

# EARLY FALL OF OKINAWA SEEN

## Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Wednesday. Mild temperatures.  
Highest Yesterday Temp. 46  
Lowest this Morning Temp. 48

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## Wind Blown Jap Balloon Bombs Land West Mainland

### WASHINGTON SAYS DAMAGE NIL, NO MILITARY VALUE

Fantastic Attacks Underway Several Months — Public Is Cautioned.

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—Japan for several months has been attacking the western United States with long-range balloon-borne bombs which thus far have caused "no property damage," the war and navy departments revealed jointly today.

"During the past several months, Japanese free balloons are known to have landed or dropped explosives in isolated localities," the announcement said.

"These balloons cannot be controlled by their launchers, the war department said, and 'the chances that any given place would be hit by these attacks is only one in many millions.'"

"This Japanese attempt to undertake against the United States attacks which the Germans launched with infinitely greater success against Great Britain was handicapped so greatly by distance that it has been able to cause no damage to property."

Apparently they were loosed to drift with wind currents toward this continent in the hope that they would be carried over the United States.

"These balloons are grey, white or greenish-blue paper, about 33 feet in diameter," the war department said. "They carry a few small bombs suspended beneath the balloon. It is believed that the main purpose of the bombs is to set brush and forest fires. They are dangerous and should not be touched by anyone not familiar with bombs."

The war department said that thus far the bombs had not succeeded in their apparent purpose of starting forest fires.

The balloons, it was said, have landed or dropped their explosives from time to time in isolated areas, mostly in the mountains, forests or deserts.

There is no indication that any of them ever carried enemy personnel.

"The war and navy departments make this statement so that the public may be aware of the possible danger and to reassure the nation that these attacks are so scattered and aimless that they constitute no military threat. They should not be viewed with alarm."

Due to the large areas of the United States and the variable nature of the winds, the possibility of a hit in any specific area is remote. The chances that any given place would be hit by these attacks is only one in many millions.

"Newspaper and magazine readers and radio listeners should understand that reports of the Japanese balloons are being omitted from the news columns and radio summaries by editors and broadcasters to keep from the enemy further information of balloon attacks on the western hemisphere."

"The war and navy departments take the liberty of recommending that civilians themselves take the same patriotic course and refrain from spreading news of any specific balloon incident of which they may hear."

**LT. JAMES E. CURTIS EN ROUTE FROM PRISON**  
First Lt. James E. Curtis is on his way home from Stalag Luft I, a German prison camp, it was stated in a telegram from the officer, received today by his wife, Mrs. Lavina Curtis, Oregon City.

### UNCIO Meets to Discuss International Court



Banners mark positions of delegates at public session of UNCIO which met to hear plans for new International Court of Justice. In foreground are Jan Masaryk (left), Czechoslovakia's foreign minister, and Vladimir S. Hurban, Czech ambassador to Washington.

### CHURCHILL ACTS TO END BRITISH CABINET BREACH

London, May 22—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill brought the breakup in his coalition cabinet to a head today when he served notice on the Labor party that the time was past when Laborites and Conservatives could work together in the government.

A formal announcement by Churchill dissolving the wartime coalition and setting the date for a general election early in the summer was expected at any time.

Churchill, in a letter to Labor Leader Clement R. Attlee, acknowledged the widening breach between the political factions in the government. He said the "tolerable conditions under which we could work together" no longer exist.

The Laborites in effect broke away from the coalition at their convention yesterday. Today responsible sources expected Churchill to call for the resignation of his Labor ministers or to ask King George to dissolve parliament—either move a step toward the general election.

Whichever step was taken would result in the formation of an interim government, probably in time for presentation to the House of Commons when it reconvenes next Tuesday.

### DOENTZ, GERMAN LEADERS TO QUIT; FACE WAR TRIALS

Paris, May 22—(U.P.)—Admiral Karl Doenitz, Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and other German leaders at Flensburg are expected to be returned to civilian life within a few days to face probable indictment as war criminals, a source associated with Supreme Headquarters said today.

Now reliable reports said the impression that Doenitz headed a government—a SHAEF spokesman said last week that the Allies did not recognize the Doenitz setup as a government—would be exploded in a day or so by his dismissal and reversion to the status of an ordinary prisoner of war.

SHAEF announced that Major Gen. Lowell W. Rooks recently was appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's representative with the German command at Flensburg.

Pearl Harbor, May 22—(U.P.)—Secretary of Navy for Air Artemus Gates has completed a hundred 24-hour "inspection" of Pearl Harbor.

