

OKINAWA CASUALTIES 36,588

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS vivid paragraph in the dispatches today brings to an end the story of the conquest of Okinawa—the bloodiest chapter of the history of the Pacific war to date.

"Clean-up squads of marines and infantrymen hunted over the charred hills with flame-throwers, rifles and demolition charges to add to the 90,401 counted enemy dead. Japanese helped by mass suicide in their caves or drowning in the surf. The air was permeated with the stench of death."

WITH Okinawa's conquest completed, the story of its USEFULNESS in the war from here on out begins. Nimitz points out that fighters and bombers from its airfields can cover the invasion of either Japan or China.

Try to imagine what our landing on the Normandy beaches would have been without our COVERING PLANES FROM ENGLAND.

That will make it clear to you why we HAD to have Okinawa.

OKINAWA was a bloody fight. But, with our men ON THE OFFENSIVE (according to the accepted rules more costly than defense), 13 Japs were killed for every ground force American killed or missing.

THE faint crack in the armor of Bushido widened a little in the closing days.

In the final orgy of enemy mass suicide, our men pleaded through tank-borne loud-speakers for the Japs to crawl out of their holes and surrender. In one day (day before yesterday) 1700 of them RESPONDED—a new high for the Pacific war.

Admiral Nimitz announces today that at the end Jap soldiers surrendered IN GROUPS. In some cases led by their officers.

Altogether, some 4000 of them gave themselves up.

THAT is only about four per cent of the nearly 100,000 Japs who must have been on the island when the invasion started. Not very many. Still, it is a beginning.

This faintly perceptible crack in Bushido might become significant.

ANOTHER mass slaughter of Japs seems impending in Luzon's Cagayan valley, where Filipino guerrillas, led by an American colonel, block the road AHEAD of the enemy body of some 30,000 retreating troops.

Our 37th division is crowding them from BEHIND, forcing a battle on them.

That story will be told in the dispatches of coming days.

IN Borneo, the Australians make another waterborne frog hop, landing at Lutong, just south of the big Seria oil fields. The dispatches relate that rough seas were the worst obstacle they had to overcome. The Jap war fleet fled from Lutong so hastily that hot food was abandoned.

BY this time, the Japs have probably done their worst to the oil fields south of Brunei. They can have no use for the oil themselves, as all their routes back to the homeland were cut long since. Their only remaining objective is to keep us from using it.

(You may be quite sure that our oil experts are poised and ready to wade into the job of restoring production in the fields at the earliest possible moment.)

CHINESE dispatches report the Japs still in retreat north of Wenchow (about 200 airline miles south of Shanghai). The Chinese claim to have the 150-odd miles of coastline from Fochow to Wenchow cleared of Japs.

They claim today that they are hacking down the Jap garrisons in Amoy and Swatow, another 150-odd miles SOUTHWARD from Fochow. They reduced these garrisons, they say, from around 10,000 (Continued on Page Seven)

Bids Opened For Barracks Work

Sealed bids for the construction of new buildings and building additions at the Marine Barracks were opened yesterday afternoon with M. O. Bessonet of Medford low bidder at \$442,834.20, according to Lt. Cmdr. John M. Babcock, officer in charge of navy construction here.

The Halvorson Construction company of Salem was second at \$500,782 and Brennan and Cahoon of Klamath Falls was third at a figure of \$541,073, Babcock stated.

The work will include construction of a two-story warehouse, two-story ward building, second floor addition to the administration building, an addition to the central heating plant including one boiler, 50-man brig, post-exchange restaurant, barracks storehouse, and extensions to electrical system and water, sewer, and steam facilities. Necessary roads and parking areas will also be laid, Babcock declared.

The low bid will now be forwarded to Washington, D. C., for approval, he stated.

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Collective Trial For War Criminals Proposed By Yanks

By ALEX H. SINGLETON

LONDON, June 22 (AP)—Justice Robert H. Jackson announced today a United States plan to prosecute Germany's arch war criminals in one collective trial and expressed hope that it might start "before the end of the summer."

Justice Jackson, the chief United States prosecutor, emphasized at a press conference that he could not speak for the three other major western powers, but said no objection to the proposal had yet been lodged by Britain, Russia or France.

List Of Criminals To Be Made

The British foreign office announced that representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Russia would open discussions in London early next week to draw up a list of the major criminals and settle plans for their trial.

