEET DUE FOR EARLY JUNE

London, May 21.—(U.P.)—The Evening News said today that Prime Minister Churchill and President Truman have told Marshal Stalin that a meeting of the big three is urgently necessary "not later than early next month."

The dispatch said Stalin so far has not replied.

The News' diplomatic correspondent said "in the view of London and Washington only discussions at the highest level can prevent present problems—i.e. Germany, Austria, Trieste and Poland—from reaching a positively dangerous stage."

Gov. Snell Names Civil Service Body

Salem, Ore., May 21.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today announced appointment of the three members of the State Civil Service Commission, authorized by House Bill 294 of the recent legislature.

They are A. C. Cammack, Portland; Mrs. Effie Turneaure, Hood River, and J. N. Chambers, Salem.

The commission is to set up a merit system or civil service program for all state employees, with certain exceptions. The legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the work of the commission for the next two years.

WAR BULLETINS

Paris, May 21.—(U.P.)—Fifty of the 150 Nazi spies who infiltrated American lines during the Ardennes offensive last December have been tried and executed and all but 10 of the others were shot and killed while trying to escape capture, allied headquarters revealed today.

London, May 21.—(U.P.)—A new Czechoslovak army will be formed with the help of the Soviet Union, it was disclosed today.

Gen. Bohumil Bock, Czech chief of staff, said in a statement broadcast from Prague that the new army "will be the same as the organization, armament, and training of the Red army."

Paris, May 21.—(U.P.)—Supreme headquarters announced today that allied warships are visiting certain German ports "in order to bring home their defeat to the inhabitants." British ships have arrived at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the announcement said. It said American warships also were involved, but did not specify their location.

MORE BROADCAST STATIONS URGED

Washington, May 21.—(U.P.)—The federal communications commission today proposed to increase the number of standard broadcast stations by giving them use of the 540-550 kilocycle frequencies. The standard broadcast band now runs from 550 to 1600 kilocycles.

This was the highlight of the commission's proposed allocation of frequencies below 25,000 kilocycles for non-government radio services.

No decision has been made as to how many new stations the 540-550 band will accommodate or whether it will be used by local, regional or clear-channel stations.

The 540 kilocycle channel is now being used by the government. It was pointed out and it is not known how soon it can be available to broadcasters.

FRANCE HARBORS SPANISH REGIME

San Francisco, May 21.—(U.P.)—The Spanish committee for national liberation said today it had been authorized by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault to install itself officially in France and set up headquarters there.

Speaking for the committee, Alvaro De Albornoz told a press conference that it hoped to be able to convoke a meeting of the pre-civil war Spanish cortes (legislative body) in France soon, if that country permits.

MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTED HERO BEFORE LEADERS

President Truman Personally Awards Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey at Ceremony.

Washington, May 21.—(U.P.)—President Truman today personally presented the medal of honor to T-Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey in a ceremony of tribute before congress to the growing list of heroes who have served their country "beyond the call of duty."

The 24-year-old soldier from Lucedale, Miss., was the 223rd serviceman and 100th infantryman in this war to be awarded the nation's highest military honor.

He was the first, however, to receive it directly from the president in the presence of both houses of congress and the country's highest military and civil leaders.

Mr. Truman, seeing in the ceremony a symbol of the nation's power and courage, noted that "it finds us striking devastating blows in the Pacific" where "we are preparing to strike them later in overwhelming force."

Lindsey was accompanied to the chamber, where the cabinet and a host of foreign diplomats were gathered, by Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff.

Marshall solemnly read the citation. It briefly summarized the bloody action in which Lindsey, though wounded, killed 20 Germans, wounded many more, secured the capture of three, knocked out two machine guns and captured two more, and forced the withdrawal of two enemy tanks.

The citation read, Lindsey stood before the president, who placed around his neck the ribbon bearing the medal.

STATES CAN DENY NEVADA DIVORCE HIGH COURT SAYS

Washington, May 21.—(U.P.)—The supreme court held today that the other 47 states can refuse to recognize Nevada divorces obtained by their citizens after only temporary residence in Nevada.