### ANGLO AMERICANS REACH AGREEMENT UPON ONE POINT

Agree to Use 'Independence' For World Charter But Not Trusteeships.

San Francisco, May 22—(U.P.)—The United States and Great Britain have agreed to insert the word "independence" in the world charter as an objective for peoples in trusteeships, but still object to it as a stated objective for other dependent peoples, it was learned today.

The Anglo-American decision is a compromise on the Chinese proposal—supported by the Russians—that "independence" as "self-government" be stated as the organization's objectives for all dependent peoples, trusted or otherwise. The British objected to such broad application of the word "independence" and were supported by the Americans.

It also was reported that the American delegation has worked out some sort of a plan for equal representation of administering and non-administering nations on the trusteeship council. Under the original plan, Russia and China would have to face an assembly election every three years.

Britain, the United States and France probably would have permanent seats under the first plan. Russia has proposed that provision be made for permanent seats on the trusteeship council for each of the big five.

These developments on the delicate trusteeship issue were expected to go far in making possible an early big power agreement on this point. They come as United Nations conference officials aimed at adjournment during the first week in June.

### Chinese Political Fuss Alters Plans

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—Rep. Mike Mansfield, D., Mont., told the House today that Chinese political disunity may force American military leaders to switch plans and launch a direct assault on the Japanese home islands.

Mansfield, who visited China recently at the request of the late President Roosevelt, said this would be a costlier operation than one from the Chinese mainland.

He predicted in a House speech that Russia would join in the fight against Japan and give aid to the Chinese Communists while the United States will continue to support Chiang Kai-Shek and his government.

### MARINE BARRACKS BAND TO APPEAR HERE NEXT WEEK

To stimulate sales in the "mighty seventh" war loan drive now underway, a 35-piece band from the marine barracks in Klamath Falls will play in Medford Monday, May 28, it was announced today. The band, every member of which is an overseas veteran, is being brought to Medford by the Elks lodge in cooperation with the county war finance committee and the lodge is making plans for entertaining the band members while they are in the city.

A street concert will be given by the men at 4:30 p. m. Monday on Main street between the First National and United States national banks and between 4 and 5 p. m. both banks will be open for the sale of bonds, the committee states. In the evening the men will play at the Holly theater and in addition to band numbers there will be vocal selections, comedy skits and other features, including a short film.

Admission to the evening concert will be "E" bond of any denomination, one bond for each ticket, and any bond purchased beginning today and during the week, including May 28, will be eligible for tickets, the committee states. Tickets will be available at all Medford bond selling agencies and at the Ashland bank, and bonds purchased anywhere in the county will be eligible for admission.

The veteran band has been playing in many towns and cities of the state and is being widely acclaimed, it is reported. Some of the members played in widely known "name" orchestras and bands of the nation before going into the service. The men will be accompanied by Major Felker, who is to speak during the concert.

Elks' committees are making plans to entertain the marines at lunch, at an evening banquet and again after the evening concert and the entire band will spend the night at the Medford Hotel.

### ASHLAND TO HEAR GOVERNOR SNELL

Ashland, May 22—Gov. Earl Snell, who has just returned from the San Francisco world security conference, will be honored guest at the annual Ashland Chamber of Commerce banquet in the Elks' dining room Thursday at 7:30 p. m. A complete program has been arranged with Gov. Snell as the main speaker.

Chamber of Commerce officials from Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Yreka have been extended invitations to attend the banquet. Mayors of the cities also have been invited.

Tickets are on sale at the Medford and Ashland chambers, it was announced.

### PRESIDENT ASKS FOR LEND-LEASE ADJUSTMENT, CUT

Continuance Is Needed To Crush Japan, Congress Told In Report.

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—President Truman and the Foreign Economic administration told Congress today that lend-lease must continue on an "adjusted and reduced" basis to generate the overwhelming power needed to crush Japan.

FEA reported that a grand total of \$38,971,000,000 in American lend-lease aid had been poured into the United Nations war machine in a little more than four years up until March 31.

This, it said, amounted to 15 cents out of every American dollar spent during that period. The most important thing the U. S. has gained through lend-lease, the report declared, has been "the defeat of Nazi Germany and the hastening of the day of victory over Japan."

In addition, however, it said this country had received up to last January 1 nearly \$5,000,000,000 worth of reverse lend-lease supplies and services from its allies. That's a return roughly of one-eighth of what we shipped to our allies.

Lend-lease programs to all the allies have now been "adjusted and reduced to take into account the end of hostilities in Europe and the new military situation," FEA said.

