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**Weather News**

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Forecast: Showers.

# Yank Invaders Push Inland



Colonel, Contractor Assailed  
Col. Theodore Wyman Jr., left, of the army engineers, and Hans Wilhelm Rohl, right, German-born contractor, criticized by house military committee for delays in defenses at Pearl Harbor, which, the report said, left installations incomplete and the way open to the Japanese.

## Drainage Project Approved

Immediate completion of the Klamath drainage project and Modoc extension ditch has been approved by the war production board facilities review committee at Washington, D. C., according to telegrams received by The Herald and News from Senator Guy Cordon and Congressman Lowell Stockman.

Action was taken yesterday after a final appearance before the committee by the two Oregon delegates and State Senator Marshall Cornett, who went to Washington with added data on the project.

"Completion of the project was approved today and necessary manpower will be released forthwith," said a wire from Stockman. "Construction can start as soon as reclamation service can approve preliminary details and let contract."

**No Delay Expected**  
Reclamation officials here said that preliminary details have been completed and are in the Denver reclamation office. No delay is expected from this end.

The project includes a nine-mile channel which connects Klamath river with that part of the Lower Klamath basin where surplus water is delivered through the Tulelake sump tunnel. It will favorably affect about 60,000 acres of land on Lower Klamath and Tule lakes, by providing adequate drainage, and

## FDR, Dewey Tops In Oregon Votes

PORTLAND, June 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt received 79,833 votes in the Oregon presidential preference primary and 50,001 republicans wrote in the name of Thomas E. Dewey, the official canvass of votes showed today.

Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen received 6061 republican write-in votes; Gov. John Bricker of Ohio, 3018; Wendell Willkie, 3333; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 191; Gov. Earl Warren of California, 67.

## Strike Ends in B-29 Plant

CHICAGO, June 17 (AP)—A strike of all 117 grinders in the tool grinding plant of a huge B-29 Superfortress engine works ended today less than 24 hours after its start.

Officials of the Dodge Chicago plant of the Chrysler corporation announced the men had returned to work but declined to state what sort of settlement had been reached.

## To Ride Sunday



Here are four of the queen candidates who will participate in the riding contest Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the fairgrounds. From left to right they are Grace Jones of Tulelake, Monnette Calmes of Keno, Helen Smith of Malin and Ella Mae Smith of Chiloquin.

# Forces Capture Town, Airstrip

**By The Associated Press**  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, June 17—Grimly fighting Yank invaders, after street-by-street seizure of a coastal town and capture of its airstrip, pushed slowly inland today on Saipan in the Marianas—unlocking bombed Japan's inner defense perimeter.

Official sources also disclosed that a task force had made the war's first attack on the Bonin and Kazan islands, destroying 47 planes, sinking two ships and damaging 10. This completed the dramatic picture of a grand scale air and naval operation which smashed Japan's steel industry and every base for 3000 miles along a defense line from Paramushiro to Palau. The Bonins were the last link.

**Bitter Battle**  
The first eyewitness reports from Saipan, where the American forces which landed Wednesday along a two-mile beach-head have won the town of Charan-Kanoa, supported official accounts of a bitter battle.

"The campaign is actually like Guadalcanal and Tarawa combined," Richard W. Johnston, representing the combined allied press, wrote today aboard a flagship at Saipan.

**Land Fight**  
"The troops were faced with a savage land battle after surviving the fight for the beach-head and with scant prospect of a rapid cleanup, such as is possible in atoll warfare."

He said "the casualties on Saipan were not expected to equal the Tarawa figures but" (Continued on Page Nine)

## FRENCH ENCOUNTER STRONG RESISTANCE

ROME, June 17 (AP)—Allied headquarters announced tonight that French forces which landed on Elba island, where Napoleon once spent a short-lived exile, had encountered strong enemy resistance on several parts of the island.

Pinnosco, a small island to the southwest, has been occupied, headquarters said.

Earlier reports received in Rome said Elba already had been secured by the allies. This was not borne out by subsequent reports, but it was not likely the Germans were prepared to put up prolonged resistance.

**Unprepared**  
A special communique said a detachment of the French army "B" led by Maj. Gen. Jean de Latre de Tassigny had landed on the barren rocky island.

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## Six Airfields Hit by Bombers

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 17 (AP)—American heavy bombers pounded half a dozen Nazi airbases in a great arc extending nearly half way around the Normandy battle zone today.

Six airfields in southern Normandy, the Paris area and near Boulogne were hit by around 1000 Fortresses and Liberators as the Germans continued to hurl pitiless planes against Britain in spite of a double-barrelled blow by allied bombers against the French sector from which they are launched.

## Japs Threaten Chinese Town

CHUNGKING, June 17 (AP)—Japanese forces which have bypassed Changsha in Hunan province are now threatening Lukow, 30 miles south of the strategic city, the Chinese high command disclosed today.