It affirmed the conviction of two North Carolina residents on charges of bigamous cohabitation, brought after they got Nevada divorces, were married there and returned to North Carolina to live.

North Carolina had contended that their six weeks' residence in Nevada was a fraud perpetrated solely for the purpose of divorce and had refused to accept the Nevada court's finding that they were legal residents of the western state.

CENSORSHIP FOR QUISLING DENIED

Oslo, May 21.—(U.P.)—Reports that Norwegian government officials were trying to establish a censorship on news of Vidkun Quisling, the jailed former Nazi puppet ruler of Norway, were denied today by Tor Gjerdal, director of the Norwegian Information Service.

The reports circulated after correspondents were refused permission to interview Quisling in Moellegaarden prison. Gjerdal said Norwegian law forbids interview with prisoners.

J. A. Perry Estate Bequeathed Widow

The will of the late J. A. Perry, pioneer orchardist and banker of this district, who passed away March 5 in Medford, was filed for probate in the office of the county clerk this morning. Perry's entire estate, with personal and real property valued at approximately \$16,000, was left to his widow, Ella F. Perry.

Perry's two children, Frances Flinn and Allan F. Perry, were named executors of the estate and George Frey, Richard Payne and Ralph E. Sweeney were named appraisers.

YANKS WILL RUN, HITLER BOASTED AT PEP MEETINGS

Startles Session Admitting He Stopped War—Then Making Deal.

By Jack Fleischer United Press Correspondent Obersalzberg, Germany, May 21.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler added to the world's classic collection of famous last words when he said, "Americans don't know how or why they fight."

That was just before the start of the Ardennes offensive—which he obviously knew was his last hope—was stopped by the Americans.

Another gem he uttered at the time was, "once we get behind their backs the Americans will run like scared rabbits."

Gerhardt Herrgeselle, one of Hitler's official stenographers, revealed today that the fuhrer personally addressed his army commanders and officers at his headquarters near Bad Nauheim before the Ardennes offensive and the later attack in Alsace Lorraine.

The fact that he held three such meetings and the way he spoke showed Hitler knew the offensives were his last chance to regain the initiative and save Germany.

Hitler addressed two meetings before the Ardennes offensive, on December 11th and 12th, and one on December 28th before the New Year's eve kickoff in the Hagenau sector north of Strasbourg.

Herrgeselle said Hitler startled the officers in his first speech by saying he had started the war, and then—after he noticed their reaction—saying he had not started the war. The stenographer did not have notes for all the entire meeting, but he was sure Hitler's speech began like this:

"Only rarely in centuries is a leader like myself given to the German people and state, who unites in himself so much power and faith that he can begin such a war."

Hitler referred to the Americans as "silly boys", who could not stand a sudden crisis. Herrgeselle said when he delivered the line about the Americans running like rabbits, Hitler himself laughed and clapped his hands like a little boy.

DUNCAN UPHOLDS VALIDITY LOCAL BUDGET MEASURE

Salem, Ore., May 21.—(U.P.)—Marion county Circuit Judge George Duncan today upheld the validity of House Bill 403, the "local budget bill" of the recent legislature, in the form in which it was signed by the governor.

The complaint should be dismissed, he said. A suit was filed here last week to enjoin the secretary of state from including the bill in the session laws. The Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc., of Portland, claimed that a conference committee report, adopted by both house and senate, was not enrolled in the bill, making it invalid as not being in the form of the legislature intended.

The suit will now go to the state supreme court, according to F. H. Young, manager of the tax group which brought the complaint.

KING LEOPOLD ILL

London, May 21.—(U.P.)—Radio Brussels quoted a statement from the Belgian premier's office yesterday that King Leopold III, who was liberated in southern Germany, suffered an acute heart attack last week and was unable to be moved.

"FIERY CROSS" BURNS

Trenton, N. J., May 21.—(U.P.)—Harry Lieberman, member of the Hamilton township committee, said today that police would investigate the burning of a cross on the site of a proposed federal housing project for Negroes.

