

# JAPAN BOMBED BY SUPER FORTS

## Herald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland

### Weather News

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Max. (July 6)	78	Min.	43
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00		
Stream year to date	9.89		
Normal	11.94	Last year	17.78

Forecast: Fair.

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### Bradley's Men Launch Assault On Bottlenecks

By WES GALLAGHER

**SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 7 (AP)**—Lt. Gen. Omar H. Bradley's American army, springing at dawn today in a new attack on the well-defended bottlenecks through the marshy lowlands of Normandy, stabbed forward more than a mile across the Vire river and captured the village of Aerial.

This attack toward the west above St. Lo surged forward under a concentrated hail from big guns which dazed enemy machine gunners and sent German artillery observers scurrying.

Local American attacks around La Haye Du Puits at the western end of the blinding 25-mile front almost surrounded that pivotal point. The German grip slowly melted under the pressure around La Haye at the western end.

Aerial, eight miles northeast of the important road junction of St. Lo, was taken in the first hour of the new attack across the Vire.

### PVT. B. W. GOE ACQUITTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Acquittal of manslaughter charges was won in a general court martial at Camp Tulelake last night by Private Bernard W. Goe, San Francisco, the sentry who shot and killed Evacuee Shiochi James Okamoto at the segregation center gate May 24.

Court martial proceedings continued throughout the afternoon and evening, with five colonels, one lieutenant colonel and two captains present from San Francisco to participate. Several Japanese evacuees and two attorneys and other officials of the WRA were on hand as observers, according to Lt. Colonel Verne Austin, Tulelake commandant, who announced the verdict today.

### NAZIS SLOW ALLIED ATTACK IN ITALY

By NOLAN MORGAN

**ROME, July 7 (AP)**—Lashing out from outposts of the heavily fortified Gothic line in their first aggressive action in two months, the German defenders of northern Italy have brought the fifth army's drive toward Livorno (Leghorn), Pisa and Florence almost to a halt, allied headquarters said today.

The eighth army also measured its gains in yards instead of miles.

### Stiff Battle

A stiff house-to-house battle continued today at night in the village of Rosignano, where American infantry who have penetrated to within ten air-line miles of Livorno are attempting to smash through heavily manned strongpoints.

The severity of the fighting was shown in official reports. The Americans, who on the preceding day held half of the town, were able to claim only two-thirds of its battered ruins last night.

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### Invasion Slower Than Expected, Report Officers

**SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 7 (AP)**—The allied invasion of France has not lived up to the expectation of many of its planners, who had estimated the assault would progress more rapidly than it has.

Officers made no secret of this today, but at the same time hastened to say that the western front, after one month of fighting, could not be described as "unsatisfactory."

"After all, we have landed and established a front and a month ago, we were none too sure whether we could do that," one officer said.

### Yanks Close In For Saipan Kill

**U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 7 (AP)**—United States forces closing in for the kill on Japanese troops pocketed on northern Saipan today offered the ten to 15 thousand civilians trapped with them an avenue to life-saving surrender.

AP Correspondent Rember James reports from the Western Pacific island that American commanders decreed that a single highway could be used by the civilians to come into the U. S. lines.

Already some 7000 Japanese civilians have been interned by the marine and army forces who have cornered the Nipponese on Saipan's northern tip. The enemy soldiers seemed determined on a desperate last stand, doomed though they were.

### Ambassador to Leave Spain

**MADRID, July 7 (AP)**—U. S. Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes will fly to Washington tomorrow. He conferred for 80 minutes yesterday with General Franco.

### Women Killed, Men Injured In Gunfight

**VANCOUVER, July 7 (CP)**—Two women were killed and two men badly wounded in a gunfight which started in a Vancouver residence today and ended on a street 11 blocks away.

Police said Alex Rusan was being held for investigation in connection with the shootings.

Mrs. Jack Preston and Mrs. Laura Rusan were shot dead. Fred Ransoff and Jack Preston were wounded.

