

40 INJURED IN PORTLAND BLAST

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Weather News

August 23, 1945
Max. (Aug. 22) 88 Min. 49
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 13.28
Normal 12.34 Last year 10.62
Forecast: Cooler Friday.

Gas Explosion Wrecks Iron Fireman Plant

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (AP)—A blast that shook furniture for several miles around killed an inspector, critically injured a woman metal worker, and injured 40 others at Iron Fireman manufacturing plant today.

The explosion, so severe that housewives 50 blocks away reported they were knocked from their chairs, killed Michael Keck, 51, an inspector.

June Klages, 27, was reported in a critical condition. Seventeen other persons, three of them women, were taken to hospitals, and 24 more were given first aid on the scene.

The blast caused by a gas furnace, sprung door frames and knocked household utensils to the floor in neighboring homes. Police and newspaper offices were flooded with calls asking "Has there been an earthquake?"

Harry Banfield, president of Iron Fireman, said he could not estimate damage yet, but that furnaces and instruments alone in the heat treating room where the explosion occurred were worth \$80,000.

The plant, valued at \$1,000,000, is completely insured.

The explosion, which shattered windows a block away and sent a ball of flame through the top of a car parked nearby, occurred with 110 workers on duty. Huge clouds of black smoke poured from burning oil, but fire officials said the blaze was being controlled.

Firemen were battling a fire started by the explosion. The plant was not actually in flames, but fire officials said oil stores in the basement were burning.

Clocks Start
The tremendous blast, which set off alarm clocks in distant sections of the city, lifted a 100-foot square section of corrugated metal roof into the air. It fell back again, exactly in place.

The blast, caused by an exploding furnace, occurred in the heat treating room, where a full shift of men was at work.

The main section of the plant was not destroyed, but the company said operations would be halted today. Earlier, workers had been told to come to work as usual.

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SURRENDER TO BE SIGNED ON USS MISSOURI

U. S. Battleship In Tokyo Bay To Be Used

MANILA, Aug. 23 (AP)—Conquering Japan and the conquering allies will formally end the war August 31 by signing the surrender document on Tokyo bay aboard the superbattleship Missouri, which only a month ago was hurling 16-inch shells into the Japanese mainland.

Gen. MacArthur announced these final details today, while his headquarters disclosed actual capitulation in the field is proceeding in advance of the official ceremony.

Japs Surrender
Surrender of several thousand Japanese in northern Luzon was arranged yesterday despite "adamant" opposition of their commander, and similar negotiations were moving ahead on Mindanao and Cebu.

Japan meanwhile appealed for permission to send ships to fill and starving garrisons on Marcus island and "various isolated islands in the south," adding that food on Marcus, 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo, would be exhausted in two more days.

Red Cross Workers
Tokyo also messaged MacArthur's headquarters that Japanese Red Cross workers aided by Swiss and Swedish legations are preparing to visit Japan's seven major prisoner-of-war camps Friday to assist in evaluating prisoners and civil internees to embarkation points.

Whether the missions actually will transport prisoners to the ports or merely plan their later transportation was not clear.

MacArthur himself will land at Tokyo's Atsugi airport Tuesday, weather permitting, along with thousands of airborne occupation troops.

On the same day, marines and sailors will occupy the great Yokosuka naval base in Tokyo bay. Later—the date was not designated—thousands of troops will land in the Sagami bay occupation zone.

Evacuation Ordered
The Japanese have been ordered, meantime, to evacuate all key occupation areas, to disarm their ships, all coastal guns and other defenses in the initial occupation zone.

Gene Shields, Ex-Grid Star, Killed By Log

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Aug. 23 (AP)—Gene Shields, 45, University of Oregon line coach for nine years, was killed 20 miles northwest of here yesterday by a log crashing on him.

The log fell from a truck in the logging operations which he and a brother, Marshall, had been conducting here for four brothers who kept their name continuously in Webfoot grid lines from 1920 to 1929, graduated from the university in 1926. He coached at the university until 1939, then went to Washington high of Portland for a year, and later the George Washington university, Washington, D. C.

Survivors include the widow and two daughters; his mother, Mrs. Nora Shields, Camas, and a sister, Mrs. E. M. Huckins Camas.

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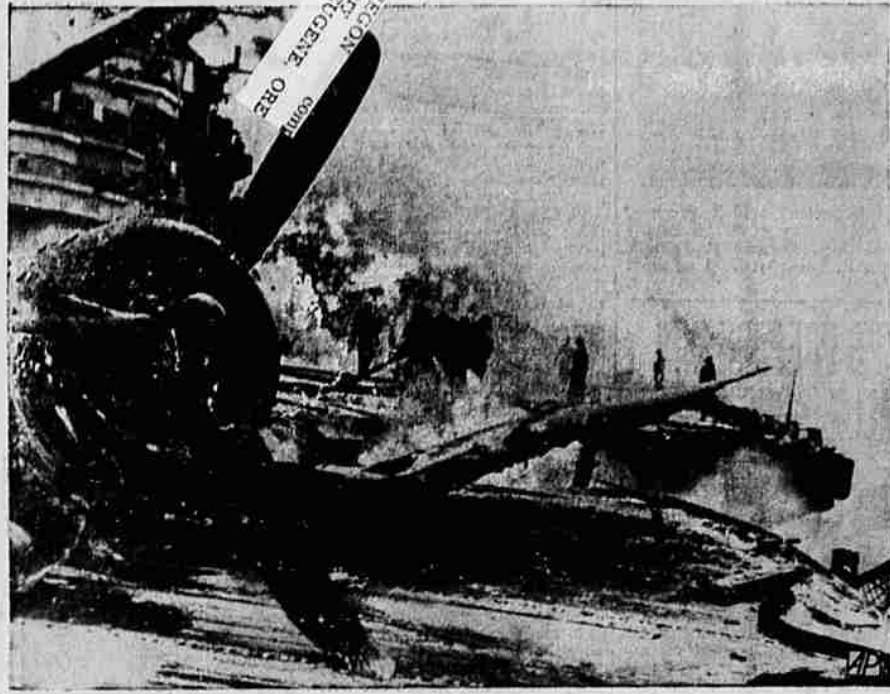
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Carrier Han Wrecked In Okinawa Invasion



