

# CHINESE RECAPTURE LIUCHOW

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### Weather News

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Max. (June 29)	73	Min.	50
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00		
Stream year to date	13.25		
Normal	11.85	Last year	9.99

Forecast: Warmer Sunday.

### FORMER YANK BASE WON IN STIFF BATTLE

#### Center Of City Razed In Week-Long Fires

By SPENCER MOOSA  
CHUNGKING, June 30 (AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese troops recaptured Liuchow, former U. S. 14th air force base, at midnight last night.

The recapture of the strategic Kwangsi province junction city came after bitter fighting through its suburbs. The center of the city, in flames for a week or more, was destroyed, the Chinese said.

The Japanese had been in control of vital Liuchow since last November when the U. S. 14th air force abandoned the base.

**Kweilin Menaced**

Kweilin, more than 100 miles to the northeast of Liuchow, which also was among the bases abandoned by the 14th air force at that time, now is directly threatened by other Chinese forces, who last were reported within 10 miles of the city.

A Chinese army spokesman said a Chinese arc was being pushed down from the north and northwest within 10 to 15 miles of the city.

The Liuchow airfield in the southern suburbs was retaken by the Chinese on Wednesday in heavy fighting, while the center of the city itself was in flames.

**Japs Redeploy Troops**

Recapture of Liuchow, where the Japanese fought a rearguard action with only a handful of troops while their main forces moved toward Kweilin, ended the first phase of Japan's redeployment strategy in China, which began with the abandonment of Yunnan (Nanning), relinquishment of their trans-continental connection and isolation of an estimated 200,000 troops in southeast Asia.

The gap in the ruptured corridor extended from Liuchow to the suburbs of Japanese-held Pingyang, 11 miles from the Indo-China frontier—a total air line distance of 225 miles.

With the recapture of Liuchow, delayed by rearguard resistance by about 1000 enemy troops, the Kweichow-Kwangsi railroad became the first rail line in China partly or totally held by the enemy to revert entirely to Chinese control. Repairs, of course, will be necessary.

### Crawford Given 20-Year Sentence

Merl M. Crawford, 31, Klamath Indian convicted of the charge of rape on June 27 in circuit court, was sentenced this morning by Judge David R. Vandenberg to serve a term in the Oregon state penitentiary not to exceed 20 years.

Crawford showed no visible emotion when sentence was passed and was remanded to the sheriff by Judge Vandenberg. Crawford has been held in the county jail pending the outcome of two trials in which he pleaded not guilty to a charge of sodomy and innocent in the rape charge of which he was found guilty by an all-male jury. He was found not guilty of the sodomy charge through a directed verdict by Judge Vandenberg.

Crawford will be taken to the state penitentiary some time next week by the sheriff's office here.

### British Seize Armed Germans

WITH THE 21ST ARMY GROUP IN GERMANY, June 30 (AP)—British occupation authorities in the Schleswig-Holstein area have seized 30 Germans for possession of arms. They face death for breaking the military government laws and the terms of surrender.

At least a dozen other Germans have been decapitated by the guillotine for concealing arms, but the number of cases has continued to gain.

Reports of secret Nazi meetings have become more frequent.

### When Bull Meets Bulls

A Jersey bull kept residents of the Riverside Auto camp in something of a dither Thursday night and Friday morning when he escaped from the corral and kept the fearful folk holed up in their homes.

If anyone dared to slick his head out of the door, the bull immediately charged and a hasty retreat was beaten. The people notified state police and an officer was sent to the scene, but he, too, met with little success.

When he alighted from his car to intimidate the bull, the enraged animal turned the tables and sent him scrambling back to safety. The situation developed into something of a poser, what with people afraid to venture out and even state policemen quickly seeking safety.

Finally the owner of the bull appeared and with two state policemen firing rounds of ammunition into the air from the vantage point of their automobiles, along with a little accurate rock-throwing, the nemesis of the prairie was at last herded back to captivity.

### HEARINGS SET FOR JULY 9 ON PEACE CHARTER

#### Stettinius Probable First Witness Of Session

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee decided today to open hearings on the United Nations charter July 9.

The first witness probably will be Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., President Truman's choice for United States representative on the security council.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) said the committee was unanimously agreed on the desirability of proceeding with all possible speed, but decided that next week could be profitably employed in permitting the state department to assemble the main documents which will be needed in the hearing.

**Open Sessions**

The sessions will be open to the public, and will be held in the big, marble-walled majority caucus room in the senate office building at 300 Capitol.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) is insisting that the power of the American delegate on the security council should be defined in the ratification resolution. Senator George (D-Ga.) proposes (Continued on Page Two)

### STRIKERS FACE INDUCTION SOON

By The Associated Press  
Striking workers in five plants of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, Akron, Ohio, were faced today with immediate induction into the armed services, and possible loss of contract privileges.

