

BLOODY OKINAWA BATTLE ENDED

OVER 87,343 NIPS KILLED IN 82-DAY FIGHT FOR ISLAND

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to night and Friday. Afternoon thunder showers in mountains. Slightly cooler Friday.
Highest Yesterday Temp. 68
Lowest this Morning 41

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GRANGE IRKED BY WALTON LEAGUE'S IRRIGATION STAND

Sams Valley Chapter Urges All Farmers to Bar Walton Anglers, Hunters.

All farmers of the Rogue River Basin are urged to close their lands to fishing and hunting by members of the Izaak Walton league in a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Sams Valley Grange held June 16. The resolution carried by a large majority, a grange spokesman states.

The resolution as presented for publication was signed by John L. Peffley, master of the Sams Valley Grange. It reads in full:

"It is resolved by the Sams Valley Grange that all farmers of the Rogue River Basin be publicly urged to close their farms to both fishing and hunting for members of the Izaak Walton league. It is also resolved that the following reasons be given for the action:

"The Rogue River Basin district comprised of Jackson and Josephine counties is an agricultural district. Over three-fourths of its productive income and wealth is from agriculture and its future economic well being is tied to the growth and progressiveness of its agricultural industry. The one thing needed to make possible tremendous growth in the agricultural wealth of the district is sufficient irrigation water. At the present time there is around 60,000 acres under irrigation. Some of this never has enough water and all of it is subject to short water years. There are over 80,000 additional acres suitable for irrigation but no water available.

"In order to determine the possibility of getting water for these irrigable acres the two counties, the state of Oregon and the U. S. Reclamation bureau have spent a number of years making a survey of all water resources of the Rogue River Basin. The Reclamation bureau report on its findings has not yet been made public.

"The Izaak Walton league has an unsubstantiated fear that a dam on Rogue river would harm one or two varieties of fish, in spite of wild life survey evidence to the contrary. Knowing that the people of this district will overwhelmingly support a program to improve their economic well being if the Reclamation bureau survey proves the project feasible, the Izaak Walton league is trying to build up enough opposition outside of this district to kill our chances of getting water for this land.

"In this selfish endeavor to bring outside opposition to our local project the Izaak Walton league is using false and misleading statements.

"Since the Izaak Walton league ignores the interests of the majority of the people in this district we take this action to protest the activities of the Izaak Walton league."

Rain of Tinfoil Harmless Secret

Seattle, June 21.—(U.P.)—Military authorities have the mystery of the flying tinfoil well in hand, and that's official.

Alarmed King county residents, fearful of some new Japanese trick, phoned officials today to report shiny bits of tinfoil raining from the sky.

"We know all about it," officials assured them, "and we know the purpose for which it is being used although we can't explain it for security reasons. But take it from us it's harmless."

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank Rogers wondering how one could "erect" a basement.

Commissioner Powell trying to make a visitor at a welfare commission believe she was in need of an old-age pension.

Heads Together



(Acme Telephoto) Foreign Minister Manuel C. Gallardo of Peru (seated) and Miguel Angel Carcano, Argentina's ambassador to London, put their heads together during a UNCTO executive committee session.

PUBLIC OFFICES TO CLOSE FRIDAY ACCOUNT VOTING

Tomorrow Jackson county residents will go to the polls to vote on two referendum taxation measures. Voting will be from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. at the regularly designated precinct polling places of the county.

The two measures are a bill authorizing a tax levy for the state building fund and one authorizing a cigarette tax to support public schools. A light vote is anticipated.

As is usual, a number of public buildings and places of business will be closed. Closing are the county courthouse, the city hall, both the First National and United States National banks and the store of the Oregon Liquor Control commission. City police also point out that under a law passed by the last legislature all licensees dispensing intoxicating liquor must not sell these for consumption on the premises during the election hours.

QUEEN MARY ARRIVES AT NEW YORK HARBOR

New York, June 21.—(U.P.)—The last of 14,526 American soldiers and sailor passengers marched off the liner Queen Mary at 6:15 a. m. today after the great ship's first announced arrival since Great Britain went to war. The 81,235-ton liner met a noisy greeting of New York harbor whistles as she sailed up the bay yesterday afternoon to the pier she has left and docked at in secrecy throughout the war.

TWO CONFIRMED

Washington, June 21.—(U.P.)—The senate has confirmed unanimously the nominations of Artemus L. Gates of New York to be under-secretary of the navy and John L. Sullivan of New Hampshire to be assistant secretary of the navy for air.

