

B-29S HIT KOBÉ; MARINES GAIN

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Weather News

June 5, 1945	
Max. (June 4)	59
Min.	44
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.1
Stream year to date	13.04
Normal	15
Last year	8.45
Forecast	Scattered showers.

HALF OF NAHA AIRFIELD WON BY DEVILDOGS

Superforts Pour 3000 Tons Of Fire Bombs On Jap City

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
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Great fires set by Superforts, which Tokyo admitted, have sharply cut Japan's war production, raged through Kobe today while sweeping American advances on Okinawa and gains on three China fronts led Japanese to see "unmistakable signs" that allies plan "to invade the Japanese mainland."

About 450 unescorted B-29s flying through some of the worst weather they have ever encountered, including snow and thunderheads, rained 3000 tons of fire bombs on Kobe in an hour-long daylight raid. The successful attack on Japan's greatest port celebrated the beginning of a second year of Superfort raids.

Marines Land

An amphibious landing by sixth division marines "at the end of the rainbow" on Okinawa island's Oroku peninsula carried them halfway across Naha airfield. The operation topped all fighting on this potential invasion island, which included extensive gains by three other divisions.

A hitherto unreported Chinese offensive has enveloped four towns on the south China coast, Chungking announced. Press dispatches told of gains in the Fochow area of the east China coast, and American observers reported allied forces were within 21 miles of Luichow on the south China front.

Trap Troops

Swiftly converging 24th and 31st division columns in the southern Philippines trapped a substantial number of Japanese on Mindanao island. Tanks led British through minefields in the Burma cleanup.

American marines were surprised at the ease with which they seized a 1200 yard beachhead south of Naha in a surprise landing on western Okinawa yesterday morning. During the day they captured an island in Naha harbor, built bridges to the captured capital city, and drove southward over the best airfield the enemy had built on the island. They were slowed only by minefields and mortar and machinegun fire on the left flank.

Push Near Coast

In the island's center, the first division marines and 96th army division pushed 400 to 1200 yards down muddy roads and over hills as they reached toward the southern coast and a junction with the seventh infantry division.

The seventh hit the southeast coast for a second time in a 5000 yard advance which trapped enemy elements. Other forces of the seventh established virtually complete control over Chinen peninsula, southern arm of the island's extensive naval anchorage. Six thousand civilians were rounded up on the peninsula.

Reich Cut To Pre-War Size

ZONES MARKED OFF FOR FOUR POWER RULING

Greater Berlin Area To Be Governed Jointly

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Germany was stripped down to pre-annexation size today for the purposes of an indefinite allied occupation.

Zones of supreme authority were allotted to Russia, Great Britain, France and the United States, and a "greater Berlin" area was set aside for occupation by forces of each of the four powers.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, U. S. representative on the allied control commission, flew to the bomb-shattered reich capital to sign the joint declaration. Great Britain was represented by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Russia by Marshal Gregory Zhukov, and France by Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny.

Duration of the occupation arrangements was specified in a joint allied statement as being for "the period which Germany is carrying out the basic requirements of unconditional surrender."

"Arrangements for the subsequent period will be the subject of a separate agreement," the statement said without further elaboration.

The statement, setting up occupation zones for the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union, was issued in London today.

MONETARY PROPOSAL BACKED BY TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—President Truman called today for enactment of the Bretton Woods monetary agreements as a paramount item "in establishment of a sound economic foundation for lasting peace."

Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) of the house banking committee read a letter from the president to the house after Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.), senior Republican on the banking committee, joined him in pressing for ratification of the agreements.

Opinions Vary

As the house debate opened, the agreements were described alternately as a plan to secure peace and as "an international swindle."

Rep. Sumner (R), blond congressman from Illinois, shouted to the house that "it's the worst swindle in American history" and "it's war-breeding legislation."

She said: "It's a scheme to get American money under false pretenses — to exchange American dollars for depreciated currencies."

Rep. Patman (D-Tex.) told the house the proposed legislation (Continued on Page Two)

Questioned In Baby's Death



Irene Jones (left), 15, and her sister, Janet, 11, surrendered to Philadelphia police and admitted they took 3-month-old Thomas V. Ripley Jr., whose body was found partially hidden in bushes on a vacant lot six blocks from his home, Detective Lt. Erwin Mock said (AP wirephoto).

Churchill Disputes Charge Of Interference In Syria

LONDON, June 5 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today disputed Gen. De Gaulle's charge that the British had stirred up trouble in Syria and declared that Britain was ready to withdraw all her troops from the moment a treaty was effected between France and the levant states.

Churchill declared Britain had "absolutely no ambitions of any kind in the levant states."

