

FORCE CLEARS INVASION PATH

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE top of the shooting news is provided today by 600 night-riding B-29s that add major aluminum plants and more oil refineries to the area of industrial Japan already knocked out.

It was the Superfort's fourth mission in six days, during which they dumped a total of 11,000 tons on the enemy's war plants.

THE fires set at Shimizu, where approximately half of Japan's aluminum has been produced, were so hot that the resulting thermal updrafts DIS-SOLVED THE CLOUDS and provided good visibility for the bombers.

(Warm air holds more moisture than cold air. Hence the disappearance of the clouds over burning Shimizu. The British used the same principle, producing heat by gas flame from piped installations, to provide fog-free airfields in England.)

WHILE our night-roaming B-29s went after Jap industrial plants, our smaller planes from Iwo and Okinawa picked on Jap airfields.

Two-based fighters prowled over Tokyo, during the Jap fighters to come up. None came. In the course of their foray, the two pilots destroyed eight enemy planes and damaged 25 at three fields, but of this total only one of those destroyed and six of those damaged were airborne. The rest were parked.

THE Japs are obviously saving up their fighters for the big emergency. The Germans tried that and wound up with a good reserve of planes but not enough gas to fly them.

ON Borneo, the Australians have been killing Japs at the rate of 13 to one (13 dead Japs to each Australian killed). We've been achieving about the same ratio.

THE little yellow men have been chased out of Balikpapan and are retreating through the adjacent oil fields (burning and blowing up as they go) toward the jungle in the background.

The Borneo jungles, inhabited by poisonous snakes and head-hunting Dyaks, won't be a particularly happy home for them. The Dyaks, like the Moros and the Igorots, don't like Japs.

THESE developments, culled from the day's dispatches, produce inevitably in our minds an impression that we've got the Jap on the run and it won't be long now.

NOTHING could be more misleading.

All over southeast Asia, all over the islands of the Pacific, there are garrisons of doomed Japs, with large food and ammunition dumps, condemned by the code of Bushido to die where they are. So far as their families are concerned, they are dead already. What amounted to funeral ceremonies were held for them when they departed from the homeland.

THE cold-blooded Jap high command relies on this situation to wear us out and tire us of the killing.

THE Jap can't win. But nothing in the record so far justifies the prediction that he will have sense enough to quit—soon.

ON the European side, where the shooting has ended, the nervousness hasn't. American and British troops are moving in to occupy their agreed-on zones in Berlin.

The middle seems to be on the higher levels, as all military Americans report that their personal relations with the Russians on the job are cordial and friendly.

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WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—Judge Fred M. Vinson will succeed Henry Morgenthau Jr., as secretary of the treasury, and with that question settled, a new one arose today.

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"Hats Off To The Ladies," Shouts Andy



The jubilant smiles of War Finance Chairman Andrew Collier and Drive Chairman Rose Poole tell the story even better than the printed figures in this picture depicting the triumphant finish of the Klamath county 7th War Loan drive. The campaign, led by Business and Professional Women and Soroptimist clubs, went over in every department—including the \$1,538,000 E bond test.

War Loan Drive Roars Over Finish Line; All Goals Met

Klamath county's 7th War Loan campaign roared over the finish line in every department today.

Drive Chairman Rose M. Poole announced jubilantly that even the tough E bond quota had been surpassed in the longest and most difficult of all war bond tests in Oregon.

The E bond quota of \$1,538,000 was reached and passed Saturday morning. The margin today was \$4000 over quota, but all returns were not in yet from the federal reserve and it was certain the figure will be still larger when last reports are completed.

BIGGEST QUOTA
This was by far the biggest E bond quota ever assigned to this county, and War Finance Chairman Andrew Collier gave unstinted praise to Mrs. Poole and her co-workers in the Business and Professional Women's club and the Soroptimist club, who took responsibility for the 7th War Loan here.

