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 Normal 10.71 Last year 7.70
 Forecast: Warm Sunday with clouds.

GROUND GAINS MADE; NEW B-29 BLOWS STRUCK

Chinese Troops Again Recapture Port Of Foochow

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor

Japan began marshalling school children today to stem the expected homeland invasion as the mikedo's men received a flailing on all fronts and nearly 500 Superfortresses raided the "sacred islands."

For the third time Chinese infantrymen recaptured Foochow, in the center of China's potential invasion coast. Within striking distance of China or Japan, endless assaults and counterattacks were made on Okinawa's catacombed hills. To the south, Filipino guerrillas and Yanks, attacking behind recored incendiary raids, seized Manila's primary water source.

Blows Blanket Empire

The meaning of the war was brought home to Nippon by four formations of B-29s on bombing and mine-laying expeditions which topped allied air blows blanketing the far reaches of the empire, including wide and unopposed sweeps over China and a British carrier raid on Sumatra.

Nippon's strongest reaction, as reported by Tokyo radio, was inauguration of a program to teach children to throw hand grenades. Broadcasters protested that allied reports of peace feelers emanating from Tokyo were "a source of annoyance" to those planning the home defenses.

Foochow Reclaimed

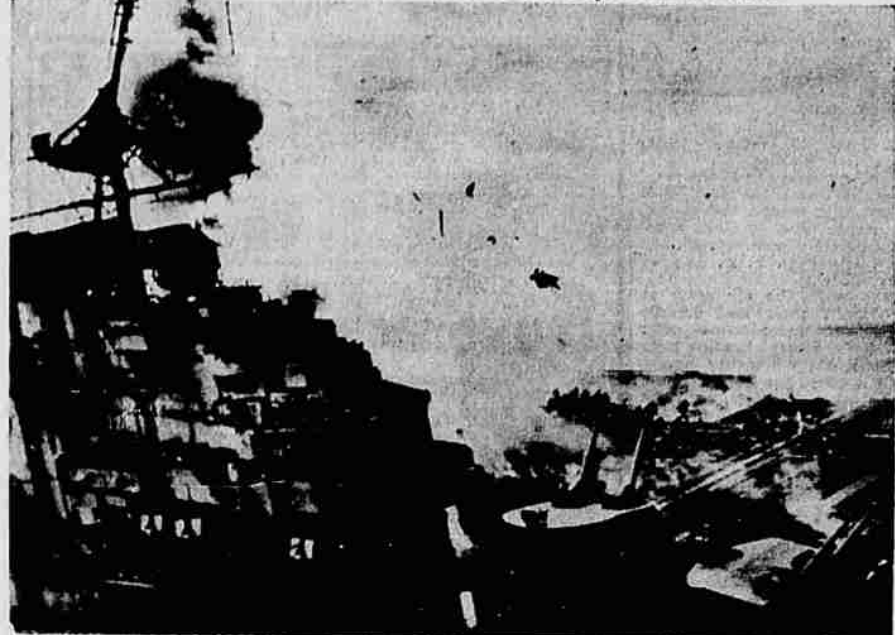
A growing weakness on the China coast was indicated by Vice Adm. Ryozo Fukuda, newly-appointed commander of the emperor's China fleet, which may turn out to be a fictitious force. His admission that the situation was "complicated" came as reinforced Chinese retook Foochow, literally "The Happy Region."

Chungking announced Chinese fought their way back into Foochow and recaptured it yesterday morning amid indications the Japanese were abandoning a 500-mile strip of the central China coast as indefensible against a feared American landing.

Small garrisons were reported already withdrawing from Wen-

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Carrier USS Franklin Victim Of Jap Dive Bomber



Essex-class carrier, USS Franklin, operating approximately 60 miles from Jap coast, is victim of attack by Jap dive bomber. Picture shows debris hurled in the air as the great ship is wracked by blasts, while fire fighters race away to dodge explosions.

