

# B-29S FIRE JAPANESE CITIES

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
With victory in sight, General Simon Bolivar Butler, commander of Okinawa, was in a forward observation post, watching an assault by marine combat team. Japillerymen got the range and dropped half a dozen shells in a pattern. Splinters from them killed Butler instantly. A few days earlier, the naval commander in the sky had been killed. Spooling war takes high and low.

OKINAWA is all but over as a battle. There remains only the gruesome task of killing the 50 or so Japs left in a more or less organized body and rooting out of them a number of holes. The Kagayan valley of northern Luzon, retreating Japs are on ox carts drawn by water buffaloes for transport, their backs having been badly lashed up by our planes. When they get where they are going, they usually get off the ox carts and walk to the beach. The Japs are now where they are for there is no Jap ships to rescue them. Their weird Bushido code tells them nothing to do, anything, but to die.

ALTHOUGH savage and brutal, Bushido isn't quite as absurd as it sounds. These and other thousands of Japs scattered throughout southeast Asia, the Pacific and the islands are expected to die for their lives for time. In which something, anything, might happen—maybe a quarrel between us and the Russians, maybe a ruckus between us and the British, maybe a squeamish unwillingness on our part to face and go through the sickening task of killing thousands of Japs. After all, in the thinking of an enemy high command, it is only the death of more and there are plenty of where these came from—more being born every day.

Borneo the Australians are pushing southward from Brunei toward the oil fields, now 25 miles distant. The Japs are destroying the fields as fast as they can as they can. The flames from the fires they set are visible 60 miles away, and PT boats half a mile offshore can feel the blistering heat.

London radio says today that ships and planes have been bombing and shelling Balikpapan, another big Borneo oil center. "For days" but there is no indication as yet we are out to land.

British sent their gold overseas, to places where they could recover it and use it. The means, having no place over to go and no ships to get it with, buried theirs where they might be able to dig it up.

The fact that they seem to be buried the bulk of it in Germany indicates that they did HOPE to hang out in much touted but in the end the Nazis dreamed of using it as a treasury with which to buy on the Nazi cause into the years of the future.

Did they? Maybe Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop & Co. (Continued on Page Three)

Gen. Eisenhower Welcomed by Record Crowds in N. Y.

By ED CREAUGH  
NEW YORK, June 19 (AP)—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, flushed and breathless from the greatest welcome New York ever had accorded a visiting hero, told a vast throng that overflowed City Hall today.

"We are going to live the life of peace, we must be ready to create in the spirit of true peace and forbearance."  
Two Million Listen  
Persons estimated that 2,000,000 persons were jammed into bunting-draped park and surrounding streets. Four million others, by far the largest in the city's history, were officially to have cheered general earlier in his tour of the city, receiving a special city medal and accepting honorary citizenship.

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## Work Rushed On New Tank



Water shortage in the eastern part of the city will be relieved when work is finished on the new Melrose tank. Copco officials said today. The picture shows welders at work on the tank, which will have a capacity of 800,000 gallons. While the tank is under construction, the Copco system lacks the use of the old Melrose tank, of 350,000 gallon capacity, causing a shortage. The new reservoir will be in use about mid-July.

## Treasure Valued At Five Billion Dollars Discovered

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
PARIS, June 19 (AP)—American troops of the 12th corps have found securities, gold and jewelry valued at more than \$5,000,000,000 hidden by the Germans at Regensburg, communications zone headquarters announced today.

Included in the capture in hidden vaults of the Regensburg Reichsbank was the national wealth of Bavaria and Austria. The cache was more valuable than that found April 7 in the Merken salt mine, which included 200 tons of gold.

The treasure was in gold bullion, stolen jewelry and securities. Some was known to have been taken from victims of Nazi death camps.

Lt. John J. Stack Jr., of San Francisco, fiscal officer of the 12th corps, led the party which seized the treasure.

The same corps made the original discovery in the same general area of central Germany in the last days before the unconditional surrender of the enemy.