Camp Adair Set As Replacement Depot For Army

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Reports that Camp Adair, Oregon, will become an army replacement depot were confirmed today by the war department.

Rep. James W. Mott (R-Ore.) said the war department informed him that the former training camp will receive from 12,000 to 16,000 men for overseas training. The soldiers will be sent as individual replacements, not as a unit.

The camp will be reactivated as soon as repair work—now underway—is completed.

Confab Called By President

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Undersecretary of State Grew and Admiral William D. Leahy, the president's chief of staff, today were called into conference with President Truman and Joseph E. Davies, who returned recently from a special mission to London.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Davies talked for an hour with the president last night as the chief executive's dinner guest.

There will be no report on their conversations, Ross said, at least until after the return of Harry Hopkins, who is in Moscow on another presidential mission. (Continued on Page Two)

Children Played With Balloon-Dropped Bomb, Escape Death; Incidents Related

STRAVANE, June 5 (AP)—Two bombs dropped from one of the Japanese balloons which have made weird attacks on the western United States were playthings of children for several days a few months ago, the Chronicle said today.

Recounting a series of incidents dealing with the balloons, the paper said the bombs were found in a timbered area by woodsmen. One was an incendiary. The other a small fragmentation bomb.

The find was not reported to authorities for 10 days, the account said. Meanwhile the woodsmen "foiled" with the bombs and later, officials reported, children even removed the arming device and detonator from the fragmentation missile.

Escape Death

Luckily, neither bomb exploded and the children escaped the fate of five children and a woman who were killed near Lakeview, Ore., May 5 when they found one of the balloons and accidentally detonated an explosive.

The article said airplane interception was used in some instances and some of the balloons were shot down. One occasion a plane was on "standby" when a balloon was spotted, but the big bag was up too high—40,000 feet—and the plane wasn't sent up.

The Chronicle's account of balloon activity was reviewed by the office of censorship which "raised no objection to its publication."

Other Incidents

The newspaper listed these other incidents in western United States in connection with the balloons.

A sheriff disposed of one with a tracer bullet from a rifle but it was a "half-raising experience." When the tracer hit, the hydrogen-filled bag exploded, sending a flame high into the air.

An alert farmer "captured" one of the balloons for examination by FBI and military authorities. The farmer spotted it floating over his property. When it lodged against a barbed wire fence, partially puncturing it, he ran to the spot and tied it securely to the fence.

Falls on Line

One balloon fell on a power line, temporarily disrupting power service.

Watchers saw a balloon descend into a river but it sank before they could reach it.

Officials told of one humorous incident. A farmer, anxious to begin his spring plowing, was cursing the snow which refused to melt in one field. Finally he made a close inspection. The "snow" was one of the balloons.

The newspaper account said some of the bombs were found near populated areas. Two bombs were reported to have exploded near one city, but officials never could find a trace of bomb fragments or of a balloon from which they were reported to have dropped.

WAR SLATED TO COME TO MODOC FIELD

Infantry Troupe Sets Exhibit Of Combat Conditions

War comes to Modoc field at 8:45 o'clock tonight.

That's when the army infantry starts its "Here's Your Infantry" show which brings actual combat conditions to American audiences.

Tonight's show will feature a group which has played before big crowds up and down the coast, the largest being 12,000 people who bought \$800,000 in bonds at the show in Fresno, Calif.

From Georgia

These infantrymen came out from Fort Benning, Ga. They started their tour at Alameda, Vallejo, San Jose, Fresno, Reno, Marysville, Lodi, Chico and Redding.

Another big showing was at (Continued on Page Two)

YANK DESTROYERS GIVEN TO SOVIET

LONDON, June 5 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill disclosed today that Britain met Russian demands for part of the Italian fleet by turning over eight former American destroyers among other ships.

The United States also turned over some ships, mostly merchantmen, but also including the U. S. Cruiser Milwaukee, Churchill told combatants.

The Russians, he said, raised the question of the disposition of the Italian navy immediately after Italy's surrender. They asked for one battleship, one cruiser, eight destroyers, four submarines, and 40,000 tons of merchant shipping.

Tehran Plan

The agreement to turn ships over to Russia was reached at Tehran, he said.

Since Italian ships were built mostly for temperate waters of the Mediterranean, Churchill continued, it was decided that they would continue in service in the allied cause, and an equivalent number of British warships and merchantmen would be delivered to the red navy on temporary loan. Churchill said this was the action taken.

"Half of the merchant ships and all the warships with the exception of the United States Cruiser Milwaukee were provided by the British government."

Eight Yank Ships

The British warships handed over were the Battleship Royal Sovereign, eight former American destroyers, and four modern submarines.

"Further, a destroyer was made available to provide spare parts."

