

FIRE BOMBS HIT BURNING TOKYO

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
At least 500 more B-29s hit Tokyo, still smoking from the big raid of two days ago. The war tempo in the Pacific is rising rapidly.

Today's raid is directed at Tokyo's Marunouchi district, corresponding to the Loop district in Chicago, Fifth avenue and lower Broadway in New York, Market, Montgomery and Grant streets in San Francisco.

The Marunouchi is a district of big stores, big office buildings, etc. It is probably the best and most modern city area in Japan, containing among others the big American-built structure that withstood the Tokyo earthquake.

It will be a good test for our bombs.

EMOLITION bombs are usually dropped ALONG THE fire bombs, to provide for the incendiaries to work. It was FIRE, rather than earthquake, that did the heavy damage in San Francisco. (Also, far as we know, in Tokyo and Kohama.)

It must be remembered that we are destroying Japan's POWER TO PRODUCE. In most modern cities, production in the factories is tied in closely with the big downtown office buildings, where the plan-making, counting, etc. are done. Presumably this is true in Tokyo, as the Japs have copied western methods extensively.

Destroying retail stores helps reduce productive power by making it immensely slower and more difficult for workers to provide themselves with food and other necessities.

We're evidently going about destruction of Tokyo in a systematic manner.

Last 12 B-29s in day before yesterday's attack. If we are to back to our standards of precision when Germany was destroyed, that is 2.2% of the number of planes supposed to have been used Wednesday. We then regarded any under 5% as "reasonable."

These superforts NOW raining death and destruction on us are coming from our bases in the Marianas. Okinawa is a little more than HALF as far away — which means that B-29s can do as much damage per cent as much damage per cent.

It is that way enables us to understand that Okinawa is WORTH THE PRICE we have to pay for it, which is high.

JAP communicate today says suicide paratroopers have been dropped on one of the Okinawa fields, blowing up planes, ammunition dumps and buildings before they were killed. (Continued on Page Two)

Getting PW's Nets Soldier Hard Labor; Review Asked

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — A congressional hearing today asked army authorities to review the case of a soldier sentenced to two years of labor for punching nine prisoners of war.

McCormack, a Massachusetts legislator, said the 23-year-old soldier, Joseph McGee of Worcester, received the sentence on October 17, 1944, in a court martial at Le Mans, France, on October 17, 1944.

McCormack said, came from German and McGee, who pleaded guilty, did not testify in his defense.

McCormack asked for reconsideration of the sentence. He said, "I have in mind the fact that was accorded to men who were prisoners of war in Germany," he said, "the poor unfortunate civilians were put in Nazi concentration camps, it seems to me that the verdict arrived at in this case was unnecessary and that the sentence imposed was entirely out of proportion to the so-called offense, even if they were considered as having been combatants."

McCormack told reporters that the secretary of War had promised him today that the case "would be looked over."

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MAKERS SPEED PLANNING FOR AUTO OUTPUT

Low-Gear Proposition Seen For Present Time

DETROIT, May 25 (AP)—America's automobile industry speed plans today for its gradual return to car making, strictly a low-gear proposition for the time being.

After more than three years of total effort in the war, the industry had the war production board's authority to produce 200,000 passenger cars this year.

No Priority Planned
The WPB granted the authorization yesterday but stipulated that the industry must find its own materials in the "free market" and that no materials priority would be given.

Manufacturers may place orders immediately for materials, with delivery not to be made until after July 1, and it was expected that few new cars would roll off the assembly lines before October 1.

In view of restrictions, the general buying public is likely to have to wait many more months before new cars will be available.

To Step Up Output
Henry P. Nelson, automotive recovery coordinator, said the WPB probably would authorize production of 400,000 cars in the first quarter of 1946 and 2,000,000 by the end of the first year of production.

A "good, normal year" in the (Continued on Page Two)

Home Food Supply Division Created

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — President Truman today announced the creation of a home food supply division in the war food administration.

The division will coordinate the work of government agencies affecting the food supply "produced or conserved in the home."

WFA Administrator Marvin Jones designated Paul C. Stark of Louisiana, Mo., to direct the new office.

When the German planes took the stand as witnesses they were asked if being kicked or punched was "insulting" and they replied in the affirmative.

The record showed that the alleged "assaults and batteries" occurred near a German prisoner of war stockade somewhere in France on September 16, 1944. The Germans were setting up barbed wire fences when McGee was alleged to have hit them with his fist or kicked them. In one instance it was said McGee struck a man with his club.