In government efforts to end a walkout of 18,700 workers, the largest remaining strike in the nation, Chairman George W. Taylor of the war labor board said the board would consider modification of its orders regarding maintenance of membership and check-off, shift premiums, and a vacation unless work were resumed promptly.

Gov. Frank L. Lausche of Ohio directed the Ohio selective service to proceed immediately with induction of striking Goodyear workers into the armed forces.

**Army Pleads**

As the government made known its intention to invoke "work or fight" action against the strikers, military department (Continued on Page Two)

### Worker Killed In Explosion

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 30 (AP)—An explosion which rocked the four-story Aluminum Company of America's south end plant and centered in the magnesium room today killed one war worker and injured at least eight others, four critically.

The dead man was unidentified.

The blast occurred at 1:20 p. m. (EWT) and brought out most of Bridgeport's police, fire and hospital emergency crews. An hour later, all were standing by, but the worst was reported over.

Seven persons were taken to Bridgeport hospital, where four of them were placed on the danger list. Sam Markowitz, only one to be identified, was brought to St. Vincent hospital where attaches said he was suffering from serious burns.

### Willits Building Sold For \$25,000

The Willits building, located at 430 Main street, today was sold by Laura A. Willits to Claude and Ethel Davis of Klamath Falls. The price was \$25,000.

This structure was erected in 1909 by W. D. and Fred Cofer. The Willits family purchased the lot in 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who are in the floor covering and window shade business, said they plan to move their business to the north side of the city, where Rex returns from the service.

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The deal was handled by A. B. Epperson, realtor.

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### Boy On Hunger Strike



Grief stricken Johnny Palmer, 3, of Portland, Ore., hasn't eaten since his pet collie disappeared recently. Weak and exhausted, the boy and the dog's feline playmate, Blackie, were forced from a vigil at the family home front door into bed. (AP wirephoto).

### FOUR NEW CABINET HEADS TAKE OATH

By D. HAROLD OLIVER  
WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—Soon to be joined by a fifth, four new cabinet officers named by President Truman arranged today to take their oaths of office.

Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) becomes secretary of agriculture, Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark of Texas air-traffic general, Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwelb of South Carolina, former war mobilization director, supreme court justice and senator, is in the forefront of speculation for this portfolio.

Anderson was to be sworn in at 1 p. m. (PWT) by Associate Justice Wiley Rutledge of the supreme court. Rutledge once taught school in Anderson's home town of Albuquerque, N. M.

Rutledge administered the oath to Hannegan in the post (Continued on Page Two)

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### Bulletin

KANSAS CITY, June 30 (AP)—Appointment of James F. Byrnes as secretary of state was announced here today.

### RODEO OPENS BASIN-WIDE CELEBRATION

#### Buckaroo Days Show Set To Begin Sunday

By JOY BIGGS  
Plans were being completed today to make Klamath Buckaroo Days 10th annual rodeo the greatest wild west show ever witnessed in the basin area.

Under the direction of the Buckaroo Days committee, including O. D. Matthews, J. E. Hosking, H. E. Getz, R. D. McGhee, William Hooper, M. E. Cornett, and E. P. Ivory, sponsored by the American Legion, and with the cooperation of military and naval installations, the best rodeo performances is being offered in the four-day show, commencing July 1 and lasting through July 4.

Run in connection with the rodeo is the West Coast Amusement company's "Fun Trail Carnival" at the circus grounds on South Sixth.

**Open Sunday**

The four-day rodeo celebration will start Sunday at the fairgrounds at 1:30 p. m. opening with the grand entry, which includes Rodeo Queen Blanche Schonchlin and her royal court, the Buckaroo committee, Mac Barbour and bronc judges, saddle clubs, the marine mounted patrol, and other mounted participants.

**Erone riding, calf roping, steer team roping, bull dogging, Brahma bull riding, bareback riding, quarter mile cow horse race, relay race, five-eighths mile free-for-all, best reined cow horse contest and musical chair events will be featured each day of the show, with some extra attraction every day from July 1 to 4.**

The first of July parade Wednesday morning will precede the grand wind-up performance.

**Emergency Calls**

The Red Cross will take care of any accidents occurring at the fairgrounds, with the aid of the Oregon Women's Ambulance corps, with Otto Smith, Red Cross, first aid and disaster chairman, in charge.

The show will close Wednesday evening with a ball at the Klamath Armory.