Veterans Arrive From Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5 (AP)—More than a thousand bronzed soldiers—the first veterans of the Pacific theater to arrive in the United States for discharge under the point system, sailed cheering through Golden Gate today.

Tooting harbor whistles greeted the men as they crowded to the railings of the USS Bergen, their homebound navy transport. Bands played, Red Cross canteen workers passed out the milk and doughnuts, and a War detachment distributed telegraph forms for the men to advise their families that they were back in the U. S. A.

France Pledges Aid to U. S. If Showdown Looms on Veto Plan

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5 (AP)—France would go along with the United States in event of a showdown between this country and Russia on the veto issue at the United Nations conference, Chairman Joseph Paul-Boncour of the French delegation said today.

Any break between the United States and Russia would be agonizing to the French delegations, Paul-Boncour said in an interview, but France would vote with America, however reluctantly.

Another French delegate, commenting on this possibility, said "It would be very annoying but we would support the Americans. . . . We have been with the Americans all along on this point." France and Russia have a 20-year alliance.

Paul-Boncour declared that should the soviet and the United States run counter in the veto question voting, the American position would be upheld 45 to 5, with Russia, the Ukraine, White Russia, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia in the minority.

U. S. Secretary of State Stettinius was looking today to the White House for a decision on whether a showdown with Russia should be forced on the right of free discussion in a world security council.

Stettinius is caught in a sharp difference of American opinion here. The outcome depends on what happens overnight in Moscow. Premier Stalin has been asked to reconsider his government's recent statement to the Big Five at the United Nations conference that any big power in the council should be able to veto discussion of any problem.

Deadlock issue

It is the conflict between this, and an American-sponsored statement accepted by Britain, France and China, which has deadlocked the conference on the whole veto issue, despite rapid progress on other questions, including approval of much peace-enforcement machinery.

American officials hope that a Moscow decision will be forthcoming promptly. It could speed the work of the conference (Continued on Page Two)

HOME MILITARY TRAINING PLAN BACKED BY VFW

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—A peacetime draft plan which would provide military training without requiring youths to leave home environment for long periods was proposed to congress today by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A substitute for the American Legion-backed proposal for one year of continuous training at the age of 18, the VFW program calls for training in the national guard or naval and marine reserve units for a three-year period.

No "Disturbance"

Under the VFW proposal, as explained to the house postwar military policy committee of Omar K. Ketchum, national legislative representative, compulsory military training would be given in a boy's own community without disturbing his home life or his education.

The trainee automatically would become a member of the national guard or a naval or marine reserve unit at a predetermined age, would participate in weekly drills and training periods at his local army, and take two weeks of training every summer at a reserve camp.

Ban Proposed

Ketchum said the VFW would insist on a specific ban against the use of trainees in civil emergencies, such as strikes.

He made it plain, too, that his organization would not oppose a straightaway one-year training program if the VFW plan is not accepted, adding that the alternate proposal was advanced to "quiet the fears of those opponents of any type of compulsory military training" by minimizing the dislocation of a youth's home life.

Ketchum testified after John Thomas Taylor, head of the American Legion legislative committee, had endorsed a full year of continuous training.

Truman Flays Fund Deletion

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—In a vigorous letter to congress, President Truman today termed "unthinkable" the action of the house appropriations committee in deleting funds for the fair employment practice committee from the war agencies bill.

The president wrote Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) urging the house rules committee to permit legislation setting up a permanent FEPC "to be voted upon by the members of the house as quickly as possible."

Mr. Truman said the appropriations committee action in denying the FEPC funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1 "will have the effect of abolishing the committee and terminating its work without giving the members of the house of representatives an opportunity to vote on the question."

Mitscher Says Menace Reduced

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the fast carrier task force in the Okinawa operations, said today the Japanese suicide plane menace was "daily being reduced."

And, he told a news conference "the indications are it will be further reduced."

DIRECTED VERDICT ENDS SODOMY CASE

A directed verdict of acquittal today ended the trial of Merl M. Crawford, Klamath Indian, charged with sodomy. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg granted a defense motion for the verdict on the grounds that evidence submitted by the state did not show fulfillment of the act with which Crawford was charged.

The judge said that the state case had proved assault but failed to produce evidence to support the full charge. Defense Attorney George Roberts of Medford had asked for the verdict on that ground. District Attorney Clarence Humble argued that circumstantial evidence presented by the state justified holding the case for jury decision.

Faces Rape Charge

Crawford still faces a charge of rape in connection with the circumstances that led to his indictment on sodomy charges. He was arrested at a Mills address in Medford February 20 after an alleged attack on a 60-year-old woman. The rape trial is slated June 18.

