

Osaka Added To List of Fire-Ravaged Japanese Cities

SMOKE BILLOWS FIVE MILES HIGH AFTER B-29 RAID

Industrial Center Is Given Same Dose as Tokyo and Yokohama; Still Flaming.

Guam, June 1.—(U.P.)—Japan's three greatest cities lay scorched by superfortress fire bombs today as the B-29's followed up their demolition of Tokyo and Yokohama by starting raging conflagrations in Osaka, Japan's greatest industrial center, with a 3,200-ton incendiary attack.

Returning airmen reported that smoke from burning Osaka billowed five miles into the air and radio Tokyo admitted flames still were scourging the city many hours after the bombers had left.

Yokohama Hard Hit

Pilot reports indicated Osaka had suffered the same fate as the port and industrial center of Yokohama, attacked Tuesday.

Intelligence reports of 21st bomber command revealed today that nearly nine square miles of Yokohama have been burned or damaged—just under seven square miles being attributed to the Tuesday attack.

Details of the huge fires which raged in Tokyo last week—destroying, by Japanese admission, the bulk of the central city district—were still being reported by Tokyo radio.

Tokyo said the central government would stay on in Tokyo even if the whole metropolis is reduced to ashes.

Tokyo also revealed that the homes of the two greatest industrial and financial families in Japan, the Mitsui and Mitsubishi, had been burned down in the attacks. It added with possible significance that "if the homes and factories of the richest families of Japan had not been destroyed they might have come out for peace."

LAST OF OKINAWA DEFENSE LINES SAID CRUMBLING

Pearl Harbor, June 1.—(U.P.)—The last of Japan's main defense line on Okinawa crumbled today and Tokyo said the American 10th army has hurried upwards of 120,000 troops against the southern tip of the island.

Front-by-front developments in the Pacific war included: Burma—The British announced the formation of a second army, the 12th, to fight alongside the 14th in southeast Asia.

Moré Marines—Okinawa—American forces encircled the last 1,000 defenders of the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru defense line. Radio Tokyo said two more marine divisions have gone into battle, making a total of eight now attacking the 20,000-odd Japanese in the southern tip.

Luzon—American forces opened a battle of annihilation against 20,000 to 30,000 Japanese troops in the Cagayan valley of northern Luzon. Filipino forces moving down from the north coast already had cut their last route of escape by sea.

China—Chinese forces began a drive toward Paoting, threatening to cut the main escape routes for Japanese in the Kweichow and Liuchow areas of the enemy's already severed continental corridor in China.

Dutch To Help—Southwest Pacific—A Dutch spokesman said 200,000 Dutch troops and the Dutch navy will be sent to the far east to fight the Japanese, presumably in the Dutch East Indies area.

MEDFORD



TRIBUNE

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Saturday. Normal temperatures.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 75
Lowest this Morning 45

Fortieth Year MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1945 NO. 60

NATION EXPECTS THREE QUALITIES, GRADUATES TOLD

Bishop Bruce Baxter Addresses Graduating Class Of Medford High School.

Reason, resourcefulness and responsibility are three qualities which this nation expects of its educated peoples, Bishop Bruce Baxter, Portland, Methodist church head, told members of the 1945 graduating class of Medford senior high school Thursday night when the traditional ceremonies were held at the auditorium. The class numbered 181 graduates, some of whom are already in the armed services and were unable to be present.

Discussing reason, Bishop Baxter told the two of the problems to which the class members must apply their reasoning powers are how the world may attain international peace and how to solve the alarming increase of juvenile delinquency. "Peace this time must be real, and not a mere moratorium between wars," he said, "or the next war will bring annihilation of civilizations."

Resourcefulness, the Bishop said, should not only include ways to meet physical problems, but "inner resources" and he quoted Madame Chiang Kai-Shek who once said "There is a limit to physical endurance but there is no limit to spiritual resourcefulness."

Standards Needed

Educated people of America must maintain high standards, the speaker said in discussing responsibility, and added that they should "not just talk, but do something." He said the problem of race prejudices was one of this nation's main pieces of "unfinished business" and in closing urged the class members to remember that religion brings a vital, sustaining influence to life which nothing else supplies.

Members of the class supplied musical numbers and announcement of awards and presentation of diplomas concluded the ceremony. Three awards of Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, were announced as having been won by Nancy Swem, given the good citizenship award; Marjorie Johnson, home economics scholarship for advanced study; Doering Fields, award for outstanding work in home economics in high school.

Myria Ball was given the P.E.O. outstanding girl award, the Medford Musical Society awards went to June Williams and Carl Winklebeck and the Rotary forensics award to Bill Hedrick. John Bullock was announced winner of the honorary science award, Pearl Brock as having won the Business and Professional Women's club award and Regina Smith the award of the Rogue River Valley College Women's club.