GEN. SULTAN RULES

Calcutta, May 21.—(U.P.)—The India-Burma supply service command has been placed under Lt. Gen. Daniel L. Sultan, commander of U. S. forces in the theater, it was announced today.



LUCKY STRIKE—Torpedoed by U. S. Navy submarine while en route to another Jap prison after 29 months in Luzon camp, these Yanks evaded captors and swam ashore where guerrillas cared for them. Here Sgt. Onnie Ellsworth of Dallas, Tex., lights cigarette for Sgt. Verle Dwight Cutter of Denver, Colo., as they talk about narrow escape.

'LORD HAW HAW' IS TAKEN; REDS ASK DOENITZ' ARREST

London, May 21.—(U.P.)—At least four more accused war criminals, one of them the self-styled original "Lord Haw Haw" were held by the allies today.

A fifth, Maj. Mario Carita, chief of the Italian SS, was slain by American fifth army troops in a mountain hideout in northern Italy. His 29-year-old mistress was wounded in the brief gun battle.

In Moscow, the Soviet press called on the western allies to arrest and try immediately members of the Doenitz government and the German general staff. Any further delay may lead to real chaos in Europe and perhaps a third world war, the Soviets said.

European dispatches said the latest batch of accused war criminals rounded up by the allies were:

Norman Baillie-Stewart—former British officer who had been working for the German propaganda ministry and foreign office for five years. He said he had made the original "Lord Haw Haw" broadcasts from Germany. He was captured by American troops in an Alpine village in Austria.

Fernand de Brinon—former Vichyite ambassador to Paris. He was captured by allied troops in Germany and was returned to Paris to face trial.

Dr. Bernard Menetrel—former personal physician and collaborator with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain. He was captured with de Brinon and also was returned to Paris for trial. Haj Amin El Hussein—exiled grand mufti of Jerusalem, wanted for anti-Jewish activities. He and his secretary were arrested in Germany and will be handed over to British authorities.

MASS AWARD FOR 'BIG BEN' HEROES

New York, May 21.—(U.P.)—Heroes lined the battle-charred flight deck of the aircraft carrier (Big Ben) Franklin today and saw medals and stars passed out in the largest mass award in naval history.

Decorations were given 97 of the surviving officers and men who brought their ship back 12,000 miles to port after 1,100 of their shipmates had fallen dead or wounded in battle off the coast of Japan March 19.

Visitors were taken aboard for the ceremony but repair work continued without interruption, even while Vice-Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, deputy chief of naval operations (air) read Big Ben's citation. And only a few hours before the ceremony the New York yard appealed for 4,000 more workers to help speed up the repair work that will send Big Ben back for revenge against the Japanese.

RUN-AWAY YOUTH IS HELD IN PORTLAND

Portland juvenile authorities are holding a 14-year-old Medford boy, who ran away from his South Oakdale home Monday, according to city police. Medford police notified the boy's parents and they are going for the lad, according to the report.

ELLSWORTH SAYS DEPUTY CABINET OFFICERS NEEDED

Washington, May 21.—(U.P.)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth, R., Ore., proposed today that cabinet officers be represented in congress by "deputy secretaries" who would sit as bona fide members of the House of Representatives.

He made his suggestion to the House-Senate Committee on streamlining congress. Ellsworth said deputy secretaries would not be "just outsiders sitting in." They would have regular seats, make speeches, take part in debate, and answer questions of elected congressmen.

Quick approval of the idea came from Rep. Mike Monroney, D., Okla., who said Ellsworth had put his finger "on a way to bridge the impassable gulf between Capitol Hill and the departments downtown."

"We've got to find some way to provide a day-to-day guidepost for the departments, Monroney said. "Now, the only way a congressman can show he dislikes something a department has done is to stand in the well of the House and lob a verbal blockbuster."

And such blockbusters, he added, "are destructive" and impair public confidence.

