

# 82-DAY OKINAWA BATTLE ENDS

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## Stilwell To Command 10th Army

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

Conquest of Okinawa island officially ended today while flame-throwing tanks were still burning Japanese out of suicide pockets.

The 82-day campaign was the costliest of the Central and Western Pacific. More than 90,000 Japanese were killed or captured.

Americans killed since U. S. total casualties of 35,116 were last announced a month ago included two generals—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., 10th army commander, and Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley of the 96th division.

Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, veteran of China and Burma, will take over command of the 10th army.

Transfer of "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell from command of U. S. army ground forces to the Pacific was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur shortly before Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the end of the Okinawa campaign.

Increasing intensity of the air warfare against Japan was assured by the disclosure in Washington by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle that his 8th air force would join the 20th in heavy bombardment of Nippon's home islands. The 8th now is being deployed from Europe to the Pacific area.

Doolittle told a news conference that operations of his force would parallel those of the 20th air force, with directives coming from the joint chiefs of staff. He was unable to say whether his force which will headquarter at Colorado Springs while retraining, would include other bombers than the B-29s. He said he hoped to have long-range fighters, however.

Good Progress

Satisfactory progress was reported on all Pacific fronts though none of them matched this week's Nipponese death rate on Okinawa—3300 a day.

American troops, supported by Mexican fighter planes in their drive toward the end of the Philippines campaign, swept 30,000 Nipponese troops toward the northern tip of Luzon island and traps set by Filipino (Continued on Page Two)

## Delegates End Work on World Peace Charter

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21 (AP)—A charter embracing the views of 50 United Nations was wrapped up today into a world document designed to maintain peace.

President Truman, now taking a brief holiday in Washington state, will bring the United Nations conference to a formal close with a speech on international affairs Tuesday afternoon.

Until that time the delegates of the 50 nations represented here will be busy with a variety of technical problems and speech-making sessions. But the real work of the conference, which met April 25, is accomplished.

It reached that stage last night. A committee approved an Australian-Russian compromise empowering the proposed general assembly of nations to discuss and make recommendations on any question "within the scope of the charter" written here.

This ended a long struggle by small nations to make the assembly a "town meeting of the world" potentially capable of exerting the pressure of public opinion on the big-power-controlled security council, even though it could exercise no control over the council directly.

Acclaimed Leader

Victor Andrade of Bolivia, chairman of the committee on assembly powers, attributed leadership in this struggle to Foreign Minister Herbert V. Evtal of Australia.

The last commission session to go over a chapter of the charter was called today to receive the report of Andrade's committee. From the stage of commission action the conference will move through plenary (Continued on Page Two)

## 12 CONVICTED IN TRIALS OF POLE LEADERS

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, June 21 (AP)—Twelve of 16 Poles accused of subversive activities behind red army lines were convicted by a soviet court early today and given sentences of from four months to 10 years in prison.

Three were acquitted and the trial of another was postponed.

The heaviest sentence—10 years—was imposed upon Maj. Gen. L. Bronislav Okulicki, commander of the underground home army after the ill-fated Warsaw uprising.

8-Year Sentence

Jan Jankowski, deputy prime minister of the London Polish government-in-exile and leader of the Polish underground movement, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

The sentences will date from the day of arrest, March 27.

(The Moscow radio, heard in London, said no appeal from the sentences would be permitted.)

Gen. Okulicki received his sentence stoically. His only show of emotion was a tightening of the lips.

Flood lights beat down upon the defendants standing in the (Continued on Page Two)

## ADDED CHANNEL CAPACITY EYED

Added channel capacity in Poe and Langell valleys and in the Lost river diversion canal will be considered in an immediate investigation by the reclamation service, it was disclosed today by Acting Regional Director U. J. Gendron.

