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FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy. Scattered showers for Sunday, little change in temperature.

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TOKYO DESTROYED BY B-29 RAIDS

MIKADO'S PALACE AND ENTIRE CITY GUTTED BY FIRE

Stolen Empire Near Collapse - War Closes In Upon Home Island.

(By United Press) Japan's capital of Tokyo and Emperor Hirohito's imperial palace were in ruins Saturday, burned and gutted by flames spread by a great B-29 fire raid, as her stolen empire neared collapse and full allied power against the homeland.

Flames started by bombs dropped from 500 Superforts roared through the city and engulfed the palace area, Premier Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki said. The raid, which Suzuki said left Japan with "no present hope for mere restoration" of the city, cost a record number of 19 B-29's and about 209 American airmen.

Tokyo announced the devastation of the world's third largest metropolis while her troops in south China fell back on defenses nearer home and Americans on Okinawa pressed relentlessly toward a climax to the battle on that doorstep island to Japan.

Allied air power battered the enemy from the Indies to the homeland. Army Thunderbolts hit air bases on southern Kyushu. Aircraft to the south sank or damaged 33 ships in strikes from Shanghai to the Indies. U. S. planes blasted the hastily retreating Japanese throughout central China.

Japan, hard-hit and facing much harder blows, "is still able to wage a long war," Foreign Economic Administrator Cleo T. Crowley warned.

Doolittle Returns But as the war closed in on the Japanese home islands, it was announced that Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the first Tokyo raid more than three years ago, will return to the Pacific to lead the U. S. Eighth Air force in the final offensive against Japan.

The Eighth Air force will be moved from Europe to join the Pacific war. Some units are already on the move. Japan could realize the fate in store for her. Tokyo was a symbol of the things to come in the aerial offensive that will climb to a tempo greater than that ever reached against fortress Europe.

The cost to the U. S. in the two devastating fire raids this week was 31 Superforts. Pouring 9,000 tons of bombs into Tokyo cost \$18,600,000 in value and about 350 men. To Japan, by its own claim, the cost was the loss of its greatest city.

No official confirmation has been given by the 21st Bomber command that the destruction in Tokyo was as great as the enemy reported.

Tokyo said the city was "literally scorched to the ground." The greater part of the city was "laid in waste" and roaring fires "wrought havoc on the sprawling, congested business districts and residential sections," enemy broadcasts said.

Shill Potent Crowley, in a summary of Japan's capacity to fight on, told the United States that her economic and industrial power is far from knocked out. Much of her great war plant is still intact. She still has an operating and well-stocked industrial core which can support her war effort indefinitely even though she is now cut off from most of her stolen empire, he said.

Army officials, however, promised that in the coming year more than 2 1/2 times as many tons of bombs will hit Japan as were dropped in Europe last year.

NO PAPER WEDNESDAY Following a long-established custom the Mail Tribune will not publish on Wednesday, Memorial day in order to permit employes to have a well-earned holiday.

First 4-Star General Home From Europe



Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commander of famous U. S. First Army and first four-star general to return from Europe since defeat of Germany, answers questions for reporters at New York press conference.

TRUMAN'S APPEAL SPURS HOUSE TO PASS TARIFF ACT

Washington, May 26 — (U.P.) — The House needed a last-minute personal appeal from President Truman tonight and passed the administration's reciprocal trade bill after a bitter, partisan fight.

After debating the measure four days and rejecting a series of restrictive amendments, the House approved by a vote of 239 to 153 and sent it to the Senate where it faces an even, tougher battle.

The vote was a victory for Mr. Truman on his first big legislative test. It also represented the first broad congressional endorsement of a major administration foreign policy plank.

The bill would extend the 11-year-old reciprocal trade law for three years and authorize the negotiation of agreements cutting tariff rates a maximum of 50 per cent in exchange for concessions by foreign countries on American exports. The law now allows cuts 50 per cent below rates set in 1930.

With administration forces showing signs of worry and Republicans almost unanimously opposed to the provision broadening the power to cut tariff rates, Mr. Truman personally stepped into the fight today by advising the House that he considered the bill of "first importance" to the success of his administration.

He said power to make further tariff reductions was essential but pledged that it would not be used to sacrifice any segment of American agriculture, industry or labor.

5 NEW RED, BLUE STAMPS ON JUNE 1

Washington, May 26 — (U.P.) — Office of Price administration will make good on June 1 five new blue stamps and five new red stamps worth 10 points each.

They will be valid through Sunday, Sept. 30. The five new blue stamps will be D1, E1, F1, G1 and H1. The red stamps will be V2, W2, X2, Y2 and Z2.

Five blue stamps and six red stamps will cease to be valid after Saturday, June 2. The blue stamps are H2, J2, K2, L2 and M2. The red stamps are Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2 and D2.

Sugar stamp 36, however, will remain valid for five pounds through Friday, Aug. 31.

