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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THREE hundred screaming Japs attack one of our positions on Okinawa in an approximation of a banzai charge—this is usually the last stage of suicide resistance.

It wasn't pure banzai, as it preceded by 90 minutes of machine gun and rifle fire. The typical end-of-the-road attack seems to be charge lines more or less any way at all.

At any rate, they attained their goal. They were all shot.

There is a grisly sidelight on the kind of enemy we're fighting in the Pacific. At one point, Sixth Marines took a hole where the Japs had killed their own wounded.

There have been numerous acts of retreating Japs killing wounded who couldn't be taken, taking with them only those injuries were so serious as to make it possible to get them back into the fighting line. That may help to account for the large numbers of dead counted.

KYO radio practically rubs Okinawa off the slate, announcing that the battle there entered the last stage of hand-to-hand fighting.

Suzuki, quoted rather extensively in the broadcast, doesn't see the idea promulgated by the Jap radio a while back that Okinawa is a "decisive battle" which will determine the outcome of the war (that was when they were whipping up the Jap general to stave us off at any price).

Suzuki allows today that "all we are girding for invasion of our homeland and the Jap army counting on overwhelming numbers to stop it at the beaches."

It sounds a little screwy. We're likely to storm Japan as we need Okinawa. At least not away. That would be fighting the JAP WAY. There are a lot of bombing and shelling going on.

There is an estimate in the dispatches today that some 750,000 and 800,000 Japs were KILLED in the Superfort raids on Tokyo and Yokohama ALONE.

KYO radio springs a really good one. It boasts that Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, who surrounded Okinawa, gave the Japs a chance to surrender. The day is the "first American general to SUFFER THE ARRASSMENT of a formal offer of a surrender from these Japs!"

The Australians have taken two of the three important fields in North Borneo—a 600-foot on Labuan island and a 600-foot at Brunel—and are after the third and only landing one, located on Labuan island about five miles from the first one.

They are beginning to run the heavier fighting they expected. Some of it is being as not on the big scale as the Philippines but just as hard.

The explanation of the ease of their first landings seems to be that the Japs expected the landing attempt at Jesselton, 60 miles northwest of Brunel, and the bulk of their forces concentrated there, leaving Brunel very undefended.

Some of the war's prime tricks is "hit the enemy where he is not expecting it." It appears to have done this time.

In addition to oil, there are big rubber plantations all around the bay. We could use a mixture of natural rubber and synthetic greatly in present state of our technical progress.

Churchill, disclosing to the press of commons today that Atlee, leader of the Labour party, will accompany him to the meeting of the Big Three, states that the session is likely to be continued on Page Two.

Killed



PFC Roy V. Basler

Trials For 16 Polish Leaders Set By Soviet

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—The Moscow radio said today that the 16 Polish political leaders accused of "terroristic acts" behind the red army lines would be tried "within the next few days."

The broadcast named Gen. Bronislaw Okulicki as ring leader of the Polish group which it said would be charged specifically with "organizing terroristic acts and maintaining illegal wireless transmitters in the rear of soviet troops in Poland."

Earlier, Moscow had announced the arrival of Warsaw delegates to the Big Three conference over the future of Poland. The Polish government in London expressed indignation over the meeting, which aims to form a Polish government of national unity.

The Moscow broadcast about the impending trial said: "Investigation by the chief of the military office has now been completed. In this case a total of 16 persons will be tried. The case has been put before the military collegium of the supreme court of the USSR for investigation. Hearing of the case will take place in the next few days."

Hops For Failure

The London Poles apparently were clinging to the hope that the Moscow conference, opening Friday, would bog down over the difficult problems which lie ahead of the delegates. Among these problems is the matter of the Polish army, many of whose leaders profess loyalty to the exiled government. The conference must consider also the disposition of Polish assets and Polish debts at present on the books of the London group.

An emergency cabinet session of the London Polish government (Continued on Page Two)

By JAMES HUTCHESON

BRUNEI BAY, Borneo, June 14 (AP)—Primitive Dyaks of Borneo have attacked the Japanese with poison-dart blowers in independent support of the Australian invasion to liberate their home island.

Natives outside of Brunel town told today how the fierce Dyak aborigines donned battle regalia and killed 14 Japanese in the last two days.

They said the Dyaks ambushed the Japanese and killed them with blow darts, swords and spears. They even have crude bayonets mounted on the ends of their blow guns.

Gain Inland

New advances of the Aussies toward Brunel town, whose capture is imminent, increased to 15 miles the push inland since the June 10 landing.

Small amphibious landings up the Brunel river were coordinated with the overland advance along roads.

Tank-led Australian ninth division troops are battling Japanese through swamp and jungle for the only remaining airfield in this invaded north Borneo area after overrunning the other two without a fight, headquarters reported today.