Survivors Of Franklin Relate Story Of Heroic Crew's Work

By LOIS STEWART

Right under the very nose of Klamath Falls is one of the best stories of the war in the Pacific. It is told by survivors of the aircraft carrier Franklin which officially broke into the news yesterday. It is told by 10 surviving pilots, aircrewmembers of the carrier which came home, sadly crippled but bravely under her own power, and is now at the Brooklyn navy yard undergoing repairs.

The men we talked to are members of a newly commissioned air group stationed at the Klamath naval air station, readying to return again to combat in the final strike against the Japs.

Knocked Jap Down

The story of the Franklin was carried by virtually every paper in the United States. Some of the men who achieved nationwide fame are at the station here, including the man who brought down the Jap plane—the lone plane which created in a split second—one of the worst disasters in U. S. naval history. He is Comdr. E. B. Parker of San Francisco. Comdr. Parker was in the air at the time the Jap struck, at about 7 o'clock the morning of March 19, when the Franklin was 66 miles north of Japan.

Comdr. Parker, flying a Corsair at the time, pursued the bomber, sent her down into the sea as it came out of a cloud. The officer didn't say much about it today. Just sort of grinned and said—"That's enough."

Tribute to the pilots and aircrewmembers was paid by Lt. Comdr. S. R. Sherman, also a San Franciscan, and one of the doctors aboard. Here's a part of his story:

"I was on the flight deck with the officer who was launching the planes. This was my regular station during flight operations. Suddenly all hell broke loose. I found myself slammed against the island structure and there violently thrown to the flight deck on my back. As I arose, the flight deck was enveloped in smoke and flames and terrible explosions were occurring all around me, at intervals of every few seconds.

"It was impossible to determine in which direction to go for safety and once in a moment of indecision I followed several other officers into the flight deck control room but found this an impossible place to remain, so I immediately returned to the flight deck and started to administer aid to the wounded lying all around me.

"I was wearing the usual flight surgeon's belt which contained ample medical supplies and first aid equipment and then I was able to reach my other stores of first aid which were in the island structure. Being unable to find my medical corpsman who had been blown off the ship, I enlisted aid of surviving pilots of my air group and evacuated wounded and dead to the forward end of the flight deck.

"The condition of the flight deck was extremely bad. You couldn't see in the smoke and flames. The shrapnel from our own bombs was coming down like hail.

"We set up an emergency dressing station on the forward end of the flight deck and treated the wounded as best we could in that precarious position. The aviators and myself made many trips back into the areas on fire and near where the explosions were occurring and brought out more wounded. During those trips we all took time out to fight fire and throw the ammunition over the side.

Unselfish Courage

"The unselfish courage and heroism of the air group personnel in saving lives and fighting fires was the most inspiring (Continued on Page Two)

MARINES MISSING; CANOE OVERTURNED

Search was underway at Crescent lake today for the bodies of two marines, missing after an aquatic accident in which their canoe overturned on the lake Thursday night.

The missing men: Assistant Cook David Van Deest, son of Mrs. Louise Smith, 1912 S.W. 1st St., Des Moines, Ia.

Corporal Neal Burris, son of Fred Burris, 612 North 11th St., Independence, Kas.

Set Up Camp

The men were members of a party setting up a recreation and training camp at the lake. They went out in a canoe Thursday evening. A shout was heard from the middle of the lake, and when they failed to come in, a search was instituted.

Both men were good swimmers and good boat-handlers. It is believed they may have been seized with cramps when the boat overturned. The water of the lake tested 40 degrees at the surface.

200 Feet Deep

Yesterday, the boat was found, upside down in the middle of the lake, which is about (Continued on Page Two)

Tito Charged With Using Force To Establish Claims

By TOM OCHILTREE
 Associated Press Staff Writer

Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander charged Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia today with the apparent intention of establishing claims to northeastern Italy and southern Austria by force of arms.

Revealing that he had been unable to come to a friendly agreement with Tito the Mediterranean commander in the Mediterranean theater told his troops that "it is our duty to hold these disputed territories as trustees until their ultimate disposal is settled at a peace conference."

