

June Typhoon Hits 3rd Fleet; 21 Warships Damaged

GUAM, July 13 (AP)—A typhoon lashed Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey's third fleet with 138-mile-an-hour winds last June 5, tore the bow off the cruiser Pittsburgh and damaged at least 20 other warships, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today after virtually every damaged ship was back in action.

He listed 20 damaged ships as repaired and back in action, including three fast new battleships and two Essex class carriers. The cruiser Pittsburgh, which miraculously stayed afloat, is being refitted for action, presumably some additional ships, not identified, were damaged and have not returned to sea. Many of the ships were badly hurt by towering 100-foot high seas. None was more heavily hit than the fast, new heavy cruiser Pittsburgh, which was caught near the center of the storm off the Ryukyu islands. A thunderous sea ripped off 104 feet of her prow "and tossed it aside as though it were a match box to wallow in the storm off the ship's port side," reported Associated Press Correspondent Robin Coons. Capt. John E. Gingrich ordered the engines reversed and

swung the 665-foot ship precariously around in a circle to escape a collision with her own bow. She came out in the dead calm of the storm's center. Sealed bulkheads kept the Pittsburgh afloat and the cruiser, normally capable of 33 knots, lumbered back to Guam at nine knots for temporary repairs. The bow was taken in tow by a tug and brought back to port. Towering seas crushed 25 feet of the carrier Hornet's flight deck and badly damaged several destroyers, other correspondents reported. Planes on one small escort carrier "were flipped around like beanbags, tossed into the air and over end and piled in a jumbled heap of wreckage," said Associated Press correspondent Grant MacDonald. The forward end of her flight deck was ripped up and left dangling over the bow.

Ships which suffered damage and have returned to action include: Essex class cruisers Hornet and Bonington; the fast battleships Massachusetts, Indiana and Alabama; the Independence type carriers San Jacinto and Balleau Wood; destroyers John Rodgers End Blu; escort carrier Bougainville. Three other cruisers and seven destroyers which suffered minor damage also have been repaired and returned to action. The Nimitz announcement did not specify where the typhoon struck the third fleet for the second time in six months but presumably it was in the western Pacific area between Okinawa and the Philippines. This area is known as the western Pacific "typhoon cradle," where unpredictable violent storms zigzag in a generally northerly or northeasterly typhoon path.

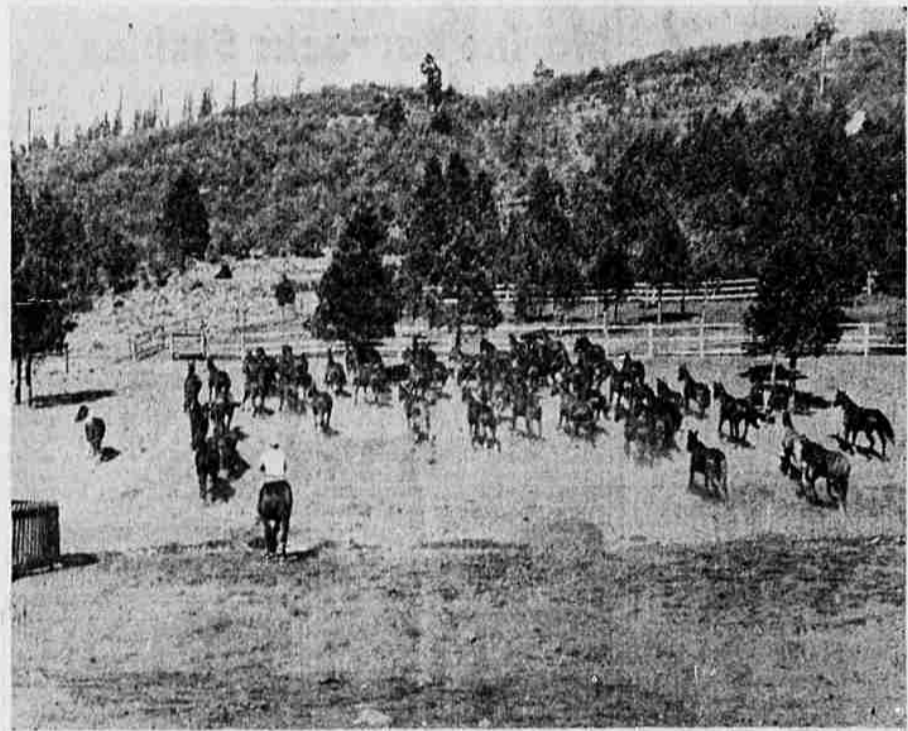
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Corrals At Marine Barracks