"My hat is off to the women," said Collier, announcing that local figures show an overall sale of \$4,660,892 in the 7th War Loan, against an overall quota of \$2,947,000.

He said the totals are unofficial and may be

Weather News

July 7, 1945

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| Max. (July 6) | 92 | Min. | 50 |
| Precipitation last 24 hours | .02 | | |
| Stream year to date | 13.25 | | |
| Normal | 11.94 | Last year | 9.89 |

Forecast: Clear, slightly warmer.

B-29S START FIRES IN 5 JAP CITIES

British Sweep Out Mines On Way To Mainland

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
A British task force is sweeping mines out of the invasion seaway leading to the Malay peninsula and Singapore, Tokyo radio reported today as five Japanese cities blazed from a 600-plane Superfortress strike.

At least 126 square miles of industrial Japan were previously wrecked, B-29 headquarters announced in a report telling of five square miles burned out in recent strikes at five other enemy cities.

Tokyo said a task force of 16 warships, including two aircraft carriers, yesterday began clearing mines out of waters south-east of Car Nicobar island 300 miles north of Sumatra. This is on the invasion route to the Malay peninsula. Japanese are already evacuating non-essential civilians from the Singapore naval base, at the tip of the peninsula, in anticipation of an invasion.

B-29s Pack Punch
The big punch of the war was packed by Superforts carrying 4000 tons of fire bombs and explosives in their five-day strike. It overpowered all ground actions, including a deeper penetration of Indo-China as China began her ninth year of war, and an Australian amphibious operation which gained full control of Balikpapan's important oil harbor on southeast Borneo.

It was perhaps the heaviest blow in the month-long daily air raids on Japan in preparation for an invasion. Nippon, Tokyo said, raised the five cities, including Nippon's greatest aluminum producing city, began shortly before midnight and continued until 3:30 a. m. Fires still blazed after dawn.

Clear Clouds
Fires were so hot in Shimizu, whose factories under the shadow of snow-capped Fujiama produce half of Nippon's aluminum, that they parted the clouds and illuminated the inside of raiding Superforts.

The big Maruzen oil refinery at Shimotsu, 35 miles southeast of Osaka, was hit for the second time within a week and blazed so brightly B-29 crews said the clouds resembled "a solid sheet of flame."

Smoke columns rose four miles above Kofu, rail and military city 70 miles west of Tokyo. Large fires blazed in Chiba, railway junction and military depot center on Tokyo bay 24 miles southeast of the capital. Clouds prevented observation of results of the attack on Akashi, the fifth city hit. It is an aircraft producer, already 75 percent destroyed in four previous raids.

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AMERICAN FIRMS RAIDED, REPORT

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
BERLIN, July 7 (AP)—Arthur E. Dunning of Bath, Me., secretary of the American chamber of commerce in Germany, said today that great concerns owned by American interests had been stripped of their machinery during the Russian occupation of the German areas in which the plants were situated.

"National Cash Register, Frigidaire, Ford, Opel (owned by General Motors), Hollerith (owned by International Business Machines), Singer, Mix and Genest, and Woolworth all have been raided," Dunning declared in an interview.

"In many cases, delicate precision instruments were involved which are now lying around in Berlin railway stations awaiting shipment. Some of these needed to be kept on a certain even temperature which, of course, was impossible if they lie exposed outdoors. Much of this machinery, in my opinion, is now junk."

Dunning estimated the value of American holdings throughout Germany at \$200,000,000. He said virtually all of the plants were compelled to work for Adolf Hitler's war machine, once war with the United States started.

Dunning further asserted that (Continued on Page Five)

Argentinians To Elect Officers

BUENOS AIRES, July 7 (AP)—The people of Argentina will be called upon to elect their representatives before the end of the year, President Edelmiro Farrell declared in a speech at the annual army and navy dinner last night.

"We are approaching the completion of another stage in the revolution—to see to it that the people become real electors by their representatives," he said. "We will complete it in accordance with our pledged word, unhesitatingly and unyieldingly, in the face of any pressure from impatient persons."