AP'S MEMBERSHIP RULE INVALIDATED  
By EDWARD H. HIGGS  
WASHINGTON, June 19 (AP)—A federal district court order requiring the Associated Press to relax its by-laws on admission of members bore supreme court approval today.

Over a minority protest that the news gathering cooperative is being treated as a public utility and being put under "court tutelage," the high tribunal ruled, 5 to 3, that the court approval today.

## REDS PLANNED ANNEXATION OF POLAND, CHARGE

Leader Testifies In Opening Trial On Charges

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, June 19 (AP)—Maj. Gen. I. Bronislav Okulicki testified today before the soviet court trying him and 15 other Poles for subversive activities behind red army lines that Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski of the supreme Polish command told him the red army intended to make Poland the 17th republic of the soviet union.

Okulicki, commander of the Polish home army and the leading defendant, said the conversation took place in London last March. Okulicki said he was appointed home commander after the conversation and other arrangements, reaching the homeland by way of Italy in a Liberator-type plane flown by a Polish crew.

Polish Witness  
Before the general took the stand, a long line of Polish witnesses told of wrecking trains, blowing bridges and killing Russian soldiers. A Polish journalist testified that the underground army's propaganda minister declared that the Russian army be considered an "enemy" and an "aggressor."

Okulicki testified: "I arrived in Warsaw on June 2, 1944. In the first days I was assistant commander of the home army and then became commander, my appointment coming from London."

"Independence Threatened"  
Okulicki testified that he sought to carry on the fight against the Germans to the end. (Continued on Page Three)

## VOTERS APPROVE SCHOOL MEASURES

In an approving mood, a handful of Klamath Falls elementary school district voters went to the polls yesterday to put their okay on next year's budget plans, a special levy, and two incumbent school board members.

A \$26,000 item for improvement at the Fremont school, including additional classrooms and shower rooms, was adopted, 70 Yes and 15 No.

The voters adopted next year's budget, 74 to 9, and voted 70 to 15 in favor of an increase above the 6 per cent statutory limitation.

E. S. Robinson, incumbent, was elected to one school board post, with 87 votes, and J. H. Schulze received 88 for another post. Both are incumbents, and both were without opposition.

An election was also held in the county school district, with a few scattering returns only available today. These indicated that the district budget, which is over the 6 per cent limit, was approved, and that L. Botens had been re-elected to the school board.

## President Truman Proposes Changes In Succession Line

WASHINGTON, June 19 (AP)—President Truman, embarking on the first of a long series of plane flights, today asked congress to make the speaker of the house his successor if anything untoward should happen to him.

At the house is now organized, this would throw the succession to 83-year-old Sam Rayburn of Texas.

Under present procedure, Mr. Truman would be replaced in the White House by the secretary of state, the post now held by Edward R. Stettinius Jr., should he be unable to complete his term.

The speaker of the house of representatives, Mr. Truman told congress, is more truly representative of all the people.

In a special message to both houses of congress sent shortly after he took off on a non-stop flight to Olympia, Wash., the president said the question of succession "is of great importance now because there will be no elected vice president for almost four years."

Recalls Law  
Mr. Truman, who entered the White House from the vice presidency on the death of President Roosevelt April 12, said the existing succession law, enacted in 1886, provides for members of the cabinet to take over the presidency in the event that neither the elected president nor vice president can serve.

The order of succession is: the secretary of state, treasury and war; attorney general, postmaster general, and secretaries of navy and interior.

Can Name Successor  
Pointing out that each of these cabinet members is appointed by the president, Mr. Truman said it now lies within his power to nominate his immediate successor "in the event of my own death or inability to act."

"I do not believe that in a democracy this power should rest with the chief executive. Insofar as possible, the office of the president should be filled by an elective officer."

He recommended that the speaker be next in line of succession and that he should serve not longer than until the next congressional election or until a special election call for the purpose of electing a new president and vice president.

Fix Period  
This period the congress should fix, he asserted. The individuals elected at such general or special election should then serve only to fill the unexpired term of the former president and vice president.

"In this way," Mr. Truman said, "there would be no interference with the normal four-year interval of general national elections."

