

GUNS WRECK JAP STEEL CITIES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 ARRIVE in Washington—and run into a minor miracle—the weather is cool and pleasant. The writer has been thanked several times by friends for bringing it in a satchel from the Pacific coast, but it really came from the heels of a freak storm that brought rain on one side of the street while the sun was shining bright and warm on the other.

Before the rain the mercury was in the high 90s and there were responsible citizens who indicated that the relative humidity was two degrees more and they would have swum off like a fish, could be—here.

ANYWAY, the rain cooled the temperature down and ended the humidity out of the land all is lovely now. But getting hotter already. At before last was the coolest of night in some 20 years, according to the papers. It was 67 above at the minimum.

ENTER a taxi. (You flag a taxi here whenever you want to go somewhere—partly because it's the only way to find the place you're going to and also because the streets and buses are too badly jammed to take another passenger.)

It is driven by a motherly woman of 60-odd, attired in a house dress. Another passenger gives her an address and asks casually if she knows how to find it. "I certainly do," she answers tartly.

She does, too. Not only that, but on arrival she tells him what door of the building to enter to get to the office he wants to go to, and when he disagrees and says no it's another door she waits until he wanders out with a defeated expression and tells him: "I told you to go to the other door in the first place."

These Washington cab drivers! They've always been individualists of the first water, and now that their ranks are being entered by motherly women in house dresses they're even more so.

THE big issue in Washington at the moment is the FEPC—the Fair Employment Practices Committee, which seeks to make black and white equal in America by law. It is one of those issues that involve a lot of oratory and are more concerned with vote getting than with the practical solution of problems.

There's a lot of justice in the theoretical purposes of the FEPC. Whatever else may be said on the subject, the colored man is certainly entitled to work on a plane of complete equality with the white man. If he has the same skill, the same adaptability and the same degree of application to his job, he should be entitled to the same wages. Common sense and fundamental fairness tell us that in no uncertain words.

But when you try to FORCE such things by law, you run into a lot of human nature.

THE time will undoubtedly come when there will be no discrimination in employment in America because of color. The time may come, in some distant generation, when white and black will mingle without prejudice.

But it's a fairly safe guess that these things won't be brought about by a hard and fast law that says it has to be NOW.

(It seems probable, incidentally, that the FEPC will be stalled off instead of settled now. The most likely solution is an appropriation that will enable the controversial committee to drag along for another year without money enough to do much more than barely exist.)

SENATE ratification of the San Francisco charter, which is the big show for next week, is about as near a foregone conclusion as anything can be. The opposition that has been making minor headlines is TOKEN opposition. The vote against it is expected to be negligible.

There is none of the fierce idealism that marked the league of nations fight in the senate. Nobody has any delusions. The charter just looks like something that OUGHT to be given a trial.

Besides, the conviction is strong here that the VOTERS are for it. They always goes a long way in Washington.

Women, Children Pack For Libby
 PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—Several hundred women, girls and boys operated fruit conveyor belts at Libby, McNeill and Libby cannery here yesterday while 300 union members were idle in an AFL and CIO dispute.

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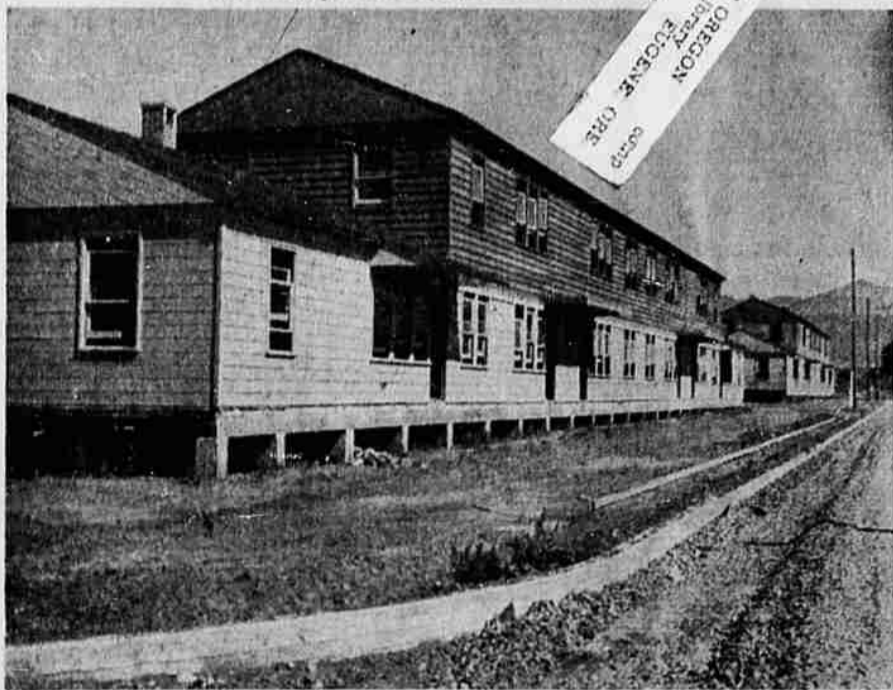
PRICE FIVE CENTS

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Two-Story Structures Feature Project



This picture taken this morning shows one of the many two-story buildings which feature the new military housing project on Washburn way. In this building, there are four apartments upstairs and six down. In a shorter two-story type, there are two upstairs apartments and three down. Names of famed war figures have been given streets in the project, now being rushed to completion.

