

Yankees Scale Ropes To Mop Up Okinawa Die-Hards

FIGHT TO DEATH FINAL CHOICE OF 10,000 JAPANESE

Surrender Ultimatum of Lt. Gen. Buckner Rejected by Foe; 96th Division Active.

Guam, June 12—(U.P.)—American troops, scaling the Yaeju-Dake escarpment on rope ladders, opened a general assault today against the Japanese survivors on Okinawa who rejected a surrender ultimatum and chose to fight to the death.

Massed artillery blasted a path for Marines and Doughboys as they swarmed up cliffs and attacked with flame-throwers, bayonets and grenades.

The Japanese radio said that the Americans landed reinforcements at Minatoga, a small port on the southeastern shore of Okinawa.

"The Americans have opened a general assault against our positions," Tokyo said.

Only six weary, bleary-eyed Japanese accepted Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's offer of surrender. The remaining garrison of approximately 10,000 men elected to die in a hopeless cause.

When Buckner's offer expired at 6:30 p. m., Tuesday (Okinawa time), orders were flashed to all U. S. artillery and warships to resume fire. They blasted interlocking Japanese fortifications and caves atop the plateau in the kick-off for the final, all-out ground offensive.

Maj. Gen. Pedro DelValle's 1st Marine Division advanced across rice paddies and fought upward along Kunishi Ridge, western arm of Yaeju-Dake plateau. The Leathernecks battled to close the enemy's southern escape route and trap thousands of Japanese in their "lost world" stronghold.

Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th Division attacked the escarpment frontally from the north. The 96th systematically sealed caves with special flame-throwers, fed through long nozzles from tanks below the escarpment.

The first battalion closed approximately 50 caves. It halted a force of Japanese streaming from a cave, chased them back inside, then sealed them in escarpment cliffs with explosives.

JAPS RECAPTURE RAILROAD TOWN

Chungking, June 12—(U.P.)—Counter-attacking Japanese troops recaptured Ishan yesterday in a rear guard battle designed to protect major withdrawals of enemy forces from Liuchow and Kwelin, air base cities in Kwangsi province, the China Combat Command announced today.

Under heavy ground assault, Chinese troops withdrew to the western outskirts of Ishan. But other Chinese forces by-passed Ishan and reached the environs of Liuchow, 43 miles eastward, and threatened to envelope the city.

Ishan, situated on the Kwelin-Kwangsi railroad, was the farthest point of Japanese withdrawal from the Hochih salient, which once posed a threat to the American air base at Kweihsiang.

Elliott Roosevelt Loan Charged Off

Danville, Ill., June 12—(U.P.)—Caruthers C. Ewing, New York attorney said today that Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president, settled a \$200,000 loan with John Hartford president of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., for \$4,000 in 1942.

"The loan was written off by Mr. Hartford in his 1942 income tax report as a bad debt," Ewing, attorney for the A. & P. Co., said.

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE



MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1945

Weather

FORECAST: Continued fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday.
Highest Yesterday Temp. 75
Lowest this Morning 46

VETERAN GROUP DEMAND REFORM IN CARE OF ILL

Legion and VFW Say Vet Hospitals Operating Under Increasing Handicaps.

Washington, June 12—(U.P.)—The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars today demanded immediate and drastic reforms in the Veterans administration to avert an imminent breakdown of veterans' hospitalization.

In separate reports to the House Veterans Affairs committee, the two major veterans organizations presented exhaustive documentary evidence of the steadily increasing handicaps under which veterans hospitals have been operating.

Now Inadequate
"Hospital treatment and care should be at the same high level as that in the famous Mayo clinic and Johns Hopkins hospital," the Legion said. The VFW agreed and said 47 per cent of the veterans' hospitals now give inadequate treatment. Actually, the reports of both groups revealed, standards in veterans hospitals can be compared favorably only with those in state, county and municipal institutions in the same areas. An VFW investigator in Montana observed "That's nothing to brag about."

In individual reports on veterans hospitals from coast to coast, the Legion and VFW found service being impaired almost universally by overcrowding, staff shortages, low salaries and red tape. These conditions were hindering claims and legal services as well as medical care.

