

RESISTANCE ON BORNEO SLIGHT

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 Australians' new landing on Borneo seems to be going well. They are ashore all around Brunel Bay, a huge all-landlocked, secure fleet storage only 800 miles from Singapore.
 The big oilfields, one with a war production of six million barrels and the other of a million barrels a year, are within reach of Brunel Bay, the one only 40 miles away.
 The Borneo oil is reported to be such high test that it can be pumped directly from the wells into ships' fuel tanks.
 The enemy opposition so far is reported surprisingly "scanty." Arthur, watching the preliminary bombardment, is said to have predicted that NOT A MAN would be lost in getting ashore. It turned out that two men were killed from an accidental fire on a landing craft. The enemy inflicted a casualty on a landing craft after an Italian after an advance of miles from the beach.
 The strength in the immediate area is estimated in the dispatch to be in the "low hundreds."

It seems to have the bulk of the remaining Okinawa Japs on a plateau at the southern end. We offered them a surrender ultimatum—the first in the Pacific—but it was ignored and they are going in to finish them.
 The struggle is fierce and as always in these fights with the Japs.
 The Japs are making their landings similar to our Southern Oregon "faults," ending in steep cliffs. Imagine the Japs pocked with caves by fully armed Japs and fancy yourself climbing it. The idea of that will give you an idea of what our men are doing.

The southern Chinese, who have been doing well lately, suffered a setback. They are fighting stubbornly to the Indo-China corridor—as the Germans fought so in similar circumstances. They are salting out from Canton indicating that they have a garrison there.
 The sustained air offensive against the Jap mainland is into its sixth straight day. The Japs are being hit by the Jap air force, and at the same time are being hit by the southern Jap air force. (Three-fourths of the Japs' traffic is waterborne.)

GENERAL LEMAY announces today that so far we have stated 102 square miles of area of six of Japan's largest islands. Half of the damage is in area, where 56 square miles were laid waste.
 The "reluctance" of the Japs to hand over their islands to Suzuki. It is said to be wrung from him a confession requiring the cabinet to let a special parliamentary committee before issuing any order.

Member that these tales from the ENEMY'S propaganda radio broadcasts, which some reason seem to be true, continued on Page Five)

Thompson Given Five-Year Terms
 Clarence M. Thompson, 35, of five years, both sentenced to run concurrently, by Judge David R. Vandenberg this morning.
 Thompson had pleaded guilty to charges of larceny from a house in connection with the theft of some meat from the Cheese factory.
 It was revealed that he had a previous criminal record, serving time for assault and rape and assault and robbery.

How-Away Rides To France In Glider; Joins Husband
 Yvonne Coppert, Chingford school teacher, pleaded guilty to leaving the house without authority and fined \$100. (Editor's note: Husband's name was not given.)
 Judge Francis C. Coveney said Yvonne gave the court one and the young officer difficulties finding him to be tried. Then a week after the ceremony, he was ordered

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NIPS SET UP DECREE RULE, CIVILIAN ARMY

All-Out Okinawa Push Nears Completion Of Battle

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor
 Japan's reluctant parliament has authorized rule by imperial decree and formation of a spear-wielding civilian army in answer to the American "all-out offensive" to end the Okinawa campaign on Nippon's doorstep and almost unopposed Australian advances in Borneo.
 Chinese dispatches claimed the capture of the little coastal city of Pingyang but reported a series of unexpected reverses on three southern sectors.

More Air Raids
 Tokyo reported the unbroken American air attack on the home islands was carried into the sixth consecutive day with 70 Superforts laying mines. Liberators making their debut over the "sacred land," and 40 fighters sweeping southern air fields.
 Only a few days' more fighting against organized resistance remain on Okinawa, said Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., as three divisions of his 10th army seized strategic heights penning in the largest force of 15,000 surviving Nipponese. His confident statement was made in an airborne offer to the Japanese general to negotiate surrender. The offer was ignored.
"All-Out" Drive
 Tokyo described the combined infantry and marine attack as "an all-out offensive" and said it was accompanied by a "surprise landing" on the southern beaches of the island, 325 miles south of Japan. This report was unconfirmed. Such a landing would completely encircle Japanese cornered on a three-mile-long plateau.
 In sharp contrast with the vicious fighting on Okinawa, (Continued on Page Three)

The Line Forms To The Right



One of the local department stores was the scene of a mad rush in the morning hours today. The reason?—rayon stockings! Extending the full length of the block, eager individuals waited their turn to buy what has now become a wartime "unobtainable." One of the women pictured above was heard to state that she didn't even know what she was waiting for, but she had never been able to resist a line-up of people.