War Figures' Names Given Housing Project Streets

The names Vandergrift and Turnage, Halsey and Nimitz, featured in world headlines throughout this war, mark the streets at the 80-unit military-

federal housing project on Washburn way.

Streets honoring General A. A. Vandergrift, commandant of the marine corps, and Major General Turnage, of the marines, run parallel or are intersected by those named for Admiral Halsey and Admiral Nimitz of the navy.

The unit has been occupied by 50 navy and 30 marine personnel since May 1, 1945. Lawns, delayed earlier by excessive rains, are in now, streets are completed and the new signs up, giving the unit an air of permanence.

GIRL WADER DIES IN LOST RIVER

Hazel Frances Lazarus, 18, daughter of Mrs. Parlee Lazarus and Artie and Mabel Borstad at the time of the drowning, was about 5 p. m. in Lost river near the Crystal Springs road.

The 155-unit project across the street is about 75 per cent completed with all roofs on and inside finishing underway.

She was reportedly wading in the river when she stepped off into a pocket. She was unable to swim and disappeared beneath the surface before assistance could arrive.

Sidewalks are being laid, lawns are being landscaped and will be seeded by September 1. The unit is expected to be finished on schedule, ready for occupancy September 3.

Miss Lazarus was in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Lazarus and Artie and Mabel Borstad at the time of the drowning. Lazarus was about 100 feet away from his sister when his wife screamed that Miss Lazarus was drowning. Lazarus was unable to assist his sister. A marine who was nearby dove for the body and recovered it after about 25 minutes.

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Members of the sheriff's office, Dr. George Adler, county coroner, and state police arrived on the scene and artificial respiration and resuscitators were used for 45 minutes to no avail.

In a favorable report on the document which it approved 21 to 1 last week, the committee said it had no hesitation in recommending senate ratification because it believes the 50-nation agreement "in accordance with our national interests."

Bread Price Boost Looms As Result Sugar Shortage

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—Stores sold butter at 16 ration points a pound today as the government put into effect a major segment of its plan to improve the meat situation.

Elsewhere on the food front, the republican congressional food study committee issued a statement saying that "an increase in the price of bread and a reduction in the quantity produced may result from failure of the administration to provide adequate sugar supplies."

The reduction from 24 to 16 points for creamery butter is expected by OPA to prevent deterioration in retail stores during the season of peak butter production. Farm or country butter remains unchanged at 12 points a pound, and margarine continues at 14 points.

"This will mean such a substantial reduction in the volume of sweet goods that many bakers will either have to start selling bread for what it costs them to make it, or go out of business."

A 10-million pound increase in civilian butter supplies is expected next month, OPA said, as the result of a cut in the amount ordered set aside for military use.

"Even those bakeries which produce only bread—and which because of the volume and efficiency of their operations have been able to get by under existing bread ceilings—will be hard hit by the reduction in their sugar supplies coupled with new quota restrictions on shortening. Their bread output will be cut about 20 per cent by the new quotas."

Householders have been buying less butter in the last two or three weeks, OPA said in announcing the point cut a fortnight ahead of the date OPA previously reported such action probable.

OPA tied a string on its gift

VINSON NEW HEAD OF U. S. TREASURY

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Fred M. Vinson, war mobilization chief, to succeed Henry Morgenthau Jr., as secretary of the treasury.

The chief executive acted ahead of schedule in order to comply with a request by Morgenthau that the new secretary be named without delay so he could tackle a number of pending financial problems.

Mr. Truman first had planned to submit Vinson's nomination only after returning from the Big Three meeting in Berlin.

The president also submitted to the senate today the nomination of Theron Lamar Caudle of Wadesboro, North Carolina, to be an assistant attorney general succeeding Tom C. Clark, now attorney general.

Caudle, 41, is a 1926 graduate of Wake Forest college who since 1940 has been United States attorney for the western district of North Carolina.

Harold William Judson of California, who used to practice (Continued on Page Three)

Senate Receives Charter Today

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WLB Discusses Lumber Wages

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16 (AP)—A six-man division of the national war labor board met here today to discuss a wage controversy which threatens to lead to a strike vote in the northwest lumber industry.

