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Adm. Halsey's Third Fleet Opens New Phase Jap War

JITTERY EMPIRE VISIONS COMING OF MARTIAL LAW

Kyushu Base Planes Raked; Osaka In Ruins — Navy Commands Changed.

By United Press Adm. William F. Halsey threw the powerful carrier forces of his famed Third fleet against five Japanese airfields on Kyushu Saturday, destroying or damaging 36 enemy planes, as the world's mightiest team of fighting ships returned to action.

Japan said the destructive aerial offensive might make martial law necessary throughout the empire and the return of Halsey to the western Pacific appeared to mark the opening of a new phase of the war against Japan.

Halsey, hard-bitten sea dog known as "The Bull," who has promised to ride Emperor Hirohito's white horse through Tokyo, was back in action against the Japanese even as the presence of the Third fleet was disclosed.

Halsey took command of his "private lake" off Japan May 27 from Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, commander of the Fifth fleet. Spruance has returned to Guam, where he received the Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism."

Carrier planes of the Third fleet shot down two enemy planes, destroyed 11 on the ground and damaged 26 others in raking Kyushu airfields at Miyazaki, Kokubu, Kishira, Kagoshima and Chiran. Navy and marine patrol bombers hit shipping off Japan and in the East China Sea as invasion-jittery Japan predicted the coming of martial law.

Photographs of Friday's Superfort raid on Osaka indicated that the heart of Japan's second city and largest industrial center had been destroyed.

A Japanese newspaper said that "we certainly would not be surprised even if we see a necessity of adopting martial law."

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported Halsey's return to action and announced other changes in the U. S. Pacific fleet and Pacific ocean areas. The U. S. Tenth Army on Okinawa, commanded by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., has been placed under Nimitz' direct control; Adm. Richmond K. Turner has relinquished control of the Fifth Amphibious corps to Vice Adm. Harry W. Hill; the name of the forward area has been changed to the "Mariana Area," with Vice Adm. John J. Hoover retaining command.

HALF INDIVIDUAL BOND SALES MADE

Washington, June 2 — (U.P.) — The \$7,000,000,000 individual phase of the mighty Seventh War loan was nearly 50 per cent subscribed as the drive ended its third week tonight.

The Treasury's War Finance Division announced individual war bond purchases totaling \$3,393,999,999, or 48 per cent of the individual quota.

Sales of Series E bonds also approached the half way mark, reaching \$1,870,000,000, or 47 per cent of the \$4,000,000,000 E bond goal.

Royal Netherlands Bomber Crew Crash

Grass Valley, Cal., June 2 — (U.P.) — A two-motored Royal Netherlands air force bomber crashed here today, killing the entire crew, police reported.

At latest reports, officers had recovered four bodies from the burning wreckage of the plane which plowed through two houses and then crashed into a Catholic retreat building and caught fire, setting the building ablaze. It was not immediately determined how many people were aboard the plane.

Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date \$337,584 Quota \$1,067,000



Front-by-front developments in the Pacific war show stepped-up tempo of Allied advances in every theater against Japan's main defense lines.

4.58 INCHES RAIN FELL DURING MAY; NEW RECORD HERE

May, 1945, was the wettest May ever recorded here, weather bureau officials said Friday. The monthly precipitation was 4.58 inches as compared with a normal rainfall of 1.10 inches—excess being 3.48 inches. Next wettest May recorded since 1911 was in 1942 when the valley had 3.69 inches.

The seasonal precipitation since Sept. 1 is 18.76 which is 3.22 above normal. The greatest amount of rainfall in any 24 hours occurred on the 24th with 1.21 inches. Thunderstorms, too, were above normal with storms occurring on May 2, 22, 24, 28 and 29. The average number of days with thunderstorms is two, making three more than average this year. The survey covers a period of 16 years. Light fog was recorded on the morning of the 26th.

May temperature was about average, highest being 91 degrees on the 1st and 2nd. Lowest was 41 degrees on May 11. Mean maximum was 71.5 and mean minimum was 47 degrees which gives a monthly average of 60.8 degrees. Average daily departure was 1.0 degree above normal. No frost occurred during the month.

STRIKE BLACKOUT FACED BY MEXICO

Mexico City, June 2 — (U.P.) — The National Confederation of Electricians said today it would order a strike in 22 states June 9 if salary increases were not approved by the Federal Labor Ministry. The strike would blackout the federal district. The Swedish-owned Ericsson Telephone company also would be affected.

The Labor Ministry said the decision was delayed because of difficulty in inspecting working conditions in remote sections of the republic. They said data accumulated tended to support the electrician's request for raises.

