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YOKOHAMA LEFT IN FLERY RUINS

3,200 TONS FIRE BOMBS RAIN UPON FOE'S FIFTH CITY

Navy Yard, War Plants, Docks and Business Area Blasted Early Today.

Guam, May 29 — (U.P.) — More than 450 Superfortresses spread flaming ruin through Yokohama, Japan's second port and fifth largest city, in a 3,200-ton daylight fire raid today.

Shipyards, war plants, naval installations and block after block of business buildings and dwellings were reduced to charred wreckage in the 21st Bomber Command's third all-out incendiary attack in six days.

Yokohama, a city of 1,000,000, was one of Japan's principal naval bases and the main port for Tokyo and northern Japan. Devastated Tokyo itself, just north of Yokohama, still was smoking from the disastrous B-29 fire raids of last Thursday and Saturday.

The big bombers struck from medium altitude at the 9 a. m. morning rush hour and, Tokyo accounts said, unloaded their cargoes of death and destruction in a steady rain for two and a half hours.

Mustang fighters from Iwo-estimated by Tokyo at 150 strong—ran interference for the Superfortresses and tangled with enemy fighters high over the port city. Tokyo said Japanese anti-aircraft batteries also were in action.

"A considerable number" of Superfortresses were shot down, a Tokyo broadcast said. Thirty-one B-29s were lost in the two previous raids on Tokyo.

The raid was the first in strength on Yokohama, a modern city of 72 square miles packed with shipyards, motor vehicle plants, steel plants and assorted aircraft, rubber, radio and petroleum works.

Three Acres Hit Bombs were aimed at three main areas, Yokohama harbor with its docks and breakwaters; the modern commercial and residential sections to the southeast, and the northeast district, where numerous war plants lie on reclaimed land jutting out into Tokyo bay.

Among the plants in the northeast section were the Mitsubishi heavy industries and the Tokyo Electric company. The population in the southeastern district averaged 30,000 persons to the square mile.

The raid was the largest in daylight since 500 B-29s dropped more than 3,500 tons of bombs on Nagoya May 14. It boosted the number of B-29s over the Tokyo-Yokohama area in the past six days to 1,500 and the tonnage of bombs dropped to 12,000.

Mustang fighters from Iwo also visited the Tokyo area in daylight yesterday. They bombed and strafed the Kasumigaura naval air station 32 miles northeast of Central Tokyo and destroyed or damaged 42 enemy aircraft.

One enemy plane was shot down and another damaged in the air and five more were destroyed and 35 damaged on the ground. One American plane was shot down over the target.

Navy search planes were revealed to have sunk or damaged 10 enemy ships in sweeps over waters around Korea Sunday. A destroyer or destroyer escort, a large freighter and five small ships were sent to the bottom and a large freighter, a small cargo ship and a small coastal vessel were damaged.

American carrier planes bombed airfield installations in the Sakishima group, between Formosa and Okinawa, Sunday.

New York, May 29 — (U.P.) — Cotton futures opened 3 to 10 points lower.

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

Plan Tokyo Strikes



As gale fans B-29-see flames destroying Tokyo, Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay (left), Lakewood, Co., commanding general of 21st Bomber Command, plans further strikes with his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. A. W. Kissner, Washington, D. C., at Superfort base in Marianas.

SECURITY PARLEY TIED UP BY ROW OVER VETO POWER

San Francisco, May 29 — (U.P.) — The Big Five of the United Nations security conference, in a two-hour meeting, today moved ahead from June 6 to June 11 their tentative deadline for adjournment of the parley.

San Francisco, May 29 — (U.P.) — The United Nations Security conference moved nearer its final stages today but the parley was still tied up by a dispute between the big and little nations over the veto power which the Big Five powers would possess in the proposed World Security Council.

Calling of a meeting of the conference's Big Five was at first believed to presage early agreement among the big powers on their interpretation of the veto power contemplated under the Yalta formula, but an American delegation spokesman explained that the session had been requested by the French delegation to discuss a matter not involving the veto question.

