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## Tokyo Reports U.S. Reinforcements Off Okinawa

### ENEMY DEFENSES START CRUMBLING EXCEPT AT SHURI

Marines Mass To Exploit Naha Bridgehead — Advance In South.

Guam, Friday, May 25—(U.P.)—The Japanese reported today a fleet of American transports and a "new" carrier task force have arrived off Okinawa to reinforce 10th army troops locked in a blissing battle for the fortress city of Shuri.

Tokyo said without allied confirmation that a total of "more than 400" vessels have been amassed off the west-central coast of Okinawa under protection of a "new" task force built around six aircraft carriers.

The fleet, Tokyo said, has been augmented by 50 transports and U. S. forces "are frantically attempting to land equipment and supplies." American warships are "continuously bombarding" Japanese positions, the enemy report said.

(Several days ago Tokyo reported an American naval force steamed out of the Marianas toward an unknown destination.)

Guam, Friday, May 25—(U.P.)—Tenth army troops, in furious fighting, assaulted the fortifications of besieged Shuri today and advanced southward along the east and west coastlines of Okinawa in powerful drives that turned both flanks of the Japanese line.

The enemy's Naha-to-Yonabaru defense system which has held off American forces 55 days showed signs of crumbling except at Shuri, core of desperate Japanese resistance.

Shuri was threatened with imminent encirclement. From reports indicated 6th division marines have massed for a full-scale drive into shattered Naha to exploit a bridgehead deep inside the city.

Dispatch said marines of the first division and infantrymen of the 77th and 98th divisions moved forward with raw courage in a frontal attack against the interlocking Japanese blockhouses, pillboxes and caves outside Shuri.

The assault troops, supported by artillery, were met with violent blasts of machine gun and rifle fire from entrenched Japanese, who sporadically emerged from their defense positions to counter-attack the Yanks.

Fighting swirled among ancient tombs dotting the Shuri ridges.

While the battle raged on three sides of Shuri, the 6th marine division sent a column knifing southeast toward the rear approaches to the city. This drive was aimed at completing the isolation of Shuri and cutting off retreat for the main Japanese garrison.

Resistance south of Yonabaru, where Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's 7th division was advancing along the coast and inland behind Shuri, was described here as "relatively weak" compared with the stout defense of Shuri.

Late reports received at Guam indicated the 7th has "improved its position" south of Yonabaru.

### U. S. CASUALTIES NEAR TO MILLION

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—Officially reported U. S. combat casualties edged close to 1,000,000 today with losses in all the theatres totaling 998,089. The new total was 9,875 more than a week ago the smallest seven-day gain in many months.

The overall total included 886,525 army and 109,564 navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties. The army figure reflects actual fighting through the greater part of April, before the German surrender.

### Hero Sights Girl—Kisses Same



T/Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, Lucedale, Miss., Congressional Medal of Honor winner, meets his girl, Beverly Hargreaves, Boston, Mass., at Washington National Airport. After their embrace (left) a large patch of lipstick (right) shows just under the sergeant's lips—result of a near miss.

Lucedale, Miss., May 24—(U.P.)—This southern town of 800 turned out 800 strong today to welcome home Jake Lindsey, who brought with him his girl from the north and a Congressional Medal of Honor.

Stoopy and tired after their hectic days of hero worship in Washington and a night plane trip from the capital to Mobile, Ala., the soldier and his best girl, Beverly Hargreaves, begged off from further interviews.

### AUSSIES DEMAND HIROHITO'S DEATH FOR BARBARITIES

London, May 24—(U.P.)—Reliable sources said today that Australia has demanded the indictment and execution of Emperor Hirohito of Japan as the head of a state responsible for "systematic barbarities."

An unofficial Chinese spokesman indicated China would support the demand before the United Nations War Crimes commission.

The attitude of the United States has not been revealed. Reports have been received in London that some state department advisers believed Hirohito should be spared and responsibility for the war placed solely upon Japanese military and economic leaders.

The Australian demand was attached to an authenticated report of Japanese atrocities in New Guinea which has just been submitted to the War Crimes commission.

When the report first reached Canberra last year, Australian Foreign Minister Herbert Evatt said it was "too horrible" for publication. It contains a list of atrocities ranging from cannibalism to lesser forms of maltreatment of natives and of Australian and American war prisoners.

Correspondents covering the New Guinea campaign confirmed instances of Japanese aviators flying over allied fields and dropping, by parachute, limbs which mocking notes identified as those of captured airmen.

### APPOINTEE CLARK KNOWN IN STATE

Portland, May 24—(U.P.)—Tom C. Clark of Texas, President Truman's new appointee as attorney general, is no stranger to the Pacific coast.

