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Manila Japs Under Gradual Liquidation

Suicide Units Mopped Up In City as Planes Blast Corregidor and Bataan

MANILA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Japanese suicide troops, cornered in south Manila's flaming battle pit by a juncture of three American divisions, were being compressed and liquidated today as their only possible havens of refuge, Corregidor and Bataan, smoldered from a record 1,000-ton saturation bombing.

The final phase of the battle for the Philippine capital was mounting in ferocity as Yanks of the 37th infantry, First cavalry and 11th airborne divisions made contact to pin the Japanese against Manila bay south of the Pasig river mouth.

While six division armored units far to the north rolled to the Pacific coast to cut Luzon in two, the three Yank divisions in Manila's shell-wrecked downtown area braved rockets, heavy art-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

INTERESTING hints come from the western front.

The Canadians, backed by a typical, earth-shaking Montgomery barrage, fight their way into and through Kieve—piercing, apparently, the concrete and steel fortifications that are the hard suter crust of the Siegfried line and pushing on into the softer inner body of hastily built earthworks.

THERE are suggestions in the dispatches that the Germans are rushing in reinforcements from farther up the Rhine and even from the critical Russian front—as well as building supplementary defenses as far back as 30 miles east of the Rhine.

All these things, if true, mean that the Canadians are making dangerous progress. When Montgomery lets go with all his artillery, something usually has to give.

THE Germans have apparently smashed the dams at the head of the Roer, flooding the valley below to a depth of several feet. Obviously they didn't want to. What they hoped was to retain control of the gates, so they could

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Salem Woman Killed In Automobile Plunge

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Lorraine Scharn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scharn, Salem, was killed Monday night when the car in which she was riding plunged over an embankment near Oceanlake on the coast highway.

Her sister, Mrs. George Lloyd, Salem, is in a McMinnville hospital with chest injuries.

The two women were returning after spending a weekend at the coast.

Allotment Racket of Eugene Girl With Six Service Men For Husbands Halted by FBI

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation last night identified as Yuma Suberly, 26, a girl held in Eugene, Ore., on charges of mail fraud in connection with obtaining more than \$4,600 in service allotment checks from six service husbands. She also is married to two and perhaps three civilians, H. C. Van Pelt, assistant agent in charge of the FBI here said.

The girl was arrested Saturday after more than a year's search when found working in a Eugene beauty parlor. She will be returned to California to stand trial on the fraud charge as well as an investigation of her income tax, Van Pelt said, after confession she had failed to report any of the income from her various husbands.

Van Pelt said the girl had used 27 other names and had been at various times a blonde, titian and brunette during her matrimonial career. None of her six service husbands, she told the FBI, knew of her other marriages. She married five navy enlisted men and one army private.

Her first husband was Herman

Allies Head for Rhine Plain; Berlin Faces Flanking Threat

Pruem Seized, Ruhr Industry Area Menaced

(By the Associated Press)
Gen. H. D. G. Crear's Canadian, British and Scottish troops, smashing into the German northern flank before the Rhine plain and the war-torn Ruhr, drove through Kieve to within 20 miles of Wesel on the Ruhr today, and to within two miles of the Rhine industrial center of Emmerich, against sharply increasing Nazi resistance.

"Stupendous forces west of Deuren and Juelich are massed to carry our enemies to the Rhine," the German radio said, predicting a large-scale blow at any hour into the Rhine plain.

The U. S. Third army of Lt. Gen. Patton, posing another threat to the Roer, mopped up in Pruem, road center whose capture placed the Americans within 45 miles of Coblenz.

Nazi Fears Reflected

German broadcasts reflected fear that the allies in the west were massing for a major Rhine breakthrough. One account said a large-scale offensive impended in the Aachen area, where the British Second and U. S. Ninth armies are massed along the flooded Roer.

Some allied units were reported driving steadily on Goch, key stronghold seven miles south of Kieve, ending 23 miles north of Goch, was virtually cleared. Nine miles south of Kieve—British and

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U. S. Income During 1944 Increased \$10 Billion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—America's 1944 wartime income was nicked for \$42,125,986,550—an increase of more than ten billion dollars over 1943 or more than the total tax bill in peacetime.