NIPS REITERATE NO PEACE MOVES

Japan reiterated its denial of peace feelers today and mobilized 20,000,000 students for the defense of the homeland.

Sadao Iguchi, spokesman for the Japanese Board of Information, was quoted by the Tokyo radio as saying that Japan "at no time, at no place and through no channel whatsoever has ever proposed peace to the United States and Britain."

"Such propaganda was apparently designed to undermine the Japanese morale, and there is no reason to elaborate that Japan's policy in East Asia will not change for any reason," Iguchi said at a press conference.

Stanford Co-Ed And Lt. Holmes Engaged

San Francisco, May 21.—(Special)—The engagement of Ann Ashley, popular Stanford University co-ed, and Lt. David Hughes Holmes of the army air forces, was announced at midnight Saturday at a dance at the Alpha Phi sorority at Stanford.

Miss Ashley is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Rea Ashley of San Francisco, and Lieutenant Holmes is the son of Mrs. Kinney Holmes of San Francisco, and Mr. David Holmes of Medford, Oregon. Captain Ashley, well known San Francisco physician is now stationed with the Navy Medical corps at Mare Island.

Lieutenant Holmes was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the University of Oregon and his sister, Nanette, a Kappa at the University of Oregon.

Flying from Phoenix, Arizona to be present for the surprise announcement, Lieutenant Holmes arrived in San Francisco Saturday. New York, May 21.—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened unchanged.

BRITISH REJECT CHURCHILL PLEA TO KEEP REGIME

Labor Party Votes Down Plea To Adjourn Politics Until Japs Are Beaten.

London, May 21.—(U.P.)—The labor party decided today to break away from the coalition government and force a British election, despite an urgent plea by Prime Minister Churchill to put off politics until Japan is defeated.

Meeting at Blackpool, the labor party rejected Churchill's proposal to continue the coalition government and offered to go to the polls any time. The step meant the death in a short time—possibly next month—of the government Churchill formed five years ago to guide Britain to victory in Europe.

In a last-minute maneuver Churchill suggested that an unprecedented national referendum be held on whether the 10-year-old parliament should continue in office.

Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, in a press conference at Blackpool, said the party believed the election should be delayed until autumn, but was ready for it in July—the earliest possible time.

The convention, including 1,100 delegates representing 3,000,000 members, was only two votes short of unanimity in balloting against staying with Churchill's conservative majority in a combined government until the war in the east is over.

Churchill made his proposition in a letter to labor party members. He acknowledged the need for expression of the nation's will to vote but urged that for reasons above party lines the coalition government stay in office.

Attlee and Morrison pointed out that the end of the Japanese war was indefinite. They said the labor party would support the war against Japan regardless but that differences on domestic economic and social problems should be resolved by election before they became matters of internal dissension in the coalition.

TICKLISH BIG 5 VETO POWER EYED IN UNCIO TALKS

San Francisco, May 21.—(U.P.)—The delicate Regional Issue apparently solved, the United States delegation to the United Nations conference today tackled the growing controversy between big and little nations over the veto power of the Big Five in the proposed World Security Council.

The delegation—as are those of the other sponsoring nations—is committed to support the Yalta voting formula. But there is a difference of interpretation of that complicated formula between the United States and Great Britain. The U. S. delegation is trying to straighten it out.

The daily delegation meeting was devoted to that subject. Then the Conference Committee on voting procedure met and discussed it further. The controversy centers in that committee with the little powers demanding that the Big Five give up their veto over arrangements for peaceful settlements and retain it only on decisions dealing with enforcement action.

The little powers have the votes to force this change. Whether they will use them against the will of the big nations remains to be seen after this week's debate.

COAL STRIKE ENDS

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 21.—(U.P.)—Pennsylvania's 70,000 anthracite miners began returning to the pits today, ending a 19-day strike which cost an estimated 3,400,000 tons of hard coal.

Seventh War Loan Drive

'E' Sales to Date \$165,612 Quota \$1,067,000 Total Sales to Date \$468,771 Quota \$2,067,000