After war was declared in the Pacific, Clark was chosen chief of staff of a civilian organization to help the army evacuate enemy aliens from the west coast. He worked in close cooperation with FBI, state and local officials of all three Pacific coast states in this activity.

Clark's work as a government prosecutor brought him to Portland in 1940 to conduct a series of anti-trust investigations against Portland builders.

### CLAYTON DOUBTS IF WAR DEBTS TO U.S. EVER PAID

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—The United States will never receive the \$11,000,000,000 in World War I debts owed by European nations, Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton testified before the Senate Finance committee which is considering a bill to repeal the Johnson act.

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He favored repeal of the Johnson act so that foreign countries could get loans for reconstruction. He said our welfare depends on their getting back on their feet as soon as possible.

"My judgment is that the debts cannot and will not be paid," Clayton said.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., suggested that all First World War debts be cancelled, but Sen. Hiram W. Johnson, R., Cal., author of the Johnson act, objected to signing off "a fabulous sum" with one stroke of the pen.

### MARSHALL FIELD SCOLDS CONGRESS

Denver, Colo., May 24—(U.P.)—Marshall Field, publisher of the New York PM and the Chicago Sun, asserted today that congress has failed so far in planning for the transition from a wartime economy to peacetime conditions.

Field warned that the transition period could be "very difficult" unless congress makes plans for it. He said that planning was needed if the nation is to avoid a repetition of seeing its people "get down and out."

### Bond Buyers Riot For Bob Hope Show

Kansas City, Mo., May 24—(U.P.)—Screaming threats to "break in anyway," 6,000 to 7,000 angry citizens today milled through the lobby of the municipal auditorium after an early-morning distribution of tickets to a Bob Hope show here June 3 left them minus ducats but holding war bond purchase orders for them.

Three calls for police protection were broadcast before the mob was brought under control.

### PRESIDENT WILL FLY FOR SPEECH, NORTHWEST TRIP

Witness Charter Signing, and Broadcast Brief Talk; On Brief Jaunt.

Olympia, Wash., May 24—(U.P.)—Gov. Mon C. Wallgren announced today that President Harry S. Truman has agreed to spend a "day or two" in the Pacific northwest following his address before the final plenary session of the San Francisco conference.

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross announced today that President Truman will fly to the west coast for his appearance for the final plenary session of the United Nations conference at San Francisco.

Ross said Mr. Truman will arrive in San Francisco only a few hours before the speech which he will deliver in the San Francisco Opera House witnessing the signing of the world security charter.

Ross said that en route back to Washington the President might make a side trip, but the plans for this had not been completed.

This side trip, he said, probably would be to the Pacific northwest. Ross said he foresaw the possibility of some announcement on this soon from Olympia, Wash.

Ross said Mr. Truman's address would take about 15 minutes and would be broadcast over world-wide radio facilities. Tentative plans call for the President to attend a reception for the delegates immediately after the plenary session and then leave San Francisco within a few hours.

Ross said that even if the side trip to the northwest is arranged definitely, the entire trip will keep the President away from Washington much less than a week. No member of the Truman family will make the trip.

The President is considering the brief visit to the northwest for purposes of a rest "and nothing else," Ross said.

### GEORGIAN HAIL GEN. HODGES HOME

Atlanta, Ga., May 24—(U.P.)—Hundreds of thousands of Georgians in the wildest reception here in a decade, today greeted with 17-gun salutes their conquering hero, Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commander of the U. S. 1st army.

The big C-54 transport bearing the famed commander set down at the army air base adjoining the municipal airport at 1:06 p.m. CWT.

Two other transports bearing 49 other decorated heroes in the victory in Europe, landed a few minutes later.

Hodges stepped from the first plane to be greeted by the welcoming committee and set in motion the nation's first big tribute to the men who brought victory in Europe.

### EARLY REPLY TO TITO PROPOSAL

Rome, May 24—(U.P.)—The allies were expected today to answer soon Marshal Tito's proposals for working out the Trieste problem.

One of the difficulties was said to be Tito's desire to leave Yugoslav personnel in key posts in the disputed Italian province of Venezia Giulia. It was believed the allies would demand that the only Tito men left behind be natives of the district.

### CARRIER PLANES ATTACK "SUICIDE" BASES ON KYUSHU

Tokyo Waterfront A B l a z e After Raid — Palace Grounds Blasted.

Guam, May 24—(U.P.)—Some 180 American carrier planes attacked suicide-plane bases in southern Japan today, enemy broadcast said, while miles of the Tokyo's industrial waterfront still blazed from a record pre-dawn superfortress raid.

Radio Tokyo said the carrier planes began their attacks on bases on Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, at 3 p. m. Japanese time. They caused "relatively light" damage, Tokyo said.