An internal revenue bureau report shows that the 20 per cent withholding tax on salaries and wages of small tax payers accounted for \$9,842,349,391. Normal and surtaxes on individual incomes brought in an additional \$7,489,220,384.

Oregon Areas Combed For 2 Missing Bombers

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Two heavy bombers failed to return to the Walla Walla army air field last night from combat training flights, Col. David Wade, commanding officer, reported.

Searches are being conducted in the vicinity of Troy and Fields, Ore., he said.

No New Deal for Him

OROPINO, Idaho, Feb. 13.—(AP)—An alleged draft evader, arrested in Clearwater National forest by forest rangers for failure to carry a selective service card and register for the draft, told the FBI "I went into the forest right after Roosevelt was first elected and I haven't been out since."

Difficulties Being Encountered

in many school districts throughout the state in handling increased enrollments has resulted in organization of the Association of Oregon State School Boards, the directors were advised. The board voted to join the new association, which will exchange ideas on matters of finance, new

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Man, Wife Alternate in Drug Store Sitdown to Obtain Precious Cigarettes

DENVER, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A Denver woman asked a drug store proprietor if he had any cigarettes.

"I'll have some later," he replied. The woman sat down. Some three hours later she was still waiting when her husband entered the store.

She explained the situation to him, told him to have a chair in her place and she'd go home to cook lunch.

An hour later she returned, took the chair, and hubby went home to eat.

At 4 p. m. she got her cigarettes.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—To eliminate hoarding, a Portland newsstand operator gives regular customers a card numbered from 1 to 31 for one pack of cigarettes a day.

He started the plan after a woman spilled 23 packages from her shopping bag, then asked, "Do you blame me? I can sell them for 25 or 50 cents a pack where I work."

School Board Acts to Ease Overcrowding

Overcrowded conditions in Roseburg schools forced the board of school directors at its regular meeting Monday night to arrange for the opening of a room for third grade pupils at the Junior High school building, and to provide transportation of band pupils from the Senior High school to room 104 in the Junior High for rehearsals.

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Meat Rationing Muddle Slat for Discussion

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Problems of rationing and the WFA set-aside order of more meat for the military will be discussed by meat dealers here tonight.

Milton H. Wolf, president of the Oregon Independent Meat Dealers' association, said a decline in sales, brought about by increased ration stamp costs, have made it difficult for dealers to avoid layoffs. Lack of red points has brought a decline of from 25 to 35 per cent in sales volume, Wolf said.

Liberties Union Seeks Weber Penalty Set-Aside

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Ernest Besig, regional Civil Liberties union director, said yesterday, following a two-day visit to Camp Roberts, his organization will ask the judge advocate general of the United States to set Pvt. Henry Weber's life sentence aside.

He said the request will be based on the ground that the 27-year-old Vancouver, Wash., draftee, originally sentenced to death for refusing to drill, did not receive a fair trial.

Smelly Situation

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—A. L. Poorman, proprietor of a Portland auto service, has agreed to suspension for the duration because theft of gasoline coupons from his place of business only partially explained a shortage in inventory.

Tornadoes Rip 2 States; 42 Dead, 200 Hurt

(By the Associated Press)
Tornadoes swirling over Mississippi and Alabama late yesterday took a toll of at least 42 dead, 200 injured, and property damage running into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Worst hit was a crescent shaped area on the southern and western outskirts of Montgomery, Ala., where more than 50 box-cars of a freight were ripped and tossed about like match boxes.

Montgomery alone counted its dead at 25, and its injured at more than 100. Two government warehouses were leveled and in Chisholm, a cotton mill community, 35 homes were demolished and many others damaged in a 20-block area.

Nine were known dead at Livingston, 125 miles west of Montgomery, and one at York, nine miles from Livingston. At Livingston, as at Montgomery, a freight train was tossed about and one of the Livingston dead was a trainman.

