

# AUSSIES LAND AT BALIKPAPAN

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
AUSTRALIANS sweep ashore at Balikpapan yesterday morning, encountering little resistance on the beaches. They came a series of ridges, finally opening out on the last one overlooking the burning oil town.

ADVANCE preparation had been elaborate.

Within the space of a month, our bombers dropped 3500 tons in the defending Japs. Every few days our surface ships steamed in and added their shells to the planes' bombing. The weight of our metal directed at Balikpapan is said in the dispatches to have exceeded the COMBINED weight in ALL our landings on Leyte and Luzon islands.

Our minesweepers had spent two weeks clearing and marking a channel clear up to the beaches. American SWIMMERS had worked for six days clearing out underwater obstacles planted by the Japs.

As a result, our landing craft were able to run clear up on the sands. Only two men were lost in the actual landing operation.

THIS meticulous advance work seems to have paid off, as Australian losses not only in getting ashore but in fighting their way to the ridge overlooking the town are described as light.

Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa, however, have taught us caution. We'll wait and see what kind of resistance is encountered later.

BORNEO is the world's third largest island, Greenland and New Guinea being Nos. 1 and 2 (Australia is a continent). Balikpapan is the most important oil center in the Dutch East Indies.

The Australians now have a three-cornered grip on it—Balikpapan on the east coast, at Tarakan at the northern tip, and at Brunai bay on the west coast. MacArthur says we now have domination of all of Borneo, which gives us tactical control of the entire southwest Pacific.

Our ships can now sail under the protection of land-based planes to ANY POINT in the southwest Pacific.

THERE is one interesting point in the news. The Japs had deserted their system of connected tunnels and pillboxes in the ridges back of the Balikpapan beaches. That is usually where they stick to the last.

MACARTHUR went ashore a few hours after the first wave. A Jap sniper fired a full clip at him and an aide as they were studying a map, but missed. MacArthur and his aide went on studying the map.

THE Balikpapan landing was made in the Strait of Macassar, where in January of 1942, only a month after Pearl Harbor, four antiquated U. S. destroyers made a heroic but outweighed and unsuccessful attempt to stop the huge Jap convoy heading for the conquest of Java.

We thrilled with pride then, and still do, at the grim courage of our men who threw themselves at the hopelessly superior Jap naval force, selling their lives for time.

BUT that terrible first year after Pearl Harbor taught us a lesson which, please God, we shall NEVER forget. NEVER AGAIN must we be so weak as to have to sell American lives for time.

JAP cities are hit in our 33rd fire-bomb assault—by 600 B-29s this time (550 had been the largest previous attack). Four thousand tons were dropped on four towns.

Results appear to have been good. Jap opposition was not too strong.

OUR smaller planes range up and down the China coast, their weekend bag including seven Jap ships sunk and damaged and a blow-up oil refinery on Formosa. The Japs, cut off from their conquests in the south, are now operating on STORED oil. Every refinery, every storage depot, blasted by us leaves them just that much less.

HERE'S a point to keep in mind: The typhoon season is just beginning in the western Pacific, and will last for three months. Springing a big operation (Continued on Page Three)

**Hart Resigns As Committee Head**

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—Rep. Hart (D-N.J.) resigned today as chairman of the house committee investigating un-American activities, saying he did so on recommendation of his physician.

As Hart stepped aside, Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) became the senior democrat on the committee, which ordinarily would mean the chairmanship.

Word got around that Rayburn had offered the chairmanship to Rep. Jackson (D-Wash.). Jackson had no comment.

Pending a permanent appointment, Rankin will serve as acting chairman.

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## Fires Rage Through Four Japanese Cities After Record Blow

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM, July 2 (AP)—Fierce fires raged through four Japanese cities today, touched off by a record 4000 tons of incendiary bombs rained down by nearly 600 Superfortresses.

It was the greatest fire strike ever made. Bomber crews returning from the early morning raid said some fires were visible 120 miles away. Formations hitting three industrial cities on southern Honshu, main island of Japan, would see the glow from flaming cities, said by other flights.

(Two B-29s were lost in the raid but 20 crew members of the planes were rescued, 20th air force headquarters reported in Washington. The Superfortresses normally carry crews of 11 each.)

Officially results were "good to excellent." Jubilant airmen described the raid on Kure naval base as "wonderful."