Saddle horses stretch their legs at the Marine Barracks corrals after a seven-day ride from Fort Robinson, Neb. This new group makes a total of 60 cavalry-trained horses at the Barracks. —Official USMC Photo. (See story on page two.)

The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
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ONE of the critical and delicate cases likely to be considered at the coming clinic of Doctors Truman, Stalin and Churchill—physicians extraordinary to the world—is that of Spain, the problem being what measures are necessary to purge this proud and important country of the axis plague.

The way things stand now, it looks very much as though the cure of Spain's ills lies in a change of government. Support for that idea is seen in the action of a commission at the San Francisco security conference—the commission having voted that the Franco regime, because it had axis support in coming to power, should never be admitted to membership. That's a broad hint, to say the least.

Now of course it would be easy for the Big Three to treat Spain's malady roughly. A lot of folk are asking why the United Nations should be considered in the case of Spain when we have just fought the bloodiest war of history to exterminate nazism and fascism. Why not use the big stick?

I'M afraid the answer isn't quite so easy as that. After all, sovereignty is the mightiest item among the many nations, great and small, which came close to slavery at the hands of the axis. The Big Three undoubtedly would prefer that Spain cure herself. That attitude has been pursued even in the case of Italy.

Here it should be emphasized that there's a difference between "Spain" and the Franco Falange party which is in power. The generalissimo consorted with Hitler and Mussolini throughout the war—something which none of the United Nations can forgive. Apart from that Moscow won't soon forget that the Franco regime has been violently anti-communistic from the start and was pitted against the communists in the civil war that brought him to power.

Britain, while roundly condemning Madrid's dealings with Hitler and Mussolini, has more than once shown a desire to give Spain a chance to rehabilitate herself. Prime Minister Churchill gave an indication of that last year when he told commons that he looked forward to increasingly good relations with Spain and to "an extremely profitable trade between Spain and this country (Britain)" during the war and after the peace.

THAT brought Mr. Churchill some sharp criticism from his own people, and his "kindly" (Continued on Page Two)

Reinventory Of Klamath's Forests Starts In North

Field work in connection with a reinventory of the forest resources of Klamath county was recently started in the northern part of the county, according to J. A. Hall, director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Portland.

In this project the original inventory of the county's forests, made in 1934 by the station as part of a nationwide survey of the forests by the United States forest service, will be brought up to date. The 1934 inventory showed a total of 22 billion board feet of timber of merchantable size and quality in Klamath county, of which 17 billion feet was ponderosa pine, the chief commercial species. Cutting depletion since the inventory has been heavy; during the decade 1935-44 the annual cut of sawlogs in the county has averaged close to 600 million board feet, 90 per cent ponderosa pine. However, loss of timber through activities of the western pine beetle has been much less during the last decade than during the previous decade.

Lands to Be Mapped In the reinventory, particular attention will be paid to the cut-over areas in the county. All of these lands will be examined to determine their current

VAN ORDEN PAYS TRIBUTE TO CITY

Warm tribute to the community for help in the fulfillment of the mission of the Klamath Marine Barracks was voiced Friday noon by Col. George O. Van Orden, commanding officer, in a talk to the Rotary club. Col. Van Orden is leaving soon for overseas duty and his Rotary speech constituted a "summing up" of the Barracks' program to date. Individuals and organizations of Klamath Falls and the surrounding area have made it easier to "do a job" at the Marine Barracks, Col. Van Orden said. He also warmly praised Capt. Lowell T. Coggeshall, ranking navy medical officer at the Barracks, for his cooperation, and Dr. Coggeshall, in response, told of the effectiveness of Col. Van Orden's training program. "Regular University" "If conditions had permitted a full complement of men at the Barracks throughout, we would have had a regular university up there," he said.