Many Complaints
They found, in addition, a wide range of complaints—from the type of pajamas issued to patients to building sanitation. "Disgraceful," "terrible," "deplorable" were frequent adjectives.

The Legion, on the basis of its investigation of 80 of the 97 veterans hospitals, proposed a 10-point reorganization plan which would establish a new post of deputy administrator. Also proposed was a realignment of authority under six assistant administrators instead of the three now functioning.

The Legion called for a complete overhauling of the medical division under an outstanding medical man with the title of, or status equal to, assistant administrator. The other administrators would handle insurance; finance, loan guaranties, readjustment, allowances; vocational training, rehabilitation and education; adjudication of compensation, pension and retirement claims; construction, supplies and contracts.

"Our first recommendation," the report said, "... is for this (house) committee to set in motion an undercover probe" into allegations of maltreatment and neglect in several facilities. Particular mention was made of the Northport, Long Island, N. Y., neuropsychiatric hospital, where complaints have been "numerous."

The VFW put Northport highest on its blacklist.

SHERIFF'S CONDITION REPORTED UNCHANGED

Condition of Sheriff Syd I. Brown, who has been under the care of a physician for the past several months, was reported today to be unchanged. The sheriff was a patient in Medford and Portland hospitals at various times and is now at the family home, 504 South Holly street.

SIDE GLANCES

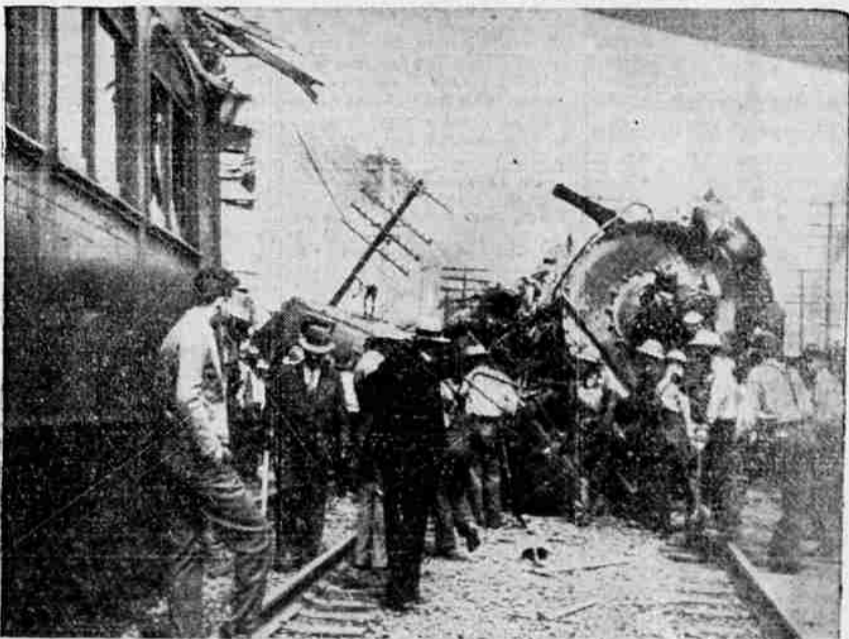
Fireman Earl Harrison whistling merrily as the time for his vacation approaches.

Gene Thorndike arranging a golfing date and leaving instructions for his partner not to forget his pocketbook.

Horace Bromley tripping down Sixth with a load of freshly cleaned wearables.

Thelma Wood flaunting a very fetching veil on a downtown shopping tour.

Trains Collide Near Portland; 15 Hurt



Fifteen persons were injured, two seriously, in the wreck of a Portland-Astoria passenger train and a Seattle freight train when they collided on outskirts of Portland, Ore. The trains crashed when they met at an interlocking switch.

Little Nation Opposition To Veto Power Dwindles As Big Five Seek Early Ballot

San Francisco, June 12—Little nation opposition to big power veto rights in the World Security Council dwindled today as the Big Five confidently sought an early vote on this last major issue at the United Nations conference.

The committee on the Yalta voting formula scheduled two meetings today in an effort to compare debate and begin voting on amendments.

Only six little nations have spoken against the voting formula during two days of debate. Others will speak today. But the big powers are confident of mustering the necessary two-thirds majority for writing the formula into the charter.