## DECENTRALIZATION OF GERMANY SLATED

By The Associated Press

PARIS, July 2 (AP)—Plans looking toward the complete decentralization of Germany were approved by the U. S. group of the allied control council today as American occupation troops trekked toward Berlin preliminary to the big three meeting there later this month.

Dispatches from Frankfurt said members of the U. S. control group were moving to Berlin with the American troops and within 10 days would be in a position to place their proposals before representatives of Russia, Britain and France.

Break-up looms. The American program for decentralization of Germany—both politically and economically—calls for breaking Germany into a number of "lander," or military impotent districts.

Work already has begun on breaking up the United States western reich district—one of two military areas over which the American army will have control—into three "lander."

American regional commanders will assume control over all German governmental agencies within their own region.

Similar Policy. Advice from Frankfurt said a similar policy was expected to be carried out throughout Germany as soon as the program can be adopted by the quadripartite control council in Berlin.

"We are certain that Russia, Britain and France feel a great deal of sympathy for the policy of decentralization," one member of the U. S. group of the (Continued on Page Three)

**Heuvel Counsel Not Yet Chosen**

Earl Heuvel, former Klamath Falls police chief, who is held in the county jail on four indictments for morals charges, said this morning that he had not decided as yet upon defense counsel for the pending trials.

Upon interrogation, Heuvel said, "I have definitely not made up my mind concerning counsel."

When asked if he would ask for a change of venue, Heuvel replied, "that will be up to my attorney."

Heuvel is awaiting arraignments on indictments charging him with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, two charges of sodomy, and one charge of rape. He will be arraigned when the chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Oregon assigns a judge to the cases. Circuit Court Judge David R. Vandenberg disqualified himself from further action in the cases last week.

**Senators Confirm Byrnes As Secretary Of State**

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—James F. Byrnes was confirmed unanimously by the senate today as secretary of state, succeeding Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

Action was taken in a matter of minutes after the nomination was received from the White House.

The senate suspended its rules which require hearings on cabinet nominations and a day lay-over before a vote can be taken on such an appointment. This was done as a tribute by both democrats and republicans to the man who served with them for years, later was an associate justice of the supreme court and more recently director of war mobilization.

Plar. Telescoped. The senate even telescoped its original plan to wait until after President Truman presented the United Nations charter

## Commander



Col. Merlin F. Schneider will succeed Col. George Van Orden as commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, Col. Schneider is expected to assume command July 18. (USMC photo).

## COL. SCHNEIDER TO BE STATIONED HERE

Col. Merlin F. Schneider, who will succeed Col. George Van Orden as commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, comes to Klamath Falls July 18 with an excellent fighting record as leader of an infantry regiment in the Pacific.

Col. Schneider and his 22nd Marines took part in the recent Okinawa campaign, fought at Guam last summer and in the Marshalls early in 1944. On Okinawa, his regiment captured Sugar Loaf hill from the Japs after the hill changed hands 11 times, and later spearheaded the drive into Naha.

During the Marshall Islands invasion his men set a speed record for a major Pacific campaign, taking Engebi island in six hours and five minutes.

The 44-year-old officer is a graduate of the naval academy at Annapolis and was commissioned a marine second lieutenant in 1923. Since that time he has been service in Haiti, Shanghai and Peking, China; aboard the USS New Mexico and at numerous stateside posts.

Commanded 22nd. He joined the 22nd Marines when that outfit was organized in 1942 and trained the unit's third battalion on Wallis Island. (Continued on Page Three)

## PILOT KILLED IN AIR STATION CRASH

Klamath naval air station public relations office today announced that a Saturday afternoon airplane crash at the field cost the life of Lt. Leonard Swenson, USNR, 25.

Returning from a practice mission, Lt. Swenson's plane overshoot the runway and crashed. He was instantly killed.

Lt. Swenson has been living here with his wife, Jeanne, at the Cascade apartments. His home is in Austin, Tex. He entered the navy in September, 1941.

Memorial services for the flier were held at KNAS Monday afternoon.

Navy sources said the accident was witnessed by Mrs. Swenson, who was at the station at the time. Mechanical difficulties were blamed for the mishap.

## Reconversion Program Put In High Gear By Nation

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—The government slipped its reconversion program into high gear today. Consumers, however, must wait months—at least—before most long-missing household appliances return in quantity to stores.

The war production board released a "free" supply of metal for civilian goods, the amount depending on what is left over from war demands. It also began a gradual scrapping, over the next half-year, of its priority system for all but munitions items.