Col. Van Orden explained the new program opening up at the Barracks which will bring thousands of men here from naval convalescent hospitals. He gave statistics which (Continued on Page Two)

Fate Of German General Staff To Be Decided Soon

By GEORGE TUCKER
FRANKFURT, July 13 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery are expected to decide soon on what to do with the German general staff. At midnight tonight supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary force will be dissolved, but the problem of handling the hundreds of high ranking staff and field officers of the German army who are prisoners of the western allies awaits final disposition. British and American officers held informal discussions on the matter during Eisenhower's absence. These conversations touched on the possibility of breaking up the German general staff and

condemning its members to exile in British crown colonies throughout the world, but the talks were regarded as no more than ground clearing expeditions assembling data to be presented to Eisenhower and Montgomery. Of the captured German military hierarchy one SHAEF officer said: "Some of them ought to be shot as criminals and undoubtedly will be. Others must be regarded purely as military figures who carried out military orders. All these officers are still in uniform and are classified strictly as military prisoners. "The greatest emphasis, however, is placed on the members of the general staff. The general staff in Germany is a special class, almost hereditary. "Its members are identified by the red stripes on their trousers and they are all-powerful. They make the decisions. They are the ones who plan and execute wars. "I don't know just how Eisenhower will do it, but I can promise you this—the German general staff will be broken up and destroyed so that it can never function again."

COLLABORATIONIST TRIALS PROGRESS

By RYLMAN MORIN
PARIS, July 13 (AP)—More than 20,000 people have stood trial in the nine months' purge of French collaborationists, but 30,000 more remain to face judgment, ministry of justice figures reveal.

The courts have passed 994 death verdicts, 600 sentences of hard labor for life, 4638 other hard labor sentences, 1063 of imprisonment for five years or more and 9876 for shorter jail terms. There were 3315 acquitted. Slow handling of the long lists of Frenchmen charged with aiding the Germans drew sharp fire from speakers at the convention of resistance groups this week. They charged that "the purge is being conducted in a strange manner."

If the courts move slowly, authorities said, it is because only a thin line frequently divided "collaboration" from simply living and working under German occupation, a line not always easy to find. The cases, that drew death verdicts or life sentences seldom presented difficulties for judges and juries, like the supreme penalty for treason imposed Wednesday on Paul Ferdinand, the "French Lord Haw Haw," or last April on Gen. Henri Dentz, who fought the British occupation of Syria.

Road North From Park Now Open

The road from Crater lake park north through Diamond lake was open to travel today. T. C. Parker, assistant superintendent of the park, warned that slow travel will be necessary on the road for a while, because it is narrow and rough in spots.

U. S. Commission Moves To Berlin

BERLIN, July 13 (AP)—The United States section of the allied control commission for Germany has moved its forward headquarters to Berlin from Frankfurt on the Main, it was announced officially tonight. The British section will move here shortly. Gen. Eisenhower's deputy on the control commission, Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, will have his permanent office in Berlin. Frankfurt will continue to be headquarters for United States army forces in the European theater. American and British occupation zones will start receiving food from western Germany next week.

Director Eyes Blueprint For Lifting Price Rules

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—An OPA blueprint for the first step toward lifting price controls is being studied today by Stabilization Director William H. Davis. In preparation several months, the plan sets up standards which would permit immediate elimination of ceilings on a number of commodities. Others would be freed as certain conditions were met. Officials familiar with the proposal, which requires Davis' approval before it can be put into effect, said it provides for removal or suspension of price controls on these grounds:

Unopposed Strikes By Planes Hit Nips

GUAM, July 13 (AP)—Virtually unopposed air blows by around 700 B-29s, heavy and medium bombers, fighters and long range search planes across a 770-mile arc of Japan, extending north and south of Tokyo, were announced today. Promptly a U. S. air general on Okinawa declared "the Japs, in my

opinion, don't intend to engage us in the air." As enemy homeland factories and railroads were wrecked and even the smallest shipping sunk offshore, Brig. Gen. David F. Hutchison of the far east air forces told Associated Press Correspondent Richard Cushing at Okinawa that Japan obviously was hoarding planes to use in suicide tactics when Yank infantrymen storm Nippon's invasion beaches. Rear Adm. D. C. Ramsey, new chief of staff of the 5th fleet, estimated Japan might have 9000 planes available and probably could throw about 4000 into the battle over Japan.