He said the speaker should resign as a representative in congress as well as speaker of the house before he assumes the presidency.

Next In Line  
He recommended further that the succession pass to the president pro tempore of the senate if there is no qualified speaker or if the speaker fails to qualify. The president pro tempore would hold the office only until a duly qualified speaker is elected.

"If there be neither speaker nor president pro tempore qualified to succeed on the creation of the vacancy, then the succession might pass to the members of the cabinet as now provided, until a duly qualified speaker is elected."

## Killed



Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., leader of the 10th army on Okinawa, was killed in action by a Japanese artillery shell yesterday. Gen. Buckner was at a forward observation post of the 3rd battalion of the 8th marines regiment when he was killed. Funeral services were conducted on the island today.

## USS EMMONS SUNK AFTER JAP BLOWS

WASHINGTON, June 19 (AP)—The USS Emmons, which helped escort President Roosevelt en route to the Tehran Big Three conference, has been lost off Okinawa—victim of Japanese suicide planes.

Hit by five kamikazes within a few minutes, the Emmons was so badly damaged she had to be sunk by sister ships 12 hours after the attack last April 6. She suffered 139 casualties, including 59 killed, 78 wounded and two missing.

Formerly a destroyer, the Emmons was converted to a destroyer minesweeper before she joined the Pacific fleet last January. In November, 1943, the Emmons was one of a number of escorts for the battleship Iowa which carried Mr. Roosevelt across the Atlantic to his first meeting with Marshal Stalin.

Her fatal engagement was her first in Pacific waters. Attacked by 12 enemy planes, she shot down six, but five bored through the wall of AA fire and crashed the ship.

The attack occurred as the Emmons and another minesweeper were operating in the northern Okinawa area east of Ie Shima.

## BODIES OF ENTIRE FAMILY DISCOVERED

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 19 (AP)—The bodies of an entire family—a woods worker, his wife and their two small sons, dead about a week,—have been found in their home at Summit, in the hills of western Benton county.

Sheriff W. M. Harper said it appeared that the man, Clifford J. Allen, 34, apparently shot his wife, Lanetta Crystal, 29; their two sons, Larry C., 5 and Dickie Leroy, 6 months, then himself, with a rifle. Members of the family were last seen on June 12.

Relatives said Allen, who was injured on a logging accident a (Continued on Page Three)

## Bulletin

TWO DIE IN CRASH  
LAKEVIEW, June 19 (AP)—A dive bomber from the Klamath sixth naval air station crashed today into Goose lake, near Willow Ranch, today.

It was reported that the pilot and radio man in the crew were killed. Names will not be revealed until the next of kin are notified.

## 11 NIP SHIPS SUNK BY SUBS AROUND JAPAN

Gen. Buckner Killed In Okinawa Battle

By LEIF ERICKSON  
21ST BOMBER COMMAND, GUAM, Wednesday, June 20 (AP)—Flying their second fire raid mission against secondary Japanese industrial cities, about 450 Superforts struck Shizuoka and Toyohashi on Honshu island and Fukuoka on Kyushu today.

The B-29s dropped their incendiary loads from low altitude in attackings starting about 3 a. m.

It was the first fire attack for each of the three cities. Fukuoka, with a population of 323,000, has become increasingly important industrially, with its concentration of ordnance and aircraft factories. It is the capital of northwestern Kyushu's industrial and mine prefecture.

Toyohashi is situated 180 miles southwest of Tokyo and has major armament and explosives factories as well as several military schools. It has a population of about 242,000.

Shizuoka, about 85 miles southwest of Tokyo, was the site of an important aircraft engine plant which was 88 per cent destroyed in a precision demolition attack by 11 Superforts April 12.

American submarines which Tokyo acknowledged were prowling waters all around Japan have sunk 11 more Nipponese ships bringing their wartime total to 1153, the navy announced today as U. S. ground forces smashed into the closing phases of the Okinawa campaign on Nippon's southern doorstep.

Latest submarine catch in far eastern waters included two tankers and nine freighters, one of them large.