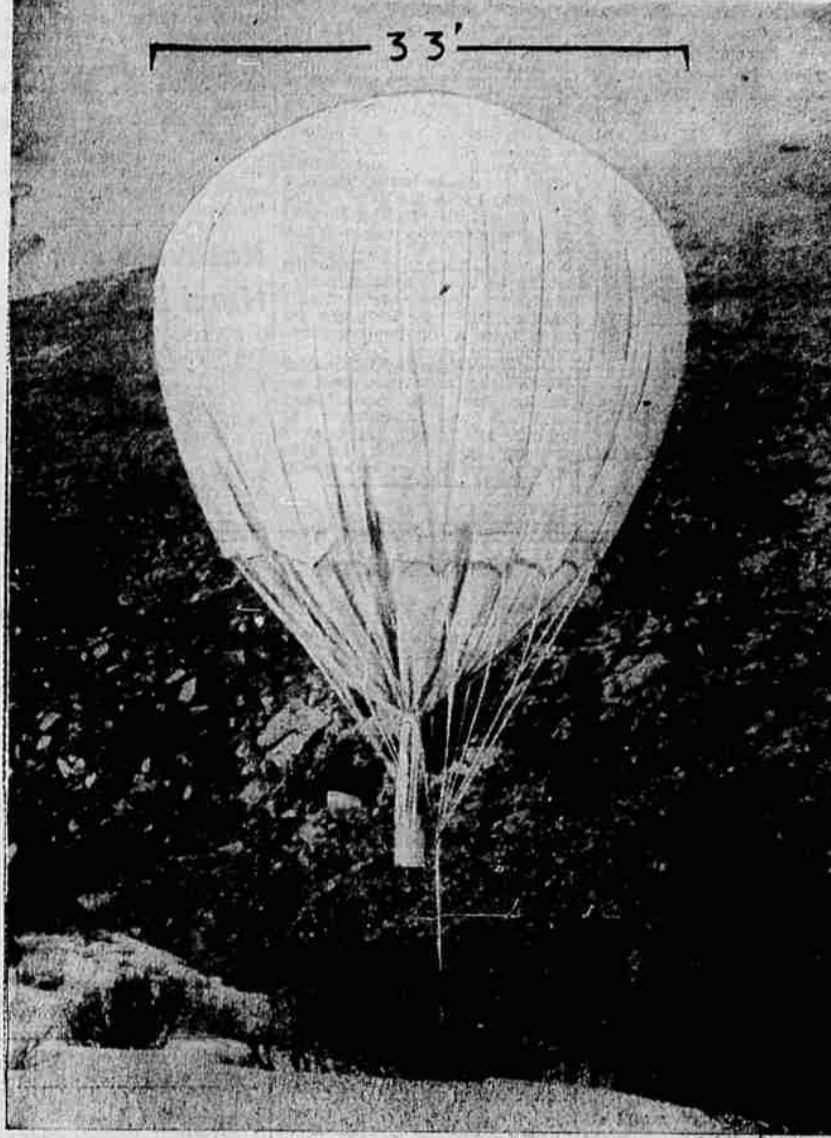
In a letter to the chamber of commerce, Gendron said that the survey had been asked by Superintendent Laton Stephens of the Klamath reclamation bureau.

Reduction Planned

Purpose of the proposed changes would reduce the flood waters which now spill into lower Lost river and on into the Tule lake sump.

"Such an arrangement," said Gendron, "if found feasible, would permit further reduction of the flooded area of Tule lake." (Continued on Page Two)

Here's Only Picture Of Jap Balloon In Air In North America



Through special arrangements, The Herald and News today is able to present what is believed to be the only picture that has been taken of a Japanese balloon over North America. Other pictures have shown balloons after they have dropped to the ground. The balloon shown here above a western Canada hillside contains more than 17,000 cubic feet of hydrogen. The detonator charge, which is supposed to destroy the big bag when it drops, failed to operate in this case. The Herald and News acknowledges the courtesy of Mrs. Walter J. Cox, Merrill, and her father, H. N. White, Vancouver, B. C., and the Vancouver Province, for the use of these pictures. Close-ups of the balloon and its mechanism will be found on page 3.

## Truman Lauds Peace Conference Work; Promises Bettering Of Meat Situation

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

OLYMPIA, June 21 (AP)—President Truman today praised the work of the San Francisco conference, promised the meat situation would be straightened out and denied reports of contemplated removing Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes.

In his first press conference since leaving the White House, the president also expressed gratification over the senate's approval of legislation extending the reciprocal trade agreement program with further tariff lowering authority.

He announced that he would stop over in Portland, Ore., at 11 a. m. (Pacific war time) Monday en route to San Francisco where he expects to arrive at 4 p. m.

