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# SUPERFORTS AGAIN BLAST TOKYO

## SECOND RAID IN 48 HOURS RAKES CENTRAL SECTION

12 Planes Lost in Tuesday Attack, "Good Results", City Still Burns.

Guam, Saturday, May 26—(U.P.) Five hundred Superfortresses blasted the central business district and waterfront area of Tokyo with more than 4,000 tons of building-piercing incendiary bombs early today in the second big-scale attack against the enemy's capital within 48 hours.

Striking shortly after midnight night from medium altitude, the mammoth air fleet heaped new destruction on the heart of the metropolis still smoking from Thursday morning's record-breaking raid by 550-plus B-29s.

With the target area were Tokyo's piers, docks, wharves, warehouses, aircraft parts plants, machine tool factories, the Ginza—Japan's Broadway—and the main business area which contains most of the capital's earthquake-proof office and government buildings.

The 20th air force announced in Washington that 12 Superfortresses were lost to enemy action in the May 23 raid. The Japanese claimed 27 were shot down and 30 damaged.

"Good results were obtained" Thursday, the announcement said, and preliminary photographic reports showed that 3.2 square miles or approximately 85,000,000 square feet were burned out or damaged in the Shinagawa small-industry district of Tokyo. Fires raged at least 12 hours.

For this morning's attack, Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay's 21st bomber command selected heavier type incendiary bombs than the one used in previous raids on Tokyo and Nagoya. The new jelled-gasoline bomb is capable of piercing heavy structures.

The target area under fire today is as famous in its own way as Broadway in New York, the loop in Chicago and Market Street in San Francisco. Here are located extensive military storage sites, factories producing electronic equipment and such noted structures as the luxurious Imperial hotel planned by the American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

The area is bounded on the north by the Imperial Palace grounds and on the south by the Shinagawa industrial section.

**FOREMAN ON JOB CAUSES WALKOUT**  
 Vancouver, Wash., May 25—(U.P.)—Three pot lines were closed today at the Vancouver plant of the Aluminum Company of America by an unauthorized sit down strike of production workers protesting refusal of the company to remove a foreman.

The Aluminum Workers Union, AFL, called the strike but the Aluminum Trades Council, made up of the seven craft unions at the plant, stayed on the job and attempted to keep two remaining pot-lines operating.

A statement authorized by the management and the Aluminum Trades Council said the offer was made to consider the charges against the foreman through regular channels set up to consider such grievances but the production workers refused. The strike call followed.

**WAR FRAUD CHARGED**  
 Chicago, May 25—(U.P.)—The Federal Grand jury today indicted three persons on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with Douglas Aircraft Co. tool contracts.

**BLIND VET SEES TRUMAN**  
 Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—President Truman today discussed army rehabilitation problems with three army officers, including a blind veteran of the Normandy invasion, who was brought to his office by Sen. Joseph C. Mahoney, D., Wyo.

## President's Mother Flies to Washington



President Harry S. Truman greets his 92-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, as she arrived in Washington by plane from Independence, Mo., to spend Mother's Day with her son. With them is the President's sister, Mary Truman.

**ENGLE SAYS GOLD MINE CLOSING BY WPB WAS ILLEGAL**  
 Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—Rep. Clair Engle, D., Cal., charged today that officials of the War Production Board deliberately issued and enforced an illegal order closing the nation's gold mines.

The order was enforced in spite of an opinion from WPB lawyers that WPB had no authority to issue or retain it on a matter of considerations alone, Engle said.

He described the order, L-208, issued nearly three years ago, as an "arbitrary and brutal action" which has given gold operators grounds for large claims against the government.

He also condemned WPB for its "casual disregard of property rights" which he said was documented by Donald M. Nelson when as chairman of the War Production Board he gave the following testimony on the order before a Senate committee on Small Business:

"When we did it we believed it was the right thing to do," Nelson said. "We didn't study it. Sometimes the only way you can get the right evidence is from occurrences after the fact."

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**TRUMAN WILL NOT VISIT PORTLAND**  
 Portland, May 25—(U.P.)—President Truman will not be a Portland visitor during his visit to the Pacific northwest after addressing the United Nations security conference at San Francisco, Lew Wallace of Portland, Democratic national committeeman for Oregon, announced today.

