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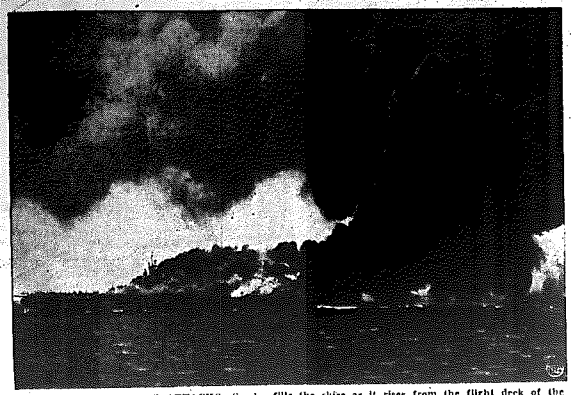
'Bunker Hill' Again Symbol Of Valor



JAPS MAKE SUICIDE ATTACKS—Smoke fills the skies as it rises from the flight deck of the USS Bunker Hill—another gallant ship that refused to die. The carrier was hit twice within 30 seconds by two Jap suicide planes just as she was ready to send off a flight of gasoline-filled and bomb-loaded planes on a mission over Okinawa. Resulting catastrophe cost lives of 392, with 264 wounded. Ship survived to limp into a West Coast repair yard where she is being refitted for further duty.

GALLANT BATTLE AGAINST FIRE—Neither flaming gasoline from the tanks of planes on the flight deck nor exploding rockets and bombs daunted the valiant crew members of the Bunker Hill as they successfully fought to bring near-disastrous fire under control.

Bunker Hill Home

Carrier Is Saved To Fight Again

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sorely wounded and set afire by two Japanese suicide planes, the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Bunker Hill was saved to fight again by a danger-filled maneuver. It consisted of dumping overboard thousands of gallons of flaming gasoline and tons of water from firefighting hose.

The story of the Bunker Hill ordeal which robbed her of use only to the Enemy, a crippling casualty of the war, was told by the Navy in the midst of its undertaking—typical of the Puget Sound Work Navy Yard—to get the ship ready to steam under her own power to the States for extensive, delayed job over to enter the fight.

MITSCHER FLAGSHIP

The Bunker Hill was the flagship of Vice Admiral Mark A. Mitscher, commander of Fast Carrier Task Forces. For six consecutive days and nights the carriers had been subjected to fanatical Japanese aerial attacks.

While many of her planes were aloft, supporting Marine and Army ground advances on Okinawa, early on the morning of May 11, the two suicide planes struck within 30 seconds to turn the Bunker Hill into a flaming hell, and which cost 656 casualties, including 373 killed or dead of wounds, 19 missing, and 264 wounded.

The first suicider crashed the ship in the port side of the flight deck just before noon. Jap pilots, in two planes parked on the flight deck, purposely had their engines running at 5,000 r.p.m. before they took off, which explains the terrific explosion when the first plane crashed on the flight deck and exploded on the hangar deck below.

Admiral Mitscher was in his flagship at the time and saw the suicide plane crash into the Bunker Hill, although Capt. Gehres, skipper, radioed men of his ship had been killed or injured, and were wounded or missing in action.

The ship was ordered to abandon ship during the crippling attacks. Fires, flight deck became a raging inferno, gasoline fed by fuel lines exploding ammunition, and the ship was dead in the water.

Then the order was given to fight the fires and save the ship. Men who had been ordered to abandon ship turned to fight fires and, after a series of further attacks and fight against time, the flames were brought under control.

Lieutenant Walter Bartz and Lieutenant Stoddard Charles P. Severin and Ensign Richard H. Rudisill of Sand

As thousands of tons of water were poured on the flames, the weight of the water caused the ship to begin to list, and the flaming gas and oil were forcing the firefighters back against the bulkhead. On lower decks, men were dying of heat and suffocation.

It was then that Capt. George A. Seitz of Colorado City, the Bunker Hill skipper, decided on the maneuver that made the difference between life and death for more than 1,000 men.

