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Weather News

(July 28)
 Max. (July 27) 95 Min. 58
 Precipitation last 24 hours 00
 Stream year to date 13.28
 Normal 12.13 Last year 10.42
 Forecast: Clear and cooler Sunday.

Fire And Death Follow Hit On Empire State

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP)—A B-25 "Billy Mitchell" bomber, roaring low across Manhattan from a northwesterly direction, crashed into the 79th floor of the 102-story Empire State building at 9:49 A. M. today and immediately burst into an inferno of flame.

Bodies of 12 persons—11 of them charred beyond recognition—were recovered. Police and other unofficial estimates placed the death toll as high as 15.

Mayor F. H. La Guardia said an army official at the Newark airport told him the army bomber was on route from Bedford, Mass., where it had arrived from Sioux Falls, S. D., to Newark. The plane was believed by the army spokesman to have three passengers, Lt. Col. W. F. Smith Jr., of New Bedford, Mass., a mechanic identified as Sgt. Dimitrivich and an unidentified naval officer who had "hitch-hiked" a ride.

FLAMES ENGLUF

Several stories near the level where the plane hit were engulfed in flame and horrified hundreds of spectators far below ran and huddled for shelter in doorways as debris showered down over a wide area from the crash scene at 34th street and Fifth avenue.

Chief Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brophy said:

"Apparently maximum force was just under the 79th floor and so great that it buckled up the 79th level." He said the supporting beam at the 79th floor had been bent inward about 18 inches by the blow.

"At least two members of the plane crew were catapulted into the 79th floor," Brophy said. One motor of the plane, he added, shot through the corridor of the 78th floor, smashed a hole on the 33rd street side of the building, and then dropped from the building.

The bodies recovered were placed on charred tables on the 79th floor, where an emergency morgue was set up by Dr. Thomas A. Gonzales, chief medical examiner. Those killed mostly were persons at work in 79th floor offices when the plane struck.

Elevator Crash
 Brophy said he was unable to determine whether anyone had been killed when two elevators crashed from the 80th floor to the corridor level. There were reports four bodies had been found in one of the crashed elevators but Brophy said his men did not find any bodies there.

The twelfth body, that of Paul Dearing, of Buffalo, N. Y., lay on the offset of the 72nd floor. Mgr. Patrick A. O'Byrne, of the National Catholic Welfare conference, said Dearing was seated.

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THIRD HEAVY BLOW DEALT JAPAN'S NAVY

GUAM, July 28 (AP)—A Japanese battleship was reported sunk today as nearly 1500 U. S. and British carrier planes battled through heavy flak and fighter screens and dealt the third heavy blow of the week on the broken and bleeding enemy fleet in the Inland sea.

Pilots reported that the 29,900-ton battleship Hyuga, a converted warship with a flight deck for catapulting planes, had been sunk in the great Japanese naval base of Kure, where the remnants of the mikado's fleet took futile refuge under extensive camouflage.

Hit Jap Planes
 In order to bore into their targets along the Inland sea, the swarms of allied carrier planes knocked down scores of Japanese planes which came out of hiding and tried to ward off the pre-invasion blows.

The Hyuga had been reported damaged in strikes earlier this week. An Associated Press dispatch from the fleet did not make clear it had been sunk today or in the previous raids.

Three of the first four naval planes that roared in through a heavy curtain of flak landed their half-ton bombs squarely on warships already hard hit by raids Tuesday and Wednesday. Associated Press Correspondent Richard O'Malley reported from the U. S. third fleet.

After the third attack within a week, Japan was left without a single heavy warship fit for action. Admiral Halsey's hard-hitting carrier planes knocked out 26 warships, including three battleships, six aircraft carriers and four cruisers in strikes Tuesday and Wednesday alone.

Fires raged through the harbor at Kure, O'Malley reported, and flames spouted skyward.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
 First game: R. H. E.
 New York 2 10 0
 Philadelphia 1 7 0

Mungo, Adams (8) and Lombardi; Kraus, Karl (4) and Semlinick; Mancuso (7).
 Boston 1 8 1
 Brooklyn 2 6 2
 Tobin and Hoffert; Gregg, Lombardi (9) Buker (9) and Sandlock.

Lake Judge To Arrive Monday

Judge Charles Combs of Lake county is due to arrive here Monday to hear pending cases in circuit court including the arraignment of Earl Heuvel on four morals charges.

The former Klamath Falls police chief will be represented by Herbert Welch, prominent Lakeview attorney.

Heuvel faces two charges of sodomy, one of rape, and one charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

U. S. Ratifies Charter

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—The senate ratified the United Nations charter today.

