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Iwo Jima Resistance Still Stubborn

Marines' Pace Slow Despite Heavy Lunge

Suicidal Japs Hold Out At Manila, Others Meet Death In Banzai Attacks

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Marines along a line bisecting Iwo kept terrific pressure today on the Japanese in a supreme effort to crack a foe known to be short of water and believed to be hoarding ammunition.

After noticeably slackening artillery and mortar fire Monday, the Japanese loosed a heavy barrage Tuesday at Leathernecks, stridently out their line with slight advances north to high ground blanketed by pillboxes and blockhouses.

The marine line, manned by three divisions, cuts across the island's center at the north end of the fighter airfield where the Nipponese still hold a fingertip grasp after a week of battling over that base.

Japs Far From Beaten
As the fight for the island entered its 10th day, Japanese dug in on the higher northern half still showed a marked power to

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS is an unusually quiet well behaved trifle of people— which is just a trifle out of the ordinary in these nigger-rich days on the home front. (The cynics tell us, you know, that were more often good because SIN IS TOO EXPENSIVE than because we're innately pure.)

THE passenger list runs heavily to sailors, soldiers and marines just back from the Pacific, their campaign ribbons heavily peppered with battle stars and in their eyes the look of men who have seen war close up.

Later they'll be able to blow off steam and enjoy it. Now they want to get home and find their bearings. One of them, gazing yesterday at the barren flats where Nevada and Utah come together, said quietly: "This land didn't use to look worth much to me; now I know that every foot of everything we have is worth fighting for."

He meant it.

THERE aren't many characters aboard. But there is one. He's a marine top sergeant, with six hash marks on his sleeve, and hardly room enough on his chest for his ribbons. The term

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Isolationism Ditched, Says Stassen After Meeting With Dewey on World Peace Plan

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—(AP)—After declaring the nation had ditched isolationism, Commander Harold E. Stassen carried away from Albany today Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's undisclosed views on how to enforce world peace.

The former republican governor of Minnesota, chosen by President Roosevelt as one of the three G. O. P. members of the United States delegation to the San Francisco conference on organization of international security, opening April 25, obtained Dewey's opinions last night on establishment of a permanent peace structure.

For the time being, they remained the secret of the naval officer and the 1944 Republican presidential nominee.

Stassen said at a press conference, attended by Dewey, that "the United States of America has definitely left isolationism behind" and added, "that applies to both major parties."

Asked as to the position of the Republican party at the San Francisco conference, the 32-year-old naval officer for Admiral Halsey replied:

"It would take it that it is elementary that the three delegates who are Republican and not selected by the party and do not have and would not have author-

Roosevelt Returns From Big 3 Meeting Buoyant With Hopes of Permanent Peace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned today from the Big Three meeting, buoyant with hopes for an enduring peace and ready to report to congress and the nation.

Not everything agreed upon at the already historic Yalta meeting will be disclosed immediately. Mr. Roosevelt made known that some secret understandings were reached and that they necessarily must remain secret for a while, although they probably will become apparent in time.

Whether these understandings were in the military or political sphere, or both, was not indicated.

As an aftermath of the conference in the Crimea, the chief executive has high hopes for lasting peace and a worldwide reduction in armaments. In the weeks ahead, he has an active program of travel and engagements to further those hopes.

Back from a five-week, 14,000-mile journey to Russia by cruiser and plane, Mr. Roosevelt planned:

A report in person to congress and the country, tomorrow or Friday, on the meetings at which he, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin blueprinted "final defeat" of a "doomed" Germany and strong machinery for perpetuating eventual peace.

An appearance at a united nations conference opening in San Francisco April 25. As official host, Mr. Roosevelt probably will

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Better Support, Ceiling Boost for Hogs Asked

SPOKANE, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Declaring hogs have consistently sold at the Spokane market at the \$15.50 ceiling price with shipments coming from as far away as the corn belt to meet the area's demands, the Spokane Livestock exchange and the old Union stockyards yesterday asked the OPA for increased support and ceiling prices.

The statement requested a "permanent, long-time program, lasting until one year following the close of the war," and declared "it is absolutely essential" to increase present ceilings and floor prices \$2 per hundredweight.

No Full Civilian Life 'Til Japs Beaten, Krug Says

SEATTLE, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The premise that large sections of the nation might revert to civilian life upon the conclusion of the war with Germany "no longer exists," J. A. Krug, war production board chairman, said here yesterday upon his arrival to inspect war industries in this region.

"The entire country will have to stay on the job against the Japs," Krug said.

Ex-Mines' Head Dies

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Henry M. Parks, 73, dean of the Oregon State College of Mines from 1912-17 and director of the Oregon bureau of mines from 1912-23, died near Fort Rock, in northern Lake county, Tuesday.

Forest Fire Losses in Oregon Lowest in Years

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Oregon's 1944 forest fire losses, the lightest in many years, totaled \$243,065, State Forester Rogers said today.