FUEL HOPE SLIM

Washington, June 2 — (U.P.) — Civilians in the Pacific Northwest can expect no increase in fuel oil supplies until V-J Day. Ralph K. Davies, Deputy Petroleum Administrator, said today.

SEEKS VICE PRESIDENCY

Pasadena, Cal., June 2 — (U.P.) — Window Washer Samuel W. Lawry has written President Truman applying for the vacant post of vice-president.

BILL PASSED TO CONDONE ERRORS BY ARMY WIVES

Sacramento, June 2 — (U.P.) — The assembly today passed a bill designed to allow wives of servicemen who bear illegitimate children to permit adoption of the children without notifying their husbands.

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson, R., Berkeley. He said it would prevent a mother's indiscretion from "forever damning and beclouding the future of a helpless infant."

Assemblyman Kathryn Neihouse, R., San Diego, quoted from a letter from a San Diego attorney declaring that army and navy officials were in favor of the bill. The letter said that notification of husbands overseas in such situations "is most demoralizing."

BRITAIN BLAMED BY DE GAULLE IN SYRIAN TROUBLE

Paris, June 2 — (U.P.) — Gen. Charles De Gaulle today blamed Britain for the outbreaks between Syrians and French in the middle east and said that France was willing, in a spirit of international cooperation, to negotiate the situation with all interested nations, including the Soviet Union.

De Gaulle told newsmen at a press conference that when Prime Minister Winston Churchill told France that British troops would intervene to halt the fighting in Syria, Britain broke a Franco-British agreement of June 1941 by which France was given command of forces in Syria and Lebanon, and expressed her willingness to negotiate Levantine independence.

De Gaulle defended France's role in the middle east and accused Britain of forwarding her interests there at France's expense.

De Gaulle's conference was held as Syrian officials stiffened their attitude toward the presence of French troops in Syria. The French Gen. Oliva-Roget, who ordered Damascus shelled, he listed as a war criminal for trial by an international court.

DIVORCE SOUGHT

Hollywood, June 2 — (U.P.) — Mrs. Geraldine Farrar Jergins, socially prominent wife of Allen A. Jergins, son of A. T. Jergins, millionaire oil man, today filed suit for divorce charging mental cruelty.

OKINAWA BATTLE IN FINAL STAGE; ENEMY CRUMBLES

Marines Near Air Base Within Sight of Japanese Base—Chineses.

U. S. 10th Air Division planes on Okinawa struck today. Naha airfield, rolled southward through crumbling enemy resistance in all sectors and captured two towns as the 63-day fight entered its last stage.

Marines were within 5,000 yards of the great airfield and its three strips. In the central zone, marines pushed 1,000 yards southward, cutting the Naha-Yonabaru highway, and drove toward 96th infantry troops still farther south. The 7th infantry from the east was only 2 1/4 miles from the southern coast, overran Ogusuku village and fanned out toward Shinzato town as the U. S. columns drove to split the remaining 20,000 Japanese into isolated pockets.

Chinese troops collapsed the Japanese defense line before poking in central China. They captured three towns and drove within nine miles of the city as they swept forward on a 40-mile front and rolled back Japanese defenses.

The Okinawa battle moved relentlessly toward a finish. The Yanks were within sight of Okinawa's southern beaches. Clearing weather brought more artillery and armored units into action against the weakening Japanese. Chan village south of the Naha-Yonabaru highway was captured and 96th infantrymen drove to Tera and Kamizato villages in a push threatening to wipe out any hope the enemy had of making a new stand in hill masses to the south.

PRESIDENT WILL USE HUGE PLANE ON COAST JAUNT

Washington, June 2 — (U.P.) — The army for the first time today let reporters see and write about the president's huge, luxury plane which is equipped with everything from an electric refrigerator to an elevator.

It is a four-engined C-54 transport built by Douglas Aircraft Co., and converted to the president's use by the Army Air Transport Command. Its crew is commanded by Lt. Col. Henry T. Myers, former airline pilot.

The late President Roosevelt used the plane once — on his flight from Malta to Yalta and back to Cairo. It has, however, been used on a number of other important missions. It recently brought the mother of President Truman from Kansas City to Washington, and Mr. Truman will use it in his forthcoming flight to San Francisco.

Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, various cabinet members, Harry L. Hopkins, and Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek have flown in the big ship which has the flags of 44 nations on its fuselage, showing the number of countries it has visited.

The interior of the ship is sound-proofed in a new and ultra-scientific way which is so effective that the four powerful motors barely can be heard when the ship is breezing along at 250 miles an hour. Normal conversation is as easily audible as in a hotel room and the music from one radio can be heard throughout the plane.

STASSENS LAUNCH SHIP

Richmond, Calif., June 2 — (U.P.) — The 10,800-ton cargo ship "Adelphi Victory" slid down the ways at the Kaiser Richmond yards tonight with Comdr. Harold E. Stassen and Mrs. Stassen as sponsors.

