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Known Nipponese Toll at Truk Boosted to 23 Ships, Likely 6 More, Sunk; 11 Others Hit

Jap Warships, Carriers Fled Before Onset

Kavieng Receives Worst Bombardment; Rabaul Crumbling Under Raids

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 28—(AP)—Japanese losses in the American attack on the enemy base at Truk were 23 ships sunk, six probably sunk and 11 damaged, a much heavier blow to the Nipponese than at first reported.

The new figures announced by Admiral Nimitz, commander in chief of the United States Pacific fleet, were compiled after inspection of reconnaissance photographs showing destruction in the Feb. 16-17 raid.

They added four vessels to the 19 listed as sunk in the original report issued by Nimitz Feb. 20. The additional craft were not classified.

Nimitz' second announcement made no changes in the original tabulation of 201 enemy planes destroyed in the air and on the ground, and 50 damaged, against 17 United States planes lost and one surface ship moderately damaged.

Jap Warships Flee

The spokesman indicated that there were no Japanese carriers on the new list of enemy Truk losses. Carriers and battleships spotted in the lagoon in a Feb. 4 reconnaissance had moved out of the danger zone by the time the American airmen attacked the base.

New aerial hammerings of Japanese bases in the Marshall islands and other central Pacific islands also were reported by Nimitz.

These included a 30-ton bombing of Ponape, 425 miles east of Truk, by Liberators Feb. 25. Docks, the airdrome, a gasoline dump and a cargo ship were hit. Army and navy planes also bombed Kusai and Nauru islands, and four unidentified islands in the Marshalls, that same day.

Planes of both services hit three enemy-held Marshall atolls Feb. 26.

JAPS CLAIM U. S. CARRIER THREE WARSHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28—(AP)—The Tokyo radio broadcast a Japanese

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Extra Top Price Rule on Potato Sales is Revised

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—The regulation permitting a country shipper of potatoes to add $1 per 100 pounds to his ceiling price when the potatoes are sold to an ultimate consumer was revised by the OPA today so that the premium may be added only when the sale is less than 800 pounds.

The change is effective June 1.

OPA explained that the seed potato ceiling permits a grower selling ceretified seed potatoes to charge an extra $1.25 a hundredweight for sales up to 1,000 pounds and 74 cents for sales over 1,000 pounds.

Some growers have evaded the rule, OPA said, by considering that persons who buy for planting are "ultimate consumers" and selling them unlimited quantities for seed which have not been certified at the $1 premium allowed for ultimate consumer sales.

The decision to place a limit on "ultimate consumer" sales was reached, OPA said, because the original regulation was intended to cover potatoes for table use only and because it was necessary to protect seed potato prices.

Led U. S. Air Armada in Assault on Truk

Lt. Comdrs. Donald Ingerslew, Trenton Mo; Harry W. Harrison, Jr., Miami Beach, Fla.; William G. Privette, Jr., Chapel Hall, N. C.; (left to right) air squadron commanders who participated in the attack on Truk, flash these victory grins as they described the raid in a Pearl Harbor interview. Photo radioed to San Francisco from Honolulu.

Ration Tokens in Food Buying Now In General Use

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—"Count your change" applied to ration tokens as well as to cash in food stores today as the new ten-point stamps for meats and processed foods went into general use.

Some shoppers got a preview of OPA's new plan at stores open Sunday, but only a relatively few of more than a billion tokens distributed to retailers moved into circulation the first day.

The tokens, worth a point apiece and good indefinitely, are given as change for the new stamps.

Three of the ten-point red stamps—A-8, B-8 and C-8 in ration book four—are now valid for meats-fats purchases, while five blue stamps—A-8, B-8, C-8- D-8 and E-8—may be used from the same book for canned goods. Both series are good through May 20.

A new set of five blue stamps will be validated the first of each month. Red stamps will become good at the rate of three every two weeks.

On this basis, OPA advised a budget averaging 12 points a week from each ration book for processed foods, and 15 points a week for meats, butter and other red stamp items.

For the next three weeks—through March 20—green stamps K, L and M for processed foods and brown stamps Y and Z will be used in conjunction with the new 10-point stamps. Tokens will be given as change for the old stamps, but they retain 8, 5, 2 and 1-point values.

Compromise on Service Vote Proposal Rejected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—Senate conferees today rejected a house-sponsored service vote compromise bill and considered instead a proposal that the constitutionality of the administration's federal war ballot plan be tested in the supreme court.

