

# GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO RETIRE ARMY

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At least 400 persons had been killed and 500 wounded. The British commander in the middle east, Gen. Sir Bernard C. Paget flew to Beyrouth this morning in a bomber escorted by Spitfires. British destroyers swung at anchor in Beyrouth harbor.

British troops, tanks and vehicles moved along the main roads toward Damascus yesterday after Prime Minister Churchill's orders to intervene. Paris newspapers used the term "ultimatum" in describing Churchill's note asking Gen. De Gaulle to halt French military activity in Syria, but discussed the situation in generally moderate terms.

Some French newspapers did not comment at all. Others cautioned Britain that "appeasement" of the Arabs in the case of Syria held dangerous potentialities for Britain elsewhere in the middle east. Some criticized Gen. De Gaulle for taking a more aggressive attitude than French strength justifies.

## Reds Liquidate Professionals

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Senator Brewster (R-Me.) said today high London and Paris authorities had heard reports that the Russians are "liquidating" professional people in Berlin and other occupied German areas they controlled. Brewster stated these reports had come to him on his trip with the senate's Mead committee investigating the status of U. S. war materiel in Europe. He returned today with Senator Ball (R-Minn.), and made his statements concerning the Russians in an interview.

He asserted that "liquidation" reports mentioned lawyers, business men and "other professionals." Home From Pacific—RM 2/c Don Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick M. Smith, 931 Prospect, arrived home Friday morning from the South Pacific where he has been on duty for the past several years. This is Don's first visit home in 18 months. He has a 30-day leave before returning to his destroyer.

## Business Men Ask Cancellation Of War Debts

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—A committee of business leaders proposed today that United States cancel all World War One debts and World War Two lend-lease obligations if necessary to clear postwar trade channels. The Committee for Economic Development advanced this idea in a statement to the senate finance committee urging approval of the administration's request for authority to lower tariffs and continue reciprocal trade agreements. The senate committee is conducting hearings on the proposal, already approved by the house.

## Bly Scene Of Only Deaths In U. S. Caused By Enemy

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No Knowledge Members of the families of the children who were killed in the blast, and Rev. Mitchell, said the victims are not believed to have had any knowledge of the danger of Japanese balloons in the area. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gifford, parents of Jay Gifford, one of the victims, said they would not have permitted Jay to go on the outing had they known about the balloons.

## Army In Pacific To Grow

(Continued from Page One) to expect more damage rather than less," he said. The 7,000,000 Troops The message, read to congress by clerks, said the joint chiefs of staff have decided "that our army can deliver its heaviest blows in the Pacific and win final victory most quickly with a strength which a year from now will be about 7,000,000."

"By maintaining our army at this size," the president said, "we shall be able to more than double the force we now have in the Pacific and hurl against the Japanese an overseas force larger than the 3,500,000 men who united with our allies to crush the wehrmacht and the luftwaffe."

The president said the strength of 7,000,000 men was decided on by the joint chiefs of staff after a consultation with General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz.

## 'E' BOND SALES IN COUNTY LISTED

Following are the "E" bond sales as reported in to the bond headquarters on Main street: Klamath Falls post office \$12,618.75 Merrill 956.25 Main post office 35,850.00 Bly 1,931.25 Chiloquin 5,737.50 Ewauna 16,068.75 Sprague River 4,218.75 Klamath Production Credit 6,787.50 First National Bank 395,968.75 United States National Bank 134,727.50 First Federal Savings and Loan 32,463.50 First National Bank of Merrill 38,231.25 American Box at Sprague River 4,108.25 The above figures of sales of "E" bonds gives a grand total of \$689,666 in the mighty 7th War Loan drive to date.

## HOPES FOR EARLY WINDUP BRIGHTEN

(Continued on Page Two) the other four delegation chiefs is expected.

Moscow reaction to a proposed big-five statement on the veto voting issue is due in a day or so. The statement is intended to reassure small nations that the big-power veto could not be used to prevent their getting at least a preliminary hearing before the prospect world security council. At the moment a Moscow answer is the key log in the work jam.

## Guard Killed In Riot At Fort

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1 (AP)—A guard was shot and killed and three prisoners were wounded, one of them seriously, during a riot and fire last night at the U. S. army disciplinary barracks at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Maj. Gen. James L. Collins, commanding officer of the fifth service command who was at Fort Harrison when the rioting started, said in a report forwarded today to the war department that there were indications "that the riot was a planned affair."

