

FIRE BOMBS FALL ON JAP CITIES

The War Today

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ONE of the most interesting spectacles of the weekend has been that of Japan's notorious Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura doing a bit of vigorous fishing in the peace pool.

Nomura is by way of being an expert on peace—that is, on some aspects of it. He's the fellow who was in Washington as the mikado's special envoy, talking peace and expressing Nippon's deep affection for

JENKINS TO ENGLAND

Frank Jenkins, Herald and News publisher whose column appears regularly in this space, left Saturday night for Washington, D. C. where he will join a group of American editors for a trip to the United Kingdom. He will go first to London by air from the east coast.

From London, after an interval of two or three weeks, he will go to the continent on an assignment from the Office of War Information. Columns from his typewriter will appear as often as he can get them back to Klamath while on the trip.

Uncle Sam, when the Japs made their treacherous attack at Pearl Harbor. His name is deeply engraved on American memory.

The admiral—casting a long line in the hope of hooking a bit of information—says that the allies' policy of unconditional surrender is only costing them higher casualties. He admits there's no sign that they are suffering from war-weariness, but declared:

"As long as the enemy asks for Japan's unconditional surrender she will have to shed blood proportionate to the time and intensity of each battle."

Nomura has been about a bit and isn't silly enough to think that any such statement would affect the allied war program. Undoubtedly he is trying to draw from the allies some further, more concrete, declaration as to what "unconditional surrender" entails. Why? Well, because Japan knows that in a time of bombardment which will be more terrible than anything the world has seen.

Things must indeed look black to Tokyo. The homeland is virtually isolated by allied naval and air blockade. Japan cannot feed herself, and already is faced with a food crisis. We are just hitting our stride in an aerial bombardment which will be more terrible than anything the world has seen.

THIS past weekend also has marked the eighth anniversary of China's struggle against Japanese barbarism—and it finds the Chinese at long last heading out of the woods. Tokyo will have noted that this anniversary was the occasion of Prime Minister Churchill's renewal of the pledge that Britain will concentrate all her efforts in cooperation with the allies to achieve final victory in the Pacific. France, too, promised her help.

Meantime there is a widespread impression among observers abroad that the question of Russia's attitude towards coming into the war against Japan will be discussed at the forthcoming conference of the Big Three in Berlin. No wonder Tokyo is anxious about peace terms. Even if Russia remains neutral, Japan's goose is cooked. If the Muscovites come in, it will mean an even quicker defeat and quite likely much tougher terms.

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3 DROWN IN NEARBY LAKES OVER WEEKEND

Father, Daughter Die At Lake O' The Woods

Drowning claimed three lives at nearby mountain lakes Sunday.

At Lake O' the Woods, Chester W. Thompson, 37, and his 9-year-old daughter, Joan, of Klamath Falls, drowned about 30 feet from shore in an afternoon tragedy. A Diamond lake, Earl Stewart Jr., Vancouver, Wash., sank while swimming with other boys from the Union creek blizzard rust control camp.

Thompson, who was parts manager for the Halger tractor company, and his wife, Gladys, with Joan and another daughter, Carol, 13, were out in a rowboat on Lake O' the Woods.

Good Swimmer
The older girl was a good swimmer and was swimming around the boat. The younger girl was hanging onto the side of the boat and let go to paddle around with the aid of water-wings.

She apparently became excited, according to state police reports, and let go of the wings. Thompson saw her predicament and dove in after her. When he came to the surface he saw that the boat had drifted away and unable to make the shore, he also went down.

Witnesses said the older girl tried to save the father but was unsuccessful. She managed to swim to the shore.

Mrs. Thompson remained in the drifting boat as she was unable to swim.

Adler Called
Dr. George Adler was called and gave a stimulant and artificial respiration (Continued on Page Four)

SIX YOUTHS HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

Six boys were injured, three seriously, as the result of an automobile accident early Sunday morning on the Ivory Pine road about one-half mile from the Ivory Pine mill. The boys involved in the accident were Don Smith, 16, employee of the Vera Crisler ranch near Bly; Willis Brown, 17, Bly; Thomas Miller, 16, Milwaukie; Curtis Halbert, 16, Portland; Bill Freeman, 16, Portland and Claire Brodtkorb, 16, Portland.