Craftsman Awarded

The outstanding future craftsman award went to George Rutherford, Devona Larter was introduced as winner of the American Legion auxiliary state poppy poster contest and Regina Smith was announced as having been named outstanding senior girl and Larry Hayes outstanding senior boy.

Athletic awards went to Dean Sheldon and Bill Plaskett, Sheldon being named winner of the Bill Gates football trophy and Plaskett the Larry Schade award. Both are in the navy and neither was able to be present. Ferny McKibben has been awarded a scholarship to Oregon State college and June Williams a vocal music scholarship to Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash.

Elaine Walker had previously been announced as valedictorian of the class and David Chirgwin as salutatorian.

Lester Harris, principal of the high school, announced the various awards and Dr. R. E. Green, chairman of the board of education, presented diplomas. E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools, introduced Bishop Baxter.

Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date...\$329,728
Quota \$1,067,000

Truman In Message On Status Of War Calls For Increase In National Efforts

Washington, June 1.—(U.P.)—President Truman today called for renewed national effort in the war against Japan.

He said the American force to be used there would be more than double the size of the present army in the Pacific. This apparently meant that any army of nearly 4,000,000 will be used to subdue Japan.

He threatened Japan with a steadily-increasing air war and urged Japanese civilians to leave their cities "if they wish to save their lives."

Appeal To All

Mr. Truman set forth his views in a 9,000-word special message to congress on the status of the war. It was an appeal not only to congress but to all of the nation against any letdown from a false sense of feeling that the job is just about done.

While telling in great detail of elaborate plans for intensifying

the war against Japan, the President noted that the strength of the army would be reduced from 8,300,000 to 6,968,000 in the next year, making it possible to restore a total of 2,000,000 officers and men to their homes. He pointed out though that this would be possible only by maintaining selective calls at a level substantially higher than required merely for combat replacements.

"By maintaining our army at this size," he told congress, "we shall be able to more than double the force we now have in the Pacific and hurl against the Japanese an overseas force larger than the 3,500,000 men who united with our allies to crush the Wehrmacht and the Luftwaffe."

Policy Told

The President said our military policy for the defeat of Japan calls for:

1. Pinning down the Japanese forces where they now are and keeping them divided so they can be destroyed piece by piece.
2. "Concentrating overwhelming power on each segment which we attack."
3. "Using ships, aircraft, armor, artillery and other material in massive concentrations to gain victory with the smallest possible loss of life."
4. "Applying relentless and increasing pressure to the enemy by sea, air and on the land, so that he cannot rest, reorganize or regroup his battered forces or dwindling supplies to meet our next attack."

"If the Japanese insist on continuing resistance beyond the point of reason," he told congress, "their country will suffer the same destruction as Germany."

Destruction Faced

"Our blows will destroy their whole modern industrial plant and organization, which they have built up during the past century and which they are now devoting to a hopeless cause."

"We have no desire or intention to destroy or enslave the Japanese people. But only surrender can prevent the kind of ruin which they have seen come to Germany."

MINING BAN LIFT URGED BY CORDON

A wire from U. S. Senator Guy Cordon to the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce today said he has sent an urgent request to the War Production Board to lift directive L-208. He also notified the Chamber of Commerce that he will keep them advised on developments.

Lifting of WPB directive L-208 would bring about early resumption in mining in this area. In a wire to Senator Cordon requesting the action, chamber officials said equipment taken from miners and new machinery should be obtainable where labor is available, such as this area.

Two Albino Robins Are Observed Here

White robins have shown up in two Medford yards the past week. George Corum of South Central avenue, and Miss Nydah Neil of North Holly street report seeing the avian rarities recently. Both birds are of recent hatch and act and look like regular robins, save for their color.

The Corum robin was first noticed when it fell from a limb. Corum placed the bird on a porch near its nest. The Neil robin, now nearly full grown, spends most of its time on a woodshed roof, where it is fed by its mother.

Last year, white robins were reported on Vancouver avenue and near the Washington school.

MRS. PETE SENTENCED TO QUENTIN GAS ROOM

Los Angeles, June 1.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Louise Peete, twice-convicted murderer, today was sentenced to die in the San Quentin gas chamber for her second murder, and said quietly "I'm glad it's all over with," but betrayed no emotion.

"It is the judgment and sentence of this court," Judge Harold Landreth told her, "that you be delivered to the superintendent of San Quentin to be by him executed and put to death in the gas chamber."