200,000 Voters To Decide Issues In Friday Election

Salem, June 21.—(U.P.)—An estimated 200,000 or so voters will decide tomorrow whether Oregon will vote \$10,000,000 in surplus income tax funds to the State Institution building program, and whether cigarettes will be taxed in the state to benefit schools.

Support for the building fund has been almost universal in the press of the state, with only one or two newspapers declaring against it. Other opposition has failed to appear, and probably the only way that it could be defeated would be for supporters to stay away from the polls.

The measure, while called a "tax levy" would add no burden on property tax payers, since the money will be taken from existing funds. Considerably less support, and

BOLIVIA INJECTS TERRITORY ISSUE INTO CONFERENCE

Nation Which Lost Sea Outlet in War with Chile Asks Consideration at Meeting.

San Francisco, June 21.—(U.P.)—Bolivia, the land-locked South American plateau country, today broke the informal rule of no territorial discussions at the United Nations Security conference with a bid for an outlet to the sea.

The proposal was made at an open commission session considering the sole remaining unapproved chapter of the world charter—the chapter on the political and security functions of the general assembly. It was voiced by Victor Andrade, Bolivian ambassador to the United States and chairman of the conference committee reporting to the commission.

One of Last Steps

The session marked one of the last steps prior to formal signing of the final charter on behalf of the 50 nations represented here, slated for Monday. President Truman is to address the closing session of the parley on Tuesday, under the revised schedule announced yesterday. "My people," Andrade said at the commission session, "hemmed in by the Andes mountains, look towards the future with faith in the World Organization, which some day will study the problems arising from Bolivia's mid-continent situation and will recognize the right of that land-locked people to be linked to the rest of the world through having its own free access to the sea."

His statement was the first bid by a United Nation for the World Organization to review and recommend revision of a treaty—one of the controversial issues of this conference. Bolivia lost her land on the Pacific coast—now part of Chile—to Chile in a war at the end of the last century. The treaty formally making Bolivia a land-locked nation was signed between Bolivia and Chile in 1904.

Dispute Settled

The commission received the report from Andrade's committee which had been delayed in completion of its work by a dispute between Soviet Russia, supported by the big powers, and Australia, supported by the little powers, over the right of the assembly to talk. That issue was settled yesterday with a compromise which gives to the assembly the right to discuss any matter "within the scope of the charter."

Australian Foreign Minister Herbert V. Ewart contends that the new phrase will not in any sense prevent the assembly from being the "town meeting of the world"—the forum for world opinion.

Today's commission session marks the end of the major phase of this conference. All technical committee work has been completed and only routine and formal steps remain to complete the charter of the new organization.

TRUMAN EXPECTS IMPROVEMENT IN FOOD SITUATION

New Food Administration to Straighten Out Problem Is Executive's Forecast.

Olympia, Wash., June 21.—(U.P.)—President Truman today forecast a material improvement in the national food situation when the new food administration takes over.

Mr. Truman made this forecast in a special news conference here in the office of governor Mon Wallgren, his host during a vacation in the northwest. The conference was held primarily for reporters from this section.

The President said he thought the food situation would straighten out automatically as soon as the new administrator—Rep. Clinton Anderson, D., N. M., who becomes administrator and secretary of agriculture—takes over his job.

Congress Praised

Mr. Truman also praised congress for its renewal of the Trade Agreements act, saying this action "places the United States squarely behind the principles of international trade cooperation which must prevail in the interests of world peace and economic 'well being.'"

At the same time the President expressed gratification over the progress of the San Francisco-United Nations conference, saying he was very happy that it had been a success.

To Visit Portland

He announced plans to make a brief stop Monday at Portland, Ore., en route to San Francisco where he will address the adjourning session of the conference on Tuesday.

Mr. Truman said he would leave here at 10 a. m. Monday and fly to Portland, arriving there about 11 o'clock, and leaving there in time to reach San Francisco about 4 p. m. Monday.

Mr. Truman's remarks about the food situation were touched off by a questioner who wanted to know what he thought of the statement by former President Hoover that controls of meat prices and distribution appeared to have broken down completely.

The President said Mr. Hoover had been helpful in their recent talk in Washington, but he had not read his statement and consequently could not comment directly.

