

# SUICIDE PLANE, BAKA BOMB SINK U. S. DESTROYER

Attack Off Okinawa Claims  
Lives of 113; Nashville Is  
Restored to Action.

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Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—  
The navy, rapidly removing the  
news blackout on Japanese suicide  
attacks, told today how the  
double blow of a Japanese suicide  
plane and a "baka bomb" sank  
the destroyer Mannert L. Abele off Okinawa last April 12.

The account, containing the first disclosed incident of a baka bomb hitting an American ship, followed by only 12 hours navy release of a six-month old account of a suicide plane attack on the light cruiser Nashville enroute to the invasion of Mindor Island in the Philippines.

Hit In Convoy  
The Nashville was hit by a single suicide plane while in convoy last Dec. 13. A total of 133 officers and men were killed but the ship remained afloat and has since been repaired and restored to action.

Casualties aboard the Abele were 113—81 dead and 32 wounded. The ship was on picket duty off Okinawa on the day of attack.

The suicide plane, a single-engine Zeke fighter, dived through a blazing hail of anti-aircraft fire from the Abele to hit the ship on the starboard side, penetrating the deck to the after engine room. A bomb attached to the plane exploded in-

side the ship, breaking the shaft and keel.

**Bomb Comes Fast**  
About one minute later the baka bomb came skimming above the water at more than 400 miles an hour to crash into the ship at the waterline on the starboard side. A second terrific explosion shook the ship in the vicinity of the forward fire room.

The baka bomb, which has been thought to be a human-propelled projectile launched from a plane, was described by eyewitnesses as a low mid-wing monoplane with rounded wing tips.

The fuselage was oval, streamlined and tapered at the bow. The bomb was either light grey or pearl white. The eyewitnesses said they saw no human being aboard nor was a cockpit observed in the brief glimpse they had before it hit the ship.

**No Mother Plane Seen**  
Although the baka was spotted about a minute and a half before it hit no one saw it launched from a mother plane. Several two-engine Japanese bombers were, however, in the vicinity at the time.

Four of the Abele's 20 mm. guns were trying to shoot the baka down when it struck. Before it was sighted the destroyer's gunners fought off several enemy plane attacks and helped "splash" one of the planes. Then the suicide plane hit, followed by the baka.

Many of the Abele's crew were trapped in compartments and went down with their ship. Several lost their lives when a Japanese plane dropped a bomb among survivors on a little raft after the vessel had been abandoned.

## WICKARD NOMINATION CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—  
The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Claude A. Wickard to be Rural Electrification administrator. The vote was 56 to six.

The influenza virus posed for the camera for the first time in 1941. Magnifying the virus 65,000 times, the electron microscope made the picture possible.

## Daily Weather Report

**FORECASTS**  
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with showers in mountains. Warmer Saturday.

**LOCAL DATA**  
Oregon: Scattered light showers tonight and Saturday.

**Temperature** a year ago today:  
Highest 82; lowest 49.

**Total monthly precipitation**, 52 inches.

**Deficiency** for the month, 06 inches.

**Total precipitation** since Sept. 1, 1944, 19.28 inches.

**Excess** for the season, 3.16 inches.

**Relative humidity** at 5:30 p. m. yesterday 57%; 5:30 a. m. today, 68%.

**Tomorrow**  
Sunrise, 5:39 a. m.; sunset, 8:50 p. m.

**High** 58  
**Low** 46

**Boise** 62  
**Boston** 65  
**Chicago** 76  
**Denver** 87  
**Eureka** 58  
**Havre** 61  
**Los Angeles** 61  
**Medford** 52  
**New York** 84  
**Omaha** 80  
**Portland** 72  
**Reno** 63  
**San Francisco** 68  
**Seattle** 63  
**Spokane** 69  
**Washington, D. C.** 87  
**Yakima** 87

# RED CROSS HOLDS 24 SWIM CLASSES DAILY IN COUNTY

Twenty-four Red Cross swimming classes a day are being conducted in the current learn-to-swim campaign, with a daily attendance of over 900 Jackson county boys and girls according to Robert Dodge, water safety chairman. Classes are being held at Merrick's pool in Medford and the Twin Plunges in Ashland.

