

# SHURI DEFENSES HIT BY MARINES

## Herald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, MONDAY, MAY 21, 1945

### Weather News

May 21, 1945	
Max. (May 20)	57
Precipitation last 24 hours	37
Stream year to date	10.31
Normal	10.77
Last year	7.70
Forecast: Sprinkles tonight and Tuesday.	

### HEAVY MORTAR FIRE IMPEDES GAINS ON ISLE

#### Fortress Pounded By Bombing Into Rubble

By JAMES LINDSLEY  
GUAM, May 21 (AP)—First marine division troops have driven to the crest of the last ridge before the Okinawa fortress city of Shuri in a tank-led drive through 800 yards of ferociously defended ravines and draws.

Elaborate Japanese hillside defenses were cleared by flame-throwing tanks and weary riflemen as they climbed the steep inclines until the tanks could go no farther and the battle turned into a hand to hand, cave-by-cave struggle.

Shuri, lying below the hilltop position of the marines, was a pile of rubble from the incessant bombardment and bombing to which it has been subjected.

Heavy Fire  
Lt. James Paulos, commander of a company which seized one ridge overlooking the ancient capital of Ryukyuan monarchs, told Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland his men had been subjected to heavy mortar fire all the way up the ridge.

Meantime, the 77th infantry division advanced doggedly to within 900 yards of Shuri in the northeast, throwing back three counterattacks, and elements of the 96th infantry division moved within 1600 yards of the walled, moated city of the east.

Sand Aid  
The sixth marine division sent elements toward Shuri from its positions in suburbs of Naha, present capital of Okinawa.

Despite continued fierce Japanese resistance, Maj. Gen. John R. Hodges said there "was some indication that the Japanese are disintegrating as an overall fighting unit."

Hodge told newsmen the en-

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### BACCALAUREATE SERVICES HELD

Baccalaureate services at the auditorium last night marked the beginning of commencement activities attending the graduation of approximately 200 seniors from Klamath Union high school. The final graduation exercises will be held at Pelican court at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Lt. Comdr. Graham Gilmer Jr., USNR, chaplain at the Marine Barracks, delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening before an auditorium filled with the capped and gowned seniors and their families and friends.

Chaplain Gilmer described a "happy ship" in which navy morale is high, and emphasized the value of spiritual equipment in meeting life's problems and adventures.

Rev. S. M. Topness presided. Scriptures were read by Alfred L. Dwight, the invocation by Rev. F. C. Wissenbach and the benediction by Rev. David Barnett.

There will be no guest speakers at the commencement exercises Wednesday evening. A few remarks will be made by Superintendent Arnold Grapp, Principal Stanley Woodruff and Board Chairman Nelson Reed. Jimmie Case will present the valedictory speech, and Marjorie Huskinson will be salutatorian.

Sgt. Don Zumwalt, 25, of the United States army air corps has been liberated from a German camp for prisoners of war, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Zumwalt of 2225 Biehn in Klamath Falls. The news was brought to the Zumwalts by the American Red Cross, although no further details were known. It is believed that he is now in England.

Zumwalt left in September of 1940 with the national guard, first reporting for duty at Fort Stevens with the 249th coast artillery. He later transferred to the air corps, and received his orders for overseas service as a tail gunner on a B-24. His plane was shot down on August 29, 1944 after completing 32 missions over Romania and the Ploesti oil fields.

The young gunner was reported missing in a message received here on September 9, and was then listed as a prisoner of the German government in October of the same year. Zumwalt was last heard from in December, but prior to that time his parents and several friends were the recipients of numerous letters and cards, as well as a telegram repeating a message which he had sent short wave from Germany.

## Chinese Take Hochih; Japs Evacuate Post

By SPENCER MOOSA  
CHUNGKING, May 21 (AP)—Chinese troops in a sudden offensive in Kwangsi province have recaptured Hochih, important Japanese bastion on the Kwangsi-Kweichow railroad, 95 miles west of the rail junction city of Liuchow, the Chinese high command announced today.

On the east China coast, Chinese troops hammering eastward from the captured city of Foochow—possible American invasion port—have occupied Mamoi, eight miles distant, and other Chinese reached the vicinity of Lienkong, 20 miles northeast of Foochow, the high command said. The coastal successes were scored in yesterday's fighting.

Hochih was one of the Japanese strong points screening the enemy corridor to Indo-China.

## STUMBLING BLOCK PASSED BY CONFAB

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (AP)—Agreement among the Big Five and Latin American nations on plans for regional defense systems within a world organization today put the United Nations conference past its biggest stumbling block.

Russian acceptance of the regional plan with only minor changes in wording was followed by signs that a smooth and early solution of soviet-American differences over a system of international trusteeships is close at hand.

Melts Opposition  
Furthermore, satisfaction of the Latin American republics that the regional defense system in this hemisphere will be preserved melted their opposition to decisive action on other major conference issues, mainly a veto-voting system for the big powers in the proposed world security council.

As the fourth full week of the conference opened, many United Nations leaders were hopeful that the job of charting the new international league could be finished June 2. Proposals for speeding up the work to meet that deadline were ready for a steering committee session today.