He reported fires broke out in a barracks and an infirmary at two widely-separated spots in the compound while the rioting was in progress. He estimated the fire damage at \$100,000. Nine barracks buildings were burned.

## Doolittle Teams Up With B-29s

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Jimmy Doolittle is teaming up with the Superfortresses to finish the job he started three years ago with his world-startling air attack on Tokyo. Disclosure that the mighty B-29's, scourge of Japan's skies, will be a part of Doolittle's eighth air force in its aerial war against the empire was only one piece of news the army uncorked yesterday to let the Nipponese know the worst is yet to come.

Undersecretary of War Patterson served notice that Japan will be pounded harder from the air than Germany ever was. With B-29 attacks already rivalling the biggest raids against Germany, he said both the bomb tonnage and the number of B-29 attacks will be stepped up considerably.

In the tropics, a fly can go through its entire life cycle in 10 days.

The planet Venus when seen from earth in its most brilliant phase is a thin crescent.

## EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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thing short of unconditional surrender. They ought to know better, he adds grimly.

So far, Churchill has been the great war reporter. But even Churchill, as his troubles multiply and his opposition rises, is slipping a little. He informs less, and preaches more.

Truman today seems intent only on telling us what we are entitled to know and what he alone can disclose. He seems AT THE TOP can cut through the mazes (and often the absurdities) of the censorship and give the American people a clear and understandable picture of what is going on.

If he keeps it up, he may in time overcome the skepticism, the cynicism and the utter lack of belief in ANYTHING the government tells us that are now and for a long time have been hampering so gravely the home front conduct of the war.

There is little of a startling nature in the dispatches today.

Jap opposition on Okinawa is beginning to crumble. We make gains of up to half a mile in spots. Shuri falls to us. Here and there we are getting behind the Japs and trapping them in small pockets.

The total of Jap dead (counted bodies) is 61,319 and we've taken 1333 PRISONERS. There are supposed to be about 22,000 left out of the original garrison of around 85,000, and we're now killing them out at the rate of 1,000 a day.

THE Chinese high command says the Japs are pushing SOUTH along the East China Sea, and have now reached Pingyang, about halfway from Sanghai to Foochow. (They may be afraid we'll land and take Sanghai from the rear, as they did.) The Chinese claim to be chasing the Japs northward from Foochow.

A Chinese army spokesman says Chiang's forces are intensifying their preparations for a GRAND GENERAL OFFENSIVE, and predicts that this will be launched "earlier than planned." The Paris radio says both the Russians and the Japs are CONCENTRATING TROOPS on the Manchurian border.

We hit Osaka with a 600-plane raid—450 B-29s escorted from two by 150 fighters—and drop 3200 tons of fire bombs on the city's war industries, shipyards and harbor facilities and rail yards.

THE situation in Syria looks a little less menacing at the moment. The British bluff seems to have worked, at least temporarily, and the French have quit shooting.

French public opinion, as nearly as can be judged by censored dispatches, doesn't seem unduly indignant over the British action.

It is a fair guess that the ruckus isn't entirely over. It's a certainty that there will be plenty more like it before the European business is settled.

## Woman's Home Devastated By Vandals

(Continued From Page One) and then topped things off by writing obscenities on the mirror with lipstick.

Through shrewd work, Miss Lucas apprehended the culprits, who stated that they did the damage "because they were mad at another boy in that neighborhood."

Upon contacting the boys' parents, a promise of restitution was obtained. This is a typical case, Miss Lucas stated, in urging parents to cooperate with the juvenile authorities by keeping a closer watch on their children.

The losses by fire in the United States for 1943 amounted to \$380,235,000.

## OPA CRACKS DOWN ON SUGAR RACKET

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will furnish a report to my board of the number of quarts of food canned with this sugar and the amount of sugar actually used in canning this food. I understand that my report will become a part of my record and will be considered in future issuance of home rationing and other sugar rations to me."

"Robbed Country" Last year, Bowles asserted, many persons who had no intention of using sugar for canning applied for sugar for this purpose and in so doing "literally robbed our country of a substantial part of our limited sugar supply."

The same thing is happening again this year, he said, adding: "The home canning sugar racket must be stopped."

## Subs Sink 14 Enemy Vessels

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—United States submarines have sunk 14 more enemy ships, including a destroyer and four other combatant vessels in Pacific waters, the navy announced today.

The other combatant craft were three small patrol vessels and a coastal minelayer. Non-combatant ships claimed in the latest toll were a large tanker, five medium merchant vessels, two medium freighters and a small merchant vessel.