Both the report and a letter from President Truman accompanying it avoided any direct mention of Russia's role in lend-lease now that full war emphasis has been shifted to the Pacific. The Soviets are neutral there.

This was partly attributable to the fact that the report covered only up to the end of March. The war in Europe ended in May.

Since March, because of the bulk of the European war, the end of Russia's \$300,000,000-a-month lend-lease deliveries has been suspended. Work has begun on a 45 per cent reduction in the flow of lend-lease aid to the British commonwealth. Additional reductions are in the making in lend-lease programs with other allies.

The report said more than 98 per cent of this nation's vast lend-lease contribution had gone to the four major allies—Britain, Russia, France and China.

### CROONER CHOICE OVER IWO JIMA G.I.

Hollywood, May 22—(U.P.)—Crooner Frank Sinatra flew to New York under army orders with a No. 3 priority, the USO announced today after it was reported that an Iwo Jima veteran lost his plane seat to the screen and radio star.

Sinatra had been alerted for an overseas USO tour to entertain troops and was traveling under army orders, a USO spokesman said.

Eugene E. Harshbarger, 18, signalman 3/c, a veteran of Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions, said at Mt. Vernon, Ill., that his homecoming was delayed four hours when he lost his place on the plane to "The Voice."

### WAR BULLETINS

Manila, May 22—(U.P.)—Thirty-first division doughboys closed in today on Malaybalay, agricultural center of middle Mindanao, after driving 10 miles to the town's outskirts.

### SUGAR FOR HOME FRONT FIRST IS URGED IN HOUSE

Report Asks Less Agencies and Foreign Shipments to Safeguard.

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—The House Food committee today warned that the nation's sugar bowl is rapidly emptying and urged prompt establishment of a sugar czar.

In a 5,000-word unanimous report filed by Chairman Clinton P. Anderson, D., N. M., the committee criticized the present government program which scatters sugar controls among 20 agencies.

Repeatedly calling for protection of American consumers, the report recommended immediate review of all promises of sugar shipments for foreign countries and adjustment of these commitments to "safeguard" domestic users.

If the United States lives up to its foreign commitments American civilians will be left holding a near-empty sugar bag, the report declared.

It asked that the public be fully informed on all domestic and foreign commitments and allocations.

It favored aiding liberated countries and neutrals to restore their sugar production, rather than too severely draining the world pool to meet their demands. Other carbohydrates, particularly cereals, might be substituted for sugar shipments, the report stated.

"There must be a minimum figure which civilian supplies in this country should not be permitted to go," it asserted.

### ALLIES MOVE TO YUGOSLAV BORDER

By W. R. Higginbotham United Press Correspondent  
London, May 22—(U.P.)—British and American forces in northeast Italy began moving east toward the Yugoslav border today, in effect infiltrating Yugoslav lines in disputed Venezia Giulia province.

Rome dispatches said Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, allied Mediterranean commander, left for Trieste today with Major Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief-of-staff of the U. S. fifth army, to take direct charge of the delicate situation.

By mid-afternoon, more than three hours after the American 99th division and units of the British 8th army had moved into their new positions, no incidents had been reported between the Yugoslavs and the western allied forces.

### '45' LEGISLATURE COSTS \$195,424

Salem, Ore., May 22—(U.P.)—A record amount of \$195,424.38 was the cost of holding the 1945 legislature, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., reported here today. This figure does not include the cost of printing the session laws and the house and senate journals.

The 1943 session cost the next largest amount, taking \$179,271.97 for the 59-day session. The 1945 session lasted for 69 days, longest in history.

### DEFER DRAFT OF MEN OVER 30; TO REVIEW 18-25ERS

New Program Effective Now—Older Men Needed In War Plants.

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey today announced indefinite deferment for men 30 or over who are contributing to the war effort or are doing "useful" community work.

Hershey also instructed local boards to review the cases of men in the 18-25 age group who were previously disqualified on physical grounds.

Under the new program, which is effective immediately, drafting of older men virtually will be halted if local draft boards rule that they are engaged in work contributing to national health, safety or interest.

Local draft boards henceforth, Hershey said, should give fathers over 29 "sympathetic consideration" in meeting draft calls. The boards, he said, also should remember the cost to the government in dependency allotments of inducting fathers.

In case of doubt, Hershey said, draft boards should defer fathers over 29.

Hershey said that men over 29 who have received their induction notices but are not yet in the army will come under the new policy.

Hershey emphasized that the armed forces need younger men. Munitions cutbacks in war plants will make older men available for war jobs, he pointed out, and this situation should enable the release for induction of younger men now occupationally deferred. Discharged veterans, he said, also will be available in increasing numbers to replace the young men in war plants.