The vote for ratification was 89 to 2, with only Senators Langer (R-N.D.) and Shipstead (R-Minn.) opposing.

It thereby committed America to join with 49 other allied countries in an international peace-keeping organization.

In voting approval for the agreement signed at San Francisco June 25, the senate climaxed a reversal of the American policy typified by rejection of the league of nations 25 years ago.

The history-making ratification action came after six days of discussion in which approximately 60 senators outlined their views. Only a handful were critical of charter provisions although proponents cautioned that it was not a perfect document.

American acceptance of the charter was the first by any major nation.

The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst

THERE'S an old Oriental proverb, much quoted in Japan, that he who rides a tiger finds it difficult to dismount.

That sums up the precarious position of the mikado's wretched government. It is striving frantically to find a way—short of unconditional surrender—to disengage itself from the war which it precipitated, and there are many signs that nerves are badly frayed.

We can say without fear of exaggeration that Japan already is suffering from shell-shock. Taking advantage of this, the allies are pouring both material and psychological warfare into the enemy.

THE Potsdam ultimatum, demanding unconditional surrender with the alternative of "prompt and utter destruction," has been followed by an unprecedented warning that certain specified cities are to be destroyed by incendiary bombs. In short, we are calling our shots.

Now the strength of this psychological warfare lies in the fact that we can and will implement it. The psychological will be transmitted into the material in short order—and the Japs know it. They know there's exact truth in Lt. Gen. James Doolittle's forecast that American bombers will level Japanese cities and transform the country into a nation of nomads.

TO be sure, the Japanese news agency, Domei, says Nippon will choose "utter destruction" to unconditional surrender. But that lacks the seal of supreme authority and is surrounded by tacit admissions that Japan is beset by superior forces. The Tokyo government still pursues its treasure hunt, looking for some opening that will soften that "unconditional surrender."

Japan's main effort is centered in an attempt to cause dissension among the allies, or create situations calculated to discourage prosecution of the war to the point of unconditional surrender.

With this in view Tokyo has been working overtime to cause trouble between China and her allies. The Jap scheme is twofold. It aims (1) at creating distrust in the mind of the Chinese government, and (2) at widening the rift between Chungking and the Yenan communists in northern China.

Former Resident Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Muskrat, former residents of this city and now making their home in Stewart, Nev., have received word from the war department that their son, Lt. Harvey R. Muskrat, who was previously reported as missing in action, was killed in action on January 28.

In a telegram received by the family was contained the information that from captured German records, it was found that the young lieutenant had been killed in action.

Lt. Muskrat was with the army air corps.

Cannery Workers Veto NRLB Order

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28 (AP)—About 150 CIO cannery workers at the Libby, McNeill and Libby plant last night turned down a national war labor board order to return to their jobs.

The CIO local took the action after a union report stated company officials had refused to guarantee there would be no punitive action against them by AFL teamsters' union members now working in the plant.

Salvage Facts

Shrine-sponsored tin and paper drive.

Where: In Klamath Falls residential and downtown areas.

When: Sunday, July 29, 9 o'clock.

Residents are asked to tie their waste paper in bundles which can be handled easily and place their flattened tin cans in containers or boxes. These should be placed on the curbs in front of the houses.

COAST BLAZE ROARS INTO THIRD COUNTY

200,000 Acres Black As Fire Laps Timber

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28 (AP)—The angry Tillamook blaze today pushed into a third county—Clatsop—and threatened to equal the destructiveness of the 240,000-acre 1933 burn.

Servicemen and civilian fire crews, choking in the dense smoke, reorganized in an attempt to rebuild lines lost during the night when a northeast gale shifted to the west. A temporary respite in the wind and a forecast of rising humidity today offered but slight hope that the fury of the blaze could be checked.

Area blackened by the fire was estimated at more than 200,000 acres. Smoke and rugged terrain, however, prevented observers from getting an accurate figure. On the south and east, nearly 25 miles from the new spot fire reaching into Clatsop county, the blaze endangered the water supply of Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

Pipes Kept Wet
 Wooden pipes of Clear creek, into which the Forest Grove supply is pumped, were kept wet with sprinklers. Forest Grove had been supplying some water to Hillsboro, which got its supply from Seine creek—threatened earlier this week.

Fighters were on their toes today to stave off any new outbreaks toward the Consolidated Timber company camp near Glenwood, saved last night by a thorough wetting down from a nearby creek. One of the worst danger spots was in the southeast sector of the fire, heading into Simpson Lumber company holdings.