Yet electric and gas refrigerators for instance, will not reach stores until September or October, and then probably as "demonstrator" models.

Customer Must Wait. In other words, housewives will be able to see the new machines and enroll their names on dealers' lists of buyers. In most cases, however, the customer will be far down the list—many purchasers already have ordered sight unseen. This is the conclusion from an informal survey of government and trade sources.

Moreover, these officials believe it will be the middle of 1946 before refrigerators are freely available for "walk-in" buyers, and perhaps five to six years before the refrigerator makers have to start pushing sales instead of merely accepting orders.

Similar guideposts for a dozen other scarce or unobtainable consumer items were compiled, taking into account the continuing scarcity of some materials and parts, the volume of war work remaining in many plants, and the heavy pent-up consumer demand.

These showed: Reach stores—good supply. Washing machines, late August, End of 1946.

Vacuum cleaners, a few now, October, 1946.

Sewing machines, November-December, Fall, 1946.

Electric irons, some now, Mid-1946.

Alarm clocks, some now, End of 1945.

Galvanized ware, now, November-December, 1945.

Scissors and shears, now, November-December, 1945.

Plated silverware, now, November-December, 1945.

By voice vote the senate then approved the appointment.

The confirmation gave President Truman his fifth cabinet member of his own choice.

## President Presents Charter; Pleads For Prompt Ratification

By TOM REEDY

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—President Truman formally presented to a grave, attentive United States senate today the United Nations charter of San Francisco and pleaded for prompt ratification.

The president arrived in the senate at 1:03 p. m. (EWT), delivered the charter and in a brief, pointed speech reminded the lawmakers that the whole world is watching for "our action."

The president was accompanied on the short drive from the White House to the capitol by his secretaries, War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson and other government officials.

Also with him was Stephen Early who served as a presidential secretary throughout the Roosevelt administrations.

Upon his arrival at the capitol Mr. Truman went directly to the president's room to the side of the senate chamber to await his formal presentation to the senate. He carried the United Nations charter with him.

In gray suit and blue bow tie, the smiling president then was escorted into the packed chamber of both major parties in the senate, plus the two senators who worked diligently at San Francisco for enactment of the charter: Connally of Texas and Vandenberg of Michigan.

The escort was symbolic of the nonpartisan approach the president asked for the postwar peace-keeping machinery.

Chamber Crowded. The compact chamber was jammed to all doors, as were the galleries, to see the history-making presentation. Looking directly down on the president from the diplomatic gallery was Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the U. S.

Behind the rows of senators' desks were 100 temporary chairs filled with members of the house.

Informal Talk. The president spoke easily and informally. As he addressed Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), president pro tempore of the senate, he smiled and said wistfully:

"Mr. President—it has been a long time since I said that in this chamber."

Then, a moment later, he interjected in his speech:

"You remember I was tied down the last three months I was here (as vice president). Two or three times I was ruled (Continued on Page Three)

## TRUMAN SIGNS OPA EXTENSION BILL

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—President Truman's signature to a bill dramatically flown to him in Kansas City brought OPA safely through a fiscal year-end crisis.

The measure extending price and stabilization controls one year was signed into law shortly before their Saturday midnight expiration.

And Mr. Truman in a statement issued after his return to Washington by plane yesterday reiterated that such controls will be needed during recovery to continue the fight against inflation.

Sped to final house passage Saturday afternoon, the legislation was flown to Mr. Truman to eliminate any possible cloud over OPA's price and rationing powers. White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the signing took place shortly before the midnight deadline.

While granting Clinton P. Anderson, new secretary of agriculture, veto authority over food pricing orders, the measure was trimmed down by a joint senate-house conference committee to delete sections that would have made Anderson a virtual food czar.

The court house and post office will be closed but the lobby of the post office will remain open for the convenience of those having lock boxes.

Both the city and the county library will be closed over the Fourth along with all banks. The OPA office here will remain open until noon.

## Nip Losses Rise In Philippines

MANILA, July 2 (AP)—With scattered Japanese units cracking before the steady advance of Americans and Filipino guerrillas, enemy losses in the Philippines have risen to 419,035, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said today.

The total includes 9774 prisoners, some of whom are predicting an early peace.

The enemy retained several strongholds on Luzon in the mountains northeast of the summer capital, Baguio, including Bontoc, Mankayan and Kiangnan. Resistance at Kiangnan was reported weakening, however.