Wants No Change

In Belgrade it was learned that Tito's reply to American and British suggestions that no frontiers be changed before the peace conference caused "surprise and disappointment" at the U. S. embassy. American correspondents were informed, however, that there still was a feeling that the situation could be finally solved satisfactorily.

Tito was quoted by the Belgrade radio as declaring that the "honor of our army and the honor of our country demand the presence of the Yugoslav army in Istria, Trieste and the Slovene coastline."

Right to Remain

The Yugoslav leader also asserted that the presence of his troops in the disputed area did not "prejudice the decision of a peace conference as to whom these territories belong" and declared that his troops had equal rights with other allied armies to remain in territory they had liberated from the Germans.

Declaring that Tito's apparent intention was "all to reminiscence of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan," Alexander said that "it was to prevent such actions that we have been fighting this war."

The territory of Venezia and Giulia, part of the area involved in the dispute, went to Italy after the first World War.

Previous Agreement

Allied headquarters disclosed that Tito agreed in July, 1944, and February, 1945, that for military purposes allied forces should occupy the region, including Trieste, while the Yugoslavs should occupy Fiume and an area to the east of a line running roughly north of Fiume.

Tito rejected that agreement when it was taken to Belgrade on May 8, contending that the problem involving disputed territories in Italy and Austria "was now a political one and not a military one," allied headquarters said.

POLE ARREST SAID SEPARATE ISSUE

By EDWARD J. DENNEHY
 LONDON, May 19 (AP)—Premier Stalin let the world know today that he will not consider the disputed arrest of 16 Poles in negotiations for the reorganization of the Warsaw government ordered at Yalta.

"The arrest of the Poles," Stalin said, "has no connection with the question of reconstruction of the Polish provisional government." These arrests have raised protests in the British house of commons and in the United States.

Names Conditions

Stalin laid down three "elementary conditions for solution of the Polish question, the first of them recognition of the present Warsaw government as the basic core of a national unity (Continued on Page Two)

Raymond Hermann Killed In Action

PFC Raymond Hermann, 25, born in Klamath Falls on September 28, 1924, and is a graduate of Klamath Union high school with the class of 1943. He was an employee of the Southern Pacific railroad at the time of his induction in September of 1943, and received all of his training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

After receiving his overseas orders, Bell was sent to Pearl Harbor where he transferred from the infantry to the engineers. He took part in the Guam and Leyte campaigns.

Bell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Bell, his wife, the former Lorraine Mattes, two brothers, S/Sgt. Calvin Bell with the army in Italy, and Clarence Bell of 1240 Gary street in Klamath Falls, and the sister, Mrs. L. G. Logan of 1322 Worden.

Hillard Bell Dies Of Wounds

Word was received from the war department on Wednesday, May 10, by Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Bell, former residents of Klamath Falls, news of the death of their son, PFC Hillard V. Bell of the United States army engineers died of wounds received on Kerama in the South Pacific on April 2. Another son, Cpl. Virgil A. Bell, United States army, was killed in action on New Guinea on September 8, 1943.

The 20-year-old youth was born in Klamath Falls on September 28, 1924, and is a graduate of Klamath Union high school with the class of 1943. He was an employee of the Southern Pacific railroad at the time of his induction in September of 1943, and received all of his training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

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Art Treasures Taken By Quisling

LONDON, May 19 (AP)—Norwegian authorities catalogued as evidence today an immense fortune in stolen art treasures found in the mansion formerly occupied by Vidkun Quisling, who, they said, would be summoned for a preliminary hearing, probably on treason charges, within a week.

Minister of Justice Terge Wold said every attempt was being made to speed the trial of Hitler's luxury-loving puppet premier.

"We have to study five years of criminal activity and it takes time," Wold said, "but we have no intention of coddling Quisling."

Police Car Crash Causes Injuries

Police reported an acrobatic involving three cats near Henley on early Saturday morning, a little after 10 o'clock. The accident occurred in front of his house when about to make a right turn on a driveway and was driven by Edward Russett of the Blaine hotel in Falls. Passengers included his wife, Peggy Joyce, 13, and 16, both who were taken and sustained serious injuries. Traveling with them were Thelma O'Leary, 16, who was slightly injured, Della Moore, Daniel and Henry Egan, all of Portland, no injuries.