Jackson elaborated upon information of the collective trial plan obtained earlier in the day from a responsible American source.

The United States plan envisions trial by a military tribunal with each of the four major powers represented by "one or two judges," Jackson said. As now drafted it carries no provision for representation by the smaller powers.

No Leadership Immunity

At the outset of the press conference, he emphasized that "no man will be given immunity because he has held a high military position if there is evidence to prove that he is a war criminal."

In the first exposition of plans for the trial of war criminals given to newspaper men here, the supreme court justice said that the trials would start "at the earliest possible moment—just as soon as we have a reasonably complete case."

No 'Food Czar' Scheduled In Improving Distribution

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

OLYMPIA, June 22 (AP)—President Truman doesn't contemplate the appointment of a "food czar" in a program looking to the early straightening out of meat and other food distribution, White House sources said today.

What he has in mind, these sources said, is a closer working relationship between agencies supervising the production, distribution and pricing of food.

The program, to be put into effect when Clinton P. Anderson becomes agriculture secretary and war food administrator, will, the president told his press conference yesterday,

bring about an improvement automatically. He said there would be a unity of control over prices and food but did not go into details.

That does not mean, his staff said, that food control and pricing will be under one head, but that they will be brought into balance.

This clarification of the president's attitude was given shortly before Mr. Truman's departure on an automobile trip to Mt. Rainier.

Schedules Work

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the president plans to work here Saturday on state papers which have accumulated in the time he has spent at play.

He said Governor Wallgren would be absent from the mansion tomorrow afternoon, attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, State Highway Director Clarence Hickey, who died Wednesday. Ross said that he did not know of any plan for Mr. Truman to accompany the governor.

Nothing definite has been planned for Sunday, the final day of the president's vacation, Ross said.

Intervention For Poles To Be Asked

LONDON, June 22 (AP)—The Polish government-in-exile announced today it would ask President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill to intervene in behalf of the 12 Polish underground leaders convicted in Moscow and request Russia to withdraw her forces from Poland.

The Poles were convicted this week of diversionary activities behind red army lines and sentenced to terms ranging from four months to 10 years.

Not Completed Premier Tomasz Arciszewski of the exile regime said the direct appeal had not yet been formally drafted.

He called the Moscow trials "political" attempts to "be- amirch" the London regime and pave the way for establishment of an authority that would have "little in common with the government visualized at the Crimea conference."

Arciszewski asserted that the (Continued on Page Seven)

Klamath In 4th Place In Contest

No noteworthy changes in the standing of the "big ten" counties was reported today by bond headquarters. Klamath county still retains its place as fourth on the list, and it was announced that a total of \$1,011,759 in "E" bonds had been sold up to and including June 20, as against the \$1,538,000 quota. This gives Klamath county 34.3 per cent of the entire quota to be filled.

Everyone is reminded that the Mighty 7th War Loan drive ends June 30, and there is a big stretch ahead before we go over the top.

Commands FMF

Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger was named commanding general of the Pacific fleet marine force, succeeding Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith.

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—Appointment of Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger as commanding general of the Pacific fleet marine force was announced today.

Geiger, a veteran leader of Pacific amphibious campaigns, took over command of American forces on Okinawa this week after Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. was killed by an enemy shell.

Announcement of his new command, succeeding Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, was made by Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commander of the marine corps.

San Diego Commander General Smith will head the marine training and replacement command in San Diego, Calif., replacing Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, who will go on the retired list.

The 60-year-old Geiger, formerly commander of the 3rd amphibious corps, takes over the major fighting forces of the marine corps in the Pacific from one of the most colorful (Continued on Page Seven)

SENATORS TO HEAR REPORT ON CHARTER

Delegates Confident Of Ratification Of Charter

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22 (AP)—The United States senate, with power enough to promote or kill a United Nations peace organization, will get a full report on the San Francisco conference next week from two of its members.

American delegates express confidence that the senate will ratify the charter of the organization which they and representatives of 49 other nations have produced here in nine weeks of work.

But none would predict today that it would be done immediately, in time for President Truman to report it at the July Big Three meeting at Berlin.

Delay Certain In fact, it appeared certain the senate committee hearings, a preliminary to debate on ratification, could not begin until the second week in July when detained reports of conference debates will have become available. These and interpretive statements on various points of the charter are considered essential to senate discussion.