Tomorrow Longest Day of Year Says Weather Bureau

Tomorrow will be the longest day of the year, according to statistics from the Medford weather bureau. The sun will rise at 5:36 a. m. and set at 8:50 p. m. Calculated to the nearest minute, from June 17 to 24 however, there are the same number of hours of sunshine. The sun will set at 8:50 p. m. for 13 consecutive days beginning June 22 and ending July 4.

Relief from the recent heat wave was seen for the state today with a forecast of cloudiness and slightly cooler tonight and Friday.

Strikebound Mill Destroyed by Fire

Reno, Nev., June 21.—(U.P.)—Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the strikebound mill of the T. J. Seemes Lumber company at Chilcot, Calif., north of Reno, yesterday causing an estimated \$40,000 damages.

The mill, with capacity of about 45,000 feet daily, had been working on a partial scale since June 11, when T. J. Seemes, president of the company, refused to sign a new contract with the CIO and the 46 workers staged a walkout.

The Republic of Chile is 2000 miles long.

Seventh War Loan Drive

"E" Sales to Date \$504,956.75
Quota \$1,067,000

UNION DISPUTES AND PAY STRIKES CUT PRODUCTION

Worst Work Stoppage At Packard Plant in Detroit in A.F.L. and C.I.O. Battle.

By United Press
Jurisdictional and pay disputes hampered work production in many sections of the country today as the number of workers on strike mounted rapidly.

The worst work stoppage was in Detroit where 20,000 employees of Packard's main aircraft motor plant quit their jobs at noon.

The walkout was the result of a spreading jurisdictional battle between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Say AFL Men Hired

The Packard company said CIO workers left their posts in protest against the hiring of AFL skilled workers. The plant makes Rolls-Royce motors for warplanes.

The Detroit flareup brought to more than 70,000 the number of workers idle in widely-scattered sections of the country as a result of labor troubles. Another 39,000 were threatening strikes.

Detroit was the hardest hit with at least 30,000 workers idle. Chicago was in the midst of a truck drivers' strike that was threatening drug supplies and perishable commodities.

The War Labor Board was trying to stall off a strike of 16,000 workers called by the Glass, Ceramic and Silica Workers union (CIO) in 10 plants of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., and the Libbey-Owen-Ford Glass Co.

Shell Plant Idle

A new labor dispute closed the Oakes products division of Houllis-Hershey Corp., plant in Decatur, Ill. The plant, which manufactures shells for the navy, was shut down when 500 employees walked out because of delay in pay negotiations.

Decatur also was suffering a bread shortage caused by the walkout of 117 bakers.

EASLEY KILLED BY JAP SNIPER IN FRONT AREA

Okinawa, June 21.—(U.P.)—Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, Thorp Springs, Tex., assistant commander of the 96th infantry division here, killed June 19 by a Japanese machine gun sniper, was buried yesterday in an Okinawa cemetery.

Easley was shot through the head while visiting a forward observation post. He was the second general officer killed in action in the Okinawa campaign. His death occurred one day after that of Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.

Easley was directing machine-gun fire against enemy machine-gun positions. The exchange of fire became a bitter duel and after several minutes of intense fire, he was struck by a burst from an enemy gun.

Scene of the gun duel was the Yaeju-Dake plateau in wildly broken, brushy country, where the Japanese, refusing to retreat, were defending their positions with their lives.

A veteran of the Philippine campaign, Easley was the first general officer to be wounded there.

He had a national reputation as a small arms expert, and his nickname was "Deadeye." Mrs. Easley lives in Washington, D. C.

VACATION WITH HAY

Baltimore, June 21.—(U.P.)—For the first time Baltimore's police horses will get two weeks vacation—with hay. The horses, 16 of them, will be sent two at a time to the Baltimore county humane society's pastures near Pikesville, Md., to loaf and eat as much as they want.

Truman Welcomed to West Coast



(Acme Telephoto) President Harry S. Truman (right) is welcomed to Washington state by Gov. Mon S. Wallgren at McChord Field, near Olympia. Mr. Truman will enjoy a brief holiday in the Pacific Northwest before he flies to San Francisco for final UNCTO session.

Japanese Used Every Trick In Effort To Keep Okinawa

By William F. Tyree
United Press Correspondent

Guam, June 21.—(U.P.)—The American invasion of Okinawa was an outright menace to the Japanese homeland and, in a desperate attempt to frustrate it, the Japanese tried every trick in their book.

