

GERMANS STRIKE FURIOUS COUNTERATTACK

U.S. Warships Wipe Out Town, Sink 41 Ships In Strike At Japan's Door

(By the Associated Press) American warships for the first time in this war have turned their guns on the Bonin islands, the lock on Japan's front door, wiping out a Japanese town on Chichi Jima and sinking or damaging 41 ships of an enemy convoy.

The stunning two-day stab into the Bonins, 600 miles from Tokyo, was announced last night by Adm. Chester Nimitz. It was the high-light development of a quickening Pacific war otherwise notable for cracking Japanese morale on New Guinea and the still-successful battle of Chinese troops to hold Hengyang.

Caught Jap Convoy The fast U. S. carrier force struck into the Bonin and Kazan islands Thursday and Friday. They caught a convoy, which presumably was bringing in supplies or reinforcements for these islands constituting the innermost barrier of Japan's ocean defenses.

Sunk: Five destroyers or destroyer escorts, five cargo ships, one oiler, two smaller vessels and several barges.

Fired and possibly sunk: One light cruiser and five smaller craft. Thirty others were damaged. Some of the barges were carrying troops.

One Town Destroyed The warships shelling, follow up to seven raids by fleet planes since June 14, was devastating. Said the communiqué: "Omura town on Chichi Jima was destroyed."

Chichi, main island of the Bonins, also was hit by planes, as were Hana, Mako and Ane in the same group and Iwa Jima in the Kazans 150 miles southward. Twelve enemy

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MAIN RUSS DRIVE NEARS KRAKOW

BULLETIN London—(AP)—The Polish oil center of Boryslaw and the nearby German stronghold of Sambor in the Carpathian slope country were captured by the Russian army today, Marshal Stalin announced in successive orders of the day.

Moscow—(AP)—Eleven Russian army groups hammered with artillery and bombers today at the steel foundations of Germany's east wall based on Krakow, Warsaw and the forested border of East Prussia, encountering the toughest opposition in the 46-day summer offensive.

Toward the southern extremity of the 1,200-mile meandering front, the Russians captured the oil and communications center of Drohobycz, chasing the Germans in a bloody rout deep into the Carpathian mountain approaches to the Czechoslovak border. Red planes hounded the fleeing enemy remorselessly, after destroying six troop and oil trains at the Drohobycz station.

TEACHING STAFFS ARE INCOMPLETE IN CITY, COUNTY

Teachers who have entered the armed forces, resigned to accept other teaching professions or to enter industry, are causing gaps in the teaching profession which are becoming difficult to fill, in the opinion of educational leaders in the city.

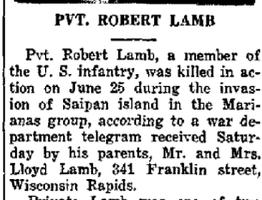
Reports from various heads of the city and county schools state however, that the outlook for the coming year looks fairly promising and that although there are still vacancies, it is hoped these will be filled before the end of the month of August.

Still Need Teachers Floyd Smith, city superintendent of schools, states that he has yet to hire teachers for the second grade and kindergarten at the Howe school, a third grade class at the Lowell and a seventh and eighth grade vacancy in social science, also at the Lowell building.

Permit teachers have helped the shortage in the rural graded schools, County Superintendent S. G. Corey remarked, but here also is an immediate need for five more teachers. If these positions cannot be filled, one of two steps may be taken. First, a school without a teacher may have to close and arrangements be made to transport the children to the next closest school, or, second, the state department will not grant permits to teachers in schools with an enrollment of 10 or less until the larger

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Robert Lamb Is Killed On Saipan Island



Pvt. Robert Lamb, a member of the U. S. infantry, was killed in action on June 25 during the invasion of Saipan island in the Marianas group, according to a war department telegram received Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lamb, 341 Franklin street, Wisconsin Rapids.

Private Lamb was one of two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb to be on fighting fronts in widely-scattered areas. The other is Pfc. Ray Lamb, who is serving in France with the air corps. Another brother, Russell, aged 13, is at home with the parents.