Carrier planes and superfortresses have struck repeatedly in the past month at the Kyushu airfields, from which suicide planes take off to attack American shipping off Okinawa.

More than 550 superfortresses kindled fires in southern Tokyo visible 200 miles away early today. Approximately 4,500 tons of fire bombs were dropped in the greatest incendiary attack ever made.

A Japanese communique said some fires still were burning at 7 a. m. Japanese time, more than five and a half hours after the start of the raid.

It said an arbor in the imperial garden was attacked and an "establishment" within the grounds of the Akasaka detached palace, used to house visiting royalty, had been destroyed.

Other Tokyo broadcasts said the Singaku Temple of the Ronins, "symbol of Japanese civilization," was destroyed. Some bombs fell in Yokohama and Kawasaki as well as in Tokyo, the broadcasts said.

The Japanese claimed 27 superfortresses had been shot down and 30 others damaged.

### NO APPEASEMENT PLEA OF NORWAY IN CHARTER LOST

San Francisco, May 24—(U.P.)—Norway's attempt to write into the new world charter an "anti-appeasement" amendment has been defeated, it was revealed today.

The United States, Great Britain, Mexico and the Ukraine were the leading spokesmen against it, contending that the sense of the Norwegian amendment was implicit in the purpose and principles of the organization. Czechoslovakia, herself a victim of appeasement in 1938, supported the Norwegians.

The amendment would have written into the World Organization charter being drafted here a specific statement that the organization should not impose any solution of a dispute on a state that would impair that state's "confidence in its future security or welfare."

The Norwegians argued that it was necessary to outline rules of future conduct because it would be impossible to tell who would be the aggressors of the future. Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegate, and Sen. Tom Connally, D. Tex., of the U. S. delegation, objected strenuously—not to the principle but to writing in what they contended was implicit. Potential law-breakers cannot be handled by such an amendment, Cadogan contended.

### BASEBALL AMERICAN

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New York..... 6 11 0  
Grove, Johnson, Papish and Tresh, Donald and Crompton.

### BULLETIN

Dublin, May 24—(U.P.)—Charles A. Lindbergh was expected to arrive at Foyens after a transatlantic flight today. He was reported to be touring Europe on an aviation assignment on behalf of the U. S. army and navy.

London, May 24—(U.P.)—Allied troops occupied parts of Austria today as "conquerors" by order of Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander.

The texts of proclamations disclosed Alexander told his troops to enter as "victors" inasmuch as Austria waged war as an integral part of Germany.

Chicago, May 24—(U.P.)—New trouble flared today as most of Chicago's 6,500 Independent union truck drivers returned to work after a week-long strike.

Drivers for the Keeshin Motor Express refused to return to work when told they would have to sign new application cards. Some 85 drivers began to picket the company's garage. Later they were joined by 110 dockmen who quit work in sympathy.

### TRUMAN LEANS TO GENERAL MANAGER FOR GOVERNMENT

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—President Truman, moving vigorously to remake the administration inherited on April 12, asked congress today for permanent authority to make the executive branch—more businesslike and efficient.

He asked for legislation so flexible that it would permit the chief executive to undertake "any form of organization adjustment, large or small, for which necessity may arise."

The president's request, couched in a special message to congress, followed by less than 12 hours announcement of new cabinet changes which some observers believed were the prelude to a general shakeup.

Mr. Truman's message was general in nature, but it recalled reports heard here this week that he is well disposed toward the idea of setting up a "general business manager" for the government.

The legislation he is requesting would make it possible for him to do so. It also would give him broad powers to make virtually any other innovations in the interests of efficiency.

The proposed business manager would not be primarily a policy-making officer; instead he would guard against duplication of effort and expense, making recommendations to the president.

### DISTILLERS CAN OPERATE IN JULY

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—Production Chief J. A. Krug today authorized American distillers to make beverage alcohol during July.

He said the month-long holiday for distillers—the third since the war started—was made possible in part by suspension of lend-lease shipments of industrial alcohol to Soviet Russia.

At the same time, Krug revoked an order against the blending or processing in this country of imported cam spirits processed after May 8.

### NAZI REVENGE

London, May 24—(U.P.)—The Stars and Stripes reported under a Hannover dateline today a side light on the army rule against fraternization.

Every day, it said, a fraulein with the right curves at the right places walks past a military policeman of the 35th division, gestures at the more prominent of the curves, and mockingly exclaims: "Verboten."

### PASSENGER AUTO PRODUCTION DUE SOON AFTER JULY 1

Krug Gives Go Ahead as Soon as Material Can Be Delivered.