The house compromise offer would have retained a federal absentee ballot for use only in states which have no absentee voting law or those which certify that the federal ballot is acceptable under state laws.

It was rejected, Senator Green (D.-R. I.), chairman of the senate conferees said, because "it wouldn't enable anyone any time to vote."

The senators will submit a proposition of their own to the house conferees late today, but Green declined to detail it in advance.

Northern France Bases of Germans Receive Blasting

(By the Associated Press)

American bombers assaulted military targets on the invasion coast of northern France today, resuming the violent aerial battle against German installations after a two-day lay-off.

British bombers joined the attack which marked the 18th operation this month of U. S. Eighth air force Fortresses and Liberators.

American and British planes last week in their record air blows at Germany destroyed 644 German fighters and greatly reduced Hitler's power to replace them by wrecking his aircraft factories with 18,000 tons of bombs. The allies lost 387 heavy bombers and 37 fighters and upwards of 3,500 trained airmen.

The largest contingents of American troops ever to cross the Atlantic in a single convoy shelled Gen. Eisenhower's invasion forces in England. All were highly trained and ready for combat. The Germans dared not make a single attack on the crossing.

Opium Traffic Charge Faced by Ex-Sailors

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 28—(AP)—Two discharged sailors, wanted by Salem police for questioning in connection with a $700 jewel burglary last week, were in the Clark county jail today under $10,000 bail each on charges of transporting and concealing five ounces of smoking opium.

The men, Roland O. Thurber, 38, and Romer W. Galloway, 36, were arrested here in an automobile having license plates which police said checked with those of a car seen leaving a Salem apartment where the burglary occurred.

A. M. Bangs, district supervisor for the federal narcotics division, said the opium was found in the automobile.

National Check of Gas Ration Coupons Slated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—Revocation of gasoline rations was threatened by OPA Administrator Bowles today for failure to endorse all ration coupons with the holder's license number.

A nationwide checkup will be started a week from today, he said, and motorists found with unendorsed coupons will be required to show them, fully endorsed, to their local ration boards within ten days.

Bowles, who est'mated recently that 2,500,000 gallons of gasoline are passing through black market channels daily, did not say how the checkup would be carried out.

Roosevelt's Fair Jobs Plan Faces Abolishment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—A senate appropriations subcommittee voted unanimously today to abolish President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practices committee and bring other executive agencies under closer scrutiny of congress.

The legislation was offered by Senator Russell (D.-Ga.) as an amendment to the $8,500,090,000 independent offices appropriation bill. Effective July 1, it would prohibit the transfer of funds to agencies a year or more old which had not been authorized directly by congress.

The FEPC was set up by executive order, designed to prevent racial discrimination in the hiring of war workers.

Two Die When Planes Collide Over Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 28—(AP)—Two navy pilots died in the crashes of their single-motored planes after colliding over the new Klamath naval air station yesterday.

The fatalities were the first since the station was commissioned several weeks ago. Their names were withheld.

2 Officers Die, Third Hurt as Planes Collide

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Feb. 28—(AP)—Flight Officer Malcolm B. Campbell, 31, Palm Beach, Calif., and Staff Sgt. Thomas N. Geohegan, 34, Vancouver, Wash., were killed yesterday and another flight officer was injured when two planes collided at Sheppard field.

Anzio Front Sees Combat Of Artillery

Nazis' Probing Efforts Still Futile; Air Bases In Rome Area Bombed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A sharp increase in fighting in the past two days along headwaters of the Moletta river southwest of Carroceto was announced today as artillery duelling rose in intensity along the Anzio battlefront.

Simultaneously with the increase in artillery fire, an American cruiser poured shells into German gun positions yesterday.

Persistent German efforts to infiltrate throuch ravines south of Carroceto were frustrated by American artillery, a headquarters announcement said.

Although adverse weather hampered both ground and air operations yesterday, allied patrols probed German lines on both the main Fifth army and Eighth army fronts, bombed air fields in the Rome area,and scored 16 hits on the docks at Ladispoli, a little port north of the Tiber.

Supplementing an announcement of Saturday that the Germans had suffered casualties totalling 15,000 on the beachhead, headquarters announced yesterthat 14,000 prisoners had been taken since the allies first landed on the toe of Italy.

Third Infantry Cited

After having gone through a half dozen amphibious invasions, the famous Third infantry division is among American units fighting on the Anzio beachhead.

Orginally one of the largest west coast divisions, stationed first at Fort Lewis, Wash., and later at Fort Ord, Calif., the unit has been in the thick of action in Morocco, Sicily, Salerno, across the Volturno, at Mignano and Mt. Rotondo in Italy and finally here at the beachhead.