Born at Plainfield, May 7, 1925, Private Lamb was 19 years old when he died. He lived in Plainfield until a few years ago when the Lamb family moved to Wisconsin Rapids. A graduate from Plainfield high school, Private Lamb excelled in athletics there during his four years of school, being especially adept in basketball. In his senior year he was given all-conference rating on the Big 7-C basketball five.

Asks Control Of Military For Congress

Washington—(AP)—Congress should retain firm post-war control of the nation's vastly expanded merchant marine and air force, rather than delegate disposal authority to any executive agency, Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) told a senate military affairs subcommittee today.

"There have been rumors that the United States plans, after the war, to set certain nations up in aircraft and supply others with a merchant marine," Johnson said. "Maybe that should be done, but the body that should make the decision is congress itself—not an executive agency."

The Coloradoan was testifying in support of his bill to hold durable surplus war goods off the civilian market for five years in order to encourage industry to shift rapidly to peace time production.

The subcommittee session was held as a states' right fight was brewing in the senate on another phase of reconversion legislation—unemployment compensation—and while house Republicans were condemning what they called an "accent on unemployment rather than on ways of creating employment."

The firework on that phase will be touched off in the senate tomorrow when the Murray-Truman-Kilgore unemployment bill and a rival measure by Senator George (D-Ga.) come up for debate.

Senator Truman, D-Mo., Democratic vice-presidential nominee, recommended today that congress expand its investigation activities as a means of raising its power and prestige.

The Missourian made his recommendation in presenting to the senate his last report as chairman of its war investigating committee.

5 Day Institute To Be Held At County Normal

A five-day institute, beginning August 22, will be held at the Wood County Normal school to aid and instruct teachers holding permits for the coming school year, S. G. Corey, county superintendent of schools, announced today.

Teachers holding permits are those who have taught school previously and who have been called back to fill vacancies left by certified instructors. They will be instructed by the faculty and office force of the Wood County Normal school during the five day period. It was estimated that 25 teachers would attend the session.



IN THE WAKE OF OUR TROOPS' ADVANCE—A French collaborator is made to kneel and shout his praise for Churchill, DeGaulle and the Allies as Yanks push on in France. French patriots are exacting these and other humiliations from Frenchmen who showed sympathy to the Nazis before the enemy was driven back. (Army-navy telephoto; NEA telephoto.)

NINE OFFICERS TAKE FIRST AID

When you roll your car over, crash into another's car or drive off a bridge, the officer who is called to the scene in all probability will be as resourceful in caring for your injuries as in writing down data of the case, directing traffic, or untangling fenders.

Wood county's and this city's law enforcement officers are now skilled in first aid, as result of recent Red Cross courses just completed by nine officers. The courses were given by Ed Knuth, Red Cross first aid instructor and co-chairman with W. A. Sprize of the first aid committee of the South Wood County Red Cross chapter.

Officers who took both the standard and advanced courses, totalling 40 class hours of instruction, are County Traffic Officer Arthur Boll, Police Chief R. J. Exner and Patrolmen William Sanger, Leonard Olson, Arthur Berg, Wilfred Gloden, Lawrence Huber, Michael Chappel and Hugo Wettenstein.

All took the instruction from Knuth, excepting Chief Exner, whose advanced first aid training is being received at the FBI national police school in Washington.

Knuth said today that the mobile first aid unit probably will soon be supplied by the Red Cross for both county traffic cars and the city squad car, so that accidents will be attended not only by a skilled first aid graduate, but that he also will have adequate materials with which to work.

State Cranberry Men Convene Here Aug. 14

The annual summer meeting of the members of the Wisconsin Cranberry Sales company will be on August 14, starting at 9 a. m. in the Wood County Realty building. The date has been changed from August 15 to avoid conflict with the state primary election day.

Representatives of the American Cranberry Exchange will be present, C. M. Chaney of the exchange giving Wisconsin cranberry men a report of market conditions.

Hitler Bids For Backing Of Germans

London—(AP)—A bid by Adolf Hitler for "blind confidence" from the Nazi home front strengthened the belief here today that, barring betrayal or overthrow, he will continue the fight against the allies until the very end.

The official German news agency DNB said yesterday in a Berlin broadcast that Hitler, in a pep talk to Reich leaders at his headquarters last Friday, asserted he was thankful "because I believe it is necessary for the nation to have a man like me who would not capitulate under any circumstances, and who holds high the banner of faith and confidence."