Brown suffered a crushed chest and punctured lung, Smith a head injury, and Halbert had a back injury and a compound fracture of his right leg. The other three sustained cuts and bruises. All are in Klamath Valley hospital, but two will probably be released this afternoon, according to a hospital report.

Smith had taken a jeep belonging to the Crisler ranch where he worked. Brown was a passenger and lost control of the car in loose gravel and it turned over.

He drove to Bly and picked up the other boys and they went to a dance at the Ivory Pine mill. On the return trip Brown was at the wheel and lost control of the car in loose gravel and it turned over.

The Klamath merchants' patrol ambulance was called and rushed the boys to the hospital.

Record Trip Over Niagara May Bring Police Action

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 9 (AP)—William "Red" Hill Jr., slight, 32-year-old souvenir shop operator rode through the Niagara rapids in a barrel yesterday to fulfill a pledge taken at his father's deathbed three years ago, and today faced the threat of police action as a result of his exploit.

Hill, who foiled efforts of the Niagara parks commission police to prevent the trip, contested himself meanwhile with the knowledge that he had set a new record in making the ride in two hours.

He nursed a bruised left arm—his only injury—and intimated that it was his last ride in a barrel. Anyway, he said, the red-painted 750-pound steel barrel, which had been built for Hill, Sr., was ruined by frequent collisions with rocks, "sprung beyond repair."

Mrs. William Hill Sr., who had watched her husband ride through the same rapids in a barrel in 1910, 1930 and 1931, collapsed after her son returned.

At one point the barrel was seen thrown by the turbulent currents to what appeared to be about 40 feet in the air. At another point it was caught in a whirlpool and spun around for 25 minutes. Hill's two brothers, watching from shore, put out in a boat and pulled the barrel out of the whirlpool. They towed it to shore and removed about five inches of water which had leaked in. Hill got out, stretched his legs, then resumed the journey to Queenstown.

INDUSTRIAL CENTERS HIT IN B-29 RAID

LeMay's Forces Bash Honshu Island Towns

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—In a five-way strike, a very large task force of Superfortresses rained incendiaries on industrial targets at five Japanese cities on Honshu island today.

A 20th air force headquarters announcement said Gifu, Sakai, Wakayama, Sendai and Yokkaichi were hit in a night incendiary demolition raid today (July 10 Japanese time). The Superfortresses were from Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's forces based in the Marianas.

The announcement said details of the raid will be released after the bombers have returned.

Machinery Plants
Gifu, a transportation center located 18 miles northwest of Nagoya, has a considerable number of machinery and metal working plants and a large number of textile mills. Its population of 172,000 includes most of the labor force of the Kawasaki and Mitsubishi aircraft plants located at Kugami-gahara about five miles to the east.

Sakai is an industrial suburb of Osaka and the site of ordnance and marine engine plants, machinery and machine tool factories and chemical and explosive works. At least three of the city's large textile mills have been reported converted (Continued on Page Four)

By OVID A. MARTIN
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Shangri-La Army Survivors Return

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif. (AP)—A pert little Wac corporal and two young army men—the survivors of a plane crash in a New Guinea "Shangri-La," arrived today by plane from the South Pacific, on route to their homes for leave.

It was originally intended that the three should go together to Washington. This plan was changed to enable them to go to army process centers nearest their homes.

Twenty of their companions died in the plane crash in a hidden valley last May 13.

Sun Blotted Out In Total Eclipse

By The Associated Press
The sun was blotted out briefly today in certain sections of the United States in a total eclipse today for the first time since 1952 and generally throughout the country a partial eclipse was observed.

A total shadow started at sunrise (4:59 a. m. PWT) in Idaho and moved along a 25-mile path through Montana, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Hudson Bay, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Siberia.

Baby Girl Dies; Medicine Blamed

Little Mary Jane Piper, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Piper of this city, died Saturday afternoon apparently as a result of medicine she had accidentally swallowed.

According to Dr. George Adler, county coroner, it now appears that the child had taken some tablets previously prescribed for her mother. Laboratory analyses are to be made to find if this is the cause of her death.