In Worcester, Alderman James D. O'Brien said McGee, who was guarding the detail, "socked" nine of them when they refused to work.

Dice Game Squabble Tossed Out Of Court By Judge

The suit of James Kormas vs. John Brochis was dismissed in circuit court at 11:30 o'clock today by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg on the court's own motion.

The case caused considerable interest as the plaintiff, a resident of Weed, sought to recover \$700 from Brochis of Klamath Falls who he charged had lost that amount borrowed from him in a dice game.

"Illegal" Contract
Judge Vandenberg said that he was dismissing the case "on the grounds that enforcement of a contract, illegal in the place where it is made, and where it is either contrary to a criminal law in the state where it is made or is of an immoral nature, is against public policy and therefore no remedy should be allowed."

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First Buddy Poppy Customers



Chaplain H. W. Stroup of the naval air station and L. Orth Sisemore, Klamath Falls attorney, buy poppies from two young saleswomen, Camp Fire Girl Charlene Loomis, left, and Girl Scout Joanne Robbette. Poppy Day is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, and flowers made by disabled Oregon veterans will be sold by Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and the American Legion auxiliary and junior auxiliary.

POWERS LINE UP ABSOLUTE CONTROL

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25 (AP) — The big powers are reported today to have lined up enough votes in the United Nations conference to block any change in their absolute control of world machinery designed to preserve peace.

This issue—the veto power of any of the Big Five over settling international disputes or using force to smash an aggressor—is the most critical remaining for this assembly of 49 nations. The decision hour comes as the conference enters its second month and Secretary of State Stettinius returned from talks in Washington with President Truman.

Wind Up Work
Many committees are striving to wind up their work by this weekend in order to allow public discussion of their reports to begin in the four big conference commissions early next week.

Among their latest accomplishments are agreement on provisions designed to strengthen the economic and social work of the new league, and to outlaw secret treaties, once the world organization is functioning.

Want Restrictions
In the veto dispute many small nations are demanding that the authority of the big powers in a projected world organization be restricted sharply so that an 11-nation security council could try by peaceful means to settle troubles between nations even over big-power objections.

The British delegation has proposed a compromise to meet that (Continued on Page Two)

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — The destroyer Little and four other small craft have been lost in the Okinawa area from enemy action, the navy announced today.

to Brochis \$100, making a total of \$700. The game, it is understood, took place in Weed, Calif.

Wanted \$800 Back
In counter charges, Brochis advised that he would not pay the \$700 which Kormas alleges he borrowed, but he wants back \$800 which he also lost in the game and under existing law sought double this amount, or \$1600. All money involved, it is understood was lost by Brochis to Kormas, the plaintiff.

Members of the jury included Hazel Morrison, Halbert Wilson, P. D. Reeder, Elsie Sweasy, Austin Nisley, Keva Hutchinson, W. L. Frain, William Frohnmeyer, Lloyd Prock, J. C. Wright, Rose Ann Igl, and E. M. Bubbs.

Attorney for the defendant was J. C. O'Neill, and for the plaintiff, U. S. Balentine of this city and James E. Barr of Yreka, Calif.

This is the new telephone number of The Herald and News. It is not in the telephone directory, and we suggest that you correct your directory in this respect.

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Mrs. Sevcik To Highlight All-Star Marine Bond Show

Mrs. Esther Bellant Sevcik, who was interned by the Japanese at Santo Tomas prison in the Philippines, will be the featured speaker at the All-Star Marine Bond show next Wednesday evening at the Pelican theatre.

Mrs. Sevcik, who makes her home in Klamath Falls, will relate some of her experiences in the Philippines after the Japanese invasion and up to the time she was released by Gen. MacArthur's troops.

Other speakers who will appear are Col. George Van Orden, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks and holder of the Navy Cross and Bronze Star; Lt. J. Ott Schulte, who was awarded the Navy Cross for action on Tarawa, and Sgt. William B. Fields, winner of the Silver Star for heroism on Saipan.

PFC Richard E. Nason, director of the show, will introduce the main speakers of the evening.

On the lighter side of the program will be musical numbers by the Marine Barracks orchestra, under the direction of Sgt. Jack Zamow, and featuring vocalists PFC Carl Hagel, S/Sgt. Bill Schlenker and Sgt. Cookie Blanchard.

Cpl. Collin Romoff, pianist extraordinary, will give his imitable version of the classics and Sgt. Bob Miller, former harmonica "Rascal" with Boris Minivich and his boys, will play versions of some old-time favorites.