The storm first hit Meridian, Miss., leaving a path of destruction as it cut about the city on

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Pacific Gale Claims Fish Craft; Two Men Missing

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Extra Gasoline Assured Job-Hunting Veterans

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Job-hunting veterans and displaced war workers will be given extra gasoline for visits to prospective employers, the district OPA said today.

The gas will be allowed only for officially-arranged job interviews.

Episcopal Diocese Splits Over Question of Attitude Toward Nisei

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Clerical and lay delegates to the 35th convention of the Episcopal diocese of Olympia went home today after unexpected opposition resulted in a divided vote on a resolution pledging cooperation in re-integrating into western Washington communities, "loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry" released from relocation centers under the army's western defense command regulations.

A loud chorus of "noes" resulted in Bishop S. Arthur Hustan's call for a standing vote. The resolution was adopted 94 to 42, with many delegates not voting. The diocese supports several priests and a mission at the Hunt, Idaho, relocation center to which many Nisei Episcopalians were evacuated from the White River valley.

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24 Die in Crash Of Navy Transport

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Twenty-four passengers and crew members were killed today in the crash of a two-engine navy transport at the foot of Chestnut street in Alameda on San Francisco bay, the navy announced here.

The big ship crashed 12 minutes after it left the Alameda airport.

Just missing land, it hit the waters of the bay so hard that nearby residences were shaken.

Several persons said the plane's engines stopped just before the sound of the crash.

Santiam, Willamette Rivers in Flood Stage

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Heavy rains sent the Santiam river at Jefferson over its banks again today and the weather bureau issued flood warnings at Harrisburg.

The Santiam, which flooded at Jefferson last week in the wake of a coastal gale, is expected to reach a crest of 18.5-five and a half feet above flood stage—today.

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Russians Near Dresden; Nazis Quit Budapest

(By the Associated Press)
Soviet troops battering westward across northern Silesia have smashed the Nazis' Bober river line and plunged on to the area of the Queis river, from five to 10 miles farther west, the German high command said. Marshal Konev's troops, swiftly developing a flanking threat to Berlin, had been reported by the Russians drawn up along a 15-mile stretch of the Bober, after the capture of Bunzlau, 74 miles northwest of the ancient Saxony capital of Dresden.

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All Fit, Under 30, Except Farmers, Will Be Drafted

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Oregon's selective service director said today that practically every physically fit man in the state will be in uniform within 90 days, even if he is engaged in essential work.

Col. Elmer V. Wootton said he referred to men with deferments in industry, and not those engaged in agriculture.

"We are adhering to the Tydings amendment, which provides that workers in an essential agricultural enterprise shall not be inducted until a replacement can be obtained," Col. Wootton stated.

He said an estimated 3,000 to 3,500 Oregon men will go into service under the new draft program before the pool of men under 30 is exhausted. The March quota is 1,200 men.

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Canadian Navy Upsets Charge of Bad Conduct

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 12.—(CP)—The Royal Canadian navy issued a prepared statement today saying its official inquiry into reports women aboard a navy transport were insulted and molested resulted in the conclusion "The facts as published... were grossly exaggerated, badly distorted and far distant from the truth."

The inquiry was ordered following newspaper reports some girl members of the cast of the United States coastguard traveling show "Buns and Spurs" were insulted and molested Feb. 4 aboard a navy tug during a cruise of Vancouver harbor.

Three Dead, 4th Missing In Flying Boat Crash

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 13.—(CP)—Three airmen are dead and one is missing following the crash yesterday of an R. C. A. F. Canso flying boat while making a water landing at Patricia bay air station on Vancouver island, western air command announced today.

Four other crewmen are in a hospital in serious condition.

Cause of the crash has not yet been determined.

Nazi U-Boats Battled By Canadian Craft

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Sinking of a German U-boat, probable sinking of another and attacks on other undersea raiders in north Atlantic battles, in which speed torpedoes were launched at Canadian ships, were announced here today by Navy Minister Macdonald.

He said the corvette St. Thomas recently sank a U-boat in the north Atlantic.