Adjournment Goal
The conference itself, meanwhile, virtually leaped toward adjournment. Another commission will hold a public meeting today to approve the section of the charter which will provide the new league's "teeth"—the chapter on enforcement arrangements and military agreements with armed forces when needed.

That charter is designed to prepare the organization for armed intervention to keep the

peace. Another chapter—designed to eradicate some of the economic and social causes of war—was tentatively approved by a commission yesterday. It would create an international council to promote solution of economic and social problems.

Several other committees are ready to report to their parent commissions, the one on regional arrangements having approved its report late yesterday. Conference officials are leaving no stone unturned in their effort to complete the work by June 20.

Big Five Meet
The Big Five met late yesterday for one of their last meetings in the Nob Hill apartment of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. They agreed to oppose mention in the charter of the right of withdrawal of a member from the organization.

They contend the right is implicit and that introduction of it at this late date would have a bad psychological effect on world opinion.

The Big Five also stepped informally into the job of speeding conference work. They created a subcommittee of five technical experts to try to expedite remaining committee work.

The official conference communiqué on the last three hours of debate on the voting issue set the tone for the veto which may come tonight on the voting formula. It said:

"The note which became stronger as discussion progressed through the three-hour long debate was the insistence that, although the Yalta formula had many imperfections and might even be regarded as harmful, it was 'politically and morally' necessary to adopt it."

Must Trust Big Powers
"Over and over it was pointed out by delegates representing Latin America, Western Europe, and the British Commonwealth that it had taken the four sponsoring powers and France 19 days to agree upon their interpretation of the voting procedure, that this effort undoubtedly resulted in the best possible formula now obtainable; and that, under these circumstances,

the smaller powers must trust in the good faith and good intentions of the great powers."

Czechoslovakia, Norway, France, Peru, Canada and China spoke in favor of the veto, while Belgium, the Netherlands and Cuba opposed it at last night's session.

Canadian Delegate L. B. Pearson expressed the sentiments of many of the little nations who dislike the veto but will vote for it. The conference, he said, was at a point where it must make a group decision and forego the right to make a Gallup poll decision in order to make a political decision.

Canada Comforted
Canada is not happy about having to accept the veto principle, Pearson said, but finds comfort in these facts:

1. If the veto is expressed in the Security Council, the vetoed issue is then thrown into the assembly which will be free to discuss it publicly and to make recommendations on it.

2. Faith that the good judgment of the big powers will govern use of the veto.

3. Anticipation that the Security Council can build a sort of code of international "common law" to govern the relations of nations.

FOUR SHIPS LOST ON OKINAWA SHORE

Washington, June 12—Two destroyers, an auxiliary transport and a landing ship were lost off Okinawa with a total of 469 killed, missing or wounded, the navy announced Monday night.

The destroyers were the Longshaw with 179 casualties, and the Drexler with 209. The transport Bates suffered 60 casualties, and the LSM-135 suffered 21.

C. W. CRARY NAMED TO APPRENTICESHIP BOARD

C. W. Crary of Medford was named by Gov. Earl Smith today to serve a three-year term on the new state apprenticeship council, which was authorized by the recent session of the state legislature.

Others named to serve on the council are H. B. Kreitzer and C. E. Holzer, Portland, one year terms; William Krueger, Oregon City, and Ralph Waggoner, Klamath Falls, two year terms and Fred C. King, Portland, three years.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN
Washington..... 5 12 3
New York..... 3 10 1
Leonard, Wolff and Ferrell; Dubiel, Turner and Crompton.

NATIONAL
New York..... 4 7 2
Brooklyn..... 7 9 4
Mungo, Enmerich, Adams and Lombardi; Lombardi and Dan-tonio.

Philadelphia..... 0 4 1
Boston..... 10 12 0
Wyatt and Mancuso, Sem-inick; Hutchins and Mast.

TRUMAN BALKED IN REQUEST FOR PERMANENT FEPC

House Rules Committee Rejects Plea For Consideration of Bill in 6 to 6 Vote.

Washington, June 12—(U.P.)—The House Rules committee, rejecting a plea by President Truman, refused today to permit the House consider a bill for establishing a permanent fair employment practice commission.