It was learned from other sources that the French sought to change a clause in the proposed World Organization charter covering bi-lateral treaties for defensive action against enemy countries, such as the Franco-Russian treaty. As it now stands, the charter would provide that such treaties could be subordinated to the World Organization "by consent" of the signatory powers.

But the parley moved nearer its final stage on another front when it was announced that the commission on the general assembly will hold an open hearing tomorrow.

Battle lines already were drawn for a bitter public debate between the big and little nations over the Yalta formula.

MEMORIAL MARCH, PROGRAM ALL SET

Plans are now complete for parade and program and Harry Young, commander of the American Legion post, today urged all veterans and other participating in the parade to be at the park before 10 a. m. The parade forms at 10 a. m., will proceed on Main street to the Bear Creek bridge where the navy ceremonies will be held, will turn on Tripp and Almond streets and return on Main street to the park for the program.

Citizens are asked not to drive on Main street until the parade has made the entire route and returned to the park. Young stated. Participating in the parade in addition to veteran groups will be a unit of men from Camp White and representatives of various civic and fraternal bodies of the city.

Shreveport, La., May 29 — (U.P.) — William Kennon Henderson, radio crusader of the 20's, died last night of a heart attack.

Gen. Patton to Fly Paris-Los Angeles

Los Angeles, May 29 — (U.P.) — Two "hometown boys" — Gen. George Patton and Jimmy Doolittle — will be given a heroes' homecoming when they arrive here for a visit June 8 and 10, Mayor Fletcher Bowron said today.

"Blood and Guts" Patton, who was born in San Gabriel, Calif., will fly directly from Paris to Los Angeles, stopping only to have his plane refueled en route. Gen. Doolittle, who tossed the first bombs at Tokyo, may stop briefly at Washington. Doolittle attended Manual Arts high school here.

HOUSE MILITARY LEADER ASKS CUT IN ARMED FORCE

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — Chairman Andrew May, D., Ky., of the House Military Affairs committee today recommended a "drastic reduction" in the size of the army.

Stating that approximately 12,100,000 persons were enrolled in the U. S. armed forces on April 1, May urged immediate discharge of all soldiers over 35 except those in key positions.

"Now that our principal enemy has surrendered unconditionally there should be a more drastic reduction in the armed forces than the army has yet made," May said in an interview. "All men over 35 years of age except those in key positions essential to the completion of the war against Japan and those needed for the occupation of conquered Germany should be speedily discharged."

In this group, he said, are most of those who have families and business connections and will have the greatest difficulty in readjusting themselves.

He pointed out that between 14,000,000 and 14,500,000 men either are, or have been, in the service "and they are still coming in at the rate of 70,000 per month from the 18-year-old bracket."

Nab Man and Girl For Ashland Theft

Jack Henry Allen, 24, and Alice Messer, Wichita, Kans., were lodged in the county jail yesterday and charged with burglary not in a dwelling as an aftermath of a burglary in the Clyde Caton garage at Ashland Thursday night. They were arrested yesterday by state police on the Tiller-Trail road near the Divide Guard Station while driving the 1940 Chevrolet coupe belonging to G. Wannberg, Ashland, which was stolen the night of the robbery.

Nearly \$2,500 worth of tools and other mechanic's equipment was found in the car belonging to the Caton garage and a Mount Shasta, Calif., garage. Allen is reported to be a soldier, AWOL from Camp Maxey, Texas.

John Anderson, who was said to be a companion of the couple, was arrested Friday near Rogue River and is now in the county jail.

PRESIDENT IRKS COMMUNIST WING BY HOOVER TALK

"Daily Worker" Agitated Also by Conference Trend and G. O. P. Bids.

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — The ties holding American Communists to the political coalition which elected the Roosevelt-Truman ticket last November are wearing thin today less than two months after the late president's death.

President Truman's invitation to former President Herbert C. Hoover to visit him for a food conference brought instant protest from the Daily Worker, Communist organ published in New York.