Miss Patricia Power, San Francisco, sent here from area headquarters to take charge of the campaign, spent two seasons at the Red Cross aquatic school at Como Springs, Morgan, Utah, and Lake Elsinor, Calif., was one of the first war-time girl life guards in California, serving three years at the Colusa municipal pool.

**Many Beginners**  
Miss Power is assisted by Miss Eleanor Coombs of Seattle, in charge of the Twin Plunges classes. Because 85 per cent of the registrants were non-swimmers and because of the large classes, a third instructor, Miss Barbara Osten of Seattle, was sent down Tuesday. Miss Coombs and Miss Osten are remaining to take charge of the water front program at the Boy Scout camp in July.

At present Miss Coombs and Miss Osten are in Ashland mornings and in Medford afternoons. Using the "buddy" system, six local water front volunteers work under the direction of the three instructors, giving almost individual attention to each swimmer.

**Parents See Classes**  
Interested parents have been filling the gallery daily and arrangements are being made to have chairs put in half of the gallery for the parents and children who wish to remain. Children can learn to swim by watching, according to the instructors, and are under supervision. Any parent objecting to his child remaining should call the Red Cross office. No child is allowed to loiter around the building, officials state.

The Junior Red Cross shop is open for all those interested in making articles for servicemen and any parents obliged to wait may offer their services to Mrs. John Day, chairman of volunteer workers, who is in need of volunteers to aid in registering and checking locker rooms. Twenty volunteers are now working daily, it is said, with some forced to put in many hours each day.

## Livestock

Portland, June 22.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle: 50, calves 5, mostly clean-cut, up market, full clearance at week's end; 25 to mostly 50 cents, some 10 to 15 cents lower; 25 to 30 cents, some 10 to 15 cents lower; 25 to 30 cents, some 10 to 15 cents lower.

**Hogs:** 1,000; active, fully steady. Good and choice barrows and gilts 140 lbs and up at \$14.75, ceiling; good and choice sows at \$14.

**Cattle:** 1,000; calves, 500; most killing classes steady; only exceptions sausage bulls weak to 25 cents lower; general trade active. Top \$17.65, average weight 1,300 lbs.; scattered supply \$15-\$17.15, receipts largely cows, most beef offerings \$9.75-\$12.75.

**Sheep:** 500; very active and generally fully steady to strong. One small lot choice closely sorted native spring lambs \$16.50; good and choice spring lambs mostly \$16-\$16.25.

**Portland Produce**  
Portland, June 22.—(U.P.)—Portland wholesale market prices:  
Eggs: To retailers, AA extra large 48c; extra large 47c; A large, 45c; A medium 44c; small pullet 39c doz.  
Cabbage: The Dalles, Walla Walla, \$4.75 crate.

**Chicago Wheat**

July — Open High Low Close  
1944 165 165 163 163  
Sept. — 165 165 163 163  
Dec. — 165 165 163 163  
Mar. — 165 165 163 163

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

## Mouse In Piano Learns To Sing

Austin, Tex. (U.P.) — Robert Call, a Negro band leader, has a mouse that can sing.

The concerts, says Call, last about ten minutes and the mouse will sing for anyone who offers it bread crusts or peanuts.

The mouse learned to sing, Call says, after it had built a nest in his piano.

## FIRE ON FRANKLIN

New York, June 22.—(U.P.)—  
Fire broke out on the famous aircraft carrier Franklin in the Brooklyn navy yard today where she is undergoing repairs from Japanese bomb damage. The fire was brought under control within 30 minutes. First reports said that no one was injured.

## WEATHER

Northern California: Partly cloudy today and tonight becoming mostly clear Saturday, scattered showers in mountains and fog on coast mostly south of bay region.

## ANY BONDS TODAY?

By Fibber McGee and Molly  
Illustrated by Hilda Terry



"—but when Barry said 'Let's for a stake in the country,' he meant 'Let's buy a War Bond.'"

## Wall Street

New York, June 22.—(U.P.)—  
Week-end realizing and moderate selling on fears over higher margins in the near future brought irregular tendencies into the stock market today after a rise earlier to new highs for more than eight years in the general average.

A sizeable crop of leading issues, including steels, some motors, rails, and special issues, registered small declines. A majority continued to display gains, however, although the averages were adversely affected.