The 4500-foot Labuan island airfield, occupied a few hours ago (Continued on Page Two)

POISON DARTS USED AGAINST NIPS ON ISLE

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told commons today that relations among Great Britain, the United States and Russia had improved and that there was no "real basis" for misunderstanding with France over Syria.

British-Russian relations particularly have "undergone a marked improvement in the last week or so" with the breaking of the deadlock over Poland, Churchill said.

He said Gen. De Gaulle was sending "Former Premier Edouard Herriot to London to adjudicate differences between the countries, declaring: "We have no idea of trying (Continued on Page Two)

CHURCHILL REPORTS RELATIONS IMPROVE

Chinese Reach Liuchow Suburbs

CHUNGKING, June 14 (AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces had reached the suburbs of Liuchow, former U. S. air base site in Kwangsi province, and were engaged in fierce fighting with Japanese troops.

The announcement also said heavy fighting was continuing in the suburbs of Ishan, railway town 43 miles west of Liuchow, which the Chinese evacuated Monday under heavy Japanese pressure after holding it for a single day.

War At Sea Costs America 1554 Merchant Ships Lost

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The war at sea cost this country 1554 merchant ships up to V-26 day and 5579 crewmen dead or missing. The army lost 3604 men and 5579 crewmen in troop movements against Italy and Germany.

Against these sobering figures, however, Americans were told today that their shipbuilders sent more than seven tons of cargo shipping down the ways for every ton lost to the axis.

And the army's safety record for its men was described officially as nearly twice as good as that of the first World War.

The maritime commission said the 1554 vessels lost flying the United States flag aggregated 6,277,077 deadweight tons. They fell prey to submarines, enemy mines or planes and wartime navigation hazards from Sept. 1, 1939, to last May 8.

Losses Outweighed

Far outweighing this were deliveries of 5,018 ships totaling 48,674,000 deadweight tons, built in the three years, 1942-43-44.

Commission Chairman Emory S. Land did not minimize the severity of the axis toll, how-

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ever, saying the sinkings were accompanied by "heavy loss of life." He added that the casualty toll was raised to 6066 on May 1 by 487 seamen and officers listed as prisoners of war.

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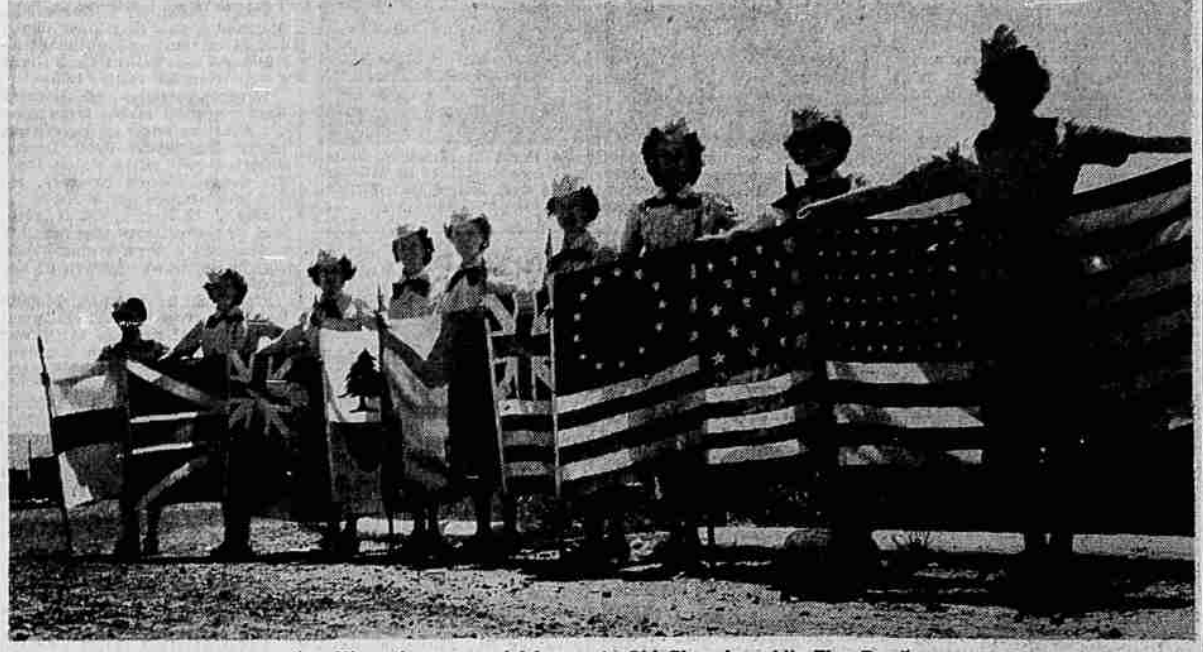
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It's A Great Flag—With A Thrilling History



Klamath pays special honors to Old Glory in public Flag Day exercises to be held this evening in front of the Elks temple, beginning at 7 o'clock. Marine groups will drill, and the Elks ritualistic ceremony will feature the history of the flag, and a talk by Col. George Van Orden of the Marine Barracks.

