

END OF OKINAWA BATTLE HINTED

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The moment this is written, there isn't much shooting news. Nimitz is silent so far today Okinawa—which could be significant. It looked yesterday like the Japs there are about at the end of their rope. (In the organized resistance, that of those left alive will still be dug out of their...)

OKYO radio seems to have given Okinawa up for lost, is mumbling today about the mainland having been "conceded into an impregnable fortress." It talks of a "new kind of underground warfare so different from anything used in the past which will mark a new chapter in military history."

HISTORY tells us in no uncertain language that if the Japs have reached the "impregnable fortress" stage in their thinking they are as good as lost.

Always the idea of retiring an "impregnable" fortress appealed to the minds of those who are finding themselves AT THE OPEN. ALWAYS the security that seems promised by the "fortress" is out to be a delusion.

The British fortress island of Malta, it is true, stood out in all efforts to take it in the Mediterranean phase of this war, but it didn't hold out as a fortress. It was the invulnerable British navy, fighting THE OPEN, keeping the supplies functioning, that saved it.

EUROPE is literally speckled with monuments to the "fortress" hallucination, its moldering medieval castles in its inaccessible crag is when its garrison could never rally out to smite its enemies in the open, the castle

the Romans, in their young and virile days when no tribe nation could stand against them, set no store by fortress life. The Roman legion, the efficient military unit that had yet seen, was trained to fight in the open. It was entered in CAMPS, not in fortified garrisons. Not until the legions began to RELY ON the decline of Rome.

clear is the lesson of history on this point that we have to recognize the appearance of the fortress delusion as FIRST CRACK IN MORALE signals impending defeat, when Hitler got the STRESS OF EUROPE notion he began to slip. He slipped in on it.

The Japs are indeed reduced to extremity when they must see themselves with talk of retreating their homeland into "impregnable fortress," they in a bad way.

IS clearly RUSSIAN JITTERS day in the news. San Francisco is worrying what the Russians may or not do in the way of the issue that has arisen to our efforts to build a security organization.

There is talk in London that allied control commission, during its first meeting in Berne, broke up ABRUPTLY. Telegrams are said to have been sent to England "for immediate consultations as to the war of Germany."

There are hints of a screw loose in Austria. Richard K. Law, speaking for the British command office, says that "allied army missions arrived in (Continued on Page Two)

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Service Wives In Bond Contest



Merrill is staging a unique 7th War Loan feature in a bond contest in which three service wives are participating. Bond buyers will receive votes they will cast for one of the above participants—Mrs. Marjorie Hodges, left; Mrs. Melissa Blake, center, and Mrs. Mildred Poe.

Service Men's Wives From Merrill In Queen Contest

MERRILL — Three women, all wives of service men, are being sponsored by local organizations as candidates in a queen contest that will highlight the Merrill community bond rally scheduled for Saturday evening, June 23 in the community hall.

Each candidate entered will receive a \$25 bond and the winning candidate will be presented with an additional bond of the same denomination.

Two of the candidates, Marjorie Hartlerode Hodges and Melissa Hartlerode Blake, are sisters and both are natives of Klamath county. The third candidate, Mrs. Mildred Poe, 32, has been a resident of Oregon for nine years and of Merrill for the last three years. She is the mother of two children, a daughter Carol, 8 and a son, William Dayton, 2 months old.

Her husband Pfc William L. Poe, 35, former manager of the Merrill Safeway store has been in the service for one year and is now serving with the army signal corps at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He has been in Alaska for seven months.

Rebekah Member He is a member of the Merrill IOOF lodge and of the Ewanua Encampment, Klamath Falls. Mrs. Poe is a Rebekah and is sponsored by that lodge.

Marjorie Hodges, 24, is a native of Merrill and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hartlerode. She was a member of the royal court during the annual Merrill Potato festival in 1937. She is employed by Castleman's Drug store and is being sponsored by the Merrill Service club and the Merrill Firemen.

Her husband, Pvt. Paschall Hodges, holder of the Purple Heart and a unit citation is 26. Overseas for 10 months, he participated in three major battles including the invasion of Rome with a US army infantry unit and while in Italy suffered a foot wound now being corrected in McCaw general hospital, Walla Walla. He submitted to another operation last week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodges, Merrill and has two brothers in the service, James in the Philippines and Pierce at Camp Farragut.

He was co-owner of Hodges store here with his brother Pierce prior to going into the service.

Also Mother Melissa Blake 29, has a small daughter Kay who is five. Kay's daddy, Pvt. Albert Blake with the US infantry in the Philippines since last April 1, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blake, Klamath Falls. He trained at Camp Roberts and before going into the service was employed by the Shell Oil company at Merrill.

Mrs. Blake, a beauty operator, is being sponsored by the Merrill Women of the Moose, chapter No. 18.

Mrs. Covell make her fruitless plea. Then he turned his head as Watanabe's sword fell. Enano could not bear to look upon the death of Mrs. Covell, who was his teacher at the college.

Enano said Captain Watanabe was solely responsible for the slaughter.