Wallace received a telegram from the president's chief administrative assistant stating, "Regret that the president will be unable to stop at Portland during his trip."

President Truman will, however, be a guest of Gov. Mon C. Walgren of Washington after his San Francisco address.

**Little Relief Due In Auto Go-Ahead**  
 Detroit, May 25—(U.P.)—Automobile makers answered the government bugle in the new-car derby today, eager to race, but discouraged by the handicaps and the empty grandstands.

The War Production Board's long-awaited authorization of passenger-car production beginning July 1 was greeted in official industrial circles as offering "no substantial improvement" for either the industry or the car-hungry public.

"This is a piece of paper," said George Romney, managing director of the Automotive Council for War Production—an industry-wide agency, "it doesn't provide release from the bonds of government restrictions and it won't put cars in the garages of the people who really need them."

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**2 YEAR SENTENCE FOR KICKING HUN CAPTIVES PROBED**  
 Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., said today that the case of a 22-year-old army private, sentenced to two years at hard labor for striking nine Nazi war prisoners, is getting the personal attention of Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

The soldier is Pvt. Joseph McGee, Worcester, Mass., who was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to two years at hard labor after a court martial found him guilty of striking nine German war prisoners somewhere in France. McGee had been assigned to guard the prisoners while they were working on a road.

After receiving a copy of the court-martial from McGee's family, McCormack labeled the court martial proceedings "ridiculous," and sent an immediate protest to Army Judge Advocate-General M. C. Cramer.

The court martial proceedings, in which most of the testimony was from the nine Nazis, alleged that McGee struck or kicked each of them.

It also quoted the prisoners as saying that they were "humiliated" or "insulted" by the alleged act, but that none was seriously injured or required medical treatment.

McGee pleaded not guilty but declined to testify in his own defense.

**FRENCH AIR ACE HELD NAZI AIDE**  
 Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—The Department of Justice today announced the arrest in New York City of Paul Jean Marie Cavaille, 43, former French air force officer, on charges of serving as a German agent.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Cavaille, former French World War I ace, was in Washington doing research as late as last March 27. FBI agents took him into custody at a fashionable New York hotel, the announcement said.

Hoover said Cavaille endeavored to gain access to various plants, producing confidential electronics devices for the government. He planned to continue working for the German intelligence service even after his country's surrender, Hoover added.

**SNOW IN MOSCOW**  
 London, May 25—(U.P.)—A Moscow dispatch of the Exchange Telegraph said snow fell in the Russian capital today. It said this spring has been the coldest since 1919.

## VALIANT 'LAFFEY' SURVIVES TH' JAP MASSACRE

Destroyer Rakicide Planes, Provoked Sea Saga Like 'Franklin.'

Aboard Adm. Turner's flagship, April 25—(U.P.)—Brave sailors died strapped to their gun seats in the agony of the United States destroyer Laffey, another great ship that refused to be sunk.

The gunners fired until they were swallowed up in the searing flames of exploding Japanese suicide planes and bombs.

In two hours the 2,200-ton destroyer was hit by six suicide planes and two bombs. Other bombs came close enough to increase the damage.

The ship's rudder was jammed to the left by a bomb, and the vessel sped dizzily in a circle during the raging battle. The engineers judged the speed needed by the sound and intensity of the gunfire.

The skipper, Cmdr. Frederick J. Becton of Hot Springs, Ark., uttered these words: "I'll never abandon ship as long as a gun will fire."

And so the Laffey came through the third mass Japanese suicide attack on ships off Okinawa, nursing serious wounds but still proudly afloat.

The saga of the Laffey's two hours of agony will stand out among the sea epics of the war along with other great episodes such as that of the Franklin.

It was unquestionably the most savage and spectacular action in which an American destroyer has participated in the entire war.

In no other part of the world would the enemy hurl six screaming war planes in flaming suicide dives onto a ship. This 2,200 ton "can" absorbed all the Japanese could give that day with tremendous heroism and unparalleled fighting performance.

The gallant destroyer stayed at her post until the last enemy planes had been destroyed by gunfire or American planes.

When the last fire was out it was found that there were 31 of her officers and men listed as killed or missing in action. Another 60 were wounded.