The Third, formerly composed of Washington and Oregon men but now filled with replacements from all states of the union, landed at Anzio on the eighth day and two days later moved against Cisterna, battering against strong defenses the Germans had thrown up in houses outside the town.

"The Third gained only a few hundred yards and took a few hundred prisoners, but it is the hardest fighting division that has ever been," said Maj. Hugh A.

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Women Butchers Staff All Reedsport Marts

REEDSPORT, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—High casualties in Reedsport meat markets left this town with all women butchers today.

Last month butcher Harry Ruch fell ill, departed to a Pendleton hospital. Two weeks later John Reinke, owner of another market was taken to North Bend with pneumonia. This weekend the city's last market owner, Paul Bendelle, misgauged a cut and went to bed with a knife wound.

Every butcher shop is now staffed by a pinch-hitting wife.

Helsinki Near Total Ruin In Red Air Raid

Fires Still Sweep Finn Capital; Prospects for Armistice Now Poorer

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The Finnish press continued today to prepare the people for momentous developments—perhaps a government decision this week on whether Finland will get out of the war with Russia.

Helsinki meanwhile dug out from under the debris left by the worst bombing of the war when 600 Russian bombers, by Finnish communique count, hit the capital.

(Today's communique said enemy planes had attacked Oulu on the Gulf of Bothnia yesterday afternoon and night, causing damage and fires.)

Refugees reaching Sweden told of great damage by the weekend bombing of Helsinki.

The refugees said soviet planes had laid waste vast sections of the capital and one estimated that fully 70 per cent of the buildings were destroyed or wrecked.

The University of Helsinki was reported almost entirely destroyed and the American, British and German legations were listed among the buildings damaged.

Fires broke out in many sections, the refugees said, and panic spread among the civilian population as the Russian raiders, striking in small groups, kept the attack going for almost 12 hours.

Some of the fires still were burning yesterday and transportation facilities were virtually paralyzed. No Sunday papers were published.

Peace Prospects Dimmed

Finns said the raid served only to stir up hatred for the Russians and made the prospect of peace with Russia more remote than ever.

The touchy question of Russian troops moving into Finland still appeared to be the biggest stumbling block to a Finnish-Russian armistice, and the conservative newspaper Uusi Suomi indicated the issue apparently had boiled down to the point of soviet guarantees of safety for the Finnish people, and assurances they would continue to be free.

Failure to get such guarantees

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Prejudice Against Japs Criticized by Educator

KENT, Wash., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Destruction of the American democratic form of government is threatened by west coast prejudice against loyal Japanese Americans and proposals to deny them rights as citizens, Dr. Frank Williston, acting associate professor of the University of Washington far eastern department, said last night during an open forum on Japanese-American relocation in that Kent area.

"Attacks on the rights of any minority tends to undermine rights of the majority," he declared.

One Japanese-American tipped off American naval intelligence officials the day after the Pearl Harbor attack on the whereabouts of a leading Japanese spy, Dr. Williston said he had been told by a naval intelligence officer.

New President Given Power in Argentina Coup

(NEA Telephoto)

Ex-President Pedro Ramirez of Argentina (top), who was forced to resign in a coup reportedly staged by a pro-axis clique of army officers. Succeeding him was Vice-President Gen. Edelmiro Farrell(lower photo), whose government has not been recognized by other South American countries or by the United States, despite a declaration of continued cooperation with the allies.

F. R. Signs Bill Extending Life Of Credit Corp.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed into law legislation continuing the life of the Commodity Credit corporation until June 30, 1945—without any anti-subsidy strings attached.

Previous legislation to continue CCC's general operations, but carrying a rider eliminating the administration's consumer subsidies on various food items, was given a presidential veto which the house sustained.

The simple extension of life was then put through congress but Rep. Wolcott (R., Mich), ranking republican on the house banking committee, served notice he will offer the anti-subsidy rider anew in a bill, soon to be considered, to extend the life of the OPA.

The measure contains two amendments adopted in the senate. One requires the CCC to fulfill all promised support prices. The other provides for audits of the CCC by the general accounting office.

Three Pay Fines for Traffic Violations

Traffic fines in the Roseburg justice court today were reported by Judge Thomas Hartfiel to include Raymond E. Hammersly, $10, no operator's license; Robert F. Theiss, $10, no clearance light; Vincent G. Theiss, $10, no clearance lights.