FOUR U. S. SHIPS LOST OFF OKINAWA

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—The loss of two destroyers, an auxiliary transport and a landing ship off Okinawa cost the navy 469 men killed, missing or wounded.
 Announcing the losses last night, the navy listed the vessels as:
 The destroyers Longshaw, with 179 casualties, and Drexler, with 209 casualties.
 The auxiliary high speed transport Bates with 60 casualties.
 The LSM-135, a medium landing ship, with 21 casualties.
 Lt. Comdr. Clarence William Becker, the Longshaw's commander, whose wife lives at Salem, Mass., was reported missing. Comdr. Ronald Lee Wilson, commander of the Drexler, was listed as wounded. A native of Marion, Ill., he lives at Los Angeles.
 Lt. Comdr. Henry A. Wilcox, (Continued on Page Three)

Gilbert Hatfield Declared Dead

Word was received here on Monday that M/Sgt. Gilbert W. Hatfield of the United States army air corps has been officially declared dead after the expiration of 12 months. Hatfield was reported as missing in action on May 12, 1944 after a B-24 Liberator bomber, on which he served as a crew member, was seen to crash into the sea near the coast of Italy.
 The 28-year-old crewman was based in Italy and was on a bombardment mission to Porto San Stefano in northern Italy. Just after the target was reached off the western coast of Italy near the island of Gianuario, the plane sustained damage from enemy anti-aircraft fire, went into a steep dive and fell into the sea.
 In a letter written by Brig. Gen. Robert H. Dunlop to Hatfield's wife, Mrs. Elsie M. Hatfield of Tucson, Ariz., he said her husband had been awarded the Air Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster, representing six additional awards of the same decoration.
 Veteran of 48 missions over enemy occupied territory, Hatfield is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Grace Wolcott of Oakland, Calif., two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Wise of Wapato, Wash., and Mrs. Letna Saunders of Buena, Wash., and two brothers, S/Sgt. Thomas Hatfield, United States army air corps, now stationed in England, and Alfred Hatfield of Oakland.
 Hatfield is a former resident of Klamath Falls, and attended Klamath Union high school while here.

Flag Day Plans Made By Elks

Public flag day exercises, with the Marine Barracks firing prominently, will be conducted by the Klamath Falls Elks lodge on the street in front of the Elks temple Thursday evening, starting at 7 o'clock.
 Klamath people were urged to be on hand promptly at that time to view the drill presentations by the Marine Barracks drum and bugle corps and the drill team.
 These boys will arrive home from Portland's big bond program Thursday evening just in time to make their Klamath appearance.
 "We hope there will be a big turnout of Klamath folks to see the marines in action," said Ray Ruger, exalted ruler of the Elks.
 At 7:30 p. m. the traditional Elks flag day ceremony will take place on the steps of the temple. This includes a pageant with members of the Oregon Women's Ambulance corps participating.
 Col. George O. Van Orden, Marine Barracks commanding officer, will make a short address. The Elks officers headed by Ruger will present the impressive flag day ritual.

BONOMI QUILTS; PLANS MADE TO FORM NEW RULE

Umberto To Consult Political Heads On Government
 ROME, June 12 (AP)—Premier Ivanhoe Bonomi resigned today. Bonomi had promised a new Italian government as soon as Italy was fully freed.
 He became premier last June, succeeding Marshal Pietro Badoglio. The Bonomi government was reorganized last December, with a communist and Christian democrat becoming vice-premiers.
 Crown Prince Umberto, lieutenant general of the realm, reserved decision on the resignation, a communique said, and will begin consultations with Italian political leaders tomorrow on the formation of a new government.
 The Bonomi cabinet, meanwhile, will remain in office for "ordinary administration," it was announced.

King's Government Returns To Office; Majority Cut

By HARRY T. MONTGOMERY
 Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King's government was back in office today for another term, late returns from yesterday's general election giving it a slim majority in the new house of commons with the aid of 45 straight liberals and eight supporting independent liberals from the French-speaking province of Quebec.
 The results were based entirely on civilian votes and may be affected by the ballots of service men and women at home and abroad which are not to be counted for another ten days. There are approximately 750,000 eligible in the armed service, of whom about 500,000 were expected to vote.
Majority Slashed
 King and his party, who have governed Canada continuously since 1935 and for 18 of the years since 1921, won easily over their nearest rivals, the progressive conservatives, but had their previous overwhelming majority cut sharply.
 The liberals won 118 of the new parliament's 245 seats and were leading in three.
Strength Increased
 The socialistic CCF (coopera-

COST-PLUS PLAN FOR FARMERS HIT

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, today assailed a price control amendment designed to assure farmers a cost-plus price for their produce as unsound and unworkable.
 "It would be impossible to administer such a provision applying to more than 6,000,000 farms, no two of which are exactly alike," O'Neal declared in a statement.
 Administration leaders confidently predicted that the amendment will be knocked out of price control extension legislation by the house.
Wagner Confident
 "The house will take care of that," said Senator Wagner (D-NY), who handled the bill for the administration in the senate.
 Expressing similar confidence, Senator Majority Leader Barkley (Ky) called the amendment, sponsored by Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.), "silly."
Basis of Confusion
 "It would cause all kinds of confusion by substituting a new formula for the parity price system," he said.
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Five Killed In Sinking of LCS

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Five crew members were killed and 33 others injured when a landing boat craft was sunk by Japanese suicide planes about 60 miles off Okinawa, the navy reported today.
 The 158-foot support craft, designated the LCS (L) (3)-33, shot down three suicide attackers before the fourth got through her anti-aircraft fire to score a hit.
 Fire from the plane's gasoline immediately enveloped most of the ship, and she listed about 30 degrees. Fire fighting equipment on board was damaged beyond use so that within five minutes the skipper, Lt. Carroll J. Boone, San Bernardino, Calif., had to order abandon ship.