The blaze burned furiously in the Cedar Butte area, a dozen miles northeast of Tillamook. Officials said this sector, in some of Oregon's wildest mountain country, might not be scouted for weeks.

Polk Fire Controlled
 Elsewhere in Oregon, the 11,000-acre Polk county fire was reported still under control despite last night's strong wind. A blaze in the Fielder Mountain area of Jackson county is also in "good shape," said State Forester Nels Rogers.

Mercury Hits 95 In Friday's Heat

A sizzling 95 degrees was marked up on the thermometer Friday to equal the heat record for the summer which was set on July 8 when the mercury also soared to 95.

The weatherman has forecast a little relief for the weekend with prospects good for clear and slightly cooler weather today and Sunday. There is a possibility of some scattered thunderstorms over the mountain areas.

Fire conditions in the forests are perilous with the woods getting drier all the time, according to forest crews. No new serious fires have been started in the last several days but crews are on the alert.

Pickers are reminded to be especially careful of throwing away burning material at this time of year with the forests as dry as they are.

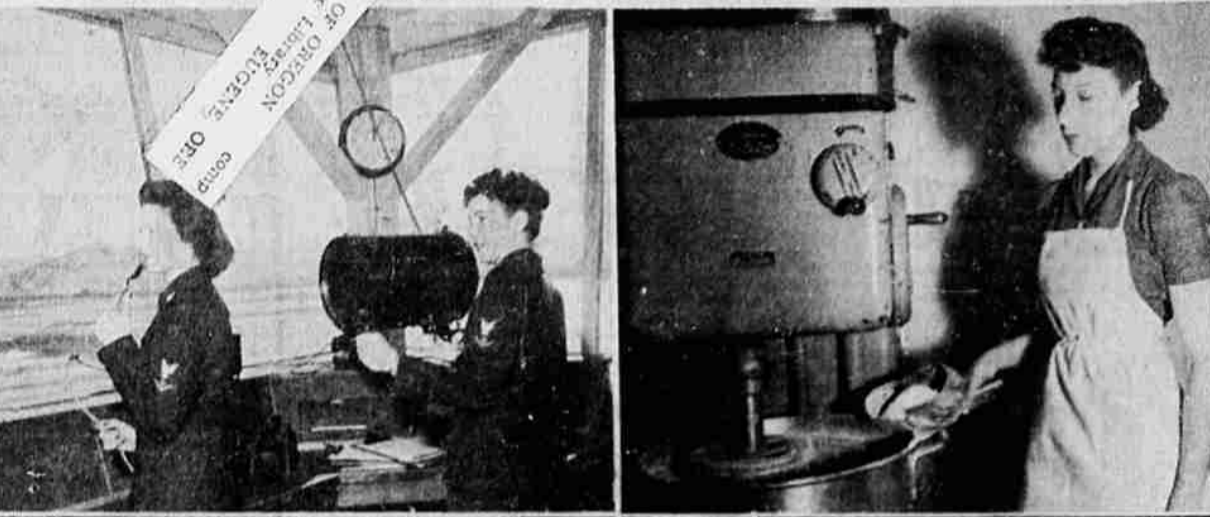
'45 Strikes Hurt War Program

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—As strike and lockout totals edged up to a new 1945 high, the administration today worked on a new wage-and-price policy statement intended to allay labor unrest in the transition to peace.

The June dispute record was 485 stoppages and 292,000 workers involved. Labor department officials expected July to run about as high.

While emphasizing that strikes since VE-Day have increased so moderately as to have a hardly measurable effect on total armament production, WPB officials noted that they had "really hurt" some especially vulnerable parts of the war program.

Here's An Ann' Salute to the Waves of the Klamath Naval Air Station



This weekend marks the third anniversary of the Waves, the navy girls who are doing a grand job in this war. Many of them are on duty at the Klamath naval station, which performs an important mission for the fleet air branch of the navy. In the pictures: Upper left—Mary Jane Hollerbach and Marguerite H. Parks, in the control tower; right—M. Paulson, in the galley; below left—E. E. King, in the training and education office; middle—Storekeepers preparing for pay day include Margaret Wilson, Naoma Haase, Mary Louise Brodrick, Lillian Hagen; right—Link Trainer instructress Alice L. Bishop.

ATTLEE TAKES OATH; LEAVES FOR POTSDAM

LONDON, July 28 (AP)—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee went to Potsdam today as the fresh member of the Big Three. Herbert Morrison, new lord president of the council and Attlee's principal understudy, was left in charge of the country. Morrison is also leader in the house of commons.