The destroyers were ordered to stand away. With the report Water Keeping her best engine against the ship's side, the destroyers began circling the carrier, which was making a wide sweeping turn.

Gradually at first, and then with a roar, tons of water and burning gasoline and oil on the hangar deck sloshed away from the fire fighters and poured over the edge of the deck into the sea.

With renewed heart the fighters moved their axes and more hose lines and extinguishing ammunition to the scene of the fires. Soon the fires were under control and the ship was saved.

The ship's chaplain, Comdr. Joseph Peterson Jr., former pastor of First Methodist Church, Decatur, S. C., and Lt. Comdr. Robert F. Delaney, former assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Providence, R. I., led volunteers who searched the ship for dead and wounded. They searched all night and found the last dead man. The Bunker Hill still in the battle line, and men were buried at sea.

1,030,679 Casualties

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Combat casualties of the armed forces since the beginning of the war reached 1,030,679 today, a rise of 7,226 within the past week.

Army losses on the East of Rome received here through Army and Navy channels totaled 122,654.

A breakdown on Army losses as reported today by Undersecretary of War Patterson and corresponding figures for the preceding week follows:

Killed 180,277 and 189,294 wounded 563,842 and 568,856 missing 39,755 and 39,946 prisoners (both categories) 114,191 and 113,613. Patterson said that 328,656 of the wounded are back on duty.

Similar figures for the Navy:

Killed 46,468 and 45,417, wounded 50,956 and 50,196, missing 10,085 and 10,008, prisoners 4,223 and 4,235.

Federal Payroll Savings Urged

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Byrd (Democrat, Virginia) urged President Truman today to cut the working hours of Federal employees from 48 to 44 per week, to effect a saving of $200,000,000 a year in overtime pay.

Byrd, chairman of the joint committee on reduction of nonessential Federal expenditures, recommended that the reduction in hours take effect July 1 when the new Federal pay bill becomes operative.

Then shortly thereafter, in most instances, I think the Federal work week should be reduced to 40 hours which would save another 4200,000,000 annually," Byrd said in a letter which he made public.

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The 11th Naval District said the blimp was returning to the station after a routine flight over the ocean.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler tod today, tonight and Friday.

Temperature at 7:30 Today ... 76
High and Low Last 24 Hours 96, 71
Sunset Today ... 8:31
Sunrise Tomorrow ... 6:11

World Charter

Connally Opens Campaign For Quick Senate Approval

WASHINGTON — (AP) — "We leagued our armed might for war," Tom Connally told the Senate today. "Now let us league our moral and material might for peace."

Thus the tall Texan Democrat, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and a delegate at the San Francisco Conference, opened the campaign for speedy ratification of the United Nations Charter by a highly receptive Senate.

"The World Charter for peace is knocking at the doors of the Senate," he said, adding: "We shall not turn it away."

Admittedly worn by nearly nine weeks of day and night deliberations at the conference, the broad-shouldered Texan strapped on his legislative spurs and called for a speedy favorable decision on the Charter and the Senate itself.

"Early ratification here will stimulate and encourage ratification by other nations," he declared. "The eyes of the entire world are centered on what we do here."

Foreign nations know that the United Nations organization is

SENATOR CONNALLY

peace and security will face failure and military unless the United States is a member. The fate of "world peace may depend upon our decision."

APPROVAL CERTAIN

Connally seemingly had no doubt what that decision would be. Before he spoke, he estimated to reporters that no more than ten Senators would oppose ratification. Bolstering his prediction was an Associated Press tabulation showing 54 members who plan to vote for the Charter barring unforeseen developments, five more who say they probably will and none who would go on record in outright opposition.

Describing the Charter as "a monumental performance," Connally told his colleagues:

"Mere documents and language and phrases cannot themselves prevent war and preserve peace. They must rest upon the will and the purposes and the desires of the peoples and nations of the world."