Police said the shooting began in the Rusan home.

Police said Ransoff is not expected to live. Condition of Preston was reported as "fair."

### Death Toll in Circus Fire Nears 150

**HARTFORD, Conn., July 7 (AP)**—The death toll in the greatest fire in circus history neared the 150 mark today, with the majority of victims women and children, as the full, grim unfolding of the catastrophe which destroyed the main tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus turned this stunned city into a center of grieving.

Dr. Alfred I. Burgdorf, city health officer, fixed the death toll at 146 while 250 other persons, burned or injured when the big top first burst into flames and scattered in three hospitals.

Identification of the dead was slow, and Mayor William Mortonson said it was likely many of the charred holiday makers would never be known, announced that the city probably

### FDR's Political Plans Uncertain

**WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)**—A reporter asked President Roosevelt today if he regarded Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York as a strong opponent, and brought laughter and a lecture, but no direct reply as to Mr. Roosevelt's political plans.

### Hundreds Attend Opening Of Klamath County Store; \$53,825 in "E" Bonds Sold

The country store, sponsored by the Fifth War Loan drive committee, opened Thursday night with hundreds of people waiting outside for the doors to open at 7 o'clock, according to Joe Hicks, Fifth War Loan chairman.

A total of \$53,825 worth of E bonds were sold with the large crowd seemingly pleased over the opportunity of obtaining the rare items which were given with the purchase of the bonds.

### COOPERATIVE GAINS NEW RETAIL SITE

Klamath Basin Cooperative has acquired a large site at South 8th and Midland road where it will develop a major retail outlet, it was learned today.

The cooperative, which is affiliated with the Pacific Supply cooperative in the former Martin Brothers mill plant, will develop an outlet here instead of expanding its plant at Tulelake, where it now operates.

This step, it was stated, was taken in response to urgings of members at various locations in the basin who wanted central distribution at Klamath Falls. While major development at the South 8th site will probably wait until after the war, a feed and seed store is to be established immediately, and thereafter members will deal in those products at the new location instead of the former Martin plant.

The South 8th site, consisting of 6 1/2 acres, is now an auto camp and service station, and long has been owned by former County Judge R. H. Bunnell.

The cooperative will continue (Continued on Page Seven)

### WAVES Sell Bonds



Appearing at the country store sponsored by the Fifth War Loan committee tonight will be these four WAVES who are stationed at the Klamath naval air station. The four are Storekeepers Irene Roessel, Nancy Roberts, and Helen Porter, and Yeoman Marcia Follensbee.

### NAVAL BASE, STEEL CENTER HIT IN RAID

#### Second Attack on Jap Mainland Made On Kyushu

**WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)**—Super-Fortresses of the U. S. 20th Air Force bombed the Japanese naval base at Sasebo and the steel center of Yawata on the island of Kyushu Friday night, in the second attack by the huge B-29's on the Japanese mainland.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the air force, announced the assault in a communique at Washington. It was the third time since Pearl Harbor that American planes have rained bombs on Japan proper.

Yawata, comparable to the U. S. naval establishments at Norfolk, Va., or Bremerton, Wash., was hit for the first time since the start of the war. It lies to the west of Yawata, which was the target of the first B-29 Super-Fortress attack on the Japanese home islands on June 15.

The target of today's attack, which occurred on the seventh anniversary of Japan's initiation of the war with China, lies just north of the great Japanese port of Nagasaki.

#### Before Dawn The attack on Yawata, also by Super-Fortresses of the 20th bomber command based in China, occurred in the pre-dawn hours of June 15.

The great weight of explosives was poured on the factories of that city at the northern end of Kyushu island, and air force officers reported a high degree of successful hits on the industrial targets.

Four of the B-29's failed to return to their base in China after the Yawata mission. One was shot down by anti-aircraft fire over the target, and operational accidents prevented two others from getting back. The fourth is listed as missing.