A Japanese force of 500 left the township of Libano in Capiz province Dec. 18, 1943. On the way to Iloilo, Lt. Robert King of the U. S. Army and two unidentified engineers, later to be numbered among those beheaded, were seized.

A Filipino, threatened with death, disclosed the location of an American mission hideout in the "Valley of Hope."

SWEDES AIDED ALLIES IN WAR, REPORTS DANE

Arms, Munitions Sent Through German Blockade

By JOHN A. PARRIS JR. SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (AP) — A Danish delegate to the United Nations conference said today Sweden violated her own proclaimed neutrality by manufacturing arms and ammunition with the approval of the allies and shipping them through the German blockade to Denmark's underground army.

A story of Swedish ships meeting Danish fishing boats in the dark hours before dawn off the Swedish coast with cases of automatic pistols and ammunition was told by 43-year-old Erick Husfeldt, one of Denmark's most prominent underground leaders.

More than 3000 automatic pistols and ammunition and thousands of hand grenades, were shipped by the Swedes to help the allies in arming Denmark's underground army of 43,000 patriots, said Husfeldt, professor of surgery at the University of Copenhagen.

It was all done under an agreement between Britain, America and Sweden, he explained.

Husfeldt explained that Sweden, being a neutral country, had to have permission from the allies to manufacture arms and ammunition for export. An agreement was worked out between the allies and Sweden for her to manufacture arms with the explicit understanding that they go to Denmark.

The Swedes explained to the Germans and anybody else who asked where the arms were being shipped that they were going to Denmark.

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Allied Control Council Meet Ends Abruptly

By TOM OCHILTREE Associated Press Staff Writer

Anxiety was created in London today by a report that the first meeting of the delegates to the allied control council in Berlin had "ended abruptly."

The delegates, representing the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia and France, signed a declaration announcing the assumption of supreme authority in Germany. They failed, however, to settle the details concerning the organization of the council itself in how it will govern Germany, but agreed that further meetings should be held soon.

Fresh concern also arose in London over the situation in Austria. Richard K. Law, speaking for the British foreign office, told commons that although allied military missions arrived in Vienna last Sunday for preliminary discussions, "it might be some time before a control commission for Austria is set up."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Anderson said there was "no chance" that the next Big Three parley would be held in London, leaving the impression that a site for a meeting of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Marshal Stalin already had been selected.

Meanwhile, the Moscow radio broadcast a Tass agency report disclosing that the Russian zone of occupation in Germany would include a large area now in American or British hands. The broadcast described maps published in Moscow newspapers. The boundaries as outlined by these maps would leave Hamburg to the western allies, but would follow the Elbe river from a point just about west of Berlin and then would swing west across the river and south.

"Important" Talks The London Star said Field Marshal Montgomery was flying (Continued on Page Two)

STRIKE THREATENS LUMBER INDUSTRY

SEATTLE, June 6 (AP) — A strike involving 65,000 members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL) was threatened in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and northern California yesterday as requests were made of employers for wage increases, John E. Christensen, union president, said.

A lawful strike vote will be taken on 30-day notice, Christensen said, and "unless the answer is favorable there will be a strike. The union seeks a 20-cent-an-hour increase "straight across the board."

Meanwhile representatives of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) planned to meet in Portland Thursday to consider similar action. Approximately 55,000 lumber workers in the five states would be affected in the CIO union, which has asked a 24-cent an hour raise for all its workers.

Another source of dissatisfaction for AFL workers, Christensen said, was that many mills now operate only 40 hours a week, making it impossible for the workers to get overtime.

"When WLB considers our wages," he said, "they always think of us as working a 48-hour week. Actually most of our men are getting only 40 hours a week and that means a 20 per cent pay cut to them. Meantime prices are going up all the time."

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Body Identified AS ADOLF HITLER'S

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG, Jr. Representing the Combined American Press

BERLIN, June 6 (AP)—A high Russian military source said today a body found in Berlin had been identified with fair certainty as that of Adolf Hitler.

The body, smoke-blackened and charred, was one of four discovered in the ruins of the grand underground fortress beneath the new reichschancellery after the fall of Berlin. These four bodies, any one of which answered pretty well to Hitler's description, were removed and carefully examined by Russian army physicians.

All were badly burned from the flame throwers with which the red army soldiers finally cleared out the underground command post where Hitler and his leading nazis made their last ditch stand.

After careful examination of teeth and other characteristics the Russians singled out one body which they believe almost certainly is that of the nazi fuhrer.

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URGENT TALKS UNDERWAY TO AVOID SPLIT

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (AP) — Urgent talks seeking to avoid a permanent big-five split over the veto-vote issue are reported underway today in both Moscow and San Francisco.

Premier Stalin is said to be reviewing soviet insistence on the right to veto even discussion in a world security council.

President Truman's personal emissary, Harry Hopkins, is handling the negotiations in the Russian capital. Secretary of State Stettinius, as chief United States delegate to the united nations conference, is holding conferences on the subject here with Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko.

