

JAP FLIERS SINK TWO U. S. SHIPS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WITH the Stars and Stripes flying officially over Okinawa, interest shifts for the moment to Luzon, where another big clean-up job is nearing its end.

APARRI, at the island's northern tip, where the Japs landed on December 10, 1941, to begin their invasion of the Philippines, has been taken by Filipino guerrillas, who, hanging on by their eyelashes, climbed around the rugged cliffs to reach the beaches at the northern end of the Cagayan valley, thus surrounding the 20,000 to 30,000 Japs who are being herded down the valley by our 37th division. Another guerrilla thrust had already cut the retreating Japs into two separate bodies. Their fate is sealed.

TODAY'S dispatches estimate the number of these Japs at about 20,000 "effective"—meaning Jap soldiers under organized command and in condition to fight. To this total must be added thousands of camp followers—civilian Japs who got out of Manila when we took it back, etc.

AT Bayambang, in the upper Cagayan valley, our troops came upon a Jap field hospital that had been abandoned by the little yellow men as hurriedly as there was no time to burn it. On its cot they found the bodies of 120 wounded Japs who had been bayoneted or shot in the head by their fellows and left behind. Most of them had been shot through the temple.

There has been considerable evidence (captured orders, documents by prisoners, etc.) of this Jap practice of finishing off those who are wounded too severely to fight further, and MacArthur's headquarters releases some of it today, including an order by the commanding officer of a Jap tank regiment which reads:

"Concerning the wounded: Men who are only slightly wounded will participate in this battle. When men who are wounded are not able to participate in battle, their unit leaders will see to it that they end their lives."

THIS killing of the seriously wounded is part and parcel of the cold-blooded Jap theory of making war. The gravely wounded HANDICAP those who are not injured. So—KILL them, for the glory of the emperor and the salvation of the homeland.

KAMIKAZES (suicide planes) strike again at our ships around Okinawa, sinking two light units, heavily damaging an auxiliary ship and lightly damaging two other vessels. It is announced today that this brings to 33 the number of our ships sunk by the suicide fliers and to 55 the number damaged in such attacks.

(Kamikaze is a Jap term meaning "Divine Wind." It is supposed to track back to a terrific hurricane that wrecked an enemy fleet and saved the Japs back in some remote tribal period.)

OUR fighter planes from Iwo and Okinawa roam over southern Japan today, shooting up bases from which the Kamikazes come and doing such other damage as comes handy in the course of their sweeps. Our big bombers continue their routine of destruction of Jap war plants.

ON Borneo, the Australians take the 4000-foot Miri airfield, just south of Lutong, where they landed yesterday. The Japs insist that they have a big fleet, including transports and landing craft, hovering off the coast of northwest Borneo. Balikpapan, across the big island, gets its daily dose of around 200 tons of bombs.

THE Japs are muttering in their beads again today. Domestic (Jap news agency) broadcasts that 20 Chinese divisions have moved into the southern and eastern seaboard provinces of China and that the American airforce is building new Chinese bases, some of them (Continued on Page Two)

buying is apparently what President Truman had in mind when he told a news conference at the Olympia, Wash., Thursday that he expected an improvement in civilian meat supplies as soon as the national Harvester company employees went back to work after a four-day walkout, while in Eau Claire, Wis., 2000 workers at the Gillette tire plant of the U. S. Rubber company ended their stoppage after a conciliation meeting.

The government previously had announced that lend-lease shipments of meat will be suspended during the July-September quarter.

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

APARRI TAKEN BY AMERICANS; MOP-UP LOOMS

Nip Invasion Point Becomes Death Trap

By SPENCER DAVIS
MANILA, June 23 (AP)—The precise spot where the Japanese first invaded the Philippines has become their death trap.

The Nipponese landed December 10, 1941, at Aparri on the north tip of Luzon. Today Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed that Aparri has been recaptured in a surprise thrust which bottled up the last major enemy force on the island in a straggle of less than 90 miles of the Cagayan valley.

It marks the beginning of the end of organized Japanese resistance on Luzon, reinvaded by MacArthur last January 9. An enemy force, estimated at possibly 20,000 effectives, faced the hard choice of standing and dying in broken up groups in the valley or waiting out a slow death in mountain refuges.

Some are caught in a less than 60 miles stretch between guerrillas and U. S. sixth army infantrymen advancing south below captured Aparri and other guerrillas who seized the Cagayan province capital of Tuguegarao.

Others are pressed between the capture of Tuguegarao and U. S. 37th infantry division troops a scant 30 miles southward at the overrun town of San Juan.

There was no weekend holiday for labor troubles today. While millions of workers in the nation's war industries remained at their jobs, the picture along the labor front was blurred by scores of controversies which kept idle more than 85,000 men and women. The heavy industrial Detroit area alone counted 35,900 affected by the disputes.