AUSSIES KNIFE INTO NIP LINES

MANILA, July 13 (AP)—Aussie 7th division troops, paced by flame throwers and tanks, have knifed deep into Japanese defenses of smashed Stone ridge north of captured Balikpapan on southeast Borneo in heavy fighting.

At the same time, headquarters reported today, Dutch units joined the Australians in a left flank march up Kariango peninsula to execute a brilliant encircling maneuver against the entrenched Japanese who are pocketed some six miles north of Balikpapan town. The Borneo campaign is being fought in steaming, rain-drenched forests and deceptive bogs overgrown with mangrove under a blazing tropical sun.

In the main assault, northeast of Balikpapan in the Sepinggang Ketjil river sector, the Australians are advancing over a scrubby, rolling terrain permitting use of their famed medium "Matilda" tanks.

In British northwest Borneo, the Aussie ninth division made a surprise landing near Andus, 26 miles northeast of Beaufort, while another column made a 10-mile advance along Beaufort to the Jesselton narrow-gauge railway without opposition to occupy Kimanis village, five miles south of Andus. This brought the leading elements within 30 miles of Jesselton, which has been under daily harassing attack from Australian air forces Spitfires based on Labuan and the 7th fleet PT boats.

Search Continues For Missing Body

An intensive search for the body of Richard "Bob" Hollingsworth, 25, who apparently drowned at Lake o' the Woods Tuesday night, continued today with all available dragging equipment in operation at the scene, according to a report from the sheriff's office here.

Hollingsworth was believed to have drowned when a boat in which he was riding with four companions capsized during a storm on the lake. Three girls from Medford and a man were rescued through the prompt action of Ed Miller, logger working near the lake who heard the shouts for help and rescued the four people.

Some members of the Eagles lodge volunteered to assist in the search for Hollingsworth and left this morning for the lake. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Sheriff Lloyd Low sent another drag to the scene yesterday afternoon with a detachment of eight sailors from the naval air station here. There are now five drags in all operating in an effort to recover the body.

Weak Opposition Only weak opposition was encountered over Tokyo bay and a city to the north as Superforts dumped 3000 tons of fire and demolition bombs on five homeland centers before dawn today, returning pilots reported. No enemy fighters could be found aloft yesterday as more than 120 Liberator and Mitchell bombers and escorting fighters from Okinawa ripped into factories and railroads, the port of Aburatsubo and the naval air station of Naoya on Kyushu.

Two Lost (At Washington, the 20th air force announced that two of the Superfortresses were lost and one was missing in the strike). The enemy air force relinquished homeland skies so completely that fleet search planes flew nearly 200 miles north of Tokyo to hit small shipping off Sendai, then returned to two—a roundtrip flight of nearly 2000 miles.

It is approximately 770 miles from Sendai to the southernmost target hit on Kyushu. Superfort bombers, building up the number of Japanese cities they have hit to 38, had to bomb by instrument through cloud banks.

Congress Breaks 6-Week Parley

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Congress dispatched a \$769,364,850 war agencies appropriation bill to the White House today after six weeks of controversy revolving about funds for OWI and FEPC.

Legislative action was completed when the senate approved a compromise fixing the amount for the office of war information at \$35,000,000. The house had approved it earlier after a futile effort, spearheaded by republicans, to scale it down.

The senate accepted a house stipulation that no funds of the war labor board should be expended in connection with disputes involving agricultural workers.

Mine Sweeper Loss Told

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—The motor mine sweeper YMS-39 has been lost in the Borneo area as a result of enemy action, the navy announced today. Casualties among her wartime complement of 35 officers and men totaled five, including three killed, one wounded and one missing. All casualties were enlisted men.

The vessel was under command of Lt. (jg) Alfred C. Vaughn, of Kenbridge, Va. The loss raised to 322 the total of naval vessels lost from all causes since the start of the war.