### INDIAN FOREST LANDS TO CLOSE

Movement of large numbers of people to recreation spots this weekend brought warnings against fire and announcement that the Klamath Indian reservation forest lands will be closed to the public starting tomorrow.

Lakes and fishing streams are expected to attract large numbers of Klamath people. Many will go to Crater lake for the first time this year, the snow having been plowed out of the south entrance road in the past week. Cars going in by the east entrance can reach Kerr notch, but will not be able to go around to the lodge area, which can be reached by the south (Fort Klamath) entrance only.

All major roads through the (Continued on Page Two)

### Devers Named To Succeed Stilwell

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—Gen. Jacob L. Devers will succeed Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as commander of the army ground forces.

Stilwell recently replaced Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, who was killed in action, as commander of the 10th army on Okinawa.

Devers commanded the sixth army group in the European theater of operations during the war against Germany.

### Albert E. Smith Dies At Sea

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome E. Smith, formerly of Klamath Falls, of the death of their son, Pvt. Albert E. Smith, 24. Smith was taken prisoner on Corregidor and was held at the military prison camp No. 1, on Cabanatuan until October 11, 1944, when he, along with 1775 other prisoners, was placed on a ship bound for Japan. Two hundred miles off the coast of China the boat was sunk by a torpedo. Only five of the prisoners escaped.

Smith had lived in Klamath Falls and Bonanza since he was seven years old. He attended the grade and high school at Bonanza and enlisted in the army air corps in July, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are making their home in Crescent City at the present time.



Pvt. Albert E. Smith

### Destroyer Hit By Jap Suicide Plane



A Japanese suicide plane attempting to hit an American carrier off Kyushu March 20, crashes through the deck of the destroyer Halsey Powell which was fueling at the time of the attack. Nine crew members were killed, three are missing and 29 were injured. Although nearly sunk, the destroyer was saved. Navy caption did not identify carrier. (AP wirephoto from navy).

### Kume Island Taken By Yanks As Nips Report Landing Moves

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor  
Kume island, on the invasion seaway to Japan, was added to allied conquests today as Tokyo reported American naval forces were preparing for two more possible landings.

A growing allied task force, Tokyo said, engaged in a day-long artillery duel yesterday with Japanese shore batteries guarding Balikpapan, prized oil refining center on southeast Borneo. A force of 50 warships and transports was reported operating off Balikpapan. Tokyo said the much-talked-about invasion was "imminent."

Nipponese broadcasters suggested scouting U. S. naval craft were preparing for another amphibious assault in the Okinawa area where Yank landing troops added Kume to their potential invasion bases.

Tokyo reported U. S. minesweepers and destroyers prowled waters around Okinoerabu island, 40 miles closer to Japan than Okinawa. Enemy broadcasters obviously anticipated another invasion.

Occupation of Kume island, which was taken without a fight, represented a 50-mile advance from Okinawa toward the Chinese coast. It is 390 miles southwest of Japan and the same distance southeast of Linhai, newest city on the China coast to fall to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's troops.

### Attorney-General's Office May Prosecute Heuvel Case

Clarence A. Humble, district attorney of Klamath county, has requested Governor Earl Snell to direct the attorney-general's office to handle the prosecution in the cases of the state of Oregon vs. Earl Heuvel, former Klamath police chief who is now held in the county jail on morals charges.

Humble said that he had talked the situation over with George Neuner, attorney-general, and was advised by Neuner to make the request.

Humble said this morning that he thought the request expedient in view of the fact that he was necessarily associated with Heuvel while he (Heuvel) was police chief of Klamath Falls and Humble acted in the capacity of deputy district attorney.

In a letter to the governor, Humble said: "My continuing in this matter, because of the fact this defendant was a former city official, could be the basis for considerable criticism which might affect the future usefulness of this office."

"It would seem better for the protection of the citizens of the state of Oregon that the attorney-general, who has had no connection with this defendant, should handle these cases, and he has advised me to request you to direct the attorney-general's office to assume the responsibility of these proceedings."

### House Prolongs Life Of OPA

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—Racing against time to prevent wartime price controls from expiring at midnight, the house today finally approved a compromise bill prolonging OPA's life for one year.

A plane, stood ready to fly the legislation to President Truman at Kansas City, so that he may affix his signature before the midnight deadline.

Approval of the compromise 255 to 94, culminated a month-long clamor against food shortages, in which house members during debate chanted "we want meat."

### Final Agreement Reached On Zone

PARIS, June 30 (AP)—Supreme headquarters announced today that final agreement had been reached on German occupation zones.

Readjustment of the zones between the Russian army and the allied expeditionary forces will begin tomorrow, the announcement said.