Fighting was in progress only eight miles northeast of Lukow, whose fall would open the way to a Japanese push on the vital important city of Hengyang where the railway from Kwang-sing province to the southwest meets the north-south Canton-Hankow line.

## WAR BULLETINS

**By The Associated Press**  
Allied troops have reached the Vire-et Taute canal in an advance two miles south of Isigny. Air operations were sharply curtailed by bad weather from dawn to midday. Nevertheless, the ground forces received fighter and bomber support throughout the day.

**De Gaulle Plans Talk in Algiers**  
ALGIERS, June 17 (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle returned to Algiers from London this afternoon and will address a session of the consultative assembly tomorrow on the fourth anniversary of his appeal to the French people from London to keep alive "the flames of French resistance."

This session of the assembly may be the last in Africa.

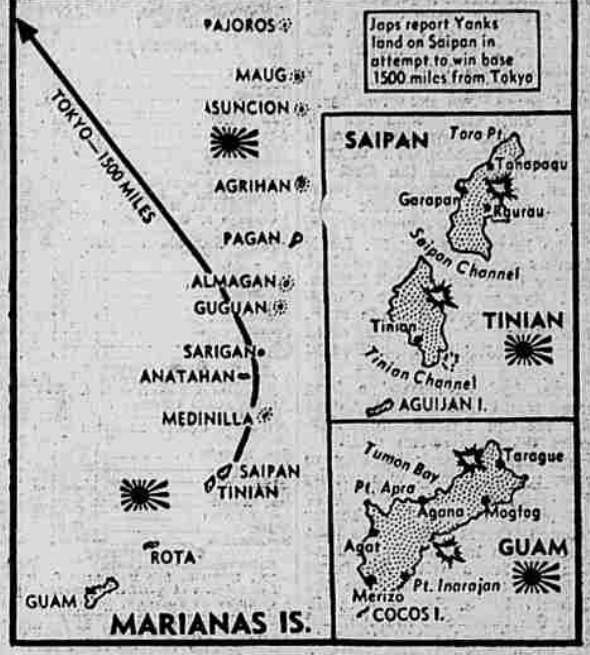
A special tribute is to be paid to Macques Mederio, one of France's "shadow men" representing the resistance movement who took poison when captured inside France rather than risk disclosures under torture.

**Matsuwa New Jap Headache**  
ABOARD A U. S. TASK FORCE FLAGSHIP, June 17 (AP)—Japan's North Pacific headache hurt in a new spot—Matsuwa island in the Kuriles—today from the shells poured into it out of the foggy night by this task force.

The 30-minute bombardment of Tagan Point airfield and administrative headquarters early June 13 was a remarkable exhibition of navigation and gunnery.

The small but important island base was completely concealed from the ships by fog but officers declared modern devices assured accurate shelling on the concentrated target area.

## Yanks Plunge Inland



After seizing a coastal town on Saipan, 1500 miles from Tokyo, and capturing a Japanese airstrip, the invaders of Saipan fought their way inland.

## Cars Demolished In Accident Involving Eleven

An automobile accident involving 11 people and completely demolishing two cars took place at about 7:30 Friday evening on Highway 97, two and a half miles north of Worden.

Mrs. Ann Abbott of Fulton, Calif. was the only one seriously injured, according to state police, but she is reported doing fairly well at Klamath Valley hospital today.

The two cars were driven by Beryl Abbott, a chief specialist for the navy, and Mrs. Wanda Lammers, Box 95, Malin.

Abbott was traveling south on his way to his home in Fulton California from Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. Lammers was going north to Klamath Falls traveling on the wrong side of the road according to witnesses who reported to the state police.

In the Abbott car were Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Arilyn Watkins, Gary Abbott, 6, and Robert Abbott, 4.

Riding in the Lammers car were Mrs. Lammers, Betty Dier of Malin, Virgil Meyers of Malin and three Lammers children, Eddie, 9, Beverly, 7, and Bonnie, 6.

According to state police records, Abbott saw the Lammers car approaching on the wrong side of the road and figured it would swerve to the right side. When the Lammers car kept on the wrong side of the road, Abbott swerved but not in time, colliding head on. Both cars were completely demolished.

## Candidates to Compete Sunday

This Sunday afternoon at the fairgrounds candidates for queen of the Fourth of July Buckaroo Days will display their most expert horsemanship for the benefit of the judges who are to select their favorite in the queen's riding contest. Riding ability counts 65 percent in the final selection of the queen.

So far, nine girls have entered the race. J. C. Hunt, vice president of the rodeo association announced that it is still not too late to enter the contest. Girls may register until tomorrow afternoon at two p. m. They must, however, be with their horse to take part in the riding contest.

Candidates are Grace Jones, Fannie Adams, Monnette Calmes, Martha Givan, Shirley Fleischer, Phyllis Staples, Helen Smith, Ella Mae Smith and Jean Parker.

In addition to the riding contest, to which the public is invited free of charge, there will be a five horse show events. It is still not too late for anyone wishing to do so to enter the horse show. Sunday's riding program will start at 2:30 p. m.