Sketching a broad outline of the developing organization, he de-

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Long Battle To Liberate Luzon Is Won

Cagayan Valley Conquered

By SPENCER DAVIS

MANILA — (AP) — American and Filipino forces have won the campaign for mountainous North Luzon, "one of the most savage and bitterly fought in American history," to completely liberate this biggest island in the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

His triumphant communique added conquest of the 20-mile long Cagayan Valley in 29 days as the conclusive chapter of an operation which

Began July 9 at Lingayen Gulf, swept north the 92 miles to Manila in 36 days, broke the Shimbu defensive line only after three weeks of battling in the jungled ridges to demand Bulkeley Bataan Peninsula and reopened Manila Bay to passenger-supply use in Nichols of Corregidor.

A mighty tie-up in the Cagayan Valley of the U. S. 32d Ohio Infantry Division which entered it May 31 from the south and the 11th Airborne Division which had parachuted into the north end near Aparri, wound up the major phase of the northern Luzon campaign.

"No terrain has ever presented greater logistical difficulties and none has ever provided an inferior area with more formidable natural strongholds," MacArthur said.

"The losses inflicted on the enemy in all north Luzon were heavy—145,593 dead, with the graves of many other thousands located but uncounted, and several thousand prisoners. Our losses were 3,792 dead, 34 missing and 11,351 wounded, a total of 15,178. Our troops comprised the first corps and the north Luzon guerrillas, all of the Sixth Army, closely and most effectively supported by the Far Eastern Air Force and the Seventh Fleet.

"The entire island of Luzon, embracing 40,420 square miles, . . . is now liberated."

In effect MacArthur wrote off the Philippines campaign, which began last October at Leyte. The only other active area is the southern island of Mindanao and today's communique phrased operations there by the Eighth Army as a mopup of a disorganized foe.

The bulk of the estimated 20,000 Japanese which had been battled up in Cagayan Valley fled the west coast and west into forested mountain region where there are no roads from which supply sources but will be difficult to liquidate.

GAP CLOSED

The last 20-mile gap was closed by an eleven-mile northward push of Maj. Gen. Robert L. Beightler's 37th and a nine-mile southward advance by Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing's 11th Airborne Division to the point of junction near the town of Alcala. The seven men on Highway 5 more than 300 miles below coastal Aparri.

MacArthur had announced earlier that Beightler's troops had captured Bet for the Philippines on 14,004, including more than 9,000 prisoners.

Today's communique reported that Australian bombers and fighters now have entered the outlook terminus of Boeaf on the north bank of Brunei Bay and, with Naval forces, escorted Rear Adm. Forrest Royal's cruiser-destroyer force into the Borneo port for the 20th of July. Melbourne radio said Aussies now are below the oilfield town and Miri field have secured only a few scattered Japanese.

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For Secretary Of State

Truman To Send Senate Name Of Nominee Monday

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — President Truman will send the name of his nominee to succeed Edward R. Stettinius as Secretary of State to the Senate Monday.

Charles Ross, the President's press secretary, in making the announcement refused to comment on reports that James F. Byrnes, former War Mobilization Director, would be named for the post.

Ross said Stettinius' resignation was effective yesterday and that Joseph C. Grew would continue as acting Secretary until a successor has been confirmed by the Senate.

The President will be in his offices here Friday and Saturday, Ross said, and would be glad to receive Mr. Lincoln Republican Presidential nominee in 1936. Should Landon care to call formal invitation has been sent the former Kansas Governor who lives at Topeka, 68 miles away. Mr. Truman previously has said he would be glad to see both Landon and Thomas E. Dewey, 1944 Republican nominee.

There were few formal engagements for the President Friday and Saturday.

The President declined to talk further about State Department changes.

His idea, apparently, was to emphasize the importance of the assignment for which he picked Stettinius, that of America's representative on the Council of the United Nations organization for world peace theories projected under the Charter approved at San Francisco this week.

STETTINIUS' NEW JOB

He told correspondents yesterday that the job of Secretary of State is not to make news from here, that instead Mr. Stettinius will undertake the most important within the organization of the United Nations, and that Mr. Stettinius the assistant to the peace charter the U. S. Senate ratifies it.

