

# Fire Bombs Rain On Honshu Cities In Record B-29 Raid

## 600 SUPERFORTS FOLLOW FLEET IN KNOCKOUT EFFORT

### Newest Raid Comes While Tokyo Bay Still Echoing from Naval Bombardment

Guam, Friday, July 20—(U.P.) A record-breaking force of more than 600 B-29 Superfortresses, following up the greatest fleet surface and air bombardment in history, showered almost 4,000 tons of fire bombs on four Japanese industrial cities of Honshu island early today.

The newest and greatest Superfort attack came while Tokyo bay echoed from the crash of American gunfire from a naval squadron which shelled the mouth of the enemy stronghold in a bid to flush out the remnants of Japan's Imperial fleet.

#### 47 Cities Blasted

The Honshu cities of Hitachi, Choshi, Fukui and Okazaki were today's B-29 targets, raising to 47 the number of Japanese industrial centers blasted in the 20th air force's knockout campaign.

In addition, the Superforts pin-pointed the important Nippon Oil Co. refinery north of Osaka with a cargo of high explosives, making it the tenth oil center sought by the American navy over the Pacific.

The carrier pilots sighted and attacked Japanese "combat shipping" at the Yokosuka naval base just inside Tokyo bay during yesterday's fleet attack. That suggested that major enemy fleet units might have been caught there, almost in range of the battle-hungry allied warships.

Pearl Harbor, July 19—(U.P.) Japanese propagandists said today the American-British battle fleet is scouting the Honshu coast for potential invasion spots.

The Japanese explained that Nippon's war lords were deliberately holding back their air and sea might for the coming invasion and couldn't be "provoked" into battle.

Latest naval estimates are that the once third-ranking Japanese fleet consists of two battleships, one old battleship-carrier, two decommissioned battleships, a small number of regular aircraft carriers, about 30 destroyers, and "a few" cruisers.

Chungking, July 19—(U.P.) The Chinese communique today announced Chinese troops have captured Pukiang, 60 miles southwest of Hangchow in central Chekiang province, and are now closing in on heavily fortified Hangchow bay where the Japanese are prepared for a possible allied landing.

Pukiang is located approximately 15 miles west of the railway leading southwest from Shanghai to Changsa and the Chinese Rice Bowl.

The communique also reported Chinese forces have recaptured a point 15 miles northwest of Kweilin, in northeastern Kwangsi province, in a concerted drive for the former great American airbase city.

### Sen. Morse Gives Daily Diatribe On OPA Errors

Washington, July 19—(U.P.) Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., made his promised daily OPA speech in the senate today.

After he had spoken for about 15 minutes on the Bretton Woods fiscal agreements, he told his colleagues:

"And now—I'm going to talk on a domestic problem."

There was a ripple of laughter.

Sen. J. William Fulbright, D., Ark., who was sitting nearby, asked:

"Do I understand the senator is going to talk about Oregon lambs?"

"I shall not disappoint the senator," Morse replied. "That's exactly what I'm going to talk about."

So Morse again told his colleagues, as he has for several days, how OPA has "bungled" the lamb problem.

The Oregon senator has promised to speak daily on OPA inadequacy until he gets action.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM GETS WASHINGTON OKAY

Washington, July 19—(U.P.) The Senate Agriculture Committee today approved a bill by Sen. Richard B. Russell, D., Ga., to provide for an annual \$100,000,000 Federal School Lunch program.

The federal government would contribute funds to the states on the basis of the number of school children in the state and the need for assistance as indicated by per capita income in the state in relation to per capita income throughout the United States.

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## Weather

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Temp. 56  
Highest Yesterday 56  
Lowest this Morning 56  
To 5 a. m., today Trace

### Soldiers Clubbed In Guardhouse Is Veteran's Plaint

London, July 19—(U.P.) An American combat infantryman charged in a letter to the army newspaper Stars and Stripes today that he and other soldiers, many of them wounded veterans, were beaten and clubbed repeatedly by American guards at the 10th replacement depot in England.