Farrell asserted Argentina had an aspect of general unrest created by elements which he said did not always have the good of the country at heart. He referred to the recent student strikes, conflict between capital and labor and "damaging rumors" by the press.

Farm Acreage Boosted 79.5 Per Cent In Last 5 Years

Klamath county's farm acreage jumped 79.5 per cent between 1940 and 1945. That startling figure is shown in today's announcement of the government's 1945 census of agriculture for this county, through the office of R. L. Ackerman, supervisor of the farm census.

Even more impressive is the increase in farm land in the decade just ended. The 1935 figure was 630,000 acres, and the ten-year increase was 118.3 per cent.

These substantial increases in farm acreages were regarded here as especially significant in view of the expectation that land use will be further extended in this area in the next few years. The figures quoted are for Klamath county, only, and do not include the Tulelake and Butte valley areas which are a part of the basin economic and agricultural unit.

Ackerman's figures, which are preliminary and open to possible revision later, show that farms have increased in size but decreased in number in this county.

The average farm is now 970 acres, as compared with 498 acres in 1940 and 434 acres in 1935. Farm size went up 94.8 per cent in the 5-year period.

The number of farms, as shown by the preliminary count of returns, is now 1431, compared with 1552 in 1940 and 1466 in 1935.

COL. SCHNEIDER GETS BRONZE STAR

Col. Merlin F. Schneider, who will become commanding officer of the Klamath Marine Barracks July 20, has been given what is believed to be the first decoration awarded in the Okinawa campaign—a Bronze Star medal, the marine corps announced today.

In the citation accompanying the medal Schneider was praised for "exceptional tactical judgement, continual demonstration of perseverance, personal courage and devotion to duty," in leading the 22nd regiment, sixth marine division. His outfit was instrumental in shattering Japanese defenses before Naha and is credited with killing more than 3000 troops in a single week.

Col. Schneider's home address is Clatskanie, Ore., his native town. He holds the Navy Cross as well as the Bronze Star. When he comes here, he will succeed Col. George Van Orden, also a Pacific veteran and also winner of the Bronze Star and Navy Cross. Col. Van Orden will return to the combat zone late in the summer.

FOOD, BOUNDARY PUZZLES REMAIN

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN, July 7 (AP)—Soviet authorities maintained a tight grip on the entire military government of Berlin today while high officials of three powers tried to solve two complicated problems—food and boundaries.

No district yet had been taken over from the Russians by either American or British military government detachments, although United States military forces supposedly formally occupied their Berlin zone on July 4, and the British held a flag-raising ceremony yesterday.

Soviets On Job
Soviet commanders in all the Berlin boroughs obeyed Soviet instructions to stay on the job and supervise the German city administration.

The United States' plan was to take governmental control of its zone at midnight Wednesday. The British had hoped to get their Berlin government operating by tomorrow, but this appeared indefinitely delayed.

The Soviet representatives, it was learned, had declined to make food reserves in the Soviet zone available to any district controlled by the other allies pending conclusion of a barter deal on the highest levels under which the Russians would be paid "in kind" for food.

Although this was the third day of the government muddle as far as the Americans were concerned, their direct relations with Russian officers in the various boroughs continued to be marked by warm cordiality.

But the Americans were visibly puzzled, if not chagrined, that the Anglo-American sharing of Berlin with the Soviet Union should have been so haphazardly arranged in advance.

The common question among American military government officers today was why they came to Berlin.

Japan Open For Invasion—Geiger

HONOLULU, July 7 (AP)—The Japanese home islands are wide open for invasion and the United States can move in any time "with no trouble at all" in the opinion of the new commanding general of marines in the Pacific.

Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, back from the Okinawa wars where he led the third amphibious corps, asserted that victory could be won only by the invasion, that the Americans would be met by men and women civilian fighters, but all that "won't be any worry to us."