Comedian Sgt. Paul G. Smith will emcee the performance. Admission to the show is by the purchase of a \$100 bond.

Archer Bradshaw Freed From Camp

Word was received from Mrs. Archer Bradshaw, the former Ruby Arnett, that her husband, 2nd Lt. Archer Bradshaw of the United States army has been liberated from a German prison camp. He was never officially reported as a prisoner of the German government, although he was listed as missing in action since April 17. The letter telling of his liberation was written by Bradshaw from a hospital in France where he is recovering from wounds received before his capture. He expects to be released within a short time.

Lt. Bradshaw was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in December of 1944, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Service Cross for outstanding action in line of duty.

A member of the Timberwolf division in the European theater of war, Bradshaw has been overseas since September of 1944, and received a battlefield commission in January of this year. His wife and two children reside at 5406 Altamont drive.

WING SECTION FOUND
ASTORIA, May 25 (AP) — A wing section of an airplane was turned over to naval authorities here today by the skipper of a deep-sea fishing craft whose crew hauled it aboard in a dragnet.

Harry Samuelson, skipper of the Killdeer, found the section at sea last week.

French Break With Spanish Ruler Urged

By TOM OCHILTREE
Associated Press Staff Writer

The French foreign affairs committee recommended today that Gen. De Gaulle's government break relations with Spain and that France propose to other allied governments that means be taken to force the resignation of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

The recommendation of the committee, composed of members of the French assembly, termed the Spanish regime a menace to world democracy. Among points of difference between Paris and Madrid has been Spain's delay in turning over to France Pierre Laval, former chief of the Vichy government.

Gen. Carl Oberg, former chief of all German SS and police activities in occupied France, was arrested by American troops in the area of Kitzbuhel, Germany.

Known to the French as "the butcher of Paris," Oberg was captured at a hideout atop a mountain which took three hours to climb.

Further light was thrown on the German plan for conquest with the transcribing of stenographic notes the nazis tried unsuccessfully to destroy. The notes, brought to Berchtesgaden from Berlin, openly belied the nazis' excuse that they had started the war because of Polish provocations.

The most spectacular find was Adolf Hitler's private report to German division commanders made just before the Ardennes offensive of December 16. Hitler said he planned the crushing of Czechoslovakia and Poland. He also declared that Germany was "superlatively prepared" for war and that psychologically she "could not afford to waste" the Nazi-schooled fanaticism among the population which he was afraid might die down.

The latest speculation on the riddle of whether Hitler is dead or alive came from Spain. A Spaniard quoted Leon DeGrelle, former Belgian fascist leader, as expressing a belief that Hitler is alive and in hiding.

DeGrelle, under sentence of death in his homeland for collaboration with the Germans, said he had talked to Hitler in Berlin the day before the Russians entered the city and that the fuhrer did not appear to be in a mood either for suicide or a fight to the death.

Warren McManus Dies In Germany

PFC Warren R. McManus, former Klamath Falls and Dorris, Calif., resident, died in Germany on April 22, as the result of an accidental gunshot wound. The war department advised McManus' sister, Mrs. H. L. Fletcher of Forks, Wash., the further information would follow.

Warren enlisted in the United States army infantry in November, 1941. He was stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Ft. Lewis, Wash., Fort Ord, Calif., and later at Camp Pickett, Va., from where he was sent overseas with the 3rd division. Warren participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

In mid-November, 1944, the former Klamath youth was awarded his fifth Bronze Star and he saw considerable action after that date. He was 20 years of age at the time of his death. Warren attended Fairview school here and the Dorris high school. Prior to entering the service he was employed at Cal-Ore. His brother, Wildred McManus, is in the army air corps and a sister, Dorothy, resides in Medford.

Laffey Survives Gruelling Two-Hour Attack By Japanese Suicide Aircraft

ABOARD VICE ADMIRAL RICHMOND K. TURNER'S FLAGSHIP OFF OKINAWA, April 18 (Delayed by navy censorship) (AP)—The gallant little destroyer Laffey took everything the Japanese could throw at her from the air for two hours and survived.

Six suicide planes hit her—the engines of three were recovered on her fantail. Two bombs hit her and two more scored damaging near misses.

Thirty-one members of the Laffey's crew were killed and 60 others wounded.

With her guns going until the last enemy plane disappeared, the Laffey shot down at least eight Japanese planes and saw one friendly plane crash nearby after chasing another Japanese craft into the sea.