The sodomy case went to trial yesterday morning. First witness for the state yesterday afternoon was Louis B. Reed, 2028 1/2 Wantland, whose back yard abutts that of the complaining witness, Mrs. Elizabeth Petersen.

Reed testified that Crawford came to his house about 5 p. m. on February 20, stating his wife was in the hospital and he wanted company. He had a bottle with him and they had a couple of drinks, Reed said. At 8:55 p. m., he testified, Mrs. Petersen (Continued on Page Two)

Morrison, Luce Lost Off Isle

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Loss of the destroyers Morrison and Luce off Okinawa—with heavy casualties—has raised the toll of American naval vessels lost during the war to 313.

The navy announcing the sinking of the two craft yesterday, said each carried a crew of more than 200.

City Given Boost In South

J. J. Steiger, spending two winters in Los Angeles, apparently didn't give the chamber of commerce of the southern city much time for bragging, with his one-man advertising campaign for Klamath Falls.

A letter was received from Carl Machold, Los Angeles, requesting the Klamath chamber to send literature on Klamath, Crater lake and the Marine Barracks to himself and two other friends, one of whom is on the composing staff of the Fresno Bee.

"The many stories of success of your city and its beautiful surroundings, have endeared one of your esteemed and most successful citizens (J. J. Steiger) to his friends here," Machold wrote. "You certainly must have many places of interest in Klamath Falls, to have such a conservative citizen shout to the world what a wonderful section of the country you have."

"We had the pleasure of hearing a radio talk about Klamath Falls recently. The speaker was most enthusiastic about your city."

"Steiger's many friends never knew what a wonderful country you are in until he advertised it here. Many persons are interested."

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HILE the Japs mutter in their beards about bombing with suicide-manned paper balloons, 450 of our B-29s

Kobe. The big planes flew through the fog and thunderheads so low and menacing that fighters didn't accompany them. Just off Kobe, they broke out of storms and their target lay plain before them. They dived it with 3000 tons of incendiaries and came home. The results are believed to have been good. Six hours later Japs reported the flames being "only gradually extinguished."

are not known as this is written. The Japs report of the Superforts shot down 144 heavily damaged. When Jap radio got off the deep end, it often means that a lot of damage without serious loss to ourselves. There must always, of course, be some loss to ourselves.

On Okinawa, we make advances up to three miles—instantly weakening of the Japs death thins them out. Unbelievable mud stops everything wheels, but we parachute supplies down to our troops from planes.

in a congratulatory message to the hard-fighting troops, says: "The battle of Okinawa will end in three or four days if we can maintain our present high speed pace."

back in Washington, says today Jap suicide plane menace is as bad as it sounds. In all the time I've been in Pacific," he adds, "only 10% get through our defenses. Of this 10%, 90% are down. Only one per cent in for the kill—and even that can be practically eliminated by redesigning of equipment and our ships."

he says it is actually just dive bombing except that they sacrifice a man with each plane. He adds, however, that the technique is more advanced than ordinary dive bombing.

Chinese say today (perhaps significantly) that they have been falling back on several fronts. Yesterday's reports asserted that they are leaving up their rail communications north of Canton, presumably they plan a typical stand there.

London today Churchill, fully contradicting De Gaulle, the British DIDN'T stir up trouble in Syria.

he asserts: "We have absolutely no ambitions of ANY kind in the levant states. We are ready to withdraw ALL our troops there the moment a treaty is effected between the French and the levant states."

When Churchill speaks squared without any qualification in words, we have the feeling we can believe him.

at the meeting of the allied military commanders (Russia, British, U. S. and French) Berlin, we get some carefully worded hints today as to what is happening to Germany.

an "eastern" held by the U. S. as a "northwestern" by British, a "southwestern" by (Continued on Page Two)

Farrell Promises Elections

ENOS AIRS, June 5 (AP)—Edelmiro Farrell declared nationwide radio address tonight that the Argentine government's international commitments "will be fulfilled loyally since this is the desire of the people."

King the second anniversary of the revolution, Farrell was determined to carry out the military government's promise to restore constitutional government through free elections. He did not say, however, he would step out.

dispatch from Montevideo says the government would send the pro-allied Junta Victoria which has been taking money, clothing and aid war-stripped members of the United Nations).

Louis Poole Freed From Camp

Louis Poole, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Poole of Chiloquin, was freed from a German prison camp last week, according to a letter received by his parents from the war department.

was taken prisoner in 1944, when a B-17 in the radioman was shot over enemy territory. He completed two missions his plane was brought

graduated from Chiloquin school and enlisted in the 4888 Central Postal Directory corps in February of 1944.

He was sent overseas in 1944.