Only two days from now an executive committee meeting of the northwestern district council, AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, is scheduled here. Union officials have indicated their willingness to discuss issues with the WLB division.

A strike would affect 60,000 workers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and northern California.

Valley Projects To Cramp Style

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—Nine valley authorities proposed for the postwar period—including one for the Columbia river—will "cramp the style" of free Americans, Ralph L. Carr, twice governor of Colorado and an authority on irrigation and reclamation said here today.

"Proponents of these authorities" tell glibly about the so-called great good the Tennessee Valley authority has done," Carr said. "I say, 'it is democracy on the march—out!'"

Kicking Difficult, Judge Decides

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 16 (AP)—Municipal Judge Harold Neff dished out some justice in a hurry today.

Before him was a man accused by his wife of assault. "He kicked me," the plaintiff declared.

"Case dismissed," said Judge Neff after looking down and noting the defendant had but one leg.

Weather News

Max. (July 15)	80	Min.	51
Precipitation last 24 hours			00
Normal year to date			13.28
12.02			Last year 9.89
Forecast: Clear Tuesday, little change.			

SHIPS, PLANES DESTROYED IN WEEKEND BLOW

Tokyo Says U. S. Fleet Withdrawing From Jap Waters

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor

Tokyo reported American naval task forces were withdrawing from northern Japanese waters today after big guns wrecked two steel producing cities in one of the most devastating weekends of the war, during which 152 of the Mikado's vessels and 133 aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

Tokyo conceded the powerful third fleet bombardment units were pulling out only "because of bad weather conditions which made further attacks difficult" and warned they would strike again.

Land-based aircraft ranging from Superforts to Iwo Jima's fighters kept the air pressure on Japan today, although their numbers were negligible compared to Tokyo's estimate of 2500 sorties flown by carrier aircraft over northern Honshu and Hokkaido islands Saturday and Sunday.

3000 Planes Japanese clamored for their government to do something about it and Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy commander of the new U. S. strategic air forces, said 3000 planes could strike Japan any day they wished.

With reports still incomplete on the combined warship shelling and carrier raids on heretofore untouched northern Japan, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported three cities heavily damaged and communications virtually cut off between Honshu, "mainland" of Japan, and Hokkaido, refuge island to the north. Thirteen other cities were hammered by land-based aircraft during the weekend.

Naval guns razed much of Muroran on Hokkaido and Kamishiro on Honshu while carrier aircraft burned out the Hokkaido town of Kushiro, prompting Premier Kantaro Suzuki to urge Japanese to have faith in defense preparations "against enemy landings on our homeland." Heaviest damage was inflicted Sunday on Muroran.

A thousand tons of American shells fired from the superbattleship Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin, and bombs from supporting aircraft set off a series of explosions and fires in the Nippon steel plant, heavily damaged the Watanabe Iron Works, a chemical (Continued on Page Three)

Truman And Winnie View Berlin Ruins

By DANIEL DE LUCE AND ERNEST B. VACCARO POTSDAM, July 16 (AP)—President Truman talked with Prime Minister Churchill and toured the wrecked heart of Berlin today preliminary to the first Big Three meeting, at which the war with Japan likely will be a leading topic.

First American president to visit Germany, Mr. Truman had an opportunity to see Adolf Hitler's ruined and looted chancellor's office, the battle-scarred Reichstag and the wreckage of the Tiergarten.

Soviet spokesmen said they had no word that Premier Stalin and Foreign Minister Molotov had arrived in Potsdam, but added: "They will be here in time for the opening of the conference. The opening sessions, originally scheduled today, apparently had been delayed until tomorrow."

Secretcy Prevails Except for the brief visit of the British leader, the president was in continuous conference with his secretary of state, James F. Byrnes, and his personal chief of staff, Adm. William D. Leahy. Mr. Truman was reported planning a dinner early in the week in honor of Churchill and Stalin.

Eight secrecy prevailed. Problems such as hunger, frontiers and rebuilding of Europe ravaged by war were high on the agenda.

Stalin and Molotov generally were believed to be in Potsdam. Churchill, chewing dourly on a cigar, inspected the reich chancellery during the afternoon and asked his Russian escort how the nazis there had died.

The president slipped out of Potsdam for two hours for his tour. He inspected the U. S. second armored (Hell on Wheels) division along one of the superhighways Hitler built. This division is an American occupation force in Berlin.

Stopping outside Hitler's chancellery, the president shook his head at the destruction and told reporters: "It is a terrible thing, but they brought it on themselves."

Presents Citation President Truman, an artillery captain of the last war, presented a citation to Company H of the 17th armored engineering battalion—which crossed the Rhine under fire—and commended.