Yawata's steel plants are estimated to produce about one-fifth of the steel critically needed by Japan in its armament and ship construction program.

#### RED ADVANCE NEARS BORDER OF PRUSSIA

**LONDON, July 7 (AP)**—German reports said the Russians were advancing today within ten miles of Wilno, where Moscow reported the nazis had declared martial law.

Smashing beyond the old Polish bastion of Kowel, the Russians were approaching the Bug river at a point about 135 miles southeast of Warsaw along the main trunk line. Virtually all the pre-war Polish frontier was crossed save for a section before Luniniec in the Pripyat marshes.

#### Chinese Break Hengyang Siege

**CHUNGKING, July 7 (AP)**—Chinese troops have made a smashing comeback in Hunan province, breaking his siege of Hengyang and driving back a distance of 25 miles the main body of Japanese troops which had by-passed that vital rail junction in their drive south along the Hankow-Canton railway, a Chinese army spokesman declared today.

The victory, scored with the aid of reinforcements moving up from the southwest, has "removed for some time to come" the Japanese threat to occupy the whole of that vital rail line and cut China in two, the spokesman said.

#### 17 Die in Train Wreck; Other Deaths Expected

**JELICO, Tenn., July 7 (AP)**—At least 17 persons, all but two of them soldiers, were killed last night when a troop train plunged into a 50-foot gorge of the Clear river 11 miles south of here.

Dr. E. P. Muncy, resident physician of Knoxville's general hospital, said the death toll probably would exceed 40.

In Ravine

The locomotive and four cars were piled on the ravine's bottom, and a fifth hung over the precipitous edge, where it left the Louisville and Nashville railroad tracks.

One soldier, identified by army public relations as Pvt. Leonard Battag of Evanston, Ill., was still pinned in the bottom of a wrecked car 12 hours after the crash, with four dead men piled on him. He regained consciousness and talked with rescuers as acetylene torches

#### Commander's Son Hit on Saipan

**WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)**—Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commander of the marines, was notified today that his son, Lt. Col. A. A. Vandegrift Jr., marines, has been wounded in action on Saipan.

Young Vandegrift, 33, was shot in the leg while leading an infantry battalion fighting June 28 around Mount Tapochau.

He previously had participated in the assaults on Roi and Namur in the Marshall Islands last February. He is unmarried, and makes his home with his parents in Washington.

#### FDR Concerned Over Chinese War

**WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)**—President Roosevelt said today the war in China is not going well and that we are a good deal concerned over the outlook.

Mr. Roosevelt tempered his news conference remark, however, by saying the Japanese are in a poor strategic position because their supply lines are so extended and are being menaced by the allies.

The fighting in China does not seem to be stopping the Japanese advances, the president said.

### WAR BULLETINS

**U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 7 (AP)**—An attempt by 200 Japanese to escape seaward from a trap on embattled Saipan was broken up by American artillery fire. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today in announcing steady advances on that strategic island.

**LONDON, July 7 (AP)**—More than 100 U. S. heavy bombers with strong fighter escort shot down 114 German planes in great aerial battles over Germany today with the loss of 38 bombers and six fighters, a U. S. strategic air force communique announced tonight.

**LONDON, July 7 (AP)**—Russian armies continued their westward advance along their long battle front today, capturing nearly 400 populated places, including Mir, a district center in the region of Baranowice, and Oshkynas and Ostrovetz, district centers in the Wilejka region, the soviet communique announced tonight.

### Death Toll in Circus Fire Nears 150

**Mark Today; 250 Others Injured**

Meanwhile, a variety of investigators pressed an inquiry into the origin of the inferno which quickly changed a gay throng of 6000 into a panic-stricken, shrieking mass of humanity with only one object in mind—to escape the horror of a fast settling, flaming shroud of fiercely burning canvas from the big top.