\$300,000 Asked for Umpqua Harbor Work

Appropriation of \$300,000 for maintenance work on the Umpqua river harbor is asked of congress in the report of the army engineers reported today from Washington. Thirty-eight projects in the Pacific Northwest are included in the report as needing maintenance funds during the coming fiscal year.

Foundation for World Peace Laid in Nine-Point Program Drawn at Crimean Conference

Russia Expected to Join in War On Japan Following United Nations Huddle at San Francisco April 25

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The Big Three are in agreement today on a nine-point master plan to hasten victory over Germany, guarantee the sovereignty of Europe's liberated peoples and lay the foundations of a secure peace.

The pattern of the peace—the Dumbarton Oaks proposal for the world security organization—is to be placed before a united nations conference to be called at San Francisco April 25.

Those are the over-all results of President Roosevelt's eight-day meeting at an old czarist palace in the Crimea with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

By their own word it offers the world renewed hope, after Germany's unconditional surrender, for generations of international security in which men "may live out their lives in freedom from want and fear."

Community Tax Changes Get Approval

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—The state senate completed action today on its three-bill program to remedy the community property situation, passing and sending to the house a measure to prevent the state treasurer from levying gift taxes on property transferred from husband to wife under the 1943 community property law.

The senate already had approved bills to repeal the 1943 law, and to permit the 1251 couples who elected to come under community property to get out from under it.

The 1943 law was passed to permit couples to split their incomes to get lower federal income tax rates. The United States supreme court ruled, however, they could not get lower rates that way, thus nullifying the purpose of the law.

The house now may consider the three bills together.

Schenk's Pay Increased

The senate, after prolonged debate, voted 20 to 10 to increase the salary of Harry Schenk, chief deputy secretary of state, from \$3200 to \$4800 a year, and to change his title to assistant secretary of state.

Members opposed to the raise said persons in lower brackets should be raised first, and that Schenk was not entitled to it because he has served only two years.

Sen. Walker, Independence, declared that the proposed state budget calls for increases in the lower brackets of 12 to 15 per cent, and Sen. Fatland, Condon, said Schenk has added responsibilities, such as administration

It commends the United States to a new and active role in the settlement of European political affairs—a new departure in American foreign policy, to con-

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France Resents Exclusion From Yalta Conference

PARIS, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The government announced today that the council of ministers had approved a plan to build a huge naval and air base at Dakar to protect the French empire lifelines and as a contribution to "collective security."

The plan, approved at a session in which Gen. DeGaulle reported he was notified last night by American, British and Russian ambassadors of decisions reached at the Crimea conference, reminded the major powers that France will hold a trump card for conferences yet to come.

The government has reserved specific comment on the Crimea conference decisions. Members repeated DeGaulle's position that France would not be bound by decisions affecting her interest which were taken without her consultation.

The first editorial reaction to the Yalta conference reflected a tone of non-committal reservation.

"A country whose rapid recovery and whose courage in adversity have won admiration of the world should no longer be a poor relation," said the newspaper Liberation Solr, adding that the French resented the nation's exclusion from Yalta.

This editorial said, however, that France seemed to be resuming her place and that "in world affairs, in the organization of the peace and the application of the Atlantic charter she will also have a word to say."

Wimberly Affirmed in Property Title Suit

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(AP)—The state supreme court today affirmed the lower court in the case of Ada C. Frederick, nee Lambert, vs. Douglas county and Ben and Nannie Zoner. Appeal from Douglas county. Suit to clear property title. Opinion by Justice James T. Brand. Judge Carl P. Wilhelm affirmed.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Announced program of the Big Three assures banishment of fear and want from the world. Thus all Americans will soon be living the life of Riley with nothing to worry about except paying off a war debt that has already reached \$235 billion.



YANKS FREE THOUSANDS IN SANTO TOMAS PRISON CAMP—Within little more than five hours after First cavalry division elements thrust their initial spearhead into Manila, the Yanks were in complete control of the Santo Tomas concentration camp, rescuing 3,700 internees. Their mechanized equipment fills the courtyard of the former university.