"I am only sorry that I didn't get a chance to participate in some phase of this war myself." He made the award from a (Continued on Page Three)

Klamath Pioneer Dies At Ashland

Mrs. Nellie V. Carlisle, pioneer of Klamath county, died July 16 at 7 a. m. in the Ashland community hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Klamath Firms Protest Raise

Pelican Bay Lumber company and Ewanna Box company in Klamath Falls were among seven northwest lumber companies represented by attorneys who appeared before national war labor board officials in Portland today to protest raises given power saw operators last March on order of the West Coast Lumber commission.

The new rates—\$1.67 an hour in pine areas of Montana and the inland empire and \$1.75 in Douglas fir country—will raise havoc in the industry unless rescinded, the attorneys said. The order brought an increase of 35 cents an hour to head fallers.

Loggers' representatives will have their say later in the hearings.

Rain Of Hay For Portland People

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—A rain of hay started Portland citizens yesterday, and police said today that cars in various sectors of the city were covered with ashes.

Coast range fires were blamed for the ashes. Updrafts caused by fires may have transported some newly-cut hay to downtown Portland, officers said.

Conference Site



Map locates Potsdam, outside Berlin, where President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Stalin will meet. Sessions will begin July 16 or 17. (AP wirephoto map).

MARINE BLAST NETS 156 JAP PRISONERS

By ROBERT GEIGER JHIYA ISLAND, Okinawa, June 5 (Delayed AP)—Rugged, tensed marines of the eighth regimental combat team splashed ashore on this little island 310 miles south of Kyushu June 3 behind a stiff pocket and shellfire barrage and beneath low-flying air cover—and found no other docile natives.

But the only Japanese in the whole area—garrisoning a tiny island nearby—had watched the barrage and promptly rowed over in a longboat to surrender their entire 156-man garrison.

(Adm. Chester W. Nimitz today—July 16—announced the unopposed occupation of Jhiya and Aguni, June 3 and 9, respectively but did not mention the surrender of the third Jhiya, eight miles long, is about 20 miles northwest of Okinawa's northern tip; Aguni is 35 miles west of central Okinawa.)

"Well, it was a good training maneuver," remarked Maj. Gen. LeRoy P. Hunt, of Berkeley, Calif., who commanded the marine invasion.

The absent Jhiya garrison (like Aguni's) evidently had been called to Okinawa more than two months earlier to aid in the futile defense of that large island.

A few Japanese planes approached Jhiya on the first day but failed to reach the American invasion fleet. A tropical storm—complete with typhoon warnings—made the ships withdraw temporarily Monday but did no damage.

Accidents cost the lives of (Continued on Page Three)

Kaiser Plans To Form Syndicate

OAKLAND, Calif., July 16 (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser disclosed today he has begun negotiations with the defense plant corporation for the lease and eventual purchase of the \$200,000,000 Geneva steel plant at Provo, Utah, which is being operated by U. S. Steel Corp.

The west coast industrialist made public a letter to DPC revealing he plans to form the "Kaiser Syndicate" with adequate working capital provided by the Bank of America, or by a banking pool.

OPA Makes '42 Cars Ration-Free

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—The OPA today removed all rationing restrictions on new 1942 model passenger cars, effective Wednesday.

The agency described rationing as no longer necessary because new cars soon will begin reaching the market. The action will permit dealers to clear their stocks of the 6000 cars still unsold.

Reservation Fire Under Control

A fire which started near Beatty on the Klamath Indian reservation Sunday was giving forest crews some trouble Monday noon but the blaze was considered under control, according to Klamath agency officials.

It had covered about four acres. In the other parts of the Klamath area, however, things were fairly quiet with no other blazes reported at Klamath Forest Protective association or the Modoc National forest office.

Oregon Forest Fire Defies Control; Huge Area Black

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16 (AP)—State foresters have asked 1000 soldiers to be ordered onto fire lines in the Wilson river area today as a sudden shift of wind late last night sent the flames roaring out of control across 10,000 acres in Tillamook county.

The fire is out of control and has blackened 25,000 acres. Rising winds drove flames northward, menacing several logging camps and forcing state police to close the Wilson River highway late yesterday.

State Forester N. S. Rogers said soldiers will be ordered out today, but won't be used until tomorrow when the fire reaches an area where they can operate equipment to cut fire lines.

About 600 men including soldiers were in the fire zone yesterday and were forced to withdraw six miles when the wind changed from northwest to southwest.

Rogers reported the Coates Lumber company, Tillamook, has 10,000,000 feet of fallen and bucked timber in the path of the fire and flames will be in it by morning.

He said the fire is now in thick undergrowth, moving north along both sides of Elk creek.