

Beaten Japanese Surrender On Okinawa's Suicide Cliffs

Weather

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Cooler Thursday. Scattered showers in mountains Thursday.
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MANY FANATICS LEAP TO DEATH ON SHORE ROCKS

Tokyo Reports Large Yank Convoy Assembled West of Okinawa For Landing.

Guam, Thursday, June 21—(U.P.)—The 82-day battle for Okinawa was ending in complete American victory today with thousands of beaten Japanese troops and bewildered civilians surrendering to onrushing U. S. forces along the southern "suicide cliffs."

Many enemy soldiers, in a familiar pattern of last ditch despair, committed suicide by hurling themselves from the 100-foot cliffs onto the jagged rocks lining the shore.

Many Surrender

Sixty-five hundred Okinawa civilians and 455 Japanese army and navy personnel streamed into the 7th division lines on the southeastern front in a 24-hour period starting at noon Tuesday.

United Press War Correspondent Russell Annabel reported many half-naked civilians attempted to descend the cliffs on ropes to escape American gunfire, but that vengeful Japanese cut the ropes and let the Okinawans drop onto the rocks below.

Even while final enemy resistance cracked, Tokyo again reported apprehensively that a large American transport convoy was assembled in the Keramas west of Okinawa, presumably preparing for new amphibious operations against Japanese islands.

Root Out Fanatics

The 10th army hacked the last Japanese into tiny, isolated pockets, and killed hundreds of fanatical holdouts in their caves and foxholes.

Although victory was at hand, the savage business of flushing Japanese machine gunners with flamethrowers and grenades continued.

"We're starting the mop-up, and that sounds easy," said an American soldier. "But hell—it's the toughest part of any campaign."

Pearl Harbor, June 20—(U.P.)—

Strong winds swept across the Japanese homeland today and fanned the fires set by Superfortresses in their attacks on three cities over a dozen hours earlier. It looked as if the Superforts would not have to bother any more with the cities—Shizuoka and Toyohashi on Honshu and Fukuoka on Kyushu.

Tokyo Jitters

Tokyo saw attacks, real and fanciful, coming in any and all directions.

Japanese broadcast reported that minesweepers had started to work clearing Balikpapan bay, perhaps preliminary to an invasion of the rich oil area on Borneo's east coast.

On the Chinese mainland, the Japanese were on the verge of losing another highly-desired base as Chinese forces drove into the suburbs of Liuchow in south China. One Chinese column was three miles from the airfield formerly used as an American bomber base.

Japs Claim Success

The Japanese claimed their own "lightning" offensive in southern Kiangsi province, north of Canton. The Domei agency said that Japanese forces opened an offensive on June 16 which resulted in a "crushing blow" to six Chinese divisions.

Enemy forces still hadn't turned to make a stand in northern Luzon, where the 37th division reeled off another 13-mile advance along the Cagayan valley. The 37th crossed the Cagayan river, a formidable barrier, and advanced within three miles of Ilagan, a provincial capital of 30,000.

ASHLAND VOTERS NAME TWO TO SCHOOL BOARD

Ashland, June 20—(U.P.)—Seventeen voters went to the polls here Monday and elected Mrs. Mern Provost to a one year term and Paul Finnell was approved for a five year term as directors of the school board. They were the only candidates.

Morse made his first telegraph instrument from an old picture frame.

HOWARD C. GAULT NAMED SHERIFF OF JACKSON CO.

Chief Deputy To Serve Unexpired Term of Late Syd Brown; Will Retain Staff.

Howard C. Gault, chief deputy in the sheriff's office, was appointed today to serve out the unexpired term of Sheriff Syd I. Brown who passed away last Sunday. Last rites for Brown were held this morning.

Gault was sworn in early this afternoon and announced he would retain the present office personnel. Members of the county court said early naming of the sheriff's successor was necessary in order to handle legal matters pertaining to the office.

The new sheriff was appointed as chief deputy in 1935, and has served since then except for several months at Camp White. His appointment is for the term ending with the year 1946. Candidates for the office will enter the May primary in 1946 and the party selections will then compete in the general election in the fall of that year. The successful candidate will assume office with the start of 1947.