Committee Chairman Adolph J. Sabath, D., Ill., said the vote was six to six. He would not say how the votes were divided among the eight democrats and four republicans on the committee.

Sabath said the committee's action would not "foreclose" any future action on the bill. But, he added, "nothing will be done about it for some time."

Hard to Dig Out
It would be possible for proponents of the permanent FEPC bill to try to bring it before the House through a petition discharging the rules committee from further consideration of it. This is a long procedure, requiring 218 signatures to the petition, but it was effective in the case of the anti-poll tax bill on which the House will vote today.

The FEPC bill has been bottled up in the rules committee since March. Last week President Truman in a letter to Sabath urged that the House be given a chance to vote on it.

HOPKINS REPORTS TO PRESIDENT ON MOSCOW MISSION

Washington, June 12—(U.P.)—Harry L. Hopkins returned today from a special mission to Moscow for President Truman. He went immediately to the White House to give the chief executive a firsthand report on his conferences with Marshal Josef Stalin.

Hopkins looked very tired as he stepped off the air transport command plane that brought him from Europe. He said he felt "all right" after his long aerial journey back to this country.

Hopkins' wife went to Russia with him but did not return. He explained that "the army has been visiting hospitals in Europe."

Hopkins would not comment on his mission to the Soviet capital or his conferences with Stalin.

After he receives Hopkins' report this afternoon, Mr. Truman is expected to discuss several international situations at his press conference tomorrow, probably including Russian relations in general as well as the specific Polish issue.

With Hopkins was Charles E. Bohlen, state department Russian expert and political adviser who was in Moscow with him.

action

Medford residents may still cast a vote in the special bond election being held today, since polls will be open until 8 p. m.

First ward residents vote at the Roosevelt school, second ward, courthouse; third ward, Fichtner's garage; fourth ward, city hall. Any registered voter living within the city limits is eligible to vote.

Results of the balloting will be tabulated by the boards immediately after the polls close and the office of the city recorder will have full results tomorrow morning. Information will be available at the Mall Tribune by 8 a. m., Wednesday.

TRUMAN FAVORS SOLON PAY HIKE UNDER FORMULA

Washington, June 12—(U.P.)—President Truman today advocated an immediate salary raise for members of congress consistent with the Little Steel formula of wage stabilization, which would limit the increase to \$1,500 annually.

In a letter to House Speaker Sam Rayburn, D., Tex., and Senate President Kenneth D. McKellar, D., Tenn., the President said that once government salary controls are lifted, congressional salaries should be increased to at least \$15,000.

The House already has voted itself an annual "expense account" of \$2,500. Mr. Truman said last week that while he thought congress should take a more direct approach than this to increase its income, he would not disapprove such a measure.

150 SUPERFORTS IN HISTORIC HOP

Guam, June 12—(U.P.)—One hundred fifty Superforts making up the entire 58th bombardment wing of the 20th army air force has joined Marianas-based B-29s after an historic 3,600 mile march flight from India to Tinian without the loss of a single plane, it was officially announced today.

The 58th, oldest of all the B-29 organizations, joined Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May's "Japan Express" forces in the Marianas and has been taken into the 21st bomber command, it was revealed on the first anniversary of the inauguration of B-29 combat against Japan.

Simultaneously, it was announced that the Marianas-based goliath bombers are now divided into four bombardment wings.

New York, June 12—(U.P.)—Five women postoffice employees were held in bail of \$250 each today on charges of rifling packages returned from overseas because the servicemen they were addressed to were either dead or missing in action.

Bosc Pear Growers In Favor Of Strong Promotion Effort

A large majority of orchardists in this district growing Bosc pears have signed an agreement designed to put marketing of this variety on a sound basis, it was announced today through Shelby M. Tuttle, member of the Bosc Promotion committee.

"Rogue River Valley Bosc pear growers are not going to sit idly and wait for the post-war pear depression to bring them the not yet forgotten red ink statement of orchardists that grow this variety have signed up for the plan that will put marketing of Bosc pears on a sound basis that should insure the popularity of these pears in the years ahead and insure themselves a fair profit for their work."