The soldier, whose name was withheld by Stars and Stripes, said he was clubbed on four separate occasions by American officers and non-coms for minor infractions.

"I have been reading so much about a private in the U. S. Army being court-martialed for hitting German prisoners of war," the soldier wrote. "So what? They don't go to that much trouble about an American."

An army spokesman told the United Press that the beating charges were already being officially investigated by the Inspector General's Office.

### LUMBER INDUSTRY STRIKE VOTE AIM

Portland, Ore., July 19—(U.P.) An application for a strike vote affecting more than 500 mills and 85,000 workers in five western states will be asked shortly of the National Labor Relations Board by the Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL, it was learned today.

The council is working with the War Labor Board and conferences with representatives of labor locals determined the impending strike vote request.

Kenneth M. Davis, executive secretary, said the AFL nations were asking for such increases as would establish a minimum of \$1.10 an hour for all workers in the industry, meaning raises of from 20 to 37 1/2 cents an hour. Similar demands were being made by the CIO workers.

The strike vote, if granted, would take place in 30 days under the Smith-Connally act, Davis said.

### School Budget In Hearing Tomorrow

Public hearing for the purpose of discussing the Medford city school budget for the coming fiscal year will be held at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the office of the city superintendent in the city hall.

The budget, adopted June 27 at a meeting of the budget committee and the school board, calls for \$338,152 for expenditures for the coming year.

### Bourbon Making To End July 31

Washington, July 19—(U.P.) It is easy on that bourbon, brother. The government says no more can be manufactured after July 31.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said that all corn—the raw material of bourbon—is needed for food and livestock feed. Distillers will not be permitted to use any for either beverage or industrial alcohol after this month.

### YANKEE BILLIONS TRUMAN'S MAJOR BARGAINING ASSET

#### President Against Pouring Out Wealth Without Something Concrete In Return.

Potsdam, July 19—(U.P.) President Truman, wearing a brown business suit, was host at a state dinner at the Little White House tonight for the key men of the Big Three conference.

Mr. Truman's dinner was the first such social affair of the conference. British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was absent because of an indisposition. An American army band played on the Little White House lawn.

Potsdam, July 19—President Truman carried into the third Big Three session today the most potent bargaining stock of the conference—billions of dollars of American aid to be balanced off against military help in the Pacific.

Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill are learning that Mr. Truman's position in this conference is strictly give and take.

The Big Three had established a schedule of regular meetings. The foreign ministers were meeting daily at 11 a. m. to prepare the material for the following meeting of Mr. Truman, Stalin and Churchill. This procedure began Monday with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes presiding and the chairmanship rotating thereafter.

#### Bradley Summoned

Charles Ross, White House press secretary, disclosed that Gen. Omar N. Bradley was summoned Friday to discuss his new job as chief of Veterans administration with Mr. Truman.

The president's policy, it can be revealed, is essentially this: The United States will not pour out its tremendous material wealth without something concrete in return. It will not undertake fresh economic burdens without some concessions from the other side.

And Mr. Truman is completely uninterested in concessions involving goods or cash—because there simply isn't any of either in Europe.

#### Big Development Due

Meanwhile, all accounts filtering out through the close conference censorship indicated that startling developments are impending in the Japanese war. It was believed here that a definite connection exists between Stalin's recent conversations with Chinese Premier T. V. Soong in Moscow and Soong's earlier talks with Mr. Truman in Washington.

#### FREIGHT INCREASED

Washington, July 19—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended July 14 rebounded 156.64 cars from the six month low of the previous week, which included the July Fourth holiday, the Association of American Railroads announced today.

### SEN. TAFT LOSES ANOTHER ROUND IN BRETTON BATTLE

#### Senate Rejects Amendment Barring U. S. Membership Until Restrictions Lifted.

Washington, July 19—(U.P.) The senate today passed legislation authorizing the United States to participate in the \$9,100,000,000 world bank and the \$8,800,000,000 international monetary fund proposed under the Bretton Woods agreements.