Offer Protection  
American military authorities were understood to feel that the security arrangements already on or in the making offer full protection to the United States regardless of how the projected league works out.

Much of the maneuvering to date has been due to the efforts of all the nations, but particularly the big powers, to set up as many safeguards as they can for their own future protection. Thus Russia early obtained agreement of the Big Five to allow defense treaties against future axis aggression to remain unchanged under the world organization system.

Army To Release 40-Year-Olds  
WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The army today fixed at 40 years the age at which enlisted men may apply for discharge.

The army only last month had lowered the discharge age to 42 years. An estimated 30,000 enlisted men are in the army in the 40 and 41-year age groups.

At the same time, the war department announced that Wacs 40 years of age or over who have served the required period on active duty will be eligible for discharge. It estimated that 8000 enlisted Wacs will be eligible under this provision.

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## Task Force On Prowl, Say Japs

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (AP)—An allied task force "again is on the prowl" and "appears to be attempting to approach Kyushu," the Japanese Domei agency said in a broadcast intercepted by the federal communications commission yesterday.

The dispatch noted that since last Thursday allied carrier aircraft raids against Kyushu and the Anami archipelago, south of Kyushu, had been increasing, and since dawn Saturday the "enemy" has been active over that area.

## Marines' Bodies Not Recovered

The bodies of two marines, missing in a canoe accident on Crescent lake, have not been recovered, according to word from the Marine Barracks search party today.

The missing men are Assistant Cook David Van Deest, Des Moines, Ia., and Corporal Neal Burris, Independence, Kas.

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## FREIGHT RATE EQUALIZATION FIXED BY ICC

South, West Affected By Surprise Ruling

By J. FRANK TRAGLE  
WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The nation's railroad freight bill is being refigured.

In a move widely significant to the south and west, the interstate commerce commission: Orders Equalization

1. Ordered basic freight rates of those sections—except for the far west—equalized with eastern rail charges.

2. Directed that the nation's carriers simplify rate-making by setting up a uniform system of freight classification for the entire nation.

Caught by Surprise  
The long-awaited order, universally conceded to be the most important in the commission's 58-year history, was released late Saturday without an advance hint. As a result its 294 pages caught railroad representatives completely by surprise. They withheld comment pending a thorough study.

The decision, however, was quickly acclaimed by southern leaders.

"South on its Way"  
Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia declared: "America may well take notice—the south is on its way."

Arnall added that the ICC ruling will not deter Georgia from pressing its supreme court suit against a number of railroads on charges of conspiring against the south in establishing railroad freight rates.

"Now that the ICC has saved its face," he commented, "the U. S. supreme court will, in my judgment, complete the job of freeing the transportation system of America."

## Half A Million In Bonds Sold By Marine Show

Approximately 25 marines were back at the Barracks here today, after selling nearly half a million dollars worth of bonds in a tour of five western Oregon towns. A show similar to the ones presented in these towns will be given here May 30 in connection with the 7th War Loan drive.

Featured in the show, written and directed by Richard Nasson, were Lt. Ott Schulte, winner of the Navy Cross; Sgt. William B. Fields, Silver Star holder, and Sgt. Talbot Vogler, who wears the Bronze Star.

The famed marine orchestra, with Singers PFC Carl Hagel and S/Sgt. Bill Schenker, entertained residents of Grants Pass, Roseburg, Reedsport, Coos Bay and Coquille on the tour.

On Thursday, May 17, the show was broadcast over the Mutual network from San Francisco to Seattle, originating from station KOOS in Coos Bay between 2:15 and 2:45 p. m.

## Marines Strike Nearer Shuri



First division marines edged closer to Shuri, heavily-defended fortress city of Okinawa, driving through 800 yards of ravines and draws.

## Men Of The Franklin Talk It Over



Four men who served on the aircraft carrier Franklin, crippled by a lone Japanese plane last March 19, told their story just two months to the day later at the Klamath naval air station. Seated, Lt. Comdr. S. R. Sherman, flight surgeon on the Franklin, and left to right, Pilots Lt. Theodore Eger, Palmira, Mo., Lt. DeWayne H. Stegner, Downey, Calif., and Lt. (jg) Harry Kincaid, Oak Hill, W. Va. —U. S. navy photo.

## STRUGGLE SHAPES OVER OPA FUTURE

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK  
WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—A bitter congressional struggle is shaping up over the future of price control.

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## Frontier, Crime Problems Spur Demand For Meeting

By ED L. CAMPBELL  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
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### The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The Japs on Okinawa are still resisting fiercely, but Gen. Hodges says there are some indications that they are DISINTEGRATING as a cover-all fighting unit. He adds that they are now firing 1000 fewer artillery and mortar shells per night and missing offer the best

There is a new sum-up of Okinawa casualties this morning. Up to Thursday of last week, 90 Jap bodies had been killed. Our combined killed (soldiers, sailors and airmen) at that time totaled 1000. We can't know about the number of Japs wounded, so the combined total of wounded and missing offer the best

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