Attlee departed after the six senior members of his cabinet, named last night, took the oath from King George VI.

Morrison and Ernest Bevin, longtime trade union leader who is the new foreign secretary, are destined to play principal roles in the government that ousted Winston Churchill. Morrison will devote most of his time to leading labor's 2 to 1 majority in commons. He also will be responsible for the parliamentary time table and will preside over the cabinet in Attlee's absence.

N. Y. Arrivals To Be Listed Daily

The Herald and News, through the medium of The Associated Press, today inaugurates a new service men's feature—a report on the advance arrival of Klamath area service men at New York, coming home from Europe.

First report tells of the coming of T/5 Clarence Shelato, Box 367, Klamath Falls, on July 30.

NEW YORK ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press
 Clarence Shelato, T/5, Box 367, Klamath Falls, arriving on SS Richard Rush due July 30 at New York.

Klamath Waves Celebrate Third Birthday Sunday

Celebration of the Waves' third anniversary will be marked in Klamath Falls, with special church services Sunday, July 29, and a dinner at the USO Monday night, July 30. Sunday morning, all Waves who are not on duty, will go into Klamath Falls by navy bus, will gather on the steps of the courthouse for a group picture, and attend 11 o'clock mass at Sacred Heart church or services at the First Methodist church. A special birthday cake is being prepared by the station bakery and will be served with ice cream to all hands in the mess hall Sunday noon.

The USO has invited the NAS Waves to attend a dinner in their honor served in the women's lounge of the new USO building Monday evening. The Waves are planning a special program for this dinner, and have asked Jane Foreman, SK 2/c, to serve as toastmistress.

For three years now, women have enlisted in the navy to replace men on shore stations that they might go on to sea or overseas. There are now 82,000 Waves in uniform, who have replaced more than 70,000 men for combat duty.

The number of Waves on duty at NAS, Klamath Falls, has nearly doubled during the past year. Instead of the temporary shelter provided last summer, the girls are now comfortably housed in two special barracks, one an entirely new construction, the other a remodeled building. Both are arranged in cubicles, which are semi-private and will accommodate four girls each. Double-decker bunks, lockers, chairs and reading lamps have been furnished. Many of the girls have added personal touches in the form of drapes, plants and stuffed animals. Both barracks are equipped with laundry rooms where the girls may use wash tubs, a washing machine, dryers, irons and ironing boards. A sewing and study room with sewing machines and desks is available.

Chinese Capture Former U. S. Base

CHUNGKING, July 28 (AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese troops had recaptured the major air base city of Kweilin and were pursuing the remnants of the Japanese garrison.

Complete recapture of the city, a former U. S. air base site, came late last night. Kweilin, in Kwangsi province, had been in enemy hands since November, 1944.

The Japanese who fled from the city were moving along by the escape route already cut by the Chinese and were facing annihilation, the announcement said. The victorious Chinese forces were under the command of Gen. Tan Gen-Po who had faced the Japanese in Honan Province when the invaders began their drive last year to establish their ill-fated transcontinental corridor.

PETAINE TRIAL DRAGS IN MANDEL MURDER

PARIS, July 28 (AP)—The murder of French Colonial Minister Georges Mandel, most celebrated martyr to French resistance to the nazis, was brought into the testimony of the trial of Marshal Petain for intelligence with the enemy and plotting against the security of France entered its sixth day.

Michel Clemenceau, son of France's "Tiger" of World War I, told from the witness stand of a visit he made to a fortress where Mandel was held prior to his slaying last year.

"His murderers have been executed," Clemenceau said. "But the question is, who is guilty of this crime?"

Clemenceau half turned and looked squarely at Marshal Petain, as he spoke.

Bill Would Give Klamath Indians Full Citizenship

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—Full citizenship and removal from jurisdiction of the Indian bureau is proposed for the Klamath Indians under a bill introduced by Senators Cordon and Morse, (R-Ore.).

Senator Morse observed that the measure, sponsored by Mrs. Wade Crawford, wife of a former superintendent of the Klamath Agency, deserves "very careful consideration" by the Indian affairs committee.

Restrictions on all property and money of individual members of the tribe would be removed under the legislation. An appraisal board would be set up to value the tribal property, including timber and lands. The secretary of the interior would be directed to purchase the timber and lands for administration as national forest land.

The board would consist of one member to be appointed by the president, another to be appointed by the president on nomination by the governor of Oregon, and a third to be elected by the Klamath tribe. They would be paid not to exceed \$5000 a year each.

Have Your Paper and Tin Ready for Sunday's Shrine Club Pick-Up