Hershey added, however, that men 30 and over who leave essential jobs will still face the prospect of induction.

### NEW TARIFF ACT HELD EFFORT TO 'BAMBOOZLE' LAND

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—The administration's fight for broader tariff-making powers opened today in the House. The pending reciprocal trade bill was praised as "economic disarmament" and condemned as attempt to "bamboozle" the American people.

"Our vote on this bill will be the first test as to whether or not we are willing to participate in international cooperation or revert to a policy of economic and political isolation," said Chairman Robert L. Doughton, D., N. C., of the Ways and Means committee, sponsor of the bill.

"We are told by advocates of the Doughton bill that we must open our trade doors wide to other nations or we will break the faith reposed in us by a war-weary world; (we are told) that renewal is necessary to save the world," replied Rep. Harold Knutson of Minnesota, ranking Republican member of the committee and leader of the Republican opposition.

Republicans supported trade reciprocity, Knutson said. "But not the tumbleweed variety practiced by the State department, which makes Uncle Sam a glorified Santa Claus."

### FOREST FIRE RAGES

Roswell, N. M., May 22—(U.P.)—Soldiers from Roswell Army Air Field joined Forest Rangers and civilians to combat a raging forest fire which swept through mountain forestland destroying thousands of acres of timber.

### REINFORCED YANK DRIVE THREATENS YONABARU, SHURI

Adm. Turner Reveals Island Base For Jap Attacks—Siege Arc Formed.

Guam, Wednesday, May 22—(U.P.)—Reinforced American troops on Okinawa besieged the Japanese fortress city of Shuri today and threatened to outflank the eastern anchor town of Yonabaru in a new drive southward along the coast.

Vice Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner, commander of U. S. amphibious forces for the Ryukyu invasion operation, predicted Okinawa will be captured in the "comparatively near future." He disclosed Okinawa already was being used as the base for "important attacks" against Japan.

"Every day, at this early stage, we have airplanes from Okinawa over Japan," said Admiral Turner. "Think what it will be like a month from now."

Marines of the 1st division and doughboys of the 77th and 96th army divisions clamped a siege arc roughly 1,000 yards outside rocky Shuri.

In a wide semi-circle, the Yanks slid around Shuri along a line approximately 800 to 1,100 yards from the center of the town. The marines fought along the west side, the soldiers along the east. Shuri's main fortifications were pierced in some of the fiercest fighting of the Pacific war.

Patrols of the 96th division were disclosed to have probed completely through Yonabaru, east coast port, in the deepest American penetration of Okinawa.

United Press War Correspondent Edward Thomas, with the 96th, said the patrols reconnoitered Yonabaru and later withdrew.

The 96th plunged west of Yonabaru in a drive that threatened to isolate Yonabaru from inland Japanese defense positions.

Major Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of the 3rd marine amphibious corps on Okinawa, said his men were "making good progress." He acknowledged, however, that the Japanese artillery on Okinawa was "the most effective we have run into in the Pacific."

He declined to make a definite prediction as to when the Shuri defense zone would be broken. But he said any withdrawal from Shuri would force the Japanese to take up positions strung out over a longer line.

A broadcast Tokyo newspaper dispatch recorded by the FCC said today that the "crisis now confronting Japan appears hopelessly serious."

In the dispatch the Tokyo Shimbun praised the leadership of Russia and said the soviet union "has shown us how to surmount these overwhelming difficulties."

The newspaper compared the German invasion of Russia to an enemy occupation of Okinawa, Kyushu, Shikoku and a major part of the Japanese mainland east of Tokyo, plus the destruction of 60 to 70 per cent of the Japanese army.

Despite that situation, the dispatch observed, Russia "fought back to ultimate victory," overcoming a "danger of defeat far greater than the one facing the Japanese at present."

### Sgt. Ray Casebeer Free, Message Says

Sgt. Ray Casebeer, declared missing in action in Germany in February, has been released from a prisoner-of-war camp a wire received by his mother, Mrs. Elsie Casebeer, R. I., Central Point, stated yesterday. The message was from the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Casebeer received the "missing in action" message Feb. 25 and later learned through a fellow serviceman of Sgt. Casebeer that he had been taken prisoner Feb. 5. No further details concerning the sergeant were contained in the message.

Sgt. Casebeer, who had been serving with the Fourth Infantry Division in Europe since Nov. 1, played football while a student at Medford senior high school and was president of the student body.

### Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date... \$170,835  
Quota \$1,067,000  
Total Sales to Date \$504,984  
Quota \$2,087,000