The president expressed confidence the senate will take favorable action on the Bretton Woods agreements as well as the reciprocal trade legislation. The latter, he said, permitting direct quotation, "places the United States square behind the principles of international trade cooperation."

He came out flatly in favor of the postwar completion of the Alaskan highway in cooperation with British Columbia and Canada. He said there is about 600 miles of road up the trench to complete.

Denies Rumors

"Stories have appeared in eastern papers that you are getting rid of Mr. Ickes and replacing him with Cap Krug (J. A. Krug, chairman of the war production board)," a reporter said. He asked the president if he planned such action.

"No, the president replied, he didn't, it was the first he had heard of it, he added, and it was news to him.

The president added that he had no cabinet changes immediately in mind, and that he would let the reporters know when he did.

Still Nothing

"You suggested we keep on asking you if you contemplated a change in the state department (presided over by Secretary Stettinius) and we are wondering if you have anything on that?" a reporter asked.

The president said he still had nothing on that.

Told of former President Herbert Hoover's assertion that food controls over meat distribution had broken down, the president said he had not seen the statement, but added that the meat situation would be straightened out as soon as Representative Clinton P. Anderson, his new agriculture secretary and war food administrator, takes over.

## 40,000 STRIKE IN LABOR DISPUTES

By The Associated Press

Labor disputes kept some 40,000 employes on the side lines along the nation's labor front today.

The strikes and work stoppages curtailed production in war plants; hampered transportation of some 60,000 passengers in a nine-state area and slowed truck movement of foods and war materials in parts of the midwest.

The war labor board stepped into the biggest single strike and ordered 16,700 CIO United Rubber Workers to end their work stoppage immediately at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company, Akron, O.

Vote Defiance

Union members voted yesterday to defy a WLB back-to-work order. Today Chairman George E. Taylor of the WLB telegraphed union officials "continuation of this strike is in flagrant disregard of orderly procedures established by law" (Continued on Page Two)

## Transfer Of OPA Powers Proposed

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—Broadening a recommendation from Herbert Hoover, Representative Jenkins (R-Ohio) today proposed a price control amendment transferring all OPA powers over food to the agriculture department.

Jenkins read to the house yesterday a letter from Hoover in which the former president and World War I food administrator called for "an administrative revolution" to combat meat and fats shortages.

Referring to scarcities in cities, Hoover criticized conditions he said produced black markets and set forth a 12-point program designed to meet the problem. He suggested concentrating authority under a system where no government subsidies would be required.

## Strike Threat Menaces Lumber

PORTLAND, Ore., June 21 (AP)—A strike threat hung over the northwest lumber industry today.

The executive committee of the AFL northwestern council of lumber and sawmill workers went into closed session this morning to discuss calling a general strike vote in support of their demands for a flat 20-cent-an-hour wage increase.

AFL officials said the strike, if called would involve some 60,000 loggers and sawmill workers in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana.

An AFL spokesman estimated the conference would last at least through today, but declined to say how soon a decision might be reached.

## Lumber Company Officials Face Charge Of Conspiracy

BATTLE, June 21 (AP)—Arrests at Bellingham by the United States marshal's office, J. Olson, president, and J. Main, secretary of the western Lumber and Shingle company of Bellingham, posted \$7500 bail in Bellingham last evening on San Antonio, federal grand jury indictments charging conspiracy to violate the emergency control act. They agreed to trial in San Antonio, district office of price administrator R. D. Reser, a third defendant, is out on bail at San Antonio.

Bellingham men were arrested on warrants. The announcement said their pension cracked open a native black market in Washington and British Columbia, at more arrests of lumber shingle suppliers were expected.

Reports reached OPA lumber yards in Texas that they were forced to pay side-

## Queen Candidate



Blanche Schonchin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Barney, Sprague River, is another candidate for the rodeo queen's crown.

## Election Service

The Herald and News will offer special service to the public on Friday night in connection with the state and city elections.

Cooperating with the county clerk's office, the newspaper will collect and compile election returns as rapidly as the ballots are counted, beginning at 8 p. m.

Telephone inquiries will be gladly answered. The number is 8111.

The office will remain open during the evening and returns will be posted on a blackboard. You are welcome to visit the newspaper office or telephone your inquiries.