It is claimed that Hays signaled for a turn and saw the car, it was too late. A 1940 Plymouth driven by Arel Alvin An-Klamath Falls, was at the scene of the accident and by Wilkins' car after the side of Anderson's car was wrecked, and most damage of the person was accompanied by his wife. Neither of the injured. No arrests.

Bill Set On Marriages

Indian couples on the Klamath Indian reservation are married and living together according to Indian law until June 13 next to be married according to state law, otherwise they must separate or be dealt with by the law. The Klamath Indian council in legislation themselves and the secretary of the reservation the matter to the congress and that body on act December 13, 1944, making it mandatory that after June 13, 1945, all marriages and divorces must be made and executed according to existing state laws. Of the couples affected have already complied but a number of couples are being given a second notice by the administration, warning them of the deadline. As the bill for this legislation themselves it is not expected that difficulty will be had in bringing about legal divorces for the remaining few involved.

U. S. AWAITS WORD ON CONFAB ISSUES

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19 (AP)—The United States delegation is hoping to get word from Moscow this weekend that may clear the way for United Nations approval of regional defense plans and break a conference jam on other critical issues.

For the moment the Russians, and small nations unsure of the course the Russians may pursue, have the world security conference tied in a knot so far as important decisions are concerned.

Nations Revolt

In addition there is an undercurrent of small nation revolt against what some are terming big-power control of present and future United Nations machinery. This alone could considerably prolong the work of the conference here beyond the next two weeks.

A whole series of developments spotlighted the new crisis in conference affairs. These developments included:

Charges Dictatorship

Francisco Aguirre of Cuba, speaking in a closed committee meeting, hotly accused the big powers of dictatorship.

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Hungry Americans Look To Capitol For Food Relief

By The Associated Press

Americans hungry for meat and some other foods looked to Washington for help today and had assurance that the federal government would do its best.

The pleas came from many directions—from New York, meatless and poultryless, short of butter and eggs; from Chicago, where a truck driver strike hampered food deliveries a third day; from Camden, N. J., whose mayor, George E. Brunner, asked President Truman for action.

Subsidies Increased

War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson announced a program of increased subsidies to boost the meat supply but warned it would "take some time for the effects of the program to be felt."

The house food committee was reported ready to blame the OPA, the war food administration and other agencies for a growing sugar shortage, and possibly to demand curtailment of shipments abroad.

Urges Federal Action

Chicago's truck operators and wholesale grocers urged presidential action to end the drivers' strike. Rep. Case (R-N.J.) was asked if he couldn't get some meat and points for a New Jersey oil refinery cafeteria.

Philadelphia's meat shortage was called the worst since the Civil war.

The agriculture department, forecasting that the number of calories available to civilians would be 300 per day less than last year, urged people to eat more grain products.

\$6500 In Bonds Sold During Day

By 1 o'clock Saturday, the day's bond sales had reached \$6500.

Mrs. Marjorie Frasier entertained at the piano at 7th War Loan Bond headquarters, 8th and Main, Saturday morning while sales mounted.

Members of the Chicagoans orchestra played at headquarters at 2:30 p. m. with Sgt. Robert Pomrenke at the bass fiddle, Cpl. Harry Kraus, piano and Sgt. Max O. Shockency, saxophone.

No program has been planned for Sunday, but the office will be opened again Monday morning with special entertainment provided by Klamath residents and members of the military personnel.

Battleship Sunk By Italians

LONDON, May 19 (AP)—The British battleship Queen Elizabeth was torpedoed and sunk in January, 1942, by an Italian midget submarine which crept into the harbor at Alexandria, Egypt, the office of naval affairs said today.

The dreadnaught was refloated and taken to the United States for repairs, the announcement stated. It said no additional information was available.