Eight Planes Attack
In Seattle, where the Laffey was brought for repairs, the vessel's skipper, Comdr. Frederick J. Beeton of Hot Springs, Ark., said eight Japanese planes struck the ship, seven with suicidal intent. Another accidentally clipped the destroyer's mast. Nine planes were shot down by the Laffey's gunners, the commander said.

The whole after part of the Laffey was "like a sieve above the waterline" after being struck, the skipper said.

The Laffey, now at the naval station here, was to be moved today to a navy loading pier where she will be open for public inspection from Saturday afternoon until next Wednesday evening. The vessel then will go into Todd shipyards on Harbor Island for repairs.

"I'll never abandon ship as long as a gun will fire," the Laffey's skipper declared. He kept his promise.

The destroyer's communications officer, Lt. Frank Mansel, 24, Tablequah, Okla., related the epic battle of two days ago at a news conference today.

Bomb Misses
"The first Japanese plane taken under fire dropped a bomb which missed and shortly after-

AIR STRIKES CONTINUE ON YANK SHIPPING

Ground Advances On Okinawa Made By Marines

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Nearly 500 Marianas-based Superforts hit Tokyo with more than 4000 tons of fire bombs today, less than 48 hours after a heavier blast of 4500 tons of incendiaries left fires which were still burning.

Guam headquarters of the B-29s said today's strike was made at medium height in darkness, directed mainly at the Marunouchi business district, imperial government center and neighboring aircraft and machine tool plants, docks and warehouses.

Mustang Escort
Tokyo radio reported the city had been attacked again, but said only a few of the big planes came over escorted by 60 Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima. The broadcast also said the B-29s laid mines in Toyama bay, near Tokyo, and in the Kanmon strait entrance to the Inland sea.

An unconfirmed Japanese communiqué said airborne Nipponese troops landed on two American airfields on Okinawa, 325 miles south of Japan, where they blew up aircraft, ammunition dumps and installations. It claimed the suicidal raid was coordinated with air strikes on nearby U. S. shipping. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz previously announced one more light U. S. ship was damaged in air raids Wednesday and Thursday nights. He admitted the raids were continuing.

Gain on Okinawa
American ground troops, deprived of tank support by deepening mud, slugged ahead all along the Okinawa front. The 7th infantry seized new hill (Continued on Page Two)

CARETAKER CABINET MEMBERS LISTED

LONDON, May 25 (AP) — The new British "caretaker" cabinet, as announced tonight by Prime Minister Churchill:

Foreign secretary — Anthony Eden.
First lord of the admiralty — Brendan Bracken.
Chancellor of the exchequer — Sir John Anderson.

Secretary for dominions — Lord Trent of the council — Lord Woolton.
Lord privy seal — Lord Beaverbrook.
President of the board of trade and minister of production — Oliver Lyttelton.
Minister of labor and national service — Richard Austen Butler.

Home secretary — Sir Donald Bledy Somervell.
Secretary for war — Lord Cranborne.
Secretary of state for India (Continued on Page Two)

Bond Business Increases Here

Business at bond headquarters, 8th and Main, picked up this morning and at 11:30 a. m., bonds in the 7th War Loan for the day exceeded Thursday's entire day's sales.

A total of \$6900 was sold over the counter this morning, as compared to \$8843.75 Thursday.

Last night's figures for the "Mighty 7th" in Klamath county, total \$405,428.75, in "E" bonds, and in other series, \$462,998. Sale of tickets to the marine bond show at the Pelican, May 30, were described as "only fair."

Riverside school, through Principal Garry Robertson, reported the end of the year sales which totaled in stamps alone, \$2104.25. There are 185 students and their overall purchases for the year, including bonds in the 6th and 7th War Loans, totaled \$10,604.25, or an average purchase of \$57.32 per student.

It was observed that if every resident of the county, on a 40,000 population basis, purchased this amount in "E" bonds, it would run close to two and one-quarter million dollars, far exceeding the \$1,538,000 quota.

Merrill grade and high school students, facing a quota of \$3450, exceeded that amount and final sales reached \$5085. It was learned today from Mrs. Dale West of the Merrill district.

On Thursday, a Wave and sailor from the Klamath naval air station, brought a new jeep to the school and students who purchased one \$25 bond were given a ride in the jeep. There were 107 rides before the afternoon was over. Next week students who purchased \$100 or more in bonds would be given an excursion to one of the military installations, Mrs. West said.