Firefighters aboard the USS Hancock, aircraft carrier damaged during the invasion of Okinawa, pour streams of water through the hole ripped in the flight deck by a bomb dropped by Japanese plane, setting fires below. A wrecked and burned plane lies on the deck. (AP wirephoto from U. S. navy).

YMCA SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED HERE

Plans for a survey to determine the advisability of establishing a YMCA in Klamath Falls were outlined last night, at a meeting called by Glenn Kent, president of the Klamath county YMCA.

James Maxwell area executive of the national YMCA was invited to advise plans for future activity, and presented a plan for organizing committees to canvas the area to ascertain the feasibility of establishing a YMCA in Klamath Falls. He suggested hiring a competent man to make a survey of Klamath county and advise the local board what requirements would be necessary.

The directors requested Maxwell to name a man with the national organization to do this work, in order to avoid blunders. Building Topic

The survey will be conducted within the next week or ten days and a report will be presented to the board. Further plans of the corporation will depend entirely upon the report.

Maxwell also suggested plans to interest Klamath youth in a YMCA center should one be established here.

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Burness Motors Erects Building

Burness Motors is constructing a concrete and tile building on property at 8th and Walnut which is being developed into a comprehensive automobile sales and service set-up.

The firm has 150 feet on Walnut street and 100 feet on 8th. The new building stands back on Walnut. It will have salesroom in front, parts and offices just back of this room, and shop in the rear. Flanking this structure is another building, already constructed, which will house the B. F. Goodrich tire shop and home appliances, with a body shop at the rear of this building.

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BRITISH PLAN OCCUPATION OF HONG KONG

France Will Snatch Liberated French Indo-China

LONDON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee, under the prompting of Winston Churchill, told commons today that plans for reestablishing British administration in the crown colony of Hong Kong "are fully prepared."

"As stated by the foreign secretary on Monday," said Attlee, "arrangements are being made for the Japanese surrender in Hong Kong to be accepted by a British force commander."

The house cheered.

Surrender Plans
Chinese instructions to Japanese surrender envoys in China Tuesday stipulated that the surrender at Hong Kong would be to a Chinese commander.

Earlier, a foreign office commentator declared occupation of Hong Kong "will be our responsibility in that it is British territory."

He told a press conference that the British government—prior to the announcement of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes—had no previous knowledge that the future status of Hong Kong would be one of the subjects coming up at the five power council of foreign ministers.

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Jap Kamikaze Blasts Wasp; 388 Casualties Inflicted

BREMERTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—The aircraft carrier Wasp suffered 388 casualties March 19 when a Japanese bomb crashed through her flight deck, but she steamed defiantly on, her guns spitting death at kamikaze pilots eager to polish her off and her own planes taking the air on schedule.

One hundred and three men were killed and 283 injured.

Not only did the Wasp live and beat down the inferno set raging below decks by the bomb—she did not falter in her position with the fast and hard-hitting task force 58, operating just 63 miles from Japan.

The navy, in releasing this story yesterday, said the Wasp was hit just two minutes after her sister carrier, the Franklin, suffered the bomb blow that cost her 832 killed or missing and 270 wounded. The Wasp came to the Puget Sound navy yard for repairs and long ago returned to the fleet.

Flight Deck Hit
Officers of the Wasp, which was captured during the ordeal by Capt. O. A. Wellers, said two enemy planes dodged out of an overcast sky and one dropped a 500-pound bomb which penetrated the flight deck and flooded the area below with flame and smoke and live steam from ruptured pipes.

Automatic sprinkler systems went into action at once and within an hour the fire was out. A plate was placed over the gash in the flight deck and the Wasp's planes never missed a mission. The carrier lost about 10, however—melted to small blobs by the intense heat.

Crewmen said suicide planes dived on the ship repeatedly, but "our guns got 'em."

Up to the time she returned

for repairs the Wasp's guns had knocked down 15 enemy planes and her own aircraft had shot 207 out of the air and wrecked another 391 on the ground, not counting the probabilities. They had sunk 114 enemy ships and damaged 285.

Jap Directs U. S. Air Raid

Japanese Lieutenant Minoru Wada, captured on the island of Mindanao, picks out landmarks and directs Liberator bombers seeking targets. Wada led the bombers to the headquarters of the 100th Japanese army division operating on Mindanao, on August 10, 1945. (AP wirephoto from marine corps).

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Red Air-Borne Units Fight On

MOSCOW, Aug. 23 (AP)—Red army airborne units which seized Shumshu, northernmost of the Kurile chain continued operations southward today toward Hokkaido, one of Japan's four main homeland islands without meeting opposition, soviet dispatches said.

At Port Arthur and Dairen, the naval base and port on Liaotung peninsula in Manchuria, Japanese garrisons were disarmed following other air-borne landings yesterday. Here, too, no resistance was reported from the capitulating Japanese.