Washington, July 19—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., lost another round in his battle to defeat the Bretton Woods monetary proposals today when the senate rejected an amendment which opponents said would "sound a death knell" for the global money plan.

The vote was 53 to 23. Taft's amendment would have barred American membership in the proposed \$9,100,000,000 world bank and \$8,800,000,000 international monetary stabilization fund until provision had been made for immediate removal of exchange restrictions by member nations. The proposed U. S. contribution to the bank and fund would be about \$6,000,000,000.

Administration senators expect ratification of the proposals before tonight.

Taft said his amendment was aimed at forcing Great Britain to settle her economic problems and remove her exchange restrictions before she could draw American dollars from the fund.

#### Secret Documents Taken to Asylum

New York, July 19—(U.P.)—The Office of Strategic Services today obtained a State Supreme court order seizing secret documents from Bellevue hospital which had been holding them for a mental patient, a former woman secret secretary for OSS.

U. S. Attorney Stuart Z. Kinsley, appearing for OSS, said the documents were brought to the hospital by Miss Anna Hutchinson, who was carrying them in a "big black briefcase, which she clutched to her breast," when she was confined May 15.

Miss Hutchinson was said to have left the OSS in 1944.

### Mountbatten Calls On Gen. MacArthur

Manila, July 19—(U.P.)—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten visited Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters last week to coordinate the final pushes against the Japanese from the southwest Pacific and the India-Burma theater, it was announced today.

Mountbatten, allied supreme commander in southeast Asia, was accompanied by key members of his staff on the visit to MacArthur's headquarters.

### Camp In Path

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### Invades Green Timber

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### FLOOD CONTROL SIGNED

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# ARSENAL EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE DRIVE THOUSANDS FROM HOMES

## Loggers Battle Blaze in Oregon Forest Fire



Loggers work in a pall of smoke, trying to save bridge across Wilson River, Tillamook, Ore., in week-long forest fire, worst in state since 1929. More than 1500 servicemen and civilians fought blaze covering at least 22,000 acres in rugged mountain country.

### HIGHWAY CLOSED BY RAGING BLAZE NEAR TILLAMOOK

Portland, Ore., July 19—(U.P.)—State Forestry Officials closed the Wilson river highway today between Glenwood and Tillamook Junction as some 3000 fire fighters fought desperately to stem two western Oregon forest fires raging out of control in a westward direction toward Jordan Creek, 18 miles from Tillamook.

The Wilson river route, opened Tuesday after a closure since Sunday evening, was closed 6 p. m. Wednesday evening because of snags and hot rocks along the right of way and because of dense smoke from the fire, particularly west of McNamer's camp.

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### 337 Casualties On Carrier Crashed By Suicide Planes

Washington, July 19—(U.P.)—Three hundred and thirty-seven American fighting men were lost or injured when two Japanese suicide planes crashed into the Aircraft Carrier Ticonderoga near Formosa early this year and left the ship in flames, the navy revealed today.

Of the casualties, 144 are dead or missing, the navy said in announcing that the 27,000-ton Essex class carrier already has been repaired and is back in the Pacific.

#### Skipper Wounded

The story of the Ticonderoga was a saga of heroic crew and their skipper, Commodore Dixie Kiefer of Kansas City, who kept fighting for 12 hours despite 65 body wounds.

On the morning of January 21 the Ticonderoga was launching planes when a Jap plane came out of the sun through a cloud bank and crashed through the flight deck. The bomb exploded between the gallery deck and the hanger deck, which was packed with aircraft being refueled and rearmed.

While the crew fought fire and pushed burning planes overboard other Japanese suiciders were attacking the stricken ship. The Ticonderoga's planes shot down five of the enemy and ship anti-aircraft gunners accounted for three more.