Prisoners Faced Starvation, Satisfied Hunger With Cats, Reports Mrs. Sevcik

By LOIS STEWART

Just getting plain American can carry you through a whole lot of grief but a handful of rice and a pot of cat simmering on the stove helps, too.

Esther Bellant Sevcik, first Klamath woman to return from imprisonment at Santo Tomas in Manila, can testify to the fortitude of American men and women who suffered under Japanese military confinement for what seemed endless years.

Mrs. Sevcik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellant, 4510 Peck, arrived home Monday. She weighs an even 100 pounds and is fat compared to the 78 pounds she weighed when they moved her by stretcher to the camp hospital last February 5.

Hungry

After living in a Japanese camp, you could just about set up housekeeping with nothing at all and be successful at it, Esther observed. You haven't anything to cook in and, if you had, there wasn't anything to cook. That's what started fricassee a la Puss-cat.

Shudder when you think of eating cat? Not when you're as hungry as men and women and children at Santo Tomas. Esther tells this story:

"I'd eyed a certain cat for months. When the Jap military took over from the embassy, we were reduced to a handful of rice a day. It had the caloric value of one-half what a three-year-old child needs to keep alive.

Got the Cat

"My friend Mary said she wished I'd quit talking about catching the cat and do something about it, so I went to a doctor, a former eye specialist who was interned at the camp, and asked him if it was safe. Let me congratulate you, Mrs. Sevcik, on your intelligence," he said. "This is starvation." So I got the cat.

"I got so I could catch and kill a cat faster and better than any woman in camp. We usually did it at night, then buried the skin. It tasted something like rabbit and was quite good. We fried it, taking the fat from under the legs.

One Dager Annoyed

"One day a very fat dower living near my shanty preened up to me and in a haughty voice said, 'Mrs. Sevcik, did you kill my cat?' I told her no, I hadn't got her cat, but it was only because I couldn't catch it. The fact is, I'd tried to get that very cat the night before.

"We didn't tell the children they were eating cat. Life was grim enough without that. So when the troops came in, I was telling one of the GI's about our diet. I turned to Mary's 7-year-old and said—"You didn't know you were eating cat, did you?" you thought it was chicken."

Not Chicken

"The little fellow just grinned and said, 'I knew it was cat all the time. First of all, you remember that big cat. Well, he disappeared and the next day we had chicken. And then I was sure when you said to mother, 'Mary, will you have one of the GI's legs?'"

The Japs, dead as a gainst cluttering up the world with any more Americans, ordered all pregnant women to report their condition to officials. The American doctors in the camp did not cooperate, but when it was learned that "a blessed event" was impending, the husband was

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"I Could Just Wade In This"

Esther Bellant Sevcik, liberated from Santo Tomas prison, still marvels at the food at home. During the late months of internment, the women would sit around and exchange exotic recipes, "copying like mad." On the back of a slip which permitted her to sit during roll call, because of her weakened condition, Esther planned what she would eat her first day of freedom. Here it is: 6:30 a. m., pineapple juice, black coffee, breakfast, plum sauce, oatmeal, condensed milk, strawberry jam, toast and butter, hot chocolate with marshmallows, two waffles, butter, maple syrup, two fried eggs, liver and bacon, more toast, jellyed doughnuts, coffee, sugar and cream, 10 a. m., beer, cheese, crackers and cookies, 12:30 p. m., fricassee chicken, dumplings, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, buttered carrots and peas, baking powder biscuits, honey and butter, dill pickles, apricot ice box cake, coffee, 2:30 p. m., milk shake, 4:30 p. m., tea, pecan and cinnamon rolls, cheese and jam, tea, sugar and lemon, chocolate cake, 7:30 dinner, lobster cocktail, saltines, olives, celery, pickles, ham baked in honey and cream, candied yams, escalloped corn kernels with parmesan cheese, fried turnips in ham fat, Parker House rolls, tomato surprise salad stuffed with Roquefort cheese, baked apples with marshmallow sauce, candied fruits, Camembert cheese, coffee and brandy, 11:30 p. m., snack, chicken and ham sandwiches, milk.