SMITH IN AUSTRIA

T-5 Ernest Smith is now stationed in Austria with the army signal corps, a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. Charles Pitts, 747 1/2 West 11th street, states and not in Australia as was previously reported.

Yank Drive Seen Peace Offensive, Tokyo Radio Says

San Francisco, June 1.—(U.P.)—Tokyo radio today reached this useful conclusion: "The Okinawa push and the B-29 raids seem all aimed at securing an early peace and the conclusion of the war in the Pacific."

And, Tokyo added, "when the pent-up fury of the Japanese people catches up with the Yanks, the going will be pretty rough."

GUERIN BROTHERS LOW BIDDERS TO BUILD RESERVOIR

Guerin Brothers of San Francisco were low bidders for construction of a new reservoir for the city. Water Superintendent Robert Duff said today. The successful bid was \$148,407.50 without a roof and \$180,497.50 with a roof.

Adler Construction Co. of Seattle was second lowest bidder with figures of \$140,800 and \$191,440. M. O. Bessonetie, Medford, was third with bids of \$147,860 and \$198,280. There were nine bidders, Duff said.

According to Duff, it will be a day or two before the contract is awarded, to allow time to investigate reliability of the contractors. Construction will start within 10 days after the contract is signed, it was stated.

The figures for construction of the new reservoir are considered very good, according to Duff.

LIBRARY PRO IMPORTANT USE OF IMPROVEMENT

Building Is Over-crowded,
Equipment Replacement,
Repair; \$102,000 Needed

(Editor's note: Here is the second article in a series to be published before the June 12 special city election, in order to acquaint Medford residents with the projects for which they are being asked to vote funds.)

Enlargement and general repair and renovating of the present Medford public library must be undertaken in the immediate future of the service offered will fall far below the standards maintained by most cities of a comparable size, a report submitted by the library board to the city council last winter shows. The report states that the building is now so overcrowded it is impossible to add needed new volumes without discarding an equal number of older volumes, and that the heating system, lighting system, shelves, tables and other equipment are badly in need of replacement or major repairs.

One of the projects covered in the special city bond election set for June 12 provides for enlargement and repair of the library building and purchase of new equipment at an approximate cost of \$102,000.

Short of Books

Using figures supplied by the American Library association, the board members compiled a report showing that the average number of books per capita now in the library is about one-half of the number recommended for the population served. It is also noted that while \$1 per capita per year is considered the minimum figure required to purchase an average number of books for the population served and to keep them in condition, the budget for the Medford library at present is but 60 cents per capita per year.

A survey of 20 cities located in various parts of the nation shows that library cost per capita sometimes runs as high as \$17, many average from \$3.50 to \$8 or \$10 while Medford's per capita cost of 67 cents is one on the lowest listed.

Would Add Space

The proposed addition would add 13,092 square feet to the floor space of the library building and make it about three times its present size. Plans call for an addition to the west with a 14-foot frontage and 90-foot depth along Oakdale avenue. The architecture would conform to that of the present building and plantings would be rearranged to provide a pleasing background for the structure. The interior would be rebuilt to provide better service for patrons and better working conditions for the staff and the heating and lighting systems would be modernized.

Members of the board, J. C. Boyle, chairman, Otto Frohnmayer, Mrs. W. E. Lantis, Mrs. Frances Cochran and Mrs. E. B. Pickel, in the report stated that the present library staff should be highly complimented for being able to continue any kind of reasonably satisfactory library service under the present unsatisfactory conditions.

NO EVIDENCE FOUND REPORTED PLANE CRASH

A reported plane crash near Van Dyke cliffs, about three miles northeast of Talent yesterday morning, turned out to be the sun shining on a white rock, according to state police. Police officers, together with Medford Army Airbase officials and Talent townspeople, spent several hours reaching the scene of the reported crash but were unable to find any evidence of an accident, police said.

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Pittsburgh 6 7 1
Barrett, Karl and Mancuso; Roe, Butcher and Lopez.

Cleveland 2 5 1
New York 9 14 0
Smith and Hayes; Bevins, Klein and Garbark.

Detroit 4 8 0
Boston 6 9 0
Wilson, Pierce and Richards; Swift; O'Neill, Barrett and Garbark.

American Airman Beaten To Death By Germans, Is Testimony In Trial

Ahrweiler, Germany, June 1.—(U.P.)—A witness testified at the murder trial of three Germans today that he saw German civilians shoot and beat an American airman to death when he parachuted into the Reich from a crippled bomber last August.

The first trial in American-occupied territory of German civilians accused of war criminality opened before a military commission in a tiny courtroom of the Ahrweiler city hall.