BLAST KILLS FIVE Grand Island, Neb., May 26 — (U.P.) — A terrific explosion which tossed a cement building block approximately 100 yards killed five persons, injured four others, and destroyed a new bomb and shell loading building at the Cornhusker Ordnance plant today.

WAR BULLETINS

Manila, May 26 — (U.P.) — A lone American patrol plane destroyed 20 Japanese freighters in a daring solo raid on the south Boreno port of Bandjermasin, a communique revealed today.

London, May 26 — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower opened new headquarters today at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, where he will act as supreme allied commander as well as chief American representative of the allied group controlling the Reich, the Ministry of Information announced.

AMERICANS FIND CLUE TO MISSING VON RIBBENTROP

London, May 26 — (U.P.) — American troops have captured a German official who may provide a lead to the whereabouts of Joachim von Ribbentrop, last member of the Nazi hierarchy still at large, dispatches from Italy disclosed today.

He is Karl Frederick Griesenberg, alias Dr. Gibbs, the chief administrator for all confiscated estate in Poland. Griesenberg was taken by U. S. 85th Infantry division troops on Friday near Brusno in northern Italy.

Griesenberg was dressed in civilian clothes and was carrying a calling card reading "Joachim von Ribbentrop, Reichminister for foreign affairs." Dispatches said that conceivably that might eventually prove a lead to Ribbentrop's present whereabouts.

A dispatch from Zell Am See, Austria, said that Philipp Boucher, director of Hitler's chancellery and since 1933 reichs-leader of the Nazi party, had been arrested by military government agents attached to the 101st airborne division. Boucher and his wife fled Berlin for Berchtesgaden on April 21 and stayed with Hermann Goering.

Steiner Hill Road Bids Open Tuesday

Salem, Ore., May 26 — (U.P.) — The State Highway Commission will open bids Tuesday in Portland on one of the largest road improvement jobs to be let by this state in recent years.

The job involves grading and paving of 10 miles of the Steiner Hill-Albany section of the east side Pacific Highway in Marion and Linn counties.

SEEK SOLDIER Information wanted regarding Harry L. Porter, G. M. 2c, on leave in this city. Important message for him at USO, Phone 7131.

HOLLYWOOD RIFT Hollywood, May 26 — (U.P.) — Mrs. Eleanor Hempstead today sued Movie Producer David Hempstead, who made Actress Ginger Rogers' latest films, for divorce, charging extreme cruelty.

TANK LED YANKS NEAR NAHA YARD, AS ENEMY FLEES

Torrential Rain Slows Drive; Jap Plane Loss 155; New Line Seen.

Okinawa, Sunday, May 27 — (U.P.) — Heavy rains sent the Swollen Asato river in Naha over its banks yesterday and washed out three of four U. S. bridges into the city proper and turned the entire battlefield into a quagmire which slowed advances in every sector except the east coast.

More than three inches of rain were recorded from midnight until 4 p. m. Saturday.

Guam, Sunday, May 27 — (U.P.) — U. S. Marines and Doughboys, spearheaded by large numbers of tanks streaming across the Asato river, drove to within 800 yards of Naha harbor today as Japanese remnants fled from the wrecked Okinawa capital city.

Marine fighters battling toward the harbor said that the Japanese are moving in considerable strength to the east and northeast, indicating that they might be deserting the capital for other defense positions off Shuri, already threatened by other American troops.

The enemy movements are stemming from a point southeast of Naha, dispatches said, covered by heavy artillery fire from the south bank of Naha Cove just north of Omine airstrip.

Marines of the 6th Division inside Naha advanced 500 yards through the capital's rubble, enlarging their grip on Naha to one sixth of the city. The tanks helping the drive were brought across the Asato on two heavy bridges recently completed, in addition to two lighter foot bridges.

The tanks added new impetus to the drive to clear the city. Dispatches said the troops have been bogged down by muddy terrain saturated by two days of pouring rain. The rain was said to have hampered operations more than the moderate machine gun, mortar and sniper fire offered by the enemy in defense of their capital.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's 7th Division also was stalled in the mud south of Yonabaru after cracking the enemy's eastern line yesterday. The 7th's 184th regiment killed 140 Japanese in mopping up operations.

Weather also bogged the three-way drive on Shuri, although division troops on Friday near Brusno in northern Italy.

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ENEMY'S WORST IS NOT BAD ENOUGH

Washington, May 26 — (U.P.) — The enemy's worst was not good enough to sink the Liberty ships John M. Clinton and Juan de Fuca, the War Shipping administration disclosed tonight.

Both vessels, damaged and set adrift by Japanese bombs off Mindoro in the Philippines, have returned to port and will be completely overhauled.