The newly appointed sheriff is a native of Medford having been born here in 1905, the son of pioneer parents. He and Mrs. Gault and their three children make their home at 105 Tripp street.

TRIESTE INCIDENT AMICABLY ENDED

Rome, June 20—(U.P.)—The "Trieste incident" was settled amicably today with the announcement of an agreement providing for joint occupation of the disputed Italo-Yugoslav border area by American, British and Yugoslav troops pending final disposition of the territory at the peace conference.

Allied headquarters announced that the three-power accord was concluded in Belgrade and that all military details in connection with the pact have been completed.

Medical Corps To Enjoy Combat Pay

Washington, June 20—(U.P.)—The house today unanimously passed a bill to qualify officers and men of the army medical corps for combat pay.

Last year, congress passed legislation to give infantrymen and other "combat troops" an extra \$10 a month during battle duty. But medical corpsmen, Rep. Forest A. Harness, R., Ind., told the house, were not eligible to receive this extra pay because the war department does not consider them as "combat troops."

Salem City Aides Get Salary Boost

Salem, June 20—(U.P.)—Salary increases aggregating \$19,000 a year were voted to employees of the city of Salem by the city council Monday night after one of the councilmen had discovered an allegedly unbudgeted surplus of \$125,000 in city funds. The pay increases range from \$13 a month for some police and firemen to \$50 a month for the city recorder and purchasing agent.

CARPENTER ACQUITTED IN DOUBLE SLAUGHTER

Grangeville, Ida., June 20—(U.P.)—George Cammack, 60-year-old Grangeville carpenter, was acquitted of a double murder charge by a district court jury here last night after two hours and 20 minutes of deliberation. Cammack had been charged with shooting to death Clyde Morrow, 34-year-old northern Idaho stockman, and Mrs. Mabel Meade, 50, a Grangeville waitress. Their bodies were found June 6, in the bedroom of an apartment owned by Cammack.

Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date \$486,019
Quota \$1,067,000

Hitler and Eva Braun Killed Selves On Eve Of Berlin Fall, Claim

Berchtesgaden, June 20—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun shot and killed themselves in an underground bunker behind the Berlin reichschancellery on April 30, a man who said he saw their gasoline-soaked, burning bodies and Hitler shot today.

Hitler and Eva, who long had been his mistress, were married two days before they committed suicide as nazidom was crashing about them in the midst of the Russian siege of Berlin, the witness said.

Chauffeur Talks

Hitler's personal chauffeur, Eric Kempke, gave the first eyewitness account bearing out Nazi reports that Hitler died in Berlin shortly before it fell to the red army.

Kempke said he carried Eva Braun's body from the bunker a little before 3 p.m. April 30 after she and Hitler shot themselves with pistols.

Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels and his wife killed themselves in an unknown manner in a bunker on the night of May 1—the day before Berlin fell—Kempke said.

The bunker was saturated with gasoline and set on fire after the suicide of Goebbels and his wife, the chauffeur reported.

Nazis Wounded

Kempke said that between 3 and 4 a.m. on May 2 he saw three other topflight nazis wounded, probably fatally, while trying to flee Berlin.

They were Martin Bormann, Nazi party leader; Werner Naumann, state secretary in the propaganda ministry who married Hitler and Eva; and Dr. Stumpfegger, Hitler's personal physician in the last days of Nazi resistance.

Kempke, 34, had been Hitler's No. 1 chauffeur since 1936. He left Berlin on the morning of May 3, and after a series of dramatic escapes from the Russians who already had captured the capital reached British territory west of the Elbe late in May.

He arrived last Monday at Hintersee near Berchtesgaden, where his wife had been evacuated earlier.

Taken By Yanks

Troops of the 101st airborne division captured Kempke.

He said that a little before Hitler and Eva killed themselves Hitler announced their intention to Otto Guensche, one of his personal adjutants. He ordered Guensche to have both bodies burned so no remains would fall into Russian hands, the chauffeur reported.

He said that besides himself, witnesses at the burning of the bodies were Bormann, Goebbels, again.

FRANCE DENOUNCED

San Francisco, June 20—(U.P.)—Egyptian Delegate Abdel Hamid Badawai Pasha, speaking in behalf of the Arab league at a public session of the United Nations conference today denounced France for recent "acts of aggression" against Syria.