The vessel was built at the plant of Robert Jacob, Inc., City Island, New York, and commissioned March 11, 1942.

Investigation Set On Coast

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—The house committee on un-American activities decided today to send an investigator to the Pacific coast immediately to check on reports of subversive activities there. Meeting for the first time with their new chairman, Rep. Wood (D-Ga.), the committee agreed, however, to send only a representative to the area, and not to go itself.

Fleet Pounds Isles, Planes Hit Sumatra

CALCUTTA, July 13 (AP)—British fleet units have bombarded the strategic Nicobar islands while carrier planes attacked airfields in Northwest Sumatra, Southeast Asia command headquarters announced tonight in a special communique. The fleet bombarded Nicobar island twice, once by night. Two merchant ships were attacked by planes at Mancewry island. One of the ships was burning furiously when the Japanese beached it. The other also was set afire.

A correspondent aboard the carrier Emperor reported: "For seven days we have been steaming up and down within sight of Japanese-occupied territory in one of the cheekiest operations yet carried out by the British East Indies fleet—the widespread sweep in the area of the Nicobars and Andaman islands in the bay of Bengal. "By doing so, we gave the Japanese in effect a challenge to come out and meet us. The Japanese, however, shied off completely. Obviously the Japanese are worried about future developments in Southeast Asia. It is possible they are conserving their fast dwindling strength to meet the next big landing assault.

The lack of indication as to just where the blow will fall is giving their island garrisons a severe case of jitters." Use Hell Cats The British used Hellcat planes against Japanese shipping, airfields and radar stations. They destroyed buildings and military installations.

The only opposition encountered was light to medium flak at the airfields and two challenging Japanese planes, one of which was downed. Sweep Approaches British minesweepers swept the approaches to Malacca strait, which lies between Sumatra and the great naval base of Singapore, from July 5 to 10 without sighting a Japanese vessel.

While fleet units attacked the Nicobars, planes also laid their explosives on the islands. The Nicobars lie 280 miles northwest of Sumatra, rich Dutch oil producing island, and about 900 miles off Singapore. They are 400 miles west of the Kra peninsula of Malaya, linking Singapore to the mainland of Asia.

Men Over 26 May Change Jobs

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Men 26 or over who do not meet the army's regular physical standards are free today to change jobs without draft board permission.

At the request of the army, selective service last night relaxed its regulations to exclude these men from the possibility of induction as job-jumpers. Heretofore these registrants who switched employment without approval of their board could be drafted for limited army service.

The job-jumper penalties, invoked six months ago to nip a trend away from war work, remain in effect for all physically fit men, as well as for registrants under 26 who fall shy of regular requirements.

Swimming Pool Open To Public

Klamath Falls adults and those of the high school age group will be given an opportunity to use the swimming pool situated at one end of Modoc field on Saturday and Sunday, according to E. E. Hambrick, city recreational director.

The pool, which has been closed to the public, will be open from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 9 Saturday afternoons and evenings, and from 2 to 5 Sunday afternoon. A fee of 50 cents will be charged.

This project is part of the city recreational program.

GI's, Tommies Follow Red Policy Toward Berliners

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN, July 13 (AP)—To the great relief of G.I. Joe and Tommy Atkins, when you're in Berlin you do as the Russians do.

In other words, American and British troops in the German capital—most of whom are fed up with the non-fraternization policy in force in western Germany—are copying the internationally friendly ways of the red army in peacetime.

The generals may say that nothing has been changed in the rule book since they moved more than 30,000 American and British soldiers into Berlin. But things nevertheless seem to be different. In the past week American and British troops also have been crowding night spots favored by the Russians.

equivalent of G.I. Joe — operates on the understanding that he's not supposed to take a dame. He believes that nazis properly belong behind bars, and that Germans who are not nazis are entitled to be treated without race hatred. Premier Stalin's words to that effect appear on many signboards. Therefore, when Ivan saunters out in the early evening he feels perfectly free to drop into a convenient cafe, strike up an acquaintance with any German girl and invite her to dance and drink with him. In the past week American and British troops also have been crowding night spots favored by the Russians.

Weather News

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