#### Ship Hit Again

But just before 1:00 p. m., the Ticonderoga was hit again. A Japanese plane and its two bombs crashed into the superstructure, setting off more fires.

Several top officers were lost to the Ticonderoga in the second attack. Burch was wounded severely and Kiefer, wounded in 65 separate places, lay bleeding on the bridge.

### KAISER SURVEYS WEST'S PROSPECT

San Francisco, July 19—(U.P.) The leadership of western business could stimulate post-war employment for 30,000,000 people throughout the nation in such diversified fields as housing, steel, metals, automobiles, ships, roads and public health, Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser said today.

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### QUICK GRAB SAVES SCAFFOLD WORKER

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### BUTADIENE PLANT SEIZURE ORDERED

Washington, July 19—(U.P.)—President Truman today ordered Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes to seize and operate the butadiene plant at Houston, Tex., operated by Sinclair Rubber, Inc.

The seizure was ordered because of a strike threat which Mr. Truman said constituted a "real substantial and immediate emergency" in the form of a threatened interruption in production of butadiene used in making synthetic rubber.

### PACKING HOUSE STRIKE KNOTS MEAT SITUATION

St. Louis, Mo., July 19—(U.P.)—Fifteen hundred workers in three St. Louis packing houses went on strike today, further aggravating an already serious meat situation.

### By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent

Under pressure of a growing shopping list demanding immediate attention, we melted and poured into town on the crest of countless heat waves. Found a few familiar faces gleaming with perspiration. Can't help feeling a little sorry for our friends caught in the web of city demands, with their feet stuck to the hot pavement.

It's only temporary, we know, and in fact we like a little heat once in a while to even things up. Kind of makes you appreciate those cooler days.

After a sticky two hours of shopping found our parked car three inches deep in the melted asphalt. Upon opening the door a blast of hot air swooped over us with force, and we wended our blistered way back home.

Staggering across the yard, found the old canvas chair under the big alder tree that hangs over the cool river—and felt mighty glad that we like the simple things of life.

### HALIFAX REGION SHAKEN AS BIG SHELLS EXPLODE

#### Rail Traffic Halted; Boats Flee Harbor; Shell Blasts Keep Observers Distant.

Halifax, July 19—(U.P.)—Fire spreading uncontrolled through the nearby Royal Canadian naval arsenal set off a continuous drumfire of heavy ammunition today, driving thousands from their homes in Halifax and Dartmouth and pinning them against the sea.

No trains were leaving or arriving and all boats had fled the harbor.

#### Casualties Light

Casualties were small. Only 14 persons were reported injured as military and city officials acted swiftly to evacuate the north ends of both towns along plans drawn up during the war. No deaths had been reported.

The arsenal area was entirely cleared. Officials, admitting that casualties were unexpectedly light, said the number might increase when communications were established with the small towns of Tuft's cove and Bedford, nearer the arsenal. Evacuees from there said damage was heavy in both sections.

#### Halifax Rocked

Six heavy explosions had echoed from the arsenal at 3 a. m., shattering windows in towns along the bay. The sixth rocked Halifax from end to end and plunged the city into darkness.

Residents fled as far as they could from the arsenal area, crowding against the sea at the south end of the two principal cities.

The sky was bright all night long as tongues of fire shot hundreds of feet into the air above the 600 acre ammunition depot. Exploding shells kept all persons from approaching by land or sea to learn the damage or how much unexploded ammunition remained.

Police said damage in the Nova Scotia capital would amount close to \$1,000,000 from broken windows alone. Streets were littered with glass from windows that had only recently been repaired after being smashed in V-day celebrations.

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President Truman presides over the first full-dress session of the Big Three conference as it got under way with a "preliminary exchange of views on matters requiring decision by the heads of the three governments." President Truman, with his aides on either side, is seated with back to camera. Premier Stalin and his aides are seated further on right, while Churchill and staff can be seen to left.