"It's only a question now of wading in and finishing this war," he told a press conference here yesterday upon his arrival to take over as marine commander from Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith.

New Highs In Temperature Forecast

With most of Oregon sweltering under a mid-summer heat wave, new highs for the season in temperature have been predicted for Klamath Falls over the weekend. On Friday the

88 DEGREES
Mercury reading at the naval air station had reached a high of 88 degrees at 2:15 Saturday afternoon with the maximum temperature expected about 4 o'clock.

Mercury hit 92 degrees and still higher temperatures are in store for Saturday and Sunday according to the weather man.

High heat records were set in Portland Friday when the thermometers there registered 92 (Continued on Page Five)

SHAFF TO DISSOLVE UPON IKE'S RETURN

PARIS, July 7 (AP)—Supreme headquarters allied expeditionary force will be dissolved and the combined command of the allied expeditionary forces will end on or about July 13, SHAFF announced today.

Gen. Eisenhower will have returned from the United States by that time, and the delay will give him a chance to say farewell to his comrades and staff, it was explained.

"Termination of the combined command of allied expeditionary forces and dissolution of supreme headquarters will be effective on or about July 13, 1945, the exact date to be set later. It was explained that the action in this respect was being delayed to permit readjustment of certain troops, and until the return of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower who deserves the opportunity of saying farewell to his principal commanders and members of his staff.

"At the time of termination, General of the Army Eisenhower will relinquish command of all elements of the allied expeditionary force, including supreme headquarters, and its attached or assigned units.

War Department Accused Of Unnecessary Spending

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—Representative Engle (R-Mich.), an unofficial appropriations committee "watch-dog" of army spending, asserted today the war department was "throwing hard-earned tax dollars down a rat hole."

Engle, a member of the appropriations sub-committee handling war funds, in a statement in the Congressional Record said that billions of dollars have been spent on projects which the war department has not justified before any congressional committee.

Fifth Army To Be Broken Up; Divisions To Return

By SID FEDER
CASERTA, Italy, July 7 (AP)—The veteran fifth army (which battled up the Italian boot from the Salerno shoreline to the Tyrolean kneecap) is about to be broken up.

By next February five of its seven divisions and both its regimental combat teams will have been sent back to America.

The 85th (Custer) division will lead the movement back home starting in August. This division, which underwent 14 months of combat duty in Italy, will be the first all-selective service division in the U. S. army to be deactivated. Fifth army headquarters announced.

Headquarters gave this line-up of the disposition of the fifth 34th division, with more combat time against the enemy than any other outfit, to be redeployed to the United States and placed in tactical reserve for possible Pacific service.

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Papers Scattered In City

Kids who dig into trash boxes are responsible for a lot of the paper that flies through alleys in Klamath Falls, A. W. Downs, city sanitary inspector, declared today.

He said that in some cases, youngsters have been observed getting pasteboard cartons out of metal trash boxes behind business houses. In doing so, they spill paper and other trash into the alleys, and the wind does the job of scattering it.

Capital Quiet On De Gaulle Visit

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—A French announcement that General Charles de Gaulle has accepted an invitation to visit President Truman here was met with silence in official Washington today.

Neither the White House nor the state department would comment on the announcement that came out of France yesterday—an unusual reception to an ex-charge of greetings between two government heads.

More Butter At Lower Points Set

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—The government will make about 12 per cent more butter available for civilians in August—which will permit a slight reduction in the ration point value, effective July 29.

This was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson and Price Administrator Bowles.

Exceed Valuation

By the middle of 1946, Engle estimated, total army appropriations since 1941 will exceed by \$64,000,000,000 the assessed valuation of "every piece of property, real and personal, in the 48 states as it was assessed in 1941."

As a result of many first-hand investigations, Engle said, he had complained often of "the outrageous waste of the taxpayers' money" on various army projects. He added "the war department was apparently oblivious and kept on wasting money."