Less specific invitations which now have been sent to Alf M. London, 1936 Republican presidential nominee, and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, last year's GOP selection, probably will further agitate the extreme left wing of the New Deal-Democratic coalition. The Communists already were uneasy about the Truman administration because of the trend of events at the San Francisco conference.

Daily Worker editorials have not directly challenged the new president. But policies of the American delegation at San Francisco have been denounced editorially on charges that they were in violation of agreements made at the last Big Three meeting.

The sharpest language directed so far at Mr. Truman appeared in yesterday's Daily Worker in a charge that the invitation to Mr. Hoover endangered Democratic movements in Europe. The substance of the complaint was that Mr. Hoover's advice to Mr. Truman would be to use American food to combat Communism in Europe—at least in western Europe.

KNUDSON QUILTS WAR PRODUCTION

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen has resigned as army director of production effective June 1, the war department announced today.

It also was disclosed that Knudsen has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the distinguished service medal for his five years of service in war production.

Knudsen, former president of General Motors, did not announce his future plans, although it is expected that he will return to Detroit for a few weeks' rest.

ANOTHER YEAR OF O. P. A. IS FAVORED

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — The Senate Banking Committee today approved a bill to extend price controls for another year. The present OPA law will expire June 30. The Committee approved the extension bill without amendments.

DISEASES DECLINE

Communicable diseases showed a considerable decline last week, with but five cases reported during the week to the office of the county health officer, Dr. A. Erin Merkel. Reported were two cases of chickenpox in the Lake Creek district, one case of trench mouth, one of whooping cough and one of diphtheria, all in Medford.

BASEBALL

American St. Louis ..... 0 5 1 New York ..... 11 15 3 Kramer, West, Zeldak and Hayworth, Mancuso; Donald and Crompton.

YANK-JAP FARMER IS GIVEN RIGHT TO REOCCUPY PLACE

Quick Verdict By Oregon City Jury — Lessee Anti-Jap Leader.

Oregon City, Ore., May 20 — (U.P.) — Masayuki Fujimoto, 28-year-old Japanese-American berry farmer, won in court last night permission to reoccupy the farm he leased when interned after Pearl Harbor. The jury sitting on the case was out only 15 minutes.

Fujimoto had leased his 60-acre berry farm in Clackamas county to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bergh, who agreed in the terms of the lease to surrender the premises to Fujimoto after 30 days notice upon termination of the national emergency and his return to the county.

After being released from the Hunt, Idaho, Relocation Center, Fujimoto served notice to regain his land on March 24. The Berghs took the case to court and won a decision when Judge Earl C. Latourette withdrew his first verdict which favored Fujimoto. The judge's reversal was based on the fact that the Japanese-American had not given the OPA a copy of the eviction papers.

The second suit which ended in Fujimoto's favor was tried before Circuit Judge E. M. Page. Bergh had been a leader in the German anti-Japanese group. Fujimoto was born in Portland and attended grammar, high school and Reed College there. He is married and the father of two children.

CONGRESS FROWN ON TRUMAN PLEA FOR JOBLESS PAY

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — President Truman may get the first major congressional rebuff of his administration over the question of setting a federal standard on unemployment compensation.

President Roosevelt was similarly rebuffed last year. Mr. Truman yesterday asked Congress to set federal standards of unemployment pay as an emergency measure during the reconversion period pending action on a general broadening of social security measures.

Specifically he urged establishment of a nationwide maximum of at least \$25 weekly extending over a period up to six months for workers thrown out of jobs during the changeover from war to peace production.

Reaction among congressional leaders indicated that the request would be rejected as was a similar one last year during consideration of the War Mobilization and Reconversion bill.

All that congressional leaders would promise for the time being was prompt attention to the problem and fulfillment of some parts of the president's request.

JUNE 6 DATE SET FOR TAX HEARING

Salem, Ore., May 29 — (U.P.) — The Oregon supreme court today set Wednesday, June 6, for hearing arguments in the injunction suit attacking house bill 403 of the 1945 legislature.

The Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc., of Portland, appealed the suit against the secretary of state after an adverse decision in Marion county circuit court last week. The tax group claims the bill, as signed by the governor, was not the bill as intended by the legislature.

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — The army plans to induct a few men under 26 with minor physical defects for limited service assignments.

WAR BULLETINS

San Francisco, May 29 — (U.P.) — The Dutch are preparing a force of 200,000 men to help smash Japan and recapture the rich Netherlands East Indies.

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — The United States again has sternly warned the Japanese government against mishandling American prisoners, the State department revealed today.

The Japanese had hinted at a policy of reprisal against American prisoners and civilian internees because a U. S. submarine mistakenly sank a Japanese supply ship that was travelling under an allied grant of safe conduct.

SOLDIER DOLLAR USED TO PROP UP FRENCH CURRENCY

Rep. Anderson Asks Probe Of Stabilization Try — Troops Are Losers.

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — Rep. Jack Anderson, R., Cal., said today he will ask the House Military Affairs committee to investigate what he said were American attempts to stabilize French currency by paying servicemen in France in francs rather than dollars.

The rate of exchange, set by the French before D-day, devalues the American dollar by more than half, he said. "I don't see why the army should prop up French money and as a direct result of that have our soldiers find their dollar worth only 20 cents," Anderson said. "Somebody's getting stung and I don't think it's the French."

He said the War department had informed him use of dollar currency in foreign areas would jeopardize faith in the native currencies and might possibly cause inflation and "affect general political stability."

Anderson read to the House a letter from an American serviceman in France who called the exchange rate "wholesale robbery."

NO MORE CONVOYS CROSS ATLANTIC

London, May 29 — (U.P.) — The end of the Atlantic convoy system was expected today to speed the homeward journeys of thousands of American troops still in the European theater.

An Anglo-American announcement that ships plying the Atlantic no longer must travel in convoy meant that the homeward-bound troopships no longer would be restricted to the speed of the slowest vessel in a convoy. Nor would they be forced to take a roundabout, zig-zagging route to avoid U-boats.

The joint announcement, from the admiralty here and the navy department in Washington, gave merchant vessels permission to sail with all their lights on for the first time since September, 1939.

WIND, RAIN HURT HAY, GRAIN CROP

Some damage to hay and grain crops of the valley is thought to have resulted from the wind and rain storm which swept the valley last evening about 6 o'clock. R. G. Fowler, county agent, stated this morning that hay and grain damage had been reported to his office, but no damage to the pear crop had been reported. At the weather bureau it was said that the wind velocity reached 52 miles an hour during the storm. Rainfall during the last 24 hours was .42 inches.

LIMITED SUPPLY OF DDT TO STATE FOR POTATO BUGS

Deadly Insect Killer Still Goes to Army; Auto Quota For June, 1500.

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — DDT, the war developed insect killer, will be tried out commercially against the potato tuber flea beetle, the War Production Board said today.

On the request of War Food Administration a limited amount of DDT will be made available in Oregon to protect the potato crop.

The limited supply of DDT makes it impossible, however, to permit general commercial use because of the great military demand for it, WPB said. Research in its civilian applications is continuing, it was said, so that it can be made available when military cutbacks permit its use commercially.

Other home front commodity and production news included: A total of 1500 new automobiles will be released to essential users during the next month, the Office of Price Administration said. The June quota is the same as May's.

The War Production Board announced that it had removed restrictions on production of motorcycles. It will continue to control distribution, however, since it expects a demand for motorcycles to continue to be heavy.

WPB removed controls on production of aluminum cooking utensils and kitchenware. Increased production of aluminum ware is expected as war contracts are completed.

MRS. GAULT HEARS FRANCE K IN SAFE

A letter from a sister received by Mrs. Isabelle Gault, 125 Cottage street, was the first word from relatives in France which Mrs. Gault had received since May of 1941. It contained the good news that her father, three brothers and sisters were all well and had survived the German occupation of her native land and the war. The sister said food in Marseilles, where she resides, is very scarce but supplies are more plentiful in the village in the Alps where her father, Auguste Renillon, lives. All three brothers were in the military service. Mrs. Gault, an employe of the Central avenue Groceries, has lived in Medford 21 years.