Buckner Killed  
Veterans of Tarawa, brought in for the kill on Okinawa, spearheaded U. S. tenth army forces today in driving demoralized Japanese toward suicide cliffs at the climax of the campaign that cost the life of the American commander, Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr.

The 58-year-old general was killed yesterday. He died with a smile on his face, knowing conquest of Okinawa was virtually completed and his men were killing the enemy at a ratio of more than 32 to 1. Sunday's toll was 1549 Japanese killed and 47 Americans.

The Okinawa ground campaign gained sudden momentum yesterday. Yanks, reinforced by fresh marines who conquered Tarawa and fought on Saipan and Tinian, broke through crumbling Japanese defenses in all sectors.

Like gains were scored in every other battle area. Chinese reoccupied the port of Wenchow, 220 miles south of Shanghai, and drove to within 21 miles of Nanchow, key south-east China transportation center.

Enter Oil Area  
Australians broke into Toulon oil refinery area in Sarawak, west Borneo territory ruled by the white Rajar, in a 25-mile advance since their June 10 invasion of Brunel bay.

Three U. S. divisions pushed toward the northern tip of Luzon island in major Philippines action.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur created a new supply command today for army ground forces which will invade Japan.

Tokyo predicted Japan wouldn't be invaded until after "a long period of preliminary bombing," and reported there was still no sign of a third invasion of Borneo although allied warships were continuing a bombardment of Balikpapan.

## Mac Hoke Dies In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., June 19 (AP) Mac Hoke, Pendleton grain and sheep rancher who became one of the best known names in America's wool industry, died here this morning in Emanuel hospital.

Hoke, 54, had been in the hospital about a month.

A member of the state board of higher education since 1940 and a former member of the state board of agriculture, Hoke was one of the state's leading citizens. He was vice president of the National Wool Growers association.

At the time of his death, he was president of the Oregon Farm Bureau and of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit association, which he headed since its inception. Until last January, when he refused to stand again for reelection, he was president of the Oregon Wool Growers association.

## Business Houses Forcibly Entered

Three Klamath Falls business concerns were forcibly entered sometime last night, according to city police reports.

Buildings entered included the Klamath Shopping Guide, 1205 Klamath, the Klamath Valley Lumber company, 1940 S. 8th, and the Klamath Refrigeration company, 2000 S. 8th. Entry was gained by either breaking or forcing a window, reports stated.

A total of \$75 was missing from the offices of the Shopping Guide this morning with \$5 in currency and the remainder in silver. Six 6-foot steel tapes and a check protector were taken from the lumber company, but the protector was found by city police near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

The extent of loss to the refrigeration company was not known this morning. A check-up is being made by company officials. City police and juvenile authorities are investigating the case.

## Portland Temperature May Fall, Prediction

PORTLAND, June 19 (AP)—The sun came out again strongly here this morning, but the weather bureau forecast a decline from the hot spell of the last two days.

The mercury reached 90 here yesterday—one degree cooler than Sunday's all-year record of 91.

## Some Discharges To Be Delayed

WASHINGTON, June 19 (AP)—The war department told congress today that many servicemen who rate discharge under the point system cannot be released before next June.

And, it advised the house military committee, it has no intention of lowering the age for automatic discharges, now 40.

The information was furnished the committee by Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff, who was asked for a detailed explanation of operation of the point system.

## Ceremony Ends Long Search

Two men stood at attention at the high school stadium in Lakeview. A marine major, John M. Robb, of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, stepped smartly forward and presented them with Purple Hearts, saluted and stepped back. This simple ceremony brought to an end 27 years of tracing by the army service forces records branch, which finally located the two men, who had been wounded in World War I.

Both of them, Robert M. Pardue and Martin Anderson, now of Lake county, had previously lived in Portland, but because of incorrect addresses and frequent moving, had not left sufficient clues for army sleuths to follow until 27 years had passed. Then marines of the all-marine bond troupe honored the men at a show Saturday night, climaxing their regular show with the award of the medals.