Program Planned
The plan provides that each grower, besides contributing five cents a box for advertising and promotion, shall agree to the marketing of his Bosc pears during the period that they are in prime condition, the committee

states. Committee members point out that getting the pears to the consumer in such condition that he will enjoy eating them and want more is the most important part of the program. For that reason they are anxious to get 100 per cent approval from the Bosc growers and strongly urge the few growers not yet signed up to take this action so work can be started at once on this project.

Bosc Finest
The Bosc pear plan will have the cooperation of the Winter Pear committee that promotes all fall and winter pears, it is stated. A member of the local committee further states that the Hood River growers are planning an active campaign to fully publicize Bosc pears marketed from that district.

"It has long been an accepted fact that Southern Oregon Bosc pears are the finest grown," the statement concludes. "For that reason it is important to keep these fine fruits and the story behind them in the best world markets."

ANTI-POLL TAX BILL APPROVED

Washington, June 12—(U.P.)—Republicans and northern Democrats overrode southern opposition again today and approved legislation to outlaw the poll tax as a voting requirement in federal elections.

The bill was passed by a roll call vote of 251 to 104 and sent to the senate, where two earlier house-approved anti-poll tax bills have died.

The house action came shortly after the southerners had scored a major victory in preventing rules committee approval of a bill to create a permanent fair employment practices commission. The southerners had opposed both measures, but had conceded house passage of the poll tax bill. They believed, however, that the bill will be talked to death in the senate as were its predecessors.

SERIA AGAIN SCENE OF BRIEF FIGHTING

Beyrouth, June 12—(U.P.)—Fighting again broke out in Syria yesterday when 30 were wounded in a clash between Syrians and native troops under the French, dispatches from Damascus said today.

The brief battle occurred at Jisr Elchagour, halfway between L'Attaque and Aleppo. Two British tanks intervened and restored order, the dispatches said.

Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date \$422,231
Quota \$1,067,000

CAFES, BAKERIES MAY BE CLOSED BY LACK OF FAT

Medford Establishments Are Facing Emergency—C. of C. Wires Ellsworth.

Medford restaurants and bakeries face the necessity of closing unless additional shortening supplies can be obtained in the near future. Chamber of Commerce officials and restaurant operators stated today. A poll of these establishments made yesterday by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce showed that one bakery has already been forced to close, others have ceased making pies and cakes and are conserving fat supplies for bread and rolls and most restaurants reported shortening supplies very low.

Chamber officials have conferred with Congressman Harris Ellsworth on the emergency and it was reported that an effort would be made to have additional supplies released. The shortage is not due to points, but to a lack of supplies at the wholesale level, it was said. Calls to wholesale and retail establishments yesterday found that about 500 pounds of shortening on hand in the city.

Pork Lard Blamed
While the shortage of fat is a problem in all sections of the country, locally it is thought the present emergency has been brought on by low pork production. Jack Burris, restaurant owner working with the Chamber of Commerce gathering facts for OPA and Chamber of Commerce officials, stated that many restaurant and bakery owners here had formerly purchased large quantities of lard from valley producers and that this supply has dwindled in recent months. This leaves the Medford operators without outside contacts from which fat supplies may be purchased, he said.

Burris and others are of the opinion that recent steps taken by the government to increase pork production will eventually solve the problem, but in the meantime hope that by some means a carload or so of shortening can be released from army or other supplies for local sale.

The bakery and restaurant business is closely allied, Burris pointed out, since the restaurants and cafes for the bake shops for their bread, pastry and cake supplies. Closure of any one establishment throws upon the ones remaining open and any establishment forced to close for any considerable length of time might not be able to re-open, he said.

FEW MEXICAN LABORERS ARRIVE FOR FARM WORK
Mexican farm workers are arriving here in small numbers for orchard work, County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports. They will not be here in full force until just before the pear harvest season, it is assumed. They are now being employed in the pea and sugar beet fields of eastern Oregon and Idaho, and are expected to be assigned to this valley with others when jobs there are completed.

The county agent also stated application had been made for German prisoners of war for farm work. The sugar beet fields have the first priority for farm labor.

WISHING WELL

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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. 6-12

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