Meantime, Lord Halifax, chief British delegate, told a news conference that his government may be expected to ratify the charter regardless of the coming British elections. He said there would be no change in "the main line of British policy both in respect to the conduct of the Pacific war and to the work which we have done here."

Schedule Departure Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee and Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), both members of the American delegation, have arranged to leave here two hours after President Truman addresses the closing session next Tuesday night.

Flying to Washington with the charter—unless Mr. Truman himself takes it back directly—Connally will make a report to the senate on Thursday. Vandenberg, who will travel with him, will then make a further report and state his own position as chairman of the republican senatorial conference, on Friday.

In San Francisco, Vandenberg has taken care, even as an American delegate, to keep his position fluid so that if he did not approve the charter in its final form he would be at liberty to say so. However, now that it is finished, it is reported that he will become one of its most outspoken supporters.

Lumbermen Face New Charges

SEATTLE, June 22 (AP)—Oscar J. Olsen and H. R. Main, Bellingham lumbermen free on \$7500 bail each after their arrest Wednesday night on fugitive warrants from San Antonio, Tex., have been ordered re-arrested on similar warrants from Oklahoma City, Okla., the office of price administration revealed today.

In the Oklahoma indictment 26 defendants were named including Olsen and Main and the Northwest Lumber and Shingle company, the company they operate. Willis Holmes, the company's principal Oklahoma agent, and other individuals, corporations and partnerships in Oklahoma also were accused of participating, what the OPA termed as black market operations allegedly headed by Olsen, Main and their company.

Secret Airline Service Operated Out Of Sweden

By HENRY B. JAMESON

LONDON, June 22 (AP)—More than 3000 important passengers were flown out of neutral Sweden during the last year of the European war by the U. S. army's "secret airline" which operated under the noses of the Germans.

It was one of the strangest military operations of the war and the Germans employed every trick they knew to stop it, but without avail.

Some secrets of this mysterious pseudo-civil airline, which now has blossomed into a full-fledged military line between Scotland and Sweden, were revealed today by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag, commander of the European division of the air transport command, the agency designated to handle the job. Most of the flying had been scheduled purposely in bad weather.

Constantly Followed The airmen, disguised as civilians, had become so accustomed to being shadowed by Gestapo agents in Stockholm that they didn't even bother locking their hotel rooms at night. They were followed everywhere, and (Continued on Page Seven)

SEVERE SHORTAGE OF LUMBER LOOMS

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—A lumber shortage more severe than in any previous wartime year threatens to retard reconstruction and recovery of the construction industry.

Lumber needs, estimated by the war production board at 40 billion board feet for 1945, are 8 billion feet above foreseen supplies—an imbalance that has aroused official fears of a lumber black market.

Allotments Up Civilian lumber allotments have been increased 19 per cent for the July-September quarter. This will give "a little more elbow room," a WPB spokesman said, but it appears inadequate to support the five-fold increase in home, farm and commercial construction work recently permitted by relaxation of WPB's construction order.

Direct military demand is expected to taper off slightly (Continued on Page Seven)

New Strikes Add To Idle Numbers

By The Associated Press

New strikes in vital war industries today pushed the total of workers idle in labor troubles beyond the 70,000 mark.

In Detroit, already plagued by a variety of work stoppages, 3500 workers left their jobs in a Briggs Manufacturing company aircraft plant in protest against lack of meat in their sandwiches supplied by a catering firm.

The CIO union local president asserted the stoppage was undertaken against the advice of union officials.

Reds To Consider Army Discharges

LONDON, June 22 (AP)—A law providing for the demobilization of the older age classes of the red army in the field was placed on the agenda of the supreme soviet of the U. S. S. R. when it convened for its twelfth session tonight, Tass news agency reported in a Moscow broadcast.

850-Acre Fire Fought In Forest

BEND, Ore., June 22 (AP)—The worst Oregon forest fire of this season was brought under control today after blackening 850 acres of heavy growth virgin timber in the Deschutes national forest.

The blaze, which broke out Wednesday in the Metollus river area, was checked by 280 forest service workers, loggers, paratroopers from Pendleton, Ore., and conscientious objectors.

A hundred fire-fighters were released today, and 80 more will leave the woods tomorrow. About a hundred men will remain for mop-up operations.

Election Service

The Herald and News will compile returns from the special election tonight. First returns will be in about 8:30 p. m., and will continue until the votes are in. Citizens are welcome to visit the office or to telephone 8111 for returns.