"I believe that nobody could do this better than I am doing," Hitler added "whatever may come, I shall always stand up a bearer of the banner."

"I am not afraid of the fight against our exterior enemies. At the end we will finish all the same. All I need is the conviction that in our rear there is absolute security, blind confidence and faithful collaboration."

Thomas Johnson Of Nekoosa Dies; Services Tuesday

Thomas W. Johnson, 64, died suddenly at his home in Nekoosa at 11:45 a. m. Sunday. The body was taken to the H. H. Voss residence this afternoon, where friends may call to pay their respects. Prayers will be said there by the Rev. Alvin Daul at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and burial will follow in Riverside cemetery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Johnson, Thomas Wright Johnson was born in Chicago, Ill., on January 27, 1880, and resided in central Wisconsin most of his life.

Surviving relatives include his wife, the former Estelle Nordman of Wisconsin Rapids, whom he married on May 11, 1936; four children by a previous marriage, Mrs. George Bahr, Mrs. Wesley Nehs and Thomas Johnson jr. of Waukesha and Mrs. George Johnson of Nekoosa; a sister-in-law, Mrs. William Johnson of Wisconsin Rapids, and seven grandchildren, two of them in the U. S. navy. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Marshfield Man Is Killed In Action

Marshfield, Wis.—Pvt. Kenneth Garbrecht, 19 years of age, was killed in action in France on July 15, according to a war department telegram received by his father, Alex Garbrecht, Pvt. Garbrecht, a native of Marshfield, was in service for a period of seven months.

ISLANDER HURT IN KNIFE FRAY

A grudge which had been smoldering long ago and far away broke into vengeful action today when Siebert Sargeant, Barbados islander employed on a cranberry marsh here, stabbed Arthur Hamblin, another islander. The incident occurred at 7:45 a. m. near the east county line on Highway 54, as the men were being taken in trucks to the marshes of Wm. F. Huffman at Biron and Robert Thiel, just over the Portage county line and east of Biron.

Hamblin was knifed in the side by an ordinary pocket knife, and a physician who examined Hamblin at Riverview hospital expressed the belief that the injury was not serious, although the physician reserved final judgment pending further observation.

The two islanders are members of a contingent of Barbadians brought to America by the labor division of the war food administration to help in processing and harvesting of crops, much as the Jamaicans were last year and again this year. The importations of foreign nationals has been greater this year, however, because of the greater manpower shortage in the food producing and processing industries.

After Hamblin was taken to the hospital Sargeant was arrested by Sheriff Henry Becker and remanded to the county jail, awaiting action by officers of the WFA labor division and L. A. Chase, social welfare officer of the colonial secretariat, acting as liaison agent between the Barbadians and their employers in the state. There are about 2000 from Barbados now working in Wisconsin.

Sargeant, who with Hamblin had been employed at the Marshfield Canning company during the packing season there, had been marked as a trouble maker whose release from the work gangs here had been requested before today's incident occurred.

DONALD ZWICKE IS WOUNDED

Pfc. Donald R. Zwicke, 27, son of Mrs. Hattie, 1011 Fifth avenue north, has been reported by the war department as seriously wounded in action in France July 17.

Private First Class Zwicke's wife, Valerie, who is residing with her father in Stevens Point, received a telegram early last week with the news of her husband's being wounded. Friday she received a letter stating that he is being given the best of care.

Release 200 Brown and 1,000 Rainbow Trout

One thousand yearling rainbow trout were released in the Four Mile creek, and 200 adult brown were freed in the Tan Nile stream, Vince Skilling, conservation warden, announced today.

Armored Drive Is Aimed at Dividing U.S.-British Forces

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—(AP)—The Germans today struck their most furious counterblow at Americans since D-day, shooting four armored divisions to a depth of about three miles into the thinnest allied coastal strip east of Avranches.

The counterattack, described in front line dispatches as the most concentrated the Germans have yet made in France, apparently was aimed at outflanking four American spearheads pointing dangerously toward Paris and at separating Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American forces in Brittany from the British forces to the north in Normandy.

The Germans in their first rush recaptured Mortain, cutting the road behind the most advanced Bradley spearhead at Domfront where it was aimed at Paris, 135 miles away.