State Police Nab 729 Auto Violators

Salem, Ore., May 26 — (U.P.) — A total of 729 arrests were made by the Oregon state police for violations of the Motor Vehicle laws during April, monthly reports showed today.

A total of \$13,280 in fines was collected, and \$3,477 warnings issued. General law enforcement cases totaled 315 arrests and game code violations 181.

FAMILY REUNION Albuquerque, N. M., May 26 — (U.P.) — A pretty, young mother, Mrs. Otis Embrey — burst into tears and ran from the courtroom today when District Judge Henry G. Coors acquitted her and her husband on charges of abandoning their two-year-old daughter. The Embreys, professional singers of western songs, were reunited immediately with their child.

QUISLING'S TRIAL AS BETRAYER OF NORWAY STARTED

Nazi Puppet No Longer Tough, Admits Talks With Hitler.

Oslo, May 26 — (U.P.) — Vidkin Quisling, a weak-voiced, blinking man whose name became a symbol for treachery, appeared in the prisoner's dock of an Oslo court today and was charged formally with delivering Norway into the hands of the enemy.

Norwegian machine gunners stood guard in the courtroom as the man who once was Norway's Nazi premier was led in. Catcalls and whistles greeted him. He chewed his lips and fumbled with his coat, and then his face settled into a dull, heavy mask. Only his blinking eyes betrayed emotion.

Judge Gunnar Gulbrandsen's first act indicated that Norway will give its No. 1 traitor a fair trial. He asked Quisling whether he wanted an attorney and when he mumbled, "I don't know," the judge appointed Henrik Bergh. Bergh rose from the crowd, walked forward and shook Quisling's hand without a smile.

Gulbrandsen began reading the charges immediately after the appointment of Bergh. Quisling stood expressionless during the reading.

"I never did anything against Norway," he said bleakly when the judge finished.

Under questioning by the district attorney, Quisling denied he collaborated with the Germans before the invasion in 1940, but admitted being in Berlin when the Germans invaded Poland and having talked with Hitler. He said he told Hitler Norway wanted only to be neutral.

Quisling was extremely polite in his answers and showed no trace of his bull-throated violence when he was top man in Norway. He tried constantly, however, to inject a political discussion into the hearing. Each time, the judge interrupted him, reminding Quisling that the issue was not political.

NO FOUR FRONTS VETS TO PACIFIC

Paris, May 26 — (U.P.) — Supreme Allied Headquarters announced today that doughboys who fought in the European theater of operations and had been "in actual combat" in Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia and Italy would not be sent to the Pacific unless they volunteered for duty.

The previous announcement from Shafel had stated that soldiers who fought in both north Africa and Europe would be ineligible for reassignment to the Pacific and today's proclamation made it clear that the phrase "north Africa" included the stepping stone islands of Sicily, Corsica and Sardinia, or the entire north African theater of operations.

MRS. GANTENBEIN PASSES Portland, Ore., May 26 — (U.P.) — Mrs. Helen Louise P. Gantenbein, 69, longtime civic and social worker, died in a Portland hospital. Mrs. Gantenbein was the daughter of the late Henry L. Pitto, pioneer Portland newspaper publisher, and the wife of J. Edward Gantenbein.

CHARGE DENIED McMinnville, Ore., May 26 — (U.P.) — Phillip John Warren, 345-pound Grande Ronde Indian, pleaded innocent today when arraigned in Yamhill circuit court on a second degree murder charge.

PRISON FOR VETERAN Abiququerque, N. M., May 26 — (U.P.) — Billy Manion, 21, World War II veteran who escaped from Bernalillo county jail May 10, was sentenced today from 18 months to three years in the state penitentiary.

Jewish Major Captures Streicher



Julius Streicher (left), most fanatical of Nazi killers and author of infamous Nurnberg racial laws against Jews, was captured in fine piece of poetic justice by Maj. Henry G. Pitt (right), New York City, Jewish officer of 101st Airborne Division.

CANTON AND HONG KONG WITHDRAWAL BY JAPS, CLAIMED

Chungking, May 26 — (U.P.) — Japanese forces are withdrawing hastily from Canton and Hong Kong to avoid entrapment in south China by a powerful Chinese drive that has collapsed the west wall of the enemy's transcontinental corridor in Hunan province, reliable reports said today.

Chinese troops, assaulting the 150-mile wide Japanese corridor along the Canton-Hankow railroad, captured the bitterly-contested city of Taohwaping, 22 miles west of Paoking, after it had changed hands five times in two days of fighting.

The Japanese collapse opened the way for a powerful Chinese drive on Paoking, major enemy base guarding the Canton-Hankow railroad only 60 miles to the east in the area of Hengyang.

Front dispatches said the enemy has rushed one brigade to Paoking to hold the Chinese drive and that another division, reportedly from Hankow, has been hurried to Changsha and Hengyang to hold open the rail route for the evacuation of troops from the south.