When the kamikazes had done their worst and the last Japanese infantryman had been driven to the suicide cliffs at the southernmost tip of the 65-mile long island, approximately 90,000 of the enemy were dead and the U. S. 10th army had suffered 30,000 casualties.

30,000 U. S. Casualties

In exchange for 30,000 casualties, America had won a priceless invasion springboard for the final attack upon the enemy's homeland.

The late Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's 10th army was brand new to Pacific warfare as a unit. But its veteran divisions swarmed across Hagushi beaches on the west coast of Okinawa at 8:30 a. m., April 1, Easter Sunday.

The weather was clear and the sea was warm, and fortunately calm. The expected trouble failed to materialize. Doughboys and marines, behind amphibious tanks, fired only a few shots as they walked inland, upright, and seized two important airfields at Yontan and Kadena in the first two hours.

Only a handful of Japanese planes challenged the landings, the picturesque Okinawa land-

bridges denies 'He's Father Of Dancer's Infant'

San Francisco, June 21.—(U.P.)—Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader, has flatly denied charges by his estranged wife that he was the father of a child assertedly born in New York City two years ago to a night club dancer.

Bridges, whose deportation to Australia was forestalled Monday by the U. S. supreme court, late yesterday filed his reply to a cross-complaint by Mrs. Agnes Bridges, who accused him of fathering an illegitimate child.

Mrs. Bridges' complaint said she believed the child was born on or about May 28, 1943, to Nancy Feinstein, "also known as Nancy Beredice, also known as Nancy Fenton."

Bridges also denied allegations in the cross-complaint that he had "struck, hit and beat" his wife "many times." Also untrue was a complaint that he had tried her to "accept his ideological views," Bridges declared.

Fall on Bee Hive

Bloomsburg, Pa., June 21.—(U.P.)—Wilson Colman, 75-year-old farmer, was stung to death yesterday when he fell from a cherry tree. He landed on a bee hive.

Nimitz Announces Organized Resistance Concluded— Tokyo Concedes Loss.

Pearl Harbor, June 21.—(U.P.)—The bloody battle of Okinawa, in which over 87,343 Japanese were killed in 82 days, came to an end today.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced in Guam that organized resistance on the island had ended.

Nimitz said that enemy remnants in two small pockets on the southern shore of the island were being mopped up. Thus, 82 days after the Easter Sunday invasion, the 10th army had won the most valuable base yet for assaults on the Japanese homeland.

Loss Conceded

Tokyo, conceding the loss of Okinawa, was more invasion-conscious than ever. A Japanese broadcast said that American forces were preparing "for their next operations, which in all probability will involve direct invasion of the Japanese mainland."

The Japanese believed the invasion signs included B-29 attacks on transportation centers, the massing of transports in the Kerama islands, and the setting up of a supply command in the western Pacific.

The drive to free forces in the Philippines for other operations gathered momentum as four divisions went to work on enemy positions in northern Luzon. The 37th division continued to pace the push by capturing Ilagan, crossing the Ilagan river, and reaching a point 100 miles from Aparri, on the north coast.

Land In Borneo

The Australian 9th division in northwest Borneo made another in its series of landings around Brunei Bay, this time on the north shore. The Aussies now controlled the mouth of the bay on both sides. Opposition still was virtually nil.

One Tokyo broadcast said that the minesweepers yesterday reported clearing mines in Balikpapan bay, on Borneo's east coast, today were planting mines. A later Domei report said they still were sweeping mines.

On the Chinese mainland, Chinese troops were closing in on Lieuchow from the southwest and south. Today's Chungking communique said another column had joined in the advance from the southwest at a point six miles from the city. Previous dispatches had put the Chinese in Lieuchow's suburbs.

Chungking said the new Japanese thrusts in southwest Kwantung, apparently designed to cover the withdrawal from Hainan Island, had been repulsed.

Formosa Battered

Formosa got its daily battering from Liberators of the Far Eastern air forces. The target was the harbor of Keelung, in the north.

In mid-Pacific, far back of the present front, 300 carrier planes yesterday raided Wake Island, according to a Tokyo broadcast. It was the first attack in strength this year on Wake, scene of the epic marine stand in December, 1941.

EGYPTIAN, 135, DIES AFTER HUNGER STRIKE

London, June 21.—(U.P.)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Khartoum said today that an Egyptian named Heri Alla, after outliving 13 of his 14 sons, announced he was tired of living, went on a hunger strike, and died seven days later at the age of 135.

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.

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