**WICKARD OPPOSED AS BOSS OF REA**  
 Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—Sen. Henrik Shipstead, R., Minn., today opened a fight against confirmation of Secretary of Agriculture Claude A. Wickard as Rural Electrification administrator.

Shipstead, leader of a fight to take REA out of the Agriculture department, said Wickard "is unfit to be administrator of REA."

He said that Wickard's term as a cabinet officer many important farm functions of government were taken out of the Agriculture department. President Truman announced this week that he intended to nominate Wickard to the REA post.

## SUGAR HANDLING CHANGES SOUGHT; INEFFICIENCY HIT

"Gross Mismanagement" Is Charged; New Secretary Asked to Correct Situation

Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—Sen. James E. Murray, D., Mont., today called on Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D., N. M., slated to become secretary of agriculture, to correct the "gross mismanagement and shortsightedness" of agencies handling sugar.

The Office of Price Administration, it was learned, has informed industrial sugar users—bakers, candymakers, soft drink manufacturers—that they will get no more than half as much sugar in the last half of 1945 as they got in the same 1944 period.

Murray, chairman of the Senate Small Business committee, asserted that reports to his committee "indicate that the principal agencies concerned with the food situation—WPB, FEA, CCC, Agriculture, State, War and Navy departments—have been extremely reckless in handling sugar."

"According to reports," he said, "the present sugar shortage is due to mismanagement, shortsightedness, and repeated blunders on the part of officials of these agencies."

The OPA report to industrial sugar users indicated that their supplies for the last half of the year might be reduced even more than 50 per cent under what they received in the last half of 1944. They will be limited in any case, it was said, to about 40 per cent of the amount of sugar they used in the comparable period of 1941.

Industry representatives have complained to the House Food Investigating committee, headed by Anderson, that sugar allotments already are dangerously skimpy and that further cuts would force some firms out of business.

Murray called on Anderson to bring about postponement of sugar allocations until he has assumed office and can investigate requirements of government claimant agencies.

**YESTERDAY'S RAIN 1.21 IN. RECORD**  
 Yesterday's 1.21 inches rain was next to the highest ever recorded in the valley for any 24-hour period during this time of year, and highest amount for any 24 hours since the first of this year, according to statistics reported by the Medford weather bureau. Highest amount of rain was 1.24 inches which fell on May 24 and 25 in 1942, it was reported.

The present rainy period began May 9, the records show and every day since with the exception of May 11 and May 21, it has rained in varying amounts from a trace to the 1.21 inches which poured down yesterday and last night.

The continued rain has prevented the cutting of hay and retarded sprays, according to Roy Rogers, meteorologist and frost forecaster now winding up the season's work here.

**BRADLEY ADMIRES HITLER'S EX-HOME**  
 12th Army Group Hqs., Germany, May 25—(U.P.)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley looked through Hitler's front window at Berchtesgaden at the breath-taking view of the Bavarian Alps, shook his head and said: "If I had a living room like this to sit in, I wouldn't go around looking for trouble."

Bradley visited Berchtesgaden in the course of a two-day tour of southern Germany during which he saw some of the country his armies had won.

He is wizened, 70-year-old Martin Dresser, prosecutor, who helped arrest Hitler after the Munich beer hall putsch in 1923 and obtained sentences up to five years for the Nazi leader and several of his followers.

## WAR BULLETINS

Manila, May 25—(U.P.)—The Mindanao fighting reached the mopping-up stage today after two American forces linked in the heart of the island to split it lengthwise.

San Francisco, May 25—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., returned today to the United Nations conference and immediately met with other members of the American delegation to give them a "fill in" on his talks with President Truman.

The secretary was in Washington for two days, during which he canvassed the many postwar European problems in talks with Mr. Truman and with state department officials who have been handling those problems in Stettinius' absence.

Stettinius was believed to have brought word from Mr. Truman that the United States, along with Britain, Russia and China, will stand pat against any "softening" of their veto power in the proposed world organization.

These four countries, in talks here prior to Stettinius' return, had made it clear that they were ready to reject demands of the "little" United Nations for liberalization of the Yalta voting formula for the proposed security council.