BASEBALL

Seattle, June 2 — (U.P.) — Hal Patchett's tie-breaking run on a dropped fly with two out in the ninth gave the Seattle Rainiers a 5-4 victory over the first place Portland Beavers in a Pacific Coast league game here tonight.

The Beavers jumped into the lead with a run in each of the first four innings, one of them on Catcher Eddie Adams' homer. Seattle, shutout the last two games with Portland, ended its long scoreless drought in the fifth.

SYRIANS INSIST FRENCH GENERAL IS WAR CRIMINAL

Levant States Serve Demand On British for Trial — Arabs Restless.

Beyrouth, Lebanon, June 2 — (U.P.) — President Shukri Al Kuwaty of Syria has informed British authorities that the Levant states will no longer tolerate the presence of any Frenchmen, it was reported today. Meanwhile, Syrian quarters demanded that the French Gen. Oliva-Roget, who gave the order to fire on Damascus, be placed on a war criminals' list for trial by an international court.

Although feeling against the French continued high, the situation in the Levant gradually was returning to normal with the arrival of British troops. A Shaaan Arabs under Emir El Ameen attempted an attack on Cirassian troops under French command in the Kuneitra region along the Syria-Palestine frontier today. British military forces intervened immediately. It was revealed the Arabs did not know that the British had been ordered to halt the fighting in Syria.

Kuwaty reportedly asked Gen. Sir Bernard C. Paget, British middle east commander, to include Oliva-Roget on the war criminals list. The demand was said to have been made during the recent Kuwaty-Paget conference at Damascus. Premier Abdul Hamid Karamah of Lebanon, who was at the talks, supported Kuwaty in his stand.

Reports from Damascus said that Syrians were in an ugly mood toward the French but were restrained by some 800 policemen. Some looting, mainly for food, was reported as the effects of a 10-day strike reduced many persons to a desperate plight without food and without money.

\$70,000 TERMINAL IS PLANNED HERE

Building of a \$70,000 Pacific Greyhound terminal in Medford is expected to start within 60 days, it was revealed Saturday by W. H. Egger, superintendent of construction, in an interview published in Salem. Egger also said terminals are planned at Albany and Oregon City, each to cost \$45,000, and one in Salem to cost \$70,000. Work on a \$45,000 terminal is already under way in Roseburg.

Although it has been known here for some time that a new bus terminal was contemplated, Greyhound officials have refused to make a definite statement as to whether the plans were not complete. It has been known that a site on the northwest corner of Fifth and Bartlett streets has been negotiated but whether this has been definitely decided upon could not be determined Saturday.

RAISIN GROWERS FOOLED WFA QUIZ BY FBI REVEALS

Washington, June 2 — (U.P.) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has looked into use of raisin grapes for wine on the west coast but has found nothing on which to base criminal prosecutions, it was learned tonight.

The investigation was made before today's order discontinuing War Food administration regulations restricting use of edible raisin grapes in wine making. The FBI inquiry was undertaken at the WFA's request. It has been completed and the findings have been turned over to the food administration.

Although no criminal violations were discovered, it was understood that the FBI found instances in which the old WFA regulations were circumvented. Neither the FBI nor the WFA would discuss the investigation. For three years until today the WFA had required growers of raisin grapes to farmers for whom it was more profitable to sell their crop to wineries found ways, however, of getting around the order, it was said.

Instances were found, it was reported, in which farmers permitted grapes to deteriorate or spoil slightly to the point where they were no longer edible but were all right for wine-making purposes. Nothing was discovered, however, on which a successful prosecution could be based, it was said.

CIVILIANS MUST EXPECT 25 PC. CUT IN CANNED GOODS

Also Vegetables WFA Warns — Stocks Now On Hand Below Last Year.

Washington, June 2 — (U.P.) — Civilians must expect a 25 per cent cut in their canned food and vegetable supply within the next 12 months, War Food administration officials disclosed tonight.

At the same time President Truman called on Americans "to help swell the nation's food supply" by raising Victory gardens, canning vegetables and fruits, and "conserving food in every possible way."

He asserted that this country not only must meet its "tremendous military requirements" but also must help nourish liberated nations.

The prospective slash from the 1944-45 allocation is based on these facts:

- 1. Stocks on June 1 were smaller than a year ago. 2. Civilians will get a smaller share of produce canned from the 1945 production. Stocks of commercially canned fruits, which must last until the new pack is available, will continue slightly below last year's very short supply. On June 1 the quantity of canned vegetables, except baby food and soups, was only half the civilian supply on the same date last year.