NEW UNIFORM FOR INVASION READY

Honolulu, May 26 — (U.P.) — Preparing for the day when Japan's "inner fortress" will be invaded stocks of cold-weather clothing already are arriving in the Pacific, according to Brig. Gen. George E. Hartman, quartermaster of army forces in the Pacific ocean areas.

A group of experts also has arrived to instruct army personnel in the use of the new, specially-constructed clothing and to observe its effectiveness in use against the Japs.

A far cry from the bulky, parade-ground-type uniforms American soldiers have worn in other wars are the combat-designed garments issued today.

GUAM HERO GETS MEDAL, CITATION

Guam, May 26 — (U.P.) — Tony Duenas is the proudest native on Guam because he helped the Americans retake the island.

Duenas was rewarded for killing 59 Japanese today when Marine Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larson, island commander, pinned a silver star on his freshly-laundered jacket in ceremonies before other Chimerro natives, including Duenas' wife and four children.

Military leaders and scores of Duenas' friends witnessed the presentation in the Green Palace of Agana, Guam's capital city.

Bulletin

COAST LEAGUE

(Night Game) Portland, Ore., May 26 — (U.P.) The Portland Beavers snapped a three game losing streak tonight with a 5 to 3 victory over San Francisco in a game called in the seventh inning by rain.

San Francisco 3 6 2  
Portland 5 8 0  
Barthelson and Sprinz; Mosser and Souza.

Los Angeles 6 9 1  
Seattle 3 9 1  
Osborn and Grene; Palca, Elliott (6), Johnson (6) and Sueme.

Sacramento 6 12 0  
Hollywood 1 8 3  
McCarthy and Schlueter; Sharp and Krause.

NATIONAL

(Night Games) Brooklyn 11 16 0  
St. Louis 2 8 2  
Pfund and Andrews; Wilks, Donnelly, Brechen, and O'Dea, Rice.

Pullman, Wash., May 26 — (U.P.) Phil Sorboe, Tacoma, tonight was named new Washington State college head football coach, replacing Orin "Babe" Hollingberry, who held the post for 17 years. Earl Foster, graduate Cougar manager announced.

Hopkins and Josef Hold First Parley

Moscow, May 26 — (U.P.) — Harry Hopkins, special envoy from President Truman, conferred for 90 minutes tonight with Premier Marshal Josef Stalin. The subject of their discussions was not announced.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov was with Stalin, and Hopkins was accompanied by U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and by Charles Bohlen, U. S. State department's top Russian expert who participated in the Moscow Teheran and Yalta conferences.

SYRIANS HAVE FAITH

Los Angeles, May 26 — (U.P.) — Three Syrian princes here from the San Francisco world conference tonight expressed faith in the Atlantic charter but said they think France is trespassing on their freedom by military occupation of their homeland.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

"E" Sales to Date \$220,349 Quota \$1,067,000  
Total Sales to Date \$606,801 Quota \$2,087,000

HOOVER ACCEPTS PRESIDENT'S BID FOR RELIEF TALK

Advice On Feeding Europe Asked By Truman; Nation Acclaims.

Washington, May 25 — (U.P.) — Former President Herbert Hoover will make a dramatic return to the White House on Monday in the role of elder statesman to advise the Democrat incumbent, Harry S. Truman.

He will give Mr. Truman, in his first return to the White House since he turned it over to the late President Roosevelt on March 4, 1933, the benefit of his vast World War I experience in the feeding of hungry and desperate Europeans.

The 70-year-old Mr. Hoover, the country's only living former president, is expected to reiterate to Mr. Truman the conviction that the United Nations cannot win the peace unless they feed the starving victims of Nazi aggression.

Mr. Hoover won international acclaim for his expert handling of food problems, at home and abroad, during and after the last war. Frequently in recent months voices have been raised urging the government to avail itself of the former president's great store of practical knowledge on what is one of the United Nation's biggest problems.

That the White House disclosed today, is exactly what Mr. Truman will do—at 10:30 a. m., Monday. Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said that Mr. Hoover had accepted the president's invitation. He added that Mr. Truman believed the former Republican President "had information which would be valuable to him."

The dramatic news was instantly applauded here. It was interpreted in many quarters as an effective bid for domestic unity at a time when, faced with food shortages at home, the nation is committed to assuming a large share of the burden of feeding liberated Europe.

The news was the more dramatic because the late President Roosevelt had never invited Mr. Hoover to the White House and had turned a deaf ear to all urging that he do so.

Sen. Alexander Wiley, R., Wis., echoed the feeling of many when he congratulated the president "for this splendid non-partisan gesture."

Mr. Hoover's knowledge of wartime food problems was gained as chairman of the commission for relief of Belgium from 1915 to 1919, as U. S. Food Administrator from 1917 to 1919, and as head of the American Relief Administration and European Relief Council immediately after the last war.

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