**ITALY DEMOCRATS SEEK NEW POWER**  
 Rome, May 25—(U.P.)—Alcide de Gasperi, head of the powerful Christian Democrat party, opened the battle for control of the new Italian government today with a declaration of his readiness to fight against the appointment of a Socialist to succeed Premier Ivanoe Bonomi.

Bonomi's resignation was expected to be announced within a few days, depending largely on the attitude of allied authorities.

Members of the government and of the six leading political parties have just returned from a series of conferences with Italian partisan leaders in northern Italy, where an agreement in principle was reached on the need for forming a new government.

The only question to be decided at the all-party meetings opening in Rome this week-end is the personnel of the new cabinet.

**KURILE ISLANDS ATTACKED SUNDAY**  
 U. S. Headquarters, North Pacific, May 20—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—A U. S. naval task force shelled Japanese installations on the east coast of Paramushiro in the fog-shrouded Kurile islands for 30 minutes at dusk today.

Japanese bombers took off as the warship turned to sail from Suribachi bay, but heavy anti-aircraft fire drove them away before they could do any damage.

There was no return fire from enemy shore batteries. High explosive shells poured into buildings and ammunition dumps, setting fires and touching off one explosion after another.

**KRUG ASKS WORK ON MEMORIAL DAY**  
 Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—War Production Chief J. A. Krug today urged war workers to remain on the job Memorial day, May 30.

"Military needs remain too acute to allow any let-up in production," he said. "We cannot afford to rest."

## JAP RESISTANCE SOUTHERN FRONT OF OKINAWA EBBS

Marines Seal Up Caves Outside Shuri; Tokyo Reports Base Raid.

Guam, Saturday, May 26—(U.P.)—Grenade-throwing marines systematically sealed off Japanese caves in fierce hand-to-hand fighting outside Shuri today while army troops shattered organized resistance on the southeastern Okinawa front beyond Yonabaru.

Japanese announced without Allied confirmation that special suicide troops of the Giretsu corps had "landed"—presumably by parachute—on two American-held air fields Thursday night and blew up U. S. installations, aircraft and munitions depots.

An Imperial Headquarters communique said a coordinated Kamikaze suicide plane attack was carried out against a great fleet of American naval and merchant vessels lying off Okinawa.

"The Air-Borne Units," said the Japanese communique, "are achieving great war results by throwing the enemy into confusion."

**Predict Landing**  
 Tokyo predicted American troops soon would attempt a landing on Amami Island, 115 miles northeast of Okinawa and 185 miles south of Japan proper. Yesterday the enemy said 400 American transports and craft of various sizes and classes were lying off the island.

Tenth Army Ground Forces have clamped a half-circle around Shuri, stubbornly-resisting fortress city invested by the First Marines and 77th and 96th Infantry.

A stoutly-held ravine at the edge of the city held up the Leathernecks' advance. Here the marines, under cover of darkness prowled boldly through enemy defenses, hurling grenades and "Molotov Cocktails" into the entrances.

Marine Pfc. Carl L. Sellers and a three-man patrol, in a daring night foray, invaded the ravine with dynamite satchel charges and grenades. They sealed four caves containing approximately 100 Japanese.

Shuri and Naha were threatened from the rear by the disorganization of Japanese defenses south and southwest of Yonabaru.

In Shuri, the ancient stone castle, built by Japanese Shoguns nearly four centuries ago, was under fire from naval guns of American warships. U. S. artillery laced the Shuri breastworks with shell bursts.

The Japanese communique identified the air fields under attack as the "north" and "central," presumably Yontan and Kadena, captured in the first few days of the American invasion of Okinawa.

**DENVER WALKOUT PROVES MYSTERY**  
 Denver, Colo., May 25—(U.P.)—More than 4,500 workers at the Gates Rubber Company plant were idle today as the result of an unexplained work stoppage.

The walkout, which began when 157 mill room workers left their jobs Wednesday, had brought a virtually complete shutdown of the plant today.

John Gates, executive secretary of the company, said he did not know the cause of the walkout. A representative of the United Rubber Workers of America (CIO) said no strike vote had been taken.

**Seventh War Loan Drive**  
 "E" Sales to Date \$207,468  
 Quota \$1,067,000  
 Total Sales to Date \$579,320  
 Quota \$2,087,000