Earlier, a fleet of more than 500 American Fortresses and Liberators was reported coursing the French battlefields.

The German counterattack was on an eight mile front from Mortain to Sourdeval, to the north, and was in an area about 20 miles from the sea. Junction At Vire

However, the Americans, who earlier had achieved a junction with the British around Vire, captured Vire, an important road hub nine miles above Sourdeval, and were in a position to press on the flank of the German advance.

Below the area of German counterattack four American spearheads were turned away from overwhelmed Brittany and pointed toward Paris along a 50-mile front.

To the north, the British thrust a new Paris-pointed spearhead across the Orne on a two-mile front which threatened to sweep away the enemy hinge below Caen where the Germans' weeks-long stable already was locked by the American run

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SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS BOMBED

London—(AP)—More than 500 U. S. heavy bombers blasted at two synthetic oil plants deep in the Reich today in concert with from 500 to 750 Liberators and Flying Fortresses which struck at vital targets over a wide area of France.

The Fifteenth air force sent its heavyweight from Mediterranean bases to Belchamer, 75 miles southeast of Breslau, where they scored hits on two plants which produce much of the German army's high grade motor fuel. The Germans threw up smoke screens and interceptors swarmed into the air to guard these plants, one of which is the third largest Nazi synthetic plant still operating, but the bombers fought through and dropped their loads visually or by instrument.

Another force of Liberators, roaring into the Balkans, pounded an enemy airfield at Alibunar, 21 miles from Belgrade.

26 Are Injured As Olympian Is Derailed

Lake City, Minn.—(AP)—Twenty-six persons were injured when the Milwaukee road's east bound Olympian was derailed near the station here early today, but only four still were in the hospital this morning, none in a critical condition.

The other 22 were treated, mostly for minor cuts and bruises and then released.

The train, which does not stop at Lake City, was moving at about 35 miles an hour, trainmen said, when the derailment occurred about 2 a. m.

MANUFACTURERS FEAR LEND-LEASE TO GREAT BRITAIN

New York—(AP)—British officials are insisting upon continuation of lend-lease aid after Germany's defeat as essential if Britain is to play her full part in the Pacific war, the National Association of Manufacturers reported today.

"British officials have told our leaders that such action is absolutely necessary to stave off a serious economic situation in England," the NAM News, weekly publication of the association, said.

It is claimed that unless we do bolster Britain's domestic economy, she will not be able to play the part expected of her in the Pacific war."

The publication said the proposal, now under discussion in high administration circles, could cost the United States \$2,500,000,000 and annually above war costs, and would be a wide departure from the present lend-lease program because it "would be very frankly to support Britain's domestic policy."

The primary concern of administration officials favoring the project, NAM said, was how to obtain the support of congress, and avoid similar claims from Russia, France, Belgium, Holland and other countries.

Unofficial estimates, NAM added, showed Britain's exports have dropped 60 to 75 per cent since the war began, and that she has lost or liquidated an estimated 50 per cent of her foreign investments.

"The British are determined to avoid, insofar as possible, going deeply into debt or liquidating any more foreign holdings," the publication said. "Thus far the British have rejected all suggestions that such post-war assistance be placed on the basis of direct loans, or that they go to the proposed international bank for assistance."

What They Want "What the British want, and what our officials are considering, is the lend-leasing of the difference between what they need and what they can buy out of their current receipts from exports, investments, etc."

"As a result of our assistance to date, they have managed to keep their entire national debt, both foreign and domestic, down to around \$75,000,000,000."

Town Chairman Charges Assault

Arthur Nieman, town of Rudolph farmer, pleaded not guilty this afternoon in Justice Byron B. Conway's court, when arraigned on a charge of assault and battery. Complaint was Arnold H. Kempen, town of Rudolph chairman, who claims he was assaulted by Nieman when Kempen and two other persons were picking blackberries this morning on the Willis Nieman farm.

Kempen, suffering from a severe gash on the lid of the left eye, with bleeding and copious swelling, was treated by a physician who believed that the injury would not affect the eyesight.

Preliminary hearing will be a week from today.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy with moderate winds and scattered showers north-west and extreme north portions.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 80; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 58; temperature at 7 a. m., 76.