Hops for Answer American officials hope for an answer, which must come initially from Stalin, by this weekend, at the very latest. They consider the issue of such importance that they are declining to fix any deadline. Their expressed view is that if the present split aligning Russia against the United States, France, China and Britain continues, small nations will demand that opposing views be put to the test of a conference vote.

In that event the odds are about 100 to 1 that the Russian view would be batted down hard and the position of the other four powers upheld. Virtually all the small nations except those directly in Russia's sphere of influence favor limiting the veto power.

Move Depends The next move of the United States delegation, according to present indications, will not be decided upon by President Truman until Stalin has sent Gromyko new instructions. These might either reaffirm Russia's previous view, first expressed last Friday to the other powers here, or modify it.

The soviet position is that in the 11-member security council, in which the big five would have permanent seats, all the big five would have to agree before the council could take up a dispute and begin to discuss it—except that if one of the big five was a party to the dispute it could not vote.

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1st Anniversary Of D-Day Marked By Holiday For Men

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR PARIS, June 6 (AP)—The first anniversary of the allied landings on the Normandy beaches found the victorious allies enjoying a holiday today in simple observance of the memorable date.

Just a year ago in the early morning darkness some 5000 ships poured thousands of fully equipped men on the beaches of France. Overhead thousands of allied planes droned—some carrying airborne troops.

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Hugh Fuller Hurt In Action

A short note from Lt. Hugh Fuller, written May 6 was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fuller 2252 Vine Tuesday, informing them he is in a hospital in Belgium.

Lt. Fuller has been wounded again, this time suffering a broken shoulder and broken ribs, the note said. This is the third time he has been wounded. He has been with Patton's army on the front line since September 1, 1945.

No word had been received from Fuller since before V-E day until the note was received yesterday.

FREMONT SCHOOL FUNDS SUPPORTED

A \$28,000 item for improvements at Fremont Junior high school building, up for a vote at the June 18 city elementary school district election, received the endorsement of chamber of commerce directors Wednesday after a long discussion.

City Superintendent Arnold Gralapp and E. S. Robinson, chairman of the school board, answered many questions in explaining the purpose of the item in the new budget.

They said that it will provide for two much-needed classrooms, an addition to manual training, and showers and dressing rooms for boys' and girls' physical education activities. It was pointed out that there is acute pressure for additional space at Fremont since it has become the plant for junior high school work here and still is functioning as an elementary school for a central section of the city.

Board members asked the school officials why the \$28,000 was not taken out of a special \$20,000 a year 5-year levy voted last year. They replied that the \$100,000 to be raised by that levy will be needed for various improvements, renovations, and additions at the seven schools.

Two important improvements to be made include heating installations at some of the schools, and a general lighting program to replace an inadequate system throughout the plants.

The \$26,000 item will appear separately on the June 18 ballot. After hearing the explanation, the board endorsed it unannouncedly.

Jap Balloon Seen In Michigan

DETROIT, June 6 (AP)—The army disclosed today that a Japanese balloon has fallen in Michigan within the past few months.

The information, released by the sixth service command, was restricted to that statement only.

Neither the date nor the place where the balloon referred to or any other balloons might have fallen, were disclosed.

Capt. Donald S. Leonard, state civilian defense director, said no bombs were attached to the balloon which came into Michigan.

He said he was prevented by censorship from disclosing the exact location where the balloon fell or when it was found. He said the information was released only because it had been announced in New York earlier today and censor had approved publication of the information.

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NEW WARFARE PLAN BOASTED BY JAPANESE

Chinese Capture Yank Air Base At Liuchow

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor

A new kind of underground warfare was promised today by invasion-jittery Japan as an unexplained American news blackout hinted at the possible end of the campaign on Okinawa, potential staging base for the assault on Nippon.

Four American divisions drove toward the climactic battles of the Philippines, and semi-official reports from China said Chinese troops this morning captured Liuchow, one-time important U. S. air base.

Fierce Battle Only reports on Okinawa fighting, 325 miles south of Japan, came today from Japan. The government-controlled Domei news agency said "fierce fighting" was underway, with Japanese entrenched in new positions facing overwhelmingly superior Yanks.

However, Am. Chester W. Nimitz silence recalled previous official American news blackouts preceding major developments such as the end of organized resistance. Recent sweeping U. S. advances tended to (Continued on Page Two)

EDUCATION LEADER OPPOSES DRAFT LAW

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—The spokesman for a large segment of American education cautioned today against "regimentation of the mind" he said would result from a peacetime draft law.

First of a group of opposition witnesses expected to be heard during the next three days, A. J. Brunbaugh, vice president of the American council on education, told the house postwar military policy committee:

"The opposition of representatives of higher education to immediate action on conscription is due primarily to the fear of what universal military training will do in regimenting the minds of our youth."

"It is impossible to give only military training—the body cannot be regimented without comparable regimentation of the mind."

For congress to act now on a peacetime draft program, Brunbaugh said, is to declare "in advance that we have no faith in collective security and international action" and to assert "that we believe that World War III is inevitable and that it will come soon."

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