## 15-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNS IN MAIN CANAL

Harold Mogan, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson, 1406 Etna, drowned about 3:30 p. m., Wednesday, in the main canal at the Oregon-California Eastern railroad bridge just off Summers lane.

Mogan was in swimming with seven companions who reported that he had been playing with his dog. He was ducking the dog when both of them suddenly went under. The animal came up immediately but the boy failed to appear.

Some of the boys ran to the Altamont camp ground and gave the alarm. State police and the sheriff's office were notified and rushed to the scene with dragging equipment and two boats. Mogan's body was brought to the surface at 9:12 p. m., about 75 yards from where he disappeared, according to reports from the sheriff's office here. The canal is between 10 and 12 feet deep at the point where the body was found, Sheriff Lloyd Low said this morning.

Low said that two good swimmers among the boys dived for Mogan in an effort to assist him, but that their efforts were of no avail.

## Mercury Hits 94 For Year's High

Wednesday the mercury soared to 94 degrees, the highest recorded temperature this year for Klamath Falls. That is two degrees higher than the two previous days when 92 degrees was recorded.

The sun rose at 5:25 a. m. Thursday, June 21, midsummer day, and will set at 8:55 p. m. From now on the days will commence getting shorter, although it will not be noticeable for several weeks.

Temperature recorded at 12:45 for midsummer day was 81. Cooler temperatures are predicted for tonight and Friday.

Precipitation for June, 1945, to date is .02; 80 was recorded for the entire month of June, 1944.

## Senate Approves Trade Measure

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—The broadened, extended reciprocal trade legislation which President Truman called "of the first order of importance for the success of my administration" was his for the signing today.

The senate passed it late yesterday by a vote of 54 to 21. First it restored a house-approved provision permitting Mr. Truman to reduce selected tariff rates another 50 per cent. Then it slapped down a series of proposed restrictive amendments.

## Jap Equipment To Be Shown

Japanese heavy field equipment from theaters of war and an exact replica of a nazi V-1 robot bomb, will be exhibited at 8th and Main in Klamath Falls, starting Friday, sponsored by the Naval Aid auxiliary.

The enemy war prizes will be on display from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. every day until and including Sunday.

## Voters To Trek To Polls Friday For Special Ballot

Voters of Klamath Falls and Klamath county will go to the polls Friday, June 22, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. to cast their ballots in the special election. Three city measures and two state measures are up for vote.

Electors of Klamath Falls will vote on all five measures and county residents will vote only on the two state measures.

The three city measures are: (1) A proposed 11 mill levy for three years to raise \$36,000 for the city-county jail. (2) A charter amendment to make possible appointments to fill vacancies in elective offices, until the next city election. (3) A proposed one-mill levy for two years to raise \$19,000 for city sewer purposes.

The two state measures to be voted upon would enact a cigarette tax to raise \$2,000,000 a year for schools, and levy a five-mill, two-year, property tax to raise \$6,000,000 for new state institution buildings and \$4,000,000 for higher education buildings. The property tax, however, would not be assessed, since it would be cancelled by surplus income tax revenues.

Charles F. DeLap, county clerk, said this morning that voting places have been set up as usual in the 76 county precincts, including 32 in Klamath Falls. Counting of ballots will begin at 8 p. m., he stated. (For additional information see editorial page.)

## TWO TRUE BILLS RETURNED BY JURY

The Klamath county grand jury for the June term of circuit court reported to Circuit Court Judge David R. Vandenberg this afternoon after approximately 10 hours deliberation.

Two true bills were returned by the grand jury. These included true bills against Dennis Samuel Gathwright and John Doe for possession of stolen property and Arthur Gordon Robinson for grand larceny. Not true bills were returned against Roy John Laird, Edward F. Conley, and Dennis W. Lilly.

Jury Investigates

In its report the grand jury stated that it had investigated the various public institutions of Klamath county and the various departments of the county government.

It was the opinion of the grand jury that the city jail is wholly inadequate to serve the purpose for which it is intended, and incapable of being made into a suitable jail for the city of Klamath Falls.

Officials Commended

The grand jury received through District Attorney Clarence A. Humble a full report of the activities of the juvenile department and felt that conditions in respect to juvenile delinquency had improved. The grand jury (Continued on Page Two)