Meanwhile, the Office of Price administration acted to improve distribution of the country's short meat supply. It ordered that every slaughterer must send into each county he serves the same proportionate quota of meat that he shipped into that county in the first quarter of 1944.

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WISHING WELL

Table with 4 rows and 10 columns of numbers for a wishing well game.

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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WAR BULLETINS

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Sunday, June 3 — (U.P.) — American troops with air and naval support have carried out new landings on Mindanao at Luanon 75 miles south of Davao City in a move to envelop isolated enemy garrisons. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

CAMP HOSPITAL IN NAVY HANDS AUG. 1 IS PLAN

Tentative plans for transfer of Camp White hospital to the navy were drawn this week at a conference of army and navy officers held at the camp and presided over by Col. John R. Young, commander of Camp White. Announcement of the conference, made Saturday by the public relations office, revealed that the hospital will be taken over August 1 and operated on a joint-user basis, making the accommodations available also for army personnel.

The facility is to be designated a general hospital, the public relations office said, and this designation gives rise to the presumption that the entire capacity of 1,750 beds will be made available.

Permanent Building The hospital was built as a permanent structure at the time of the installation of Camp White and is declared by army medical officers to be one of the finest in the entire country.

First word of the successful culmination of efforts of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to promote greater use of the hospital, came May 10 in a telegram from Congressman Harris Ellsworth. The congressman stated that approval of transfer of the facility from the army to the navy had been given by the War department but that details were yet to be worked out.

Plans Wait Okeh It was pointed out today by the public relations office that all plans agreed upon at the officers' conference must be given final approval by the army and navy departments.

Attending the meeting as representatives of the various service branches involved were Col. L. R. Moore (MC), in charge of all hospitals in the 9th Service Command; Lt. Col. C. R. Fleming, representing the commanding general of the 9th Service Command, and acting as coordinator of the conference; Capt. R. L. Nattkemper (MC), of the 13th Naval District headquarters in Seattle, and representing the navy; and Maj. R. B. Daugherty, CE., of San Francisco, representing the division engineers.

Jackson Gets \$1,630 County Fair Fund

Salem, Ore., June 2 — (U.P.) — A total of \$52,436.50 has been apportioned to counties of Oregon from the millage tax for county fairs, the Secretary of State's office reported today. Jackson County will get \$1,630.

HONOR F. R.'S IN-LAW

Washington, June 2 — (U.P.) — Lt. Col. John Boettiger, the late President Roosevelt's son-in-law, has been awarded his second Legion of Merit for outstanding service in formulating basic policies of military government in Europe the War Department announced today.

There was no further word from press officials or delegates. The letter, tired from six weeks of chatter and now visibly depressed by the prospect of difficult deadlock over the veto issue, said they were unable to talk.

SOVIET ATTITUDE THREATENS ANEW SECURITY PLANS

Rejection of Views on Yalta Formula Cause of Grave Crisis.

San Francisco, June 2 — (U.P.) — The United States has decided to take the Yalta voting formula controversy to the full United Nations Security conference for a vote if Russia refuses to give up her demand for a veto over even "discussion" of disputes, it was learned tonight.

Britain, China and France, it was said, will stand pat with the United States against the Russian demand which has plunged the conference into its gravest crisis and may prolong it indefinitely.

San Francisco, June 2 — (U.P.) — Soviet Russia plunged the United Nations conference into its gravest crisis tonight by demanding that each big power have the right to suppress even "discussion" of a dispute in the World Security council.

The situation was so serious—threatening Big Five unanimity on nearly a score of other issues—that the third Big Five meeting within 24 hours was called for early tonight.

In an effort to prevent public disclosure of the sharpness of the break between Russia and the other big powers, an absolute "gag" was imposed by the heads of the five delegations.

Russian rejection of the more liberal interpretation of the Yalta voting formula suggested by the other big powers came in a paper presented to the Big Five last night. On the crucial point—whether a big power can veto council discussion of a dispute—the Russian paper was reported to say:

"In no way can 'discussion' (in council) be considered a procedural matter."

On procedural matters the proposed world charter provides that only a majority of any seven members of the 11-nation council would be needed for decision. On all other questions, unanimity of the Big Five is demanded.

On another issue, the Russians expressed a willingness to follow the other big powers which have suggested that all procedural acts in the charter be defined. The only Russian stipulation is that such acts be so labeled in the charter and that all others without exception be considered non-procedural.

Some U. S. delegates expressed the opinion that the voting crisis may prolong the conference "indefinitely."

The Big Five met for two hours and 45 minutes this morning and called another meeting for early this evening. Press officials issued a virtually unintelligible "communiqué" after the meeting saying:

"They have met. Some progress was made. There are still other points to be discussed. They will meet again this afternoon at 5:30 p. m."