There was only a flicker of amity along the trouble line, on which federal agencies worked in efforts to end the strikes and work stoppages.



Loaded with 14,000 U. S. soldiers returning from Europe, the giant British liner Queen Mary is silhouetted against the lower Manhattan skyline as it arrived in New York harbor. (AP wirephoto).

FIGHTERS ATTACK NIP HOME FIELDS

GUAM, June 23 (AP)—More than 100 rocket-spitting fighter planes worked over Japanese homeland airfields today, radio Tokyo acknowledged, while returning Yank bombardiers of yesterday's 450-Superfortress raid declared Japan's greatest naval arsenal at Kure was rubbed from the list of B-29 targets.

Tokyo radio asserted that about 75 Mustang fighter planes, accompanied by three B-29s, attacked airfields north of Tokyo in Ibaraki prefecture for more than an hour and a half today after 28 Lightnings and Hellcats strafed and bombed airfields around Fukuoka on Kyushu island.

The Mustangs presumably were two-based while the Lightnings and Hellcats struck from recently won Okinawa. Superfortresses roaring in over Kure, on the north shore of Japan's inland sea, and five airplane plants were fired by intense anti-aircraft fire which burst in all the colors of the rainbow, but for all that pilots said they had "one of the most successful days of the war."

Four of the Superfortresses returned to bases on Guam, Saipan and Tinian. Tokyo claimed 18 were shot down. At least three Japanese fighters among the handful of interceptors which resisted the strike were shot down.

Universally enthusiastic over the results, the crews said they hit their assigned targets with high explosives in wonderfully clear weather.

Queen Selection Set For Tonight
The ball for final judging of queen for Klamath Buckaroo night at Klamath armory with Baldy Evans' orchestra providing the music for dancing.

Majority Of Senate Ready To Approve World Charter

WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP)—A majority of the senate is ready to approve the United Nations charter.

Indications are clear that ratification may command the support of far more than the two-thirds required for approval. An Associated Press poll reaching 73 of the 96 members today found none declaring outright opposition. Fifty said they would vote yes, "barring unforeseen developments." Five said they probably would vote yes.

HOUSE REVERSES OPA CLAUSE STAND
WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP)—The house reversed itself today and voted down a once-approved price control amendment which would have stripped the OPA of jurisdiction over food pricing.

Floating Mines Near Alaska
The coast guard reports floating mines are beginning to appear along the coast of Alaska.

Hirohito Tells Japanese Of 'Unprecedented' Crisis
SAN FRANCISCO, June 23 (AP)—Japan's "present crisis is unprecedented in scope in her national history" Emperor Hirohito told his people today as speculation arose that he might assume personal rule of the invasion-threatened empire.

How Klamath Voted
City Measures
Filling vacancies by appointment—Yes 784, No 238.
Sewage levy—Yes 626, No 428.
City-county jail levy—Yes 662, No 337.
State Measures
Building fund—Yes 1273, No 809.
Cigarette tax—Yes 990, No 1117.

Weather News

June 23, 1945
Max. (June 23) 74 Min. 54
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 13.06
Normal 11.66 Last year 9.99
Forecast: Cloudy, slight change in temp.

Oregon Voters Okay Building Fund; Turn Down Cigarette Tax

Oregon, which approved a \$10,000,000 building fund by a heavy majority in yesterday's special election, has apparently turned down a cigarette tax for the third time.

Defeat of the 2-cents-a-package cigarette tax to raise \$2,000,000 a year for the public schools was conceded today as 1337 of the state's 1629 precincts voted 58,052 to 50,491 against the measure.

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Residents of South Shasta precinct in the suburbs were in perfectly balanced disagreement in yesterday's election. They cast 11 votes for the state building fund, and 11 against it.

Prisoner Tries To End Life
TACOMA, June 23 (AP)—Standing in the prisoner's dock in superior court while judgment papers to commit him to the penitentiary for burglary were being signed, James J. Weiss, 25 former soldier, attempted to take his life yesterday by plunging a sharpened spoon handle in his throat.

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THREE FLEET UNITS DAMAGED BY KAMIKAZES

Nipponese Air Attack Started Thursday, Reports

By ROBBIN COONS
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Heuvel Returned To Portland Jail
Earl Heuvel, former Klamath Falls police chief who was arrested by federal agents on a fugitive charge, was returned to Portland this morning from Little Rock, Ark., where he had been held in jail since his capture, according to authoritative reports received here.

Smallest Vote Recorded Here
Yesterday's special election vote was one of the smallest on record here.

Headquarters Area Cleared
Snow equipment has finished clearing around headquarters buildings in Crater Lake national park, Thomas C. Parker, assistant park superintendent said today.

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