Weather News

June 22, 1945	84	53
Max. (June 21)	84	Min. 53
Precipitation last 24 hours	00
Stream year to date	13.06
Normal	11.64	Last year 9.89
Forecast: Cooler with strong winds.		

"Time On My Hands"



Local election boards sent out for reading material this morning and settled down for a quiet day, with only an infrequent voter arriving to break the monotony. Typical of "time on my hands" is Evelyn Hudson, Altamont high school teacher, working on board No. 11 at the Lake hotel. At the Lake hotel, there were only five votes at 1 p. m. In precinct 8 there were six votes at 11 a. m. In precinct 10 there were four votes at 11 a. m. In North Altamont there were five votes at 1:30 p. m. Polls will not close until 8 p. m.

House Adopts Hoover Clause

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—The house today adopted the so-called "Hoover amendment" which would strip the office of price administration of most of its food controls.

The vote, taken while the house considered a one-year extension of OPA, was 145 to 142 in favor of an amendment sponsored by Rep. Jenkins (R-Ohio) providing that control over food production, distribution and pricing be transferred to the department of agriculture.

Three Forest Fires Reported

Three forest fires were started on the west side of Klamath lake as a result of the lightning storm on Wednesday night, it was reported by the Klamath Forest Protective association. Two of the fires resulted in no damage, but 15 acres of timber were burned in the blaze at Squaw point. A crew of marines were called to the scene of the fire Thursday evening, and another crew relieved them this morning.

The fire was reported as completely under control today, although crews are still on hand to stand guard until all danger has passed.

Committee Okays War Supply Bill

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—A \$38,500,285,951 war department supply bill went to the house floor today with an army promise to speed victory over Japan by "an overwhelming application of force."

Its approval by the appropriations committee accompanied publication of three weeks of testimony by high army officials who foresaw devastation for Japan more awful than that which battered the nazis to their knees.

Lose Any Red Points Lately?

Library books encounter strange experiences while they are out, Enola Hawkins, city librarian, observes, and are returned enclosing unusual mementos.

Among odd markers found in returned books, Miss Hawkins lists toothpicks, matches, letters—sometimes to be mailed, lacking stamps—greeting cards, identification and social security cards, hairpins, paper clips, flowers, snapshots without names. And once, in pre-rationing days, a strip of bacon.

Books come back spotted with grease, packed with crumbs, and speckled with cigarette ash, the librarian stated, silent clues to their borrowers' habits. Melted candy and crushed insects also decorate pages.

Books indicate pets in the home of chewed corners. They show where they have been used for heating pot stands by telltale greasy circular burns, and edges kicked in show where they have been carried around on the floor of a car.

The strange angle in the mistreatment of library books, Miss Hawkins points out, is that the people who misuse them don't seem to realize they are the ones who pay for the damage. Taxes maintain the library and the more tax money it takes to clean and rebind books, the less money there is for keeping up to date on new books and improving the library in general.

B-29S BLAST NIP TARGETS; LANDING MADE

6990 Troops Killed To Gain Control Of Island

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Superforts making their third 450 plane attack on Japan within five days spearheaded today's bad news for Tokyo. All of it— from mass surrenders on fallen Okinawa to fresh invasions of Borneo's oil fields—was disheartening to Emperor Hirohito.

The mikado may find some consolation in knowing that 90,401 of his subjects, now dead, extracted a higher price in American lives for Okinawa than any other Pacific island. U. S. ground forces lost 6990 killed and 29,598 wounded—exceeding Nipponese losses on any American-captured island outside the Southwest Pacific.

In the Southwest Pacific Australians leapfrogged 50 miles down the west Torneo coast in the harrided enemy buried two tank-led counterattacks against U. S. troops in an attempt to escape from the trap.

Japanese forces in Asia speeded their withdrawals from east China port cities—a potential American invasion area. Chinese began attacking the former U. S. air base at Lushow in southeast China, and American observers (Continued on Page Seven)

Eisenhower Gets Hometown Welcome

ABILENE, Kas., June 22 (AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower back home at last among the people he grew up with, today expressed great emotion as he accepted their acclaim, then very seriously called for solid support by the American people of President Truman in his efforts to solve the war problems and unite the nation.

"President Truman's hands must be upheld at all times," the five-star general said in the Eisenhower park stadium, "by the knowledge that back of him are a united people ready to do his bidding."

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