The readjustment is expected to be completed by Wednesday, so that Russian troops by then will have moved into the section from which British and American forces withdraw.

**Engine Purrs**

The car will make 13 miles to the gallon, the engine starts with a soft, refined purr, and it can go as fast as 60 miles per hour. (Continued on Page Two)

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
IN the Pacific war these days, we're doing two jobs—getting set for the BIG PUSH that will cook Japan's goose, as Germany's has been already cooked, and meanwhile smashing her industries, destroying her shipping and starving her down by blockade.

OUR natural inclination is to jump too quickly to conclusions. We're apt to think of the big push, for example, as something that might start any day now. It isn't likely to.

If you read the news carefully and discriminatingly, you must have noted that rail transport in continental United States is expected to be abnormally congested for nearly ten months while we are redeploying our forces from the European theater to the Pacific.

It took us a long time to get ready in England for D-day in Normandy. Our growing Pacific bases are MUCH farther away.

WHAT is happening in Borneo is both preparation and reconquest. We're taking the big island back from the Japs, and at the same time we're getting oil CLOSER TO THE FIGHTING.

We learn today, incidentally, that oil from the Tarakan wells is already being pumped into tanks, from which it will go into the bunkers of our ships. The Australians have the large Sera and Miri fields, on the west coast of the island, in their possession, and it may be taken for granted that our experts are busy salvaging these wells, as they salvaged those of Tarakan.

It seems obvious that an assault on Balikpapan, on the east coast, center of another big oil area, is about ready to be sprung.

MEANWHILE, the British are working eastward from the Indian ocean. They've had two naval fights with the Japs recently in the Singapore strait (Strait of Malacca).

The first was a rather sharp naval brush in which the Japs lost a cruiser. In the second, the British sent in an aircraft carrier screened by a cruiser and destroyers. The carrier was damaged and rolling stock on Sumatra and Jap shipping in the strait.

This time they were UNCHALLENGED. British sources say this amounts to practical surrender by the Japs if the western sea approaches to Singapore.

IT should be kept in mind that Borneo is an Australian operation, under MacArthur's command. The Burma-Sumatra fighting, leading up to Singapore, is an all-British affair, under Mountbatten's command.

WE'RE concentrating recently on Jap oil installations of all sorts—storage depots, refineries, etc. Since May 10, we've smacked eight big ones. As a part of the blockade of the Jap homeland, our naval search planes have destroyed 200,000 tons of enemy shipping in Jap home waters alone. At the same time we're going after Jap shipping all along the China coast.

ALMOST any time, we might make a landing on the China coast. This wouldn't necessarily be the big push itself. We need airfields and still more airfields to accommodate the vast numbers of planes we're concentrating against the Japs. There is room for a lot of them in eastern China. The map suggests that it will be necessary to take Formosa first. We're bombing Formosa steadily.

IN Washington, where ratification of the San Francisco charter is the big job of the moment, Senator Taft is talking of defining and maybe LIMITING the powers of the U. S. delegate (who is to be Stettinius), Senator George says (and it sounds reasonable) that ANY condition written into ratification, such as saying how our representative shall vote, would almost certainly be regarded by other nations as INDIRECT (Continued on Page Two)

### 'Get A Horse' Motto Doesn't Apply To Ancient Cadillac

A 1911 Cadillac touring car, resplendent with shiny paint and gleaming brass, attracted a group of boys and men when it parked at an oil station on Main street yesterday for an engine checkup.

Ted Bowers, 19, discharged navy man, owner of the ancient vehicle, whose hobby is collecting antique automobiles, said this is his newest model. He also has a 1903 Holman, and a 1907 Maxwell.

"You'll always get back in a Cadillac," is the old Cadillac slogan," Bowers informed the group of interested onlookers, "this car came from San Francisco 30 years ago, and now it's going back."

**Parents Back Out**

The stop in Klamath Falls, for a routine checkup, was the first lap of the journey from Seattle, Bowers' former home, to his new home in San Jose. Bowers' parents refused his invitation to accompany him in the high-built touring car, preferring to travel

in a model of more recent vintage and less fame.

The car was built in the period before windshields, and Bowers has left it as far as possible with the original equipment. It has a "wind-screen", a curtain of heavy material with two large ising-glass windows.

The steering gear, emergency brakes and wheel are on the "wrong" or right side of the car. Bowers says it isn't too awkward driving or making appropriate signals from this position, as he is so high above other traffic he has the long view of any situation.

"Police only stop me to ask questions about my car," Bowers said. "I had a police escort out of Portland—they said I was blocking traffic."