The French delegate, Maurice De Jean, tried in vain to have the Egyptian delegate called to order but Commission Chairman Wilhelm Franckenstein of Norway declined to do so on ground it would unduly delay proceedings.

The big five may persuade Evatt to change his mind before tonight and accept the Russian counterproposal, which arrived only last night. If they fail, another proposal may have to be referred back to Moscow. That would certainly push conference adjournment into next week.

Officials Hopeful

The Australian and Russian positions were said to be very close together and officials were hopeful that the final session would not have to be postponed beyond Saturday. Today marks the start of the ninth week of the conference and President Truman is waiting in Olympia, Wash., to come here for the final session. If necessary, he will wait there until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The big five arranged an early meeting today — their fourth within 24 hours — to continue to search for reconciliation of the Russian and Australian views on matters which the general assembly can discuss. The United States and Great Britain are playing mediator roles, seeing little if any substantive difference between the two positions. Language seems to be the major barrier to agreement—the same

bugaboo that has bogged down this conference many times before.

Simplified, the problem is that the Russians want the assembly's discussion powers limited to subjects related to the maintenance of international peace and security. The Australians, acting as spokesmen for the little nations, want unlimited discussion in the assembly.

Strange Conflict

"It is a curious thing," Evatt told the United Press, "that the charter itself specifically mentions fundamental freedoms which include freedom of discussion, yet the power of the assembly itself to exercise so fundamental a freedom is being called into question."

Otherwise the conference was making giant strides toward adjournment. Four of the proposed 14 chapters of the charter were

CHICAGO STRIKE HALTS DELIVERY OF NEEDED DRUGS

Prescription Supplies Critically Low; Army Bringing in 10,000 G. I. Drivers.

Chicago, June 20—(U.P.)—Prescription supplies in Chicago drug stores dropped dangerously low today as big trucks stood idle in warehouses of wholesale drug firms.

The army announced it was bringing 10,000 steel-helmeted combat troops into the city to alleviate the paralyzing truck drivers' strike that disrupted transport of essential civilian goods and war materials.

Drug houses said the "situation was critical." In several cases drug store operators said their prescription supplies were "close to the vanishing point."

Groceries Short

Grocery stores reported a shortage in perishable vegetables and fruits but said dry grocery supplies still were ample.

"How long we can continue to supply customers is problematical, however," one grocer said. Ten thousand truck drivers went on strike Saturday.

By United Press

The army began operation of the strike-bound Diamond Alkali Company plant at Painesville, O., as a nation-wide wave of strikes curtailed war production.

President Truman ordered seizure of the Alkali plant after Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson described the strike of 2000 workers as "one of the most critical from a war standpoint."

At the same time the War Labor Board ordered 5500 strikers at the McCormick Works of the International Harvester Company, Chicago, back to work today. The strike had halted production of farm equipment and war goods.

WLB Ignored

A WLB back-to-work order to 18,000 Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company Akron, strikers was ignored. Leaders of the United Rubber Workers, CIO, disclaimed any responsibility in the strike, and strikers gave no clear cause for the walkout.

JENNIFER DIVORCED

Hollywood, June 20—(U.P.)—Jennifer Jones who rose from obscurity to win an Academy award for her performance in "The Song of Bernadette" today received an interlocutory decree of divorce from her actor husband, Robert Walker.

Aussie War Brides Come To America

San Francisco, June 20—(U.P.)—The largest group of Australian war brides and their babies to arrive in America today were en route to new homes in this country.

A total of 543 women and children arrived here on a transport late yesterday, bewildered but eager to see their husbands again.

Southern Pacific Officials Confer

James Ormandy, general passenger agent, northern territory, Southern Pacific company, and L. P. Hopkins, superintendent of Portland division, are in Medford today conferring with company officials.

Ormandy said Southern Pacific is prepared to handle heavy movement of soldiers scheduled for this area with reactivation of Camp White.

OPA Drove Him Mad Says Suicide Note

Denver, June 20—(U.P.)—R. W. Ross of Chicago, 52-year-old salesman for an oil company, plunged to his death from the eighth story of a hotel today after writing a note saying that "OPA has driven me mad."