An announcement expected in the State Department that Mr. Stettinius would be relieved from the immediate duties of the Secretaryship by the President who knew of the plan before it was announced, and at the San Francisco security conference, attaches to the

Occupation Boss

Clark Named U. S. Chief In Austria

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Gen. Mark W. Clark has been designated chief of United States occupation forces in Austria, Undersecretary of War Patterson announced today.

Clark who commanded the 15th Army Group in the Italian campaign will act as supreme American authority in military government and Allied relations in the Danube Basin country, Patterson said.

FOUR ZONES

Vienna, Austrian capital, will be occupied in four zones by Americans, British, Russians and French, Patterson said.

GEN. CLARK

Himmler Of France Caught

— Joseph Darnand, Vichy French chief of the [illegible] and [illegible] of the Germans, was captured by Allied troops in the Austrian Tyrol, it was announced today.

Darnand, 48, was taken prisoner by Americans of the Seventh Army, it was announced by Supreme Allied Headquarters.

Torture Story

Friend Of Mother's Burned Small Boy

BALTIMORE — (AP) — A [illegible] boy bearing more than 30 [illegible] on his body, his feet severed [illegible] by the ankles, testified at a police court hearing today that he was burned with cigarettes and cast [illegible] ing water by a male friend of his mother.

After Blonde little Walter Lane [illegible] schamerum at [illegible] Police Magistrate Michael J. [illegible] ordered Carl B. Sacker [illegible] in $1,000 bail to grand jury [illegible] on a charge of assault [illegible] directed that the boy [illegible] Mrs. Cecile Schamerum [illegible] held in $500 bond as an [illegible] boy.

Schamerum is separated [illegible] from her husband.

Shakeup In Department Regarded As Certain

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By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — If President Truman picks James F. Byrnes as his new Secretary of State the Cabinet shift may be followed by a drastic departmental shakeup.

The President said in accepting the resignation yesterday of Edward R. Stettinius Jr. as secretary that he expects to announce a successor early next week. Capitol Hill is convinced the choice will be Byrnes, former senator, Supreme Court Justice and War Mobilizer who quit the latter job shortly before President Roosevelt died.

Stettinius, Mr. Truman said, will head the American delegation to the proposed new United Nations organization and serve as this

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country's representative on the league's potent security council.

CLAYTON MAY STICK

Selection of Byrnes probably would mean an almost complete turn-over in the ranks of assistant secretaries named when Stettinius took office last December and began re-organizing the State Department. The one likely survivor of this group is William L. Clayton, assistant in charge of economic affairs, although others may be asked to stay on for awhile.

'Friends thought it likely that if Byrnes gets the post—said to be the only one in the government who would be willing to accept at this time—that another place also may be found for Undersecretary Joseph C. Grew, former Ambassador to Japan.

The assistant secretaries include Nelson A. Rockefeller, in charge of Latin American affairs; Archibald Mac Leish, Congress Librarian of

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House Passes Deficiency Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A $2,634,494,238 deficiency supply bill containing $174,000,000 for the Office of Price Administration for the 1946 fiscal year was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate.

Passage was by a roll-call vote of 317 to 74.

The OPA fund was the amount recommended by the House Appropriations Committee and $8,000,000 less than budget estimates.

Another part of the funds, $2,450,000,000 was earmarked for payment of the Lend-Lease program for the twelve months starting July 1.

Dutch Capital Welcomes Queen

AMSTERDAM — (AP) — This Dutch capital declared festive trappings today in welcoming home Queen Wilhelmina in exhibit to a three-day celebration of liberation.

The Queen spoke to the Dutch people last night and introduced Prime Minister Peter Gerbrandy [illegible] Schermerhorn.

"Now the moment has arrived when help can be given to our [illegible] and difficulties were ahead. [illegible] was grateful that [illegible] to look back which lie behind [illegible] and to look forward [illegible] with a courage worthy of [illegible] and a growing [illegible] spirit of mutual trust."