## Baseball Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
New York	1 4 2
Boston	5 5 0
St. Louis	3 2 0
Philadelphia	1 5 0
Pittsburgh	2 7 0
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
First game	
Philadelphia	1 5 0
New York	2 7 0
Flora and Hayes	Donald and Hemsey.

# ASSAULT FANS NEAR BEACHES ON WEST COAST

Forces Near Junction Of Shortest Road On Neck

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 17 (AP)—A surprise breakthrough by U. S. troops which smashed through St. Sauveur le Vicomte had virtually cut the whole Cherbourg peninsula in two tonight as field dispatches reported the assault was fanning out onto highlands in sight of the west coast beaches.

Reuters correspondent with the spearhead force reported the capture of St. Jacques de Nehou, six miles northwest of St. Sauveur, while a second force smashed toward St. Lo-Ouville on the coast, nine miles southwest of St. Sauveur.

Other forces farther south plunged within four miles of La Haye du Puits, road junction of the Nazis' last escape route at the shortest neck of the peninsula, and big guns hurled shells on that highway.

Supreme headquarters in special communique No. 1 declared the French underground had swung into full-fledged sabotage, paralyzing road and rail traffic in many places to delay movement of German reserves to the front, and even seizing villages in some areas and wiping out Nazi detachments in direct attacks, with 300 Germans reported captured by Maquis.

The advance beyond St. Sauveur (Continued on Page Nine)

## FINNS TRY TO HALT ENTRY TO VIIPURI

**By EDDY GILMORE**  
MOSCOW, June 17 (AP)—The Finns are blowing up all the bridges on two highways leading to Viipuri on the Karelian isthmus, seeking to halt the red army's entry into the city, front dispatches said today.

But soviet capture of the city appeared inevitable. The rumble of Russian big guns already was echoing strongly in its streets.

"As the offensive develops the battles assume a more violent character," said Red Star correspondent Gregory Ivanov. "All attempts to stop the offensive are failing."

With more than 100 newly captured and populated points behind them, the Russians with strong artillery and bomber support hurled an impressive weight of tanks, tommy-guns and infantry in massive waves across the Karelian isthmus.

A Finnish communique admitted the Finns had abandoned Uusikirkko, about 32 miles southeast of Viipuri after severe fighting in which they previously claimed to have killed 500 Russians and knocked out 25 tanks.

(The communique also announced withdrawal from Sevisto and Kanneljaervi, in the same area, and said "the enemy's pressure continued very powerful.")

## Protest Issued On Treatment of Finn Minister

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull were accused today by Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) of having given the Russians a free hand to invade Finland and wage a war of extermination, which is as savage and barbaric as it is unjustified.

"The Minnesotaan made his protest on the floor of the house one day after Hjalmar Procopce, Finnish minister, and his principal aides had been given virtual orders to leave the country as soon as possible because of what the state department called activities "inimical to the interests of the United States."

## Chinese Capture Japanese Base

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 17 (AP)—The Chinese 22nd division has captured the Japanese base of Kamaling, approximately 40 miles northwest of besieged Myitkyina in northern Burma, it was announced officially today.

(Driving toward Burma from China, Chinese expeditionary force troops captured Laukuan, 80 miles northeast of Myitkyina, forming "the first China-Burma link since Japanese occupation of Burma," a front dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent William F. Boni said.

## Nazi Attacks Thrown Back

WITH BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, June 17 (AP)—The Germans are hugging a perimeter of defenses varying in depth from 2.5 to 3.7 miles around Caen after being thrown back in a sharp five-way attack on British airborne forces east of the river Orne.

The Nazis struck from five directions in the pre-dawn darkness yesterday seeking to drive the allies from vital high ground. The battle raged over eight hours, with the British Tommies stubbornly holding their positions.

Then as the momentum of the German assault ebbed, the British lashed out in a counter-attack which swept the enemy back miles southward and the Tommies captured a village.

## Finns Evacuate Viipuri

STOCKHOLM, June 17 (AP)—Compulsory evacuation of the Finnish city of Viipuri toward which the Russians are driving with a great weight of men and armor now is in progress, Helsinki dispatches reported today.

Refugees also are streaming from other Karelian towns under longstanding plans, dispatches said.

## Freak Weather Climaxed By 17 Inches of Snow

Seventeen inches of snow on one-half of rain fell in the Clear lake reservoir section. Heavy rains were also felt in the Lakeview area.

Fred Goeller, local resident who regularly fords the Sycan river on a mountain road, was caught in the runoff from the heavy snowfall on Shake butte. Crossing the river, already swollen from the snow, his engine flooded out. He walked a short distance for aid and when he returned, the water had risen five inches.

Snow was not reported in the city area though 18 inches of rain fell. Temperatures dropped to 43 and rose to 56 during the 24 hour period. Chemult experienced only a 40 degree low and little rainfall, according to Southern Pacific reports.