Profit-taking hit the rails, which had been the outstanding performers of the week.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones averages: Industrial, 167.90, off 0.24; rail, 62.36, off 0.48; utility, 83.06, up 0.04; and 85 stocks, 65.08, off 0.19.

Sales were 1,850,000 shares, compared with 2,100,000 yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel.	174 1/2
Anaconda	35 3/4
Chrysler	113 3/8
Curtis Wright	6 5/8
General Electric	43 1/2
General Motors	69 3/4
Montgomery Ward	62 1/2
Penn. R. R.	40
Phillips Petroleum	50 5/8
J. C. Penney	118 1/2
Radio	13 3/4
Southern Pacific	54 1/4
Standard Oil of Calif.	45
Texas Gulf Sulphur	42 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	14 1/2
Transamerica	29
United Aircrafts	59 1/4
U. S. Rubber	59 1/4
U. S. Steel	70 1/2

## S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, June 22.—(U.P.)  
Dairy market:  
Butter: 93 score 43 1/2, 90 score 42 1/4.  
Cheese: Loafs 28.2, triplets 27.2.  
Eggs: Large grade A 43 1/2, medium grade A 40 1/2, small grade A 36 1/2, large grade B 40 1/2.

## JAPANESE LIKE MOLES

Portland, June 22.—(U.P.)—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, brusque commander of task force 58, said here today that victory over the Japanese will come only after continued hard fighting on land and sea.

"We'll have to burn up the Japs—and I mean burn," Mitscher declared. "They're like a lot of moles, give them a hill of any size and they'll dig a cave and hole up. They've done it on every island we have taken and I am sure, they will follow the same pattern on their mainland."

## ELKS DANCE SATURDAY

WILL WIND UP SEASON  
The local Elks lodge is holding its last dance of the season Saturday night, it was announced today by Leon Boomer, chairman of the dance committee. Boomer stated that the dance will be for Elks and their ladies only, and a lunch will be served about midnight. Dancing will start at 10 o'clock.

## BIRTHS

WILSON — To RDM 3/c and Mrs. Howard, Rt. 1, Box 204, June 22, 1945, a girl, 5 1/2 lbs., at Community Hospital.

Closing time for Classified Ads 6:30 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

# RAIL RATE CUT BRINGS PROTEST

Washington, June 22.—(U.P.)—  
The western railroads are preparing to contest the Interstate Commerce commission's freight rate equalization order of May 19. W. H. Dana of Chicago, chairman of the western traffic executives committee, said today.

The ICC ordered a temporary 10 per cent reduction in "class rates" throughout the south and west, except in Pacific coast territory, and a 10 per cent boost in the northeast. Changes were to be effective Aug. 30. According to ICC procedure carriers have 60 days in which to object to commission rulings.

Dana declared that the ICC itself, in its report, had said that the west originates 69 per cent of all the country's agricultural traffic, while the east originates 61 per cent of all manufactured tonnage. Because high-grade traffic produces more revenue, "it is plain that the rate levels of the two territories must be adjusted to fit the conditions in each," he said.

# POLES MAY ASK AID OF BRITAIN

London, June 22.—(U.P.)—A source close to the Polish exile government said today that the government probably will ask Britain to intercede in behalf of 12 Poles sentenced in Moscow to four months to 10 years in prison for terrorism against the Red army.

Official British quarters refused to speculate on the possibility that Britain would intercede with Russia. Britain and the United States still recognize the exile government as opposed to the Soviet-backed Polish provisional government in Warsaw.

It appeared likely, however, that the Moscow trial would hasten a showdown in relations between Britain and the exile regime. All of the convicted men were members or supporters of the exile government, and several testified that orders for attacks on and propaganda against Russia came from London headquarters.

## ASHLANDER LEGION POST SEEKS NEW LOCATION

Ashland, June 22.—Ashland Post of the American Legion appeared before the City Council Tuesday night requesting a 99-year lease on Pioneer Hall, located in Lithia Park, as a permanent site for the organization's headquarters. The building now housing the Legion could be used by Boy Scouts and other smaller organizations, it was suggested. No action was taken on the proposal.

The council authorized City Supt. Elmer Biegel to sell equipment of the USO, since the club does not plan to operate here in the future.

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