Flags to be used in the flag history pageant are pictured above, held by Waves from the Klamath naval air station. Left to right:

S 1/c Blanche McCree, holding the red cross of England, the flag of Henry the Seventh, planted on North American soil by John Cabot.

SKO 2/c Naoma Haase, holding the British "union of the king's colors" which flew over the colonies from the landing of the Mayflower until 1775.

SK 3/c Patricia Campbell holds the British flag as it appeared after a change in 1807 from blue to crimson, with two crosses on a blue field in the upper corner.

SK 3/c Lee Paddock holds the pine tree flag, which was adopted by Colonial vessels in 1775 and was carried by Americans in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Y 3/c Hazel Foss holds the snake flag of the southern colonies from 1776 to 1777.

Y 3/c Sybil Scroggie holds the flag adopted by continental congress in 1775 as the single flag for all the colonies.

Y 3/c Florence Sweet holds the original United States flag with 13 stripes and 13 stars, adopted June 14, 1777.

S 1/c Lillian Hagen holds the flag of 15 stars and 15 stripes, which was adopted after two more states were admitted to the Union. It was this flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."

SKD 2/c Peggy Wilson holds the present day flag—13 stripes and 48 stars.

JAPAN PREPARES FOR HOME DEFENSE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14 (AP)—Japanese Premier Kantaro Suzuki declared today, after virtually acknowledging the impending fall of Okinawa, that preparations were "complete and perfect" for the defense of the Nipponese homeland against invasion.

Japan's press and radio dispatches, recorded by the federal communications commission, gave much prominence to Suzuki's statements, in which he also admitted the military had taken over the rule of the country.

Won't Resign

He declared the fall of Okinawa to the American troops would not lead to his resignation as premier.

Suzuki, expressing himself at a press conference, remarked upon the fall of Germany and commented: "There is a whole world's difficulty between these German soldiers and the Japanese army and people, who are willing to die in action for the cause in which they believe."

Inferior Materially

"We may be far inferior to the enemy materially but it is the battlefield in the coming battle of decision that we Japanese will prove our mettle as true warriors far superior to the enemy."

The Japanese people meanwhile were instructed to make of the home islands "a fortress (Continued on Page Two)

Small Nations Ask Right To Withdraw From League

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14 (AP)—The struggle of small nations to protect themselves against the big power control of a world league finally boiled down today to one demand—the right to withdraw from the organization whenever they wish.

Indications are that this demand will be granted, although with some strings attached. The big powers, having triumphed on the veto issue, are agreeable provided they now get two other things they want:

Want Restriction

1. A restriction that the charter being drawn up at the United Nations conference cannot be amended except on complete agreement of the United States, Britain, Russia, France and China.

2. A punishment clause under which nations judged guilty of grave violations of the charter would be expelled from the organization.

Main Problems

These are the main, closely related problems for the closing days of the conference. Prolonged discussion of them appears to be one of the chief reasons why the conference leadership has (Continued on Page Two)

Stolen Car Used By Vacationers

Most of the property stolen early in June from three cottages at Crescent lake belonging to Edgar Osborne, Ray Aiken, and Art Macken, all of Tulelake, was recovered June 7 by Portland police through a peculiar set of circumstances, state police reported today.

State police checked at Sprague river Wednesday and found that the car used by the thieves belonged to the American Box corporation in Sprague River. On June 2, Peter M. Cowbraugh, supervisor of the corporation, was in Portland and stored his automobile at the Imperial garage.

Sometime after 4:30 p. m. on June 2 the car was stolen from the garage. Cowbraugh told state police. On June 7 the car was recovered in Portland by Portland police at 3rd and Couch and the majority of the property stolen from the Crescent lake cabins was found in it. The property will be restored to the rightful owners as soon as possible, state police said today.

Officers said that the thieves evidently stole the car, drove to Crescent lake and broke into the cabins where they lived for four days and ransacked the cabins, and then returned to Portland. A portable phonograph and an album of records which were left at the cabins are the property of Cowbraugh, state police said.

State police and the sheriff's office are still investigating the theft.

9th Army To Return; 3rd, 7th, 15th To Occupy Reich

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 14 (AP)—Authoritative quarters said today that Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U. S. 9th army was scheduled to return to the United States in July or shortly thereafter.

It was learned authoritatively that the U. S. 15th army would remain in Germany in an occupation role with the third and seventh armies, at least until December.

If by December, the situation is such that the 15th army no longer is needed on the continent, it will be placed in name. That means the 15th army would then return to the United States for transfer to the Pacific, if it is needed there.