There were 943 fires that burned 17,804 acres of forest and brush fires. The loss figure includes damage to timber, loss, logging equipment and other property.

Lightning caused 380 fires, smokers 149, brush burning 79, campers 65, logging 55, incendiary 46, and railroads 32.

Poland Plans Of Big 3 Get Commons O. K.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The house of commons by an overwhelming vote of 396 to 25 today defeated a motion of protest against the Big Three's plan for the future of Poland.

The vote came after Foreign Secretary Eden declared the plan would make postwar Poland "as strong or stronger" than in 1939, and after he denied vigorously that Britain had ever guaranteed Poland's prewar frontiers.

The motion of protest was in the form of an amendment, offered by a small but rebellious group of conservatives, to a general motion of confidence asked by Prime Minister Churchill on the Crimea charter decisions. This amendment criticized the Polish decisions.

The motion of confidence is to be voted upon tomorrow night at the end of three days of debate on foreign policy, and Churchill himself prepared to speak again tomorrow.

Eden declared that "when the settlement is finally reached, Poland will be as strong or stronger than the Poland which existed in 1939." He asserted flatly that "we have at no time guaranteed Poland's prewar frontiers."

Religious Issue Blamed
The foreign secretary acknowledged that the once-warm relations between the British government and Polish group in London

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Speedy Induction of Needed Nurses Planned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Confronted with figures showing almost 600,000 army and navy personnel in hospitals, the house leadership moved today to expedite legislation to draft nurses to care for them.

Tentative plans call for final house action Friday on a measure to subject to induction all unmarried nurses not under 20 or over 44 years of age.

Already approved by the military committee, the legislation won rules committee sanction after the army disclosed that battle casualties are filling hospitals at a rate of 1,600 daily and are "steadily mounting."

In addition, army officials said, some 6,500 men become ill or suffer non-battle injuries every day.

Nation's Traffic Death Toll Continues Heavy

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The nation's traffic death toll of 2,070 in January was 7 per cent less than in January, 1944, but 19 per cent greater than in January, 1943, when public acceptance of wartime restrictions apparently was at its peak, the national safety council said today.

"Has the patriotic fervor which greeted wartime traffic restrictions when they first were imposed in 1942 become war-worn along with tires, cars and highways?" asked Donald S. Berry, the council's director of traffic and transportation.

"If so, let's remember that since Pearl Harbor 81,000 Americans have been killed in traffic accidents and at least 3,000,000 have been injured."



JAPS DIE HARD ON CORREGIDOR—America n troops pour streams of lead into shell holes and rocky caves on Corregidor, wiping out the suicide squads of Japanese who remained. Japs had grenades tied around themselves, fought until killed. Others assembled in tunnels and blew themselves to their ancestors with dynamite. Signal corps photo.



"WHAT WAR?"—William C. Morland, bearded, 44-year-old hermit of 13 years in the timbered wilderness of Montana, puzzles over draft evasion charges in Lewiston, Ida., where he was jailed on charges of pilfering ranger stations. "Never even heard about the war," said Morland, who left civilization in 1932.

F. R. Signs George Measure, Clearing Way for Wallace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has cleared the way for a cabinet post for Henry A. Wallace by signing the George bill into law.

The legislation separates the huge federal lending agencies from the commerce department.

Administration leaders had told the President that his signature would be the price of getting the former vice president approved by the senate as secretary of commerce.

The senate is scheduled to take up the Wallace nomination tomorrow.

Wallace has said he would accept the job for the duration of the war even though authority over the lending agencies was removed.

The George measure restores permanent control of the \$40,000,000,000 Reconstruction Finance corporation and subsidiaries to a federal loan administrator. It provides also for a yearly audit of the agencies, with reports to congress.

The President is expected to announce soon his choice for administrator, a post Wallace said he would not be filled by "a too little and too late" man. Speculation has centered around Stabilization Director Fred Vinson as a possible choice for the post.

Bill Extends Time for Vets to Apply for Loans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon introduced a bill yesterday to allow veterans two years after termination of service in which to apply for loan benefits under the G. I. bill of rights.

Rural School District Bill Dies in House

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—The house, beginning legislative action on the controversial education bills, defeated 29 to 22 today its taxator and revenue committee's bill to create rural school districts with powers to equalize school taxes within counties.

There is a chance, however, that the bill may yet be passed, since nine members were absent and only two more votes are needed to send it to the senate.

Rep. French, More, committee chairman, said the bill would allow all rural school districts in any one county to form a single rural district, so that taxes may be equalized.

The bill, which would not affect first class districts, would be referred to the people.

Citing heavy demands for more money for education, French said the equalization bill would make it possible for schools to get along on less money, and that it would provide equal education for all children.

The opposition objected to submitting it to all the voters, claiming the system would be forced upon little districts, and that it is undemocratic.