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—War Production Chief J. A. Krug today authorized the automobile industry to start turning out passenger cars as soon after July 1 as individual manufacturers can get their assembly lines going.

Krug said indications are that the industry should be able to produce about 2,000,000 new cars by July, 1946.

He gave the industry specific authorization to make about 200,000 civilian vehicles during the last six months of 1945 if it can obtain the necessary materials.

This will enable auto manufacturers to order their production materials immediately, with deliveries of these materials to start after July 1.

"The exact date on which individual auto manufacturers will begin production after July 1 will depend on their particular situations—such as the extent of their tooling up, availability of facilities and materials, et cetera," the WPB chairman said.

His announcement was accompanied by a warning to the public that the office of price administration intends to ration these new cars until essential motorists' needs can be met.

WPB will assign individual production quotas to each manufacturer and provision has been made to allow newcomers to make cars in the event any manufacturers want to enter the automotive field.

The decision to get the automobile industry ready to resume production as quickly as possible was made in Detroit last April 5, Krug disclosed. He said manufacturers will have to find whatever materials they need on the free market, without priority assistance from WPB.

### CHURCHILL EYES CABINET CHOICES

London, May 24—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill sat up most of last night selecting his new cabinet, but political observers believed he would not make any sensational changes.

One appointment rumored in Whitehall circles was that Churchill would name his son, Major Randolph Churchill, to succeed Major Arthur Henderson as financial secretary to the War office. Major Churchill returned from the Middle East last week.

Churchill was expected to name a number of young members of parliament, who have not held office previously, to junior posts vacated by members of the dissenting Labor party. The aim would be to give new blood to the cabinet and cabinet experience to the new blood.

### PARK CLEARANCE CONTRACTS MADE

Contracts for the removal of the four residences on the new city park site on East Main street were approved by the city council at their meeting Tuesday night, Frank Rogers, city superintendent said today.

Approval was given contracts to W. W. Coleman to remove 501 and 511; C. P. Ortwick, to remove 517, and J. M. Baker to remove 523. Removal must take place within the next 60 days, the superintendent said.

## FEARED GESTAPO HANGMAN SWIGS CYANIDE IN CELL

Captured By British, No. 1 War Criminal, Boasts His Identity.

London, May 24—(U.P.)—Heinrich Himmler, number one Nazi war criminal, killed himself in a British military prison at Luneburg last night, boasting that he was the dreaded hangman hunted for more than two weeks by three allied armies.

The hunted Gestapo chief had been captured by British second army troops who apparently were unaware of the identity of their prisoner.

The dispatch said he swallowed a dose of cyanide of potassium and died shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

Captured last Monday by two British Tommies guarding a bridge at Bremervoerde the former Gestapo chief at first tried to conceal his identity. His familiar toothbrush mustache had been shaved off, a black patch covered one eye and his rimless spectacles had been replaced by thick horn-rimmed glasses.

Brought before high-ranking allied intelligence officers a few hours later, however, Himmler threw off the mask.

"I am Heinrich Himmler," he announced dramatically. Himmler was placed in a temporary detention cell at British headquarters in Luneburg to await further questioning.

First accounts from Luneburg, subsequently confirmed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Paris headquarters, said the Gestapo chief concealed a phial of cyanide of potassium in his mouth throughout the questioning and a routine search by his captors.

Late last night he was taken before British army doctors for a routine medical examination and it was then that he swallowed the poison, apparently fearful it would be discovered and taken from him.

Himmler's suicide left Joachim von Ribbentrop, former German foreign minister the last of the Nazi overlords still alive and uncaptured.

Adolf Hitler, Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, and Nazi Party Chief Martin Bormann all were reported semi-officially to have died in Berlin in the final hours of the red army siege.

Hermann Goering was captured last week by American troops and now is understood to be in Britain awaiting trial by a United Nations tribunal.

## 44,000 VETERANS RETURN MONTHLY

New York, May 24—(U.P.)—More than 7,000 army wounded, former war prisoners and rotational troops from Europe arrived at the New York port of embarkation today aboard five ships.

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today that sick and wounded American servicemen now are being brought home from all war theaters at a rate of 44,000 a month.

All sick and wounded will be evacuated from the European and Mediterranean theaters with in the next 90 days, he told press conference.

## BANK OF AMERICA TO BACK KAISER

San Francisco, May 24—(U.P.)—A. J. Gock, chairman of the board of the Bank of America, today promised Henry J. Kaiser that his bank and others in the nation would raise \$60,000,000 with RFC underwriting to complete the purchase of the western industrialist's Fontana steel mill.

Seventh War Loan Drive  
"E" Sales to Date.....\$189,506  
Quota \$1,067,000  
Total Sales to Date  
\$553,357  
Quota \$2,087,000