Details Unknown

How many ninth army divisions will be started home July 1 and how many of those reaching the United States will continue to the Pacific could not be learned.

However, it is logical to assume that the ninth army headquarters will follow the first

Rebel Yell?

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 14 (AP)—A southern soldier at Fort Francis E. Warren was assigned the role of a "Jap" for maneuvers and told to make a nip-type suicidal charge with all the sound effects.

He charged yelling "Banzai, you all."

MARINES BASH MAJOR POCKET OF JAPANESE

36-Hour Grenade Duel Won On Okinawa By U. S.

By ROBBIN COONS

GUAM, June 14 (AP)—Marines shattered one major pocket of Japanese on Okinawa yesterday, and Yank infantrymen drove two 400-yard wedges into the remaining 13 square mile area still held by the Mikado's men, after wiping out a banzai attack and winning a 36-hour grenade duel.

Tokyo broadcasts conceded the plight of 10,000 survivors, including every man and woman over 15 who was physically able to fight, was "truly desperate." And Premier Adm. Kantaro Suzuki conceded loss of the island, 325 miles from Japan, by saying neither the fate of the homeland nor his own as premier hung on the outcome of the Okinawa battle.

Buckner, "Embarrassed"

Radio Tokyo boasted that Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., U. S. tenth army commander, was the first American general to suffer the "embarrassment of a formal rejection" of a surrender demand. Dispatches from the front said Buckner's offer was ignored but the tricky Japanese took advantage of a temporary suspension of artillery fire during preparations for possible peace to fortify a hill on the western flank—treachery which cost the lives of American marines.

The banzai charge, the expected forerunner of other suicide attacks, was made by 300 screaming Nips who were (Continued on Page Two)

NEW DEAL PROMISED INDIA BY BRITONS

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—The British government, in a sweeping "new deal" for India, proposed today a new executive council which would be almost entirely Indian and, in the words of Viceroy Lord Wavel, "represent a definite advance on the road to self-government."

At the same time that the secretary of state for India, L. S. Amery, unfolded the statement of policy to parliament, Lord Wavel announced in a radio broadcast from New Delhi that orders had been given for the release of members of the working committee of the Indian all-congress party still in detention.

Gandhi Freed

Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of the party, was released May 5, 1944, after 21 months detention.

The British government's white paper emphasized that its main position remained as it was—that the "working out of India's constitutional system is a task which can only be carried (Continued on Page Two)

FARRELL APPEALS FOR FUND PASSAGE

A strongly-worded appeal for the state building fund measure at the special election June 22 was voiced Thursday by Robert L. Farrell, Oregon secretary of state, in a talk to the Klamath club. It was also bond sale day at the service club luncheon, and \$3000 in newly-purchased bonds were credited to the meeting.

Farrell said that because of the grave need for additional building at state institutions, the building fund item is one of the most important ever to come before the people of the state.

He explained that the \$10,000,000 proposed building fund will not be an additional tax. It will come out of income tax surpluses already on hand. People of the state, by voting a property tax levy which can be eliminated by the income tax surplus, will be merely releasing the use of the income tax money for the vitally-needed state buildings.

Farrell mentioned the situation at the state training school at Woodburn as an example of the space shortage in state institutions. This institution is now accommodating 45 more boys than it was built for, and it has reached the place where new arrivals are held up until some one can be sent out to make room.

Part of the money will be spent on a building program for (Continued on Page Two)

Showdown On War Looms, Belief

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP) Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the house appropriations committee told the house today: "It is the opinion of military authorities either that Japan will surrender within the next 90 days or the war will settle down to be of long duration."

In the latter event, he said, the United States is prepared to use air power and pin-point bombing in a war of attrition against the Japanese. He stated in this connection: "We'd rather fight a little longer that way and starve them out, and thus save our men."

Cannon's remarks occurred during a discussion of proposed appropriation cutbacks for various war agencies.

Forts, Liberators Reach Manila

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14 (AP)—The Japanese declared today that scores of Flying Fortresses and Liberators had reached Manila from the European theater where they helped bomb Germany into defeat.

A Domes news agency dispatch recorded by the federal communications commission characterized the reported migration as part of a consolidation of U. S. air forces south of the Japanese homeland.

There was no official confirmation of the report, although the American air forces have told the Japanese these veterans of the European fighting were coming after them next.

Klamath In 3rd Place In Drive

Klamath county is now tied for third place among the "big ten" counties of Oregon in E bond sales.

Washington and Clackamas counties are first and second, respectively. Klamath is tied with Multnomah.

Klamath's total was \$894,428 when the check-up was made. The "big ten" are the counties with a quota of more than \$1 million in E bonds to make. The county which is first to make its quota will have a ship named for it at the Kaiser yards in Portland.