Simultaneously, the navy relaxed its security restrictions to tell the story of the submarine Salmon, which, forced by heavy depth charge attack to surface after helping sink a Jap tanker, fought it out with surface guns at point blank range with the tanker's four escorts, forced two of them to flee, and itself escaped.

## Truman Backs Tax Evasion Drive

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Asserting we are not fighting this war "to make millionaires" or to allow the black market operators to profit, President Truman today directed full speed in the treasury's tax evasion drive.

In a statement issued at his news conference, the president declared:

"We are not fighting this war to make millionaires, and certainly we are not going to allow the black market operators or any other racketeers to be in a favored class, when the men in the armed forces, and our citizens generally are sacrificing so heavily."

## WEATHER

(May 31) Max. Min. Precip. Eugene 67 47 .00 Klamath Falls 66 37 .00 Sacramento 50 50 .00 North Bend 50 30 .00 Portland 67 52 .00 Reno 72 38 .00 San Francisco 61 52 .00 Seattle 64 50 .00 Medford 78 45 .00 Red Bluff 78 56 .00 OREGON: Partly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

## New USO Center Contains Homelike Conveniences

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ter over loudspeakers located in the social rooms and the women's lounge. Not merely "a place to hang your hat," the check room also includes a convenient wrapping table and a special depository for valuables.

Wives Considered The pleasure and comfort of not only the servicemen but considered in the plan of the new club. Included among the accommodations in the women's lounge is a kitchenette, a powder room, a utility room and two private showers. The kitchenette appeals especially to service wives, who are privileged to use it for evening snacks while waiting for their husbands.

In the powder room are attractive dressing tables with all types of cosmetics, and the utility room contains all sorts of wartime "unobtainables" such as irons, washing machines and sewing machines, as well as tubs and ironing boards. For entertainment during leisure hours, there is a piano and a radio. As a means of helping to cope with the ever-harassing housing problem, there are twelve cots with bedding that may be set up in the lounge after 11 p. m. for wives unable to obtain any other type of housing facilities.

A particular amount of interest was focused upon the cot room situated behind the main offices and complete with all types of first aid equipment. It opens onto an emergency entrance, easily accessible by ambulance.

Music Room Music lovers may congregate in a specially designed room which features a piano, a console combination radio and phonograph and a complete catalogue of popular and classical records, as well as an album by the Firestone company.

Another item found in the music room is a voice recorder that may be used to send messages home. In addition to the musical instruments that are supplied by the USO, several of the local residents have generously contributed those belonging to their sons or daughters. Sheet music and various folios for group singing are also available in this room.

For those who want to give a whirl to the artistic side, there is the arts and crafts room, with free instruction furnished in leather work or shell craft. Materials are also furnished for carving in plastic or clay sculpture, as well as sketching and painting. This room has been wired for radio broadcasts, and plans are being made for a special fifteen-minute program to be presented over the air lines each week.

Camera fiends have found a secluded haven in the dark room that is complete with all types of photographic equipment and a slide projector. Classes for enthusiasts will be conducted each week by Dr. E. D. Lamb.

Library Set Up The library, combined with a reading and writing room, was established in a quiet part of the building. Numerous editions of current best-sellers and various periodicals and newspapers may be found there at all times.

The entire second floor of the building is devoted to athletics and recreational activities of all kinds, including basketball, badminton and boxing. Equipment for other sports, such as baseball, tennis, archery, horseshoes, fishing and bicycling, may be checked out at the information desk. Ping pong and pool tables have been placed on the first floor of the club.

While this USO is much the same as others throughout the country, it is more specialized because of the very nature of the men who use it. They are confronted by different problems, and the plans for designing and carrying out this project have been based entirely upon that fact. Perhaps this is not the largest USO center, but it is easily the most fully equipped and completely usable as far as adequate service to the military personnel.

Thailand and down the Malay peninsula to Singapore base. Paris radio reported both an and Soviet Russia have been concentrating troops along the Manchurian-Siberian border. The French broadcast added that "the Nipponese do their utmost to keep neutral" and if this fails "they must not exclude the possibility that the Japanese will try to do the first blow."

A sleepwalker isn't truly asleep, since he can see, hear and feel.

## Okinawa Battle Near End

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command announced a new army, the British 12th, was being formed to operate from recently captured Rangoon in South Burma, whence it may well spearhead the drive into

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