Special Board Hands Report To Roosevelt

Lowering of Physical Standards Won't Meet Needs, Group Declares

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—The manpower shortage for the armed services which President Roosevelt has called "grave" must be made up from family men and others, a special medical commission reported to the White House today, and not by lowering physical standards.

The commission was created at the suggestion of congress on the theory that a relaxation of induction requirements, especially for limited service, might delay drafting of fathers and others with dependents. But it reported existing standards could not be reduced "without impairing the efficiency" of the armed services and no more limited service inductions are needed.

The report will be sent to congress tomorrow. It follows publication Saturday of a memorandum President Roosevelt sent to manpower officials saying the nation's manpower pool has been "dangerously depleted" by liberal deferments. He said the deficit should be made up from those with occupational deferments, especially in the younger classes. A review of this group was ordered last night.

Millions Available

There are nearly 8,500,000 men in the groups the commission and the president urged be tapped—3,834,000 deferred for occupational reasons and 4,645,000 for dependency. Major General Hershey, selective service director, listed these figures in today's report. He also placed total living registrants between 18 and 38 on December 1 last at 22,138,000 with 6,540,000 inducted, 2,430,000 enlisted, 3,357,000 disqualified after physical examination, 1,090,000 in the process of classification, examination or induction, 152,000 deferred for other than occupation or dependency reasons, and 90,000 "unclassified and unknown."

The commission proposed some minor changes in existing physical standards, but General Hershey commented the net effect would be to increase the quality rather than the quantity of inductees.

Conclusions Detailed

After saying the efficiency of the combat services would be impaired by lowering the requirements it outlined, the commission, headed by the president's personal physician and surgeon general of the navy, Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, made these four additional conclusions, based on reports from the army, navy, selective service and veterans administration:

"1. The services have reached saturation for newly inducted men for limited service since the need for men in this category will be fully met by men already in service who as a result of incidents of the service are no longer fit for general service.

"2. It is evident that the urgent and increasing need of the services today is for men for general service and that this need will progessively increase until the

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Kidnapper Waley Loses In Plea for Freedom

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—(AP)—The supreme court refused today to open the doors of Alcatraz for Harmon W. Waley, serving 45 years for the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash., one of the most dramatic crime cases of the '30's.

The court declined to review the decision of the Ninth Federal Circuit court and the Northern California Federal district court which denied a writ requiring his release.

Waley said FBI agents had forced him to plead guilty by threatening him with death.

He also asserted that he was not guilty of a federal crime as charged because Weyerhaeuser had not been taken outside the state of Washington and, hence, there was no interstate transportation of a kidnapped person.

Cordon Urged as McNary's Successor; Appointee Already Decided on, Snell Hints

All county courts in Oregon are being contacted today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark and Commissioners H. B. Roadman and J. Ross Hutchinson of Douglas county, urging that all judges and commissioners join in recommending to Governor Earl Snell the appointment of Attorney Guy Cordon of Roseburg to succeed the late Senator Charles L. McNary.

Cordon has been serving as legal advisor to the Association of Oregon counties and has been representing land grant counties of Oregon, and other western states, in Washington on public lands problems.

In urging the appointment, the Douglas county court is pointing out that management of lands in public domain, particularly those supporting timber, provide one of the state's greatest problems in cooperation with the federal government, and that Cordon, because of his long association with the program, is particularly suited for the office.

MIND MADE UP ON NEW SENATOR, SNELL SAYS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28—(AP)—Governor Snell received scores of letters and telegrams today from Oregon citizens offering their advice as to whom the governor should appoint to succeed the late Sen. Charles L. McNary, but the advice will do no good because the governor's mind already is made up.

The governor, who was in Portland today, will keep his decision secret until after the McNary funeral, which will be held here either Thursday or Friday.

The general public, as today's heavy mail shows, does not agree on the new senator. A secretary said that out of a dozen telegrams, there are 12 different men suggested.

The appointee will serve only until the November election, when a senator will be elected to serve the remaining four years of McNary's term. It will be the first time in state history that both senatorial offices will be filled at the same time, since the term of Sen. Rufus C. Holman expires this year.

The governor himself is the biggest question mark. The question on everybody's lips is whether Snell will run for the office. If he plans to do so, it is likely he would appoint a man who would promise not to run to succeed himself.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

What the Germans did to Poland caused England to plunge into war. What the Russians propose to do to Poland has England's advance O. K. Ground by the upper millstone of the nazi blitzkrieg and the nether millstone of red boundary slicing, Poland will emerge from the war in piecemeal.