APRICOT GROWER PRICE UNCHANGED

Washington, May 29 — (U.P.) — State average grower price ceilings for apricots for canning, freezing and drying purposes will be the same as those for last year, the government announced today. Only Washington, Oregon, California and Utah are affected.

HEDY LAMARR A MOTHER

Hollywood, May 29 — (U.P.) — Screen Actress Hedy Lamarr became mother of a girl today, upsetting her choice of a name for a son. The daughter was born at 7:40 a. m. today in the Cedar of Lebanon hospital, almost two years after the sultry star married British Actor John Loder on May 27, 1943. The baby weighed 7½ pounds.

Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date...\$303,628 Quota \$1,067,000 Total Sales to Date \$693,253 Quota \$2,087,000

AMERICAN DRIVES TO PAVE WAY FOR INVASIONS GAIN

Two-Thirds Naha Falls, Shuri Encircled — Japs Defeats In China, Luzon.

By United Press A Bern broadcast recorded by the Blue Network reported without confirmation today that the American 10th army had captured Naha, capital of Okinawa. The broadcast, giving no source for the report, said "all of the city of Naha now is occupied" by the Americans.

Pearl Harbor, May 29 — (U.P.) — American offensives to clear southern Okinawa and northern Luzon in preparation for an invasion of Japan gained momentum today.

Japanese defenses on the two islands appeared to be crumbling rapidly and the end of both campaigns was in sight.

Developments in the Pacific war included: Okinawa—The 10th army captured two-thirds of the capital city of Naha in the west and almost encircled the inland citadel of Shuri in a drive half-way across the southern tip of the island from the east coast.

Luzon—American troops headed for open, tank ground after capturing the Cagayan valley gateway town of Santa Fe. The stage was set for final drive against 30,000 Japanese in northeast Luzon.

China—Chinese troops threatened the Japanese-held former American air base town of Liu-chow from the south and west and drove to within 55 miles of the Canton-Hankow railway in Hunan province.

Burma — The British 14th army repulsed a series of Japanese counter-attacks in strength in the Moksitwa area 50 miles north of Rangoon and continued to advance beyond Toungou toward the Thai border.

Japan—Admiral Soemu Toyoda was removed as commander in chief of Japan's combined fleet, commander-in-chief of the newly-established over-all navy command and commander of the naval escorts command in a general navy shakeup.

Guam, May 29 — (U.P.) — Japanese defenses in southern Okinawa appeared to be crumbling fast today.

On the west coast, Marines of the Sixth Division captured two-thirds of the capital city of Naha, cleared the north shore of Naha harbor and sent patrols to Onoyama Island in mid-harbor.

Sixteen-inch guns of battle-ships offshore breached the walls of the inland citadel of Shuri, already outflanked and nearly encircled. A number of Japanese were fleeing through the escape gap still open.

Seventh Division troops on the east coast drove another 1500 yards south on a 3,000-yard front and reached the southwest corner of Baten Bay. Reconnaissance groups in landing craft reconnoitered the south and west coasts of the bay.

Gains Best Yet The gains all across the island were the best since Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's 10th army forces rammed into the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru defense line more than a month ago.

A Pacific fleet communique revealed the Japanese renewed their suicide air attacks on American warships off Okinawa Sunday, sinking one light unit and causing minor to moderate damage to 12 others.

The enemy paid for the success with 77 planes shot down, preliminary reports showed.

Sixth Division Marines met only scattered machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy rear guard as they swept through the mined, rubble-heaped streets of Naha to the shores of the harbor.

They cleared all of Naha west of the canal running from the main harbor to the Asato river.

NO NEWS CENSORSHIP Trieste, May 29 — (U.P.) — Correspondents here were assured today by a high-ranking allied censorship officer from Rome that their dispatches would not be subject to political censorship.