\$662,484 In Bonds To Be Sold

A total of \$662,484 worth of bonds must be sold in the next 18 days, bond headquarters reported today, if Klamath county is to reach its quota in the 7th War Loan drive.
 Sales reported up to June 11 totalled \$895,516. Seven women's organizations have reached or exceeded their individual quotas, including the Catholic Daughters, Daughters of the British Empire, Daughters of the Nile, U and AU chapters of PEO, the VFW auxiliary and Reames auxiliary.

Released Prisoner Denies Being Freed For Treatment

William Hunter, 19, who was released from the county jail for alleged medical reasons after he had served only one day of a 30-day sentence, denied this morning in circuit court upon questioning of Judge David R. Vandenberg that he had ever been in the army and that he had received treatment from Doctor Peter H. Rozendal, county health officer, after his release.
 Hunter was committed to the county jail by Justice J. A. Mahoney, who said this morning that Hunter's mother told him that Hunter had served in the army and had been discharged for medical reasons.
 Upon questioning by Judge

MISSION GIVEN TASK TO ORGANIZE POLES

By The Associated Press
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By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
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 The formula requires that the United States, Russia, Britain, China and France, as members of the proposed world security council, would have to concur before the council could take any step toward settling an international dispute—except that any nation party to a dispute would refrain from voting on peaceful settlement measures.
 The main issue before the United Nations conference committee which has the formula in hand is an amendment by Evatt. It would eliminate the concurrence requirement, and therefore the veto, from peaceful settlements. It does not, however, challenge the concurrence requirement on use of force by the council.

EISENHOWER GIVEN TOP LONDON AWARD

By W. W. MERCHER
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Pays Homage
 With all the pomp and circumstance of empire, London paid homage to the American who led the allied armies to victory in the west.
 Speaking from a balcony draped in red and decorated with banners and laurel wreaths, Eisenhower told the throng:
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Pictured is the new Sea Scout ship "Elk" on its first run after it was christened at Upper Klamath lake on Saturday. The ship was presented to the troop by the navy. This branch of the Sea Scouts is sponsored by the Elks, and shown are Ray Ruger, exalted ruler, and "Whitey" Goodwin, a member, the only "civilian" pictured.

Investigation Of Reports Of Violence To Veterans In Hospitals Scheduled

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—The house veterans committee today decided to investigate charges of "sickening . . . physical violence" inflicted on patients at the neuro-psychiatric hospital for veterans at Northport, N. Y.
 The charges were made by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, although two other veterans organizations reported finding conditions in the average veterans hospitals generally good.
 Chairman Rankin (D-Miss.) subpoenaed the officer in charge at Northport, Col. Louis Verdel, to appear before the committee Thursday.
Negoes Convicted
 The action followed testimony before the committee recently that 13 enlisted negro soldiers had been convicted of mistreating patients at the Northport hospital and that similar charges had been brought against seven white civilian attendants.
 Rep. Kearney (R-N. Y.) read to the committee today a telegram which he said had been sent to Brig. Gen. Frank Hines, veterans administrator, asking immediate suspension of Col. Verdel.
 "It certainly has been demonstrated," the telegram read, "that he is not a proper individual to be in charge of that institution. These cases . . . revolt not only the veteran of America but the entire American public."
 "Incompetency and inefficiency in the facility . . . certainly demonstrates inability to conduct it on a humane plane in treatment of our veterans."
 The committee subpoenaed Maj. William J. Turner, a doctor at Northport, to testify on conditions there.
 At the same meeting, committee members will investigate conditions at the Dayton, O., veterans hospital and question its manager, John H. Ale.
 Rep. Ramey (R-Ohio) told the committee he has had reports from veterans of this war that they have been "used like dogs" at the Dayton hospital.
Inspection Results
 The VFW placed the results of a hospital-by-hospital inspection before the committee.
 It said 47 per cent of all veterans hospitals provide inadequate hospitalization, it criticized VA management here and in the hospitals and reported a shortage of trained doctors, of beds and facilities.
Separate Reports
 Simultaneously, two other executive organizations filed separate reports with the committee.
 The American Legion said that "on the average" conditions in veterans hospitals were found to compare favorably with civilian institutions and in some instances were better.
 The Disabled American Veterans reiterated that there should be more hospital construction but that "in general, conditions at veterans hospitals (Continued on Page Five)