**Officials Held**

As a steady stream of weary relatives sought to give names to the victims, who lay beneath sheets in grim aisles of dead in the huge, sprawling armory, five officials of the circus company were held in high bail, charged with manslaughter.

They were:

J. A. Haley, vice president; George W. Smith, general manager; Leonard Aylesworth, boss

### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EUROPE lulls a little today. The Pacific FLAMES with news.

B-29s hit Japan again—at the Sasebo naval base, 100 miles west of Yawata, where they struck before. Our terse communique tells of a "high degree" of successful hits on industrial targets.

They came from China again. That brief announcement is all as this is written.

ON the day that begins the EIGHTH year of their war of survival, the Chinese break the Hengyang siege (on one side) and drive the Japs back 25 miles to the northwest. The blow was made possible by Chinese reinforcements that came from the southwest—where our airfields are located.

A Chinese army spokesman says: "This removes for some time to come the threat of Jap occupation of the entire Peiping-Canton railroad, with consequent cutting of China in two."

THE Chinese spokesman's statement, on its face, sounds a bit over-optimistic. But General Chennault, who has been realistic so far, adds:

"We are now drawing into position to strike STRAIGHT AT THE HEART of the Japanese empire. The time will come soon, perhaps before another 12 months have passed, when the Japs will be driven forever from Chinese soil."

He may know something that hasn't yet been officially told.

MOUNTBATTEN tells his troops today that Jap General Mutaguchi has confessed failure in his India invasion and admitted that his invading army is in desperate straits. Mountbatten adds that the India-invading Japs are all in retreat or trapped.

The Burma Chinese are only a mile from Tengchung, described in the dispatches as "an important city necessary to reopening the Burma road."

ON Saipan, our commanders offer the Japs a chance to surrender, designating a route for them to come into our lines and promising them food, water and safety if they come.

J. B. Krueger, AP correspondent on the spot, cables that the trapped Japs evidently SPURN SURRENDER and await death.

They are surrounded by our infantry and marines, who await the signal to bring on the END.

IN estimating the Jap suicide complex, we must keep this hard, realistic fact in mind:

The mystic Jap savage who insists on dying for his emperor instead of surrendering when all hope is gone doesn't have to be fed and cared for by us.

WES GALLAGHER, AP correspondent in Normandy, cables today that the invasion "hasn't lived up to the expectations of many of its planners."

The Germans, he explains, have fought fanatically, and the weather has been bad from the beginning, hampering our air operations and our landings.

KEEP your fingers crossed. This may be said to fool the Germans. If the Normandy landing isn't up to expectations, it would be logical to expect OTHER landings.

LAST night was a relatively quiet night on the Russian front. Only 5000 Germans were killed, Moscow says.

FOUR Russian armies are driving westward—toward the Nazi homeland. One is 10 miles from Wilno, in Poland; Wilno is 87 miles from East Prussia, home of the German war lords.

Another, pushing west from abandoned Kowel, is only 35 miles from the Bug. Still another is pointed at Brest-Litovsk, on the Bug farther north. (The Bug is supposed to be the next German defense line.)

AS to the rocket bombs, the London Telegraph says today: "Flying bombs will not be forgotten when the time comes to SETTLE ACCOUNTS with Germany. Meanwhile this deadly and indiscriminate fire will drive nobody from his post."

WHISTLING to keep British courage up?

Let's see about that.

Suppose the Japs were terror-bombing every city on the Pacific coast, including Klamath Falls. Would we be coming out of the rubble of our destroyed homes with our hands in the air screaming "PLEASE quit, we surrender?"

WE WOULD NOT. We'd be gritting our teeth and swearing to get even if it took every man, woman and child of us to do it.

TERROR-BOMBING gets no where save to harden resolution to shed the last drop of blood, if need be. The bomb is a MILITARY weapon to be used for MILITARY purposes.

As a breaker of civilian morale, it is worse than a flop. Hard experience has taught us that.