TWO NAMES ADDED TO WAR CASUALTY LISTS

Latest casualty list of the Office of War Information contains the names of two additional valley men reported wounded in action. Cpl. Louis J. Clave, husband of Mrs. Frances Clave, Eagle Point, has been wounded while serving in the Pacific region. Also listed was Pfc. Kenneth L. Smith of the marine corps, son of Mrs. Clara A. Smith, 522 North Riverside avenue.

SUGAR INCREASE SOUGHT BY CORDON, WIRE SAYS

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a telegram from Senator Guy Cordon concerning a wire recently dispatched to Sen. Cordon regarding canning sugar allotment in Oregon.

The message stated Sen. Cordon had made a strong appeal to Administrator Chester Bowles of OPA for an increase in canning sugar allotment for Oregon and would keep the Chamber of Commerce advised of results.

SHIRLEY AT BARNES

Vancouver, Wash., June 20—(U.P.)—Shirley Temple, one-time tiny tot of movie fame, arrived here from Hollywood today for a scheduled two-day visit at the army's Barnes general hospital to entertain convalescing G-I's.

CONFERENCE MAY DELAY TRUMAN RETURN TO EUROPE

Efforts to Have San Francisco Sessions End Saturday Having Little Success.

Olympia, Wash., June 20—(U.P.)—President Truman, resting in the Northwest today sought to have the United Nations conference at San Francisco end Saturday on schedule, but he appeared to be having little success.

In fact, the president was prepared to extend his visit here until sometime early next week while he awaits the completion of a vast, last-minute pile-up of paper work at the conference.

Mr. Truman was convinced there was nothing fundamental in the delay at San Francisco; that the work remaining was largely a matter of recording, formalizing and translating documents.

May Miss Dewey

If the president remains on the West Coast until next Monday or Tuesday—which now seems to be the most likely date for the conference to end—it will mean the postponement of his date in Washington next Monday with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the 1944 Republican presidential candidate.

It also will mean that the president will go direct from San Francisco to homecoming celebrations at Independence, Mo., and Kansas City on June 27 and June 28.

The president was in frequent contact with San Francisco and was constantly urging that the conference be brought to an end because he is anxious to present the final charter to the senate for consent to ratification as soon as possible.

The president's schedule today contained only two brief engagements — the presentation of the congressional medal of honor to a hero of the Northwest, and a reception for state officials.

Other work he was taking it easy. The president was up this morning about 5:30 o'clock and walked through the beautiful executive mansion grounds with his host, Gov. Mon Wallgren.

Tomorrow the president will hold a news conference at 10 a. m. (PWT) and later in the day go for a fishing trip on southern Puget Sound.

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NEW YORK WELCOMES 'GEN. IKE'

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Lye Water Douse Removes Hair Of Belligerent One

Berkeley, Calif., June 20—(U.P.)—Ben O. Knighten, 18, lost all his hair today when he was doused with a bucket of lye and water by Mrs. Annie Mae Griffin, 21.

Mrs. Griffin, who was booked at the city jail on a charge of "assault with a caustic," claimed that Knighten stood beneath the window of her home and challenged her husband, A. T. Griffin, to come out and finish a fight started earlier in a tavern. Knighten, she said, brought along two sailors as reinforcements.

Mrs. Griffin then opened the window and scored a direct hit on Knighten, who was taken to Berkeley Hospital for burns on his head, face and shoulders.

Ward's Chairman Receives \$100,850

Philadelphia, June 20—(U.P.)—Sewell L. Avery received \$100,850 as chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc., Chicago, during 1944, the company's report to the Securities and Exchange Commission showed today.

Montgomery Ward which was operated part of 1944 by the U. S. government also paid its president, C. D. Ryan, \$95,800 and its vice president, R. S. Stevens, \$55,280.

Strange Highballs Kill Five Negroes

Gadsden, Ala., June 20—(U.P.)—Highballs of paint thinner and lilac toilet water today had resulted in the deaths of five negroes following a party last Friday night at which they drank the alcoholic mixture.

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WISHING WELL

Registered U. S. Patent Office.

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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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