## 49,300 Idle On Labor Front

By The Associated Press

Although close to 38,000 persons returned to work today, 49,300 others were idle in strikes.

The government took over operation of a Texas company refinery where 250 employees were out. The number of idle in the Akron Rubber dispute mounted to 33,000, but the end of the long and widespread glass strike saw nearly all the thousands who had been out returning to production.

## Another Klamath Booster

Klamath Falls had a young visitor last week who apparently liked the town a lot.

A freckle-faced 5-year-old boy got on a northbound train somewhere between Berkeley, Calif., and Richmond. As the youngster was of a somewhat tender age to be traveling across country alone, he was noticed by the conductor and taken off the train here.

He told Southern Pacific officials that he had run away from home and what's more he had no desire to go back!

After a police check it was disclosed that the boy's grandmother had reported him missing at San Pablo, Calif., so he was returned to his home, albeit unwillingly. Evidently Klamath Falls has another booster.

## Weather News

July 2, 1945	
Max. (July 1)	88 Min. .... 50
Precipitation last 24 hours	..... 0.0
Stream year to date	..... 13.25
Normal	..... 11.89 Last year .. 9.99
Forecast: Cooler Tuesday.	

## ENEMY SNIPER FIRES 8 SHOTS AT M'ARTHUR

Jap Resistance Grows As Troops Storm Inland

By SPENCER DAVIS

MANILA, July 2 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's view of death unruined as Australian troops under his command stormed ashore at the great oil port of Balikpapan, Borneo, Sunday.

The veteran Australian 7th smashed ashore after the most intensive pre-invasion bombardment yet unleashed in the Southwest Pacific.

Japanese resistance was aggressive to light. It increased as the diggers thrust inland, steadily.

Staff Ducks. A Japanese sniper fired eight shots as General MacArthur and a brigadier general coolly continued to study a map of the large-scale invasion operation. Others of the general staff ducked automatically.

(Radio Tokyo asserted that 31 miles northeast of Balikpapan Sunday at 1:30 p. m., while putting ashore "their main force at three places at Balikpapan itself.")

(The unconfirmed broadcast said the landing had been made at Kulla Samboja.

(An earlier broadcast said that the original landing party consisting of 5000 troops beached in 250 landing barges, was being reinforced.

The broadcast was recorded by the federal communications commission.)

Win Last Ridge. By the middle of the afternoon they had won the last ridge looking down on the ruins of the town and refinery and its still-blazing oil storage tanks. They had taken an elaborate series of tunnels and pillboxes which the Japanese had deserted in the face of the furious naval and air onslaught.

Toughest opposition was on this last ridge, which Associated Press Correspondent James H. Hutchison said was littered with dead Japanese, many of whom obviously had been killed by bombs and artillery fire, although others were chopped down by Australian machine gunners and tanks.

Although commanders had anticipated strong defense of this strongly-gunned enemy base, first losses were declared officially to have been light.

## FEPCC CONFERENCE HEARING DENIED

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—The house rules committee refused today to permit the house to send to conference legislation granting \$250,000 to the fair employment practice committee.

The suit was a compromise to permit continuation of operation of FEPCC, whose operation funds and authorization expired yesterday.

The request for approval of procedure which would have allowed the measure to go to a senate-house conference was made by Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) in executive session. It was defeated by a vote reported as five to five.

Tabled Once. The committee's action left the bill on the speaker's table and Speaker Rayburn immediately referred it back to the appropriations committee for a recommendation.

The committee acted after a delegation of approximately 24 negroes from New York sought a hearing in support of the FEPCC, created by the late President Roosevelt to prevent employment discrimination.

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## \$3359 Theft Investigated At WRA Camp Cooperative

A mysterious theft or burglary of \$3359 at the Tulelake Cooperative Enterprises business office in the Tulelake WRA colony was under investigation today.

The money disappeared from a safe, but the safe was not "cracked" or otherwise violently handled. Acting Project Director Harry Black said the money did not belong to the cooperative itself, but all of it was money kept in that special safe as a convenience to individuals and various organizations.

The loss was discovered on day last week when the safe was opened by cooperative officials. They immediately notified the internal security police and Modoc county authorities were also notified. Black said that when guilt in the theft of burglary has been indicated, the case will be handed over to the state authorities for prosecution.

The Cooperative Enterprises is a merchandising enterprise with 7000 members, and its office is inside the colony area of the camp.

No new clues have been reported in the investigation.