Three Accused

Peter Kohn, a crane operator from the town of Preist; Matthias Giere, a Preist railway worker; and Matthias Drein, blacksmith and rural policeman, were accused of murdering a U. S. flyer whose identity never was established.

No Last Laugh

William Joyce, the Lord Haw Haw of German radio, pictured in ambulance after arrest as traitor by British near Plensburg, Germany. He was wounded by one of arresting officers when he moved as if to draw a gun.

San Francisco, June 1.—(U.P.)—French use of force to get concessions from Syria and Lebanon today strengthened the revolt by the little United Nations against absolute Big Five domination of the new league to keep peace.

In the Near Eastern dispute two of the members of the proposed organization have been, in effect, at "war." A third, Britain, with U. S. approval has had to intervene with force.

United Nations conference officials were trying desperately to keep such issues as the Levant out of the proceedings here. But the Near Eastern crisis has hung over every meeting like a dark cloud—far more ominously even than failure of the Big Three to settle the Polish issue.

Every delegate was extremely conscious of the fact that the World Organization if it were now in existence would be unable to take effective action in the Near East because France, a permanent member, would be able to veto any decision which it did not like.

LEVANT CONFLICT STEELS RESOLVE OF TINY NATIONS

Washington, June 1.—(U.P.)—The United States expects to sit down soon with Britain and France in London to seek a satisfactory agreement on the explosive situation in Syria and Lebanon.

It is feared here that unless such a meeting is held at once the cessation of hostilities in the Levant may be only temporary.

19 WAR AGENCIES FACE FUND SLASH

Washington, June 1.—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations committee today slashed more than \$111,000,000 from funds for 19 war agencies for the year beginning July 1. It proclaimed that the reduction marked "the beginning of the end" for most of them.

The committee approved legislation providing \$769,765,850 to operate the 19 agencies. This was \$111,812,650 less than budget bureau recommendations and \$206,848,880 less than current year funds.

Dewey Accepts Bid From White House

Albany, N. Y., June 1.—(U.P.)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey, 1944 Republican presidential candidate, has accepted an invitation from President Truman to confer at the White House, it was learned today.

Dewey, it was understood, wrote the president a letter accepting the invitation. Dewey's office declined to make the letter public.

14 MORE JAP SHIPS BAGGED BY U. S. SUBS

Washington, June 1.—(U.P.)—U. S. submarines in Japanese waters have sunk 14 more enemy ships, including five combat vessels, the navy announced today. The latest submarine bag included one destroyer, three small patrol vessels, one coastal mine layer, one large tanker, five medium merchant vessels, two medium freighters, and one small merchant vessel.

Pacific Veteran In Kiwanis Club Talk

Major Kenneth Hyatt, stationed at Camp White with the army medical corps, spoke at the meeting of the Medford Kiwanis club this week. The major spent several months in the South Pacific and told his audience of his experiences in the Solomons and Hebrides and discussed tropical diseases and other medical problems of the district.

Also a guest at the meeting was C. B. McMath, Sacramento, charter member of Kiwanis.

FRANCE ORDERS LEVANT TROOPS TO CEASE FIRE

Paris, June 1.—(U.P.)—France ordered her troops in Levant to cease fire and retire into their barracks today, presumably ending an undeclared miniature war that had flamed the middle-east.

Syrian sources estimated that at least 400 persons had been killed in fighting between the French troops and Syrian irregulars in Damascus and Hama alone.

The cease fire order complied to the letter with Prime Minister Churchill's virtual ultimatum of yesterday to President Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The fighting flared after French reinforcements landed in Syria and Lebanon without advance notice being given the Levant government. They contended their independence was being violated.

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TWO IN UNIFORM GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Two young men in navy uniform, Hal Adams and Dick Phillips, were among those who received their diplomas Thursday night when the 1945 class of Medford high school graduated. Both have been on sea duty with the navy but were able to return to Medford for the ceremony.

Several other graduates already in the service were unable to attend. Adams is the son of Mrs. Effie Adams, 420 South Grape street, and Phillips is the son of J. A. Phillips, R. 1, Box 109D.

Four other young men were ordered to report for naval training this week and were forced to leave just 24 hours before the graduation program. In this group were Elmer Kyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kyle, 1316 East Main street; Harold Edmonds, son of L. E. Edmonds, Route 2, Box 216; Lyle Wilcox, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lyle Wilcox, 708 Dakota avenue, and Gene Neff, son of Adel E. Neff, P. O. Box 986. The four youths left Portland Thursday night for San Diego.

Col. Wilcox has been overseas more than a year and is currently in the Bavarian Alps in Europe.

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HERE is a pleasant little game that will give you a message every day. It is a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner of the rectangle and check every one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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