Would Ban Japs' Return.
A memorial asking congress to prevent the return of Japanese

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Sentenced Man Says He's "Match Burglar"

COQUILLE, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—John Robert Harbough, 20, sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary on a larceny charge here yesterday, has confessed to being Portland's long-sought "broken match burglar." Coquille state police said today.

Officers reported Harbough has admitted a long series of Portland thefts, last of which was at the home of Edward Blyth. Losses were \$250 in jewelry, \$80 in traveler's checks, and \$92 in miscellaneous articles.

New Charges Faced by Former Chief of Police

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—An indictment charging former Police Chief Earl Heuvel with rape and two morals counts was on file here today.

Heuvel disappeared after being indicted on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, forfeiting \$1,000 bond. Sheriff Low said required bonds now total \$21,000. Circulars have been sent out seeking Heuvel's apprehension.

Plane's Blow Kills Flier As He Tries to Bail Out

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Flight Officer Floyd L. Goodrich, whose wife, Mrs. Georgia A. Goodrich, resides in Pendleton, Ore., was killed yesterday while bailing out of his King Cobra fighting plane which crashed about four miles north of Athena, Ore.

Medical officers declared the flier apparently was struck by the tail of the plane as he jumped.

Ralph L. Russell To Quit Linotype For Other Work



Ralph L. Russell, above, employed for 29 years as linotype foreman with the Evening News and the Roseburg News-Review, leaves the typesetting machine keyboard tonight. Mr. Russell has resigned his position and is retiring from newspaper work to engage in another activity, which he will announce formally at a later date.

He came to Roseburg April 13, 1910, and began work with the Evening News, published by the late E. W. Bates. He left in 1917 and spent five years at Portland, Eugene and The Dalles. Since 1923 he has been continuously employed in Roseburg.

He has been very active in the work of the I. O. O. F. lodge and is now serving in the office of Grand Master of I. O. O. F. lodges in Oregon.

His place a machine operator in the News-Review office will be taken by H. A. Brown, who recently arrived in Roseburg from Longview, Wash.

Airplane Crash Kills 3 Aides of Gen. Mark Clark

ROME, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Ten persons, including three officers of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's staff, were killed Feb. 19 while en route home on leave when their transport plane crashed upon taking off from an Italian field, it was disclosed today.

One of the three staff officers killed was Lt. Col. John T. Walker, 32, air liaison officer of the 15th army group, who frequently piloted Clark on inspection trips. Walker, from Washington, Ind., received the Legion of Merit only last week.

The other two were Lt. Col. John Howard Faust, 32, assistant artillery officer of the 15th army group, whose father lives at Wyomissing, Pa., and Maj. Donald M. Kerr, transportation officer, of Portland, Ore.

Another American officer killed was Maj. William N. Malloy, 42, Memphis, Tenn., intelligence officer of the tactical air force, who received the Legion of Merit Dec. 1 for the famed "operation Mallory" which resulted in the cutting of 22 of the 24 bridges crossing the Po in Lombardy.

Mallory was a star fullback at Yale in 1923. He was scheduled for release from the army because of overage regulations.

Also killed were two British officers en route to Britain on leave, a British woman officer, the pilot, co-pilot, and a crew member, all Britons.

Oregon City Dentist Faces Serious Charges

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Buford H. Zimmerman, 38, dentist here for the last 19 months, was in the Clackamas county jail today on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape.

Bail is set at \$10,000. District Attorney Stanley Mitchell said 34 separate complaints, most of them involving young girls, made up the charge.

Sergeant Cecil Pierce Wounded in Luzon Clash

Technical Sergeant Cecil Pierce, son of Mrs. E. A. Pierce, Clatsop, and brother of Mrs. Adrian Bowen, of Roseburg, has been wounded in action on Luzon, according to word received here. He is reported to be improving in a Red Cross hospital in the Philippines. According to a letter from Sgt. Pierce, he was wounded by shrapnel in an engagement against Japanese tanks.

Allied Armies Break Through At All Points

Nazis Surrendering by Thousands; Baltic Trap Tightened by Russians

(By The Associated Press)
The greatest western front victory since Normandy appeared in prospect today as four armies surged ahead in flaming engagements, with the Germans reported surrendering at the rate of from 5,000 to 10,000 a day.

Lt. Gen. Simpson's Ninth army poured toward the Rhine and a juncture with the Canadian offensive to the north, a thrust which could trap thousands of the enemy's best troops. Its movements were cloaked in a breakthrough news blackout which could hide momentous events, and the only resistance mentioned officially was described as "negligible to moderate."

"The rapid, fluid battle on the Cologne plain was described in field dispatches as the nearest approach to a rout since the Normandy pursuit. The First army has seized intact a bridge across the Erft river, in a swift move which a front report said caught the Germans off guard. There the First was only eight miles from rubble Cologne and the Rhine.

Many Towns Taken
Simpson's troops, last officially reported 13 miles from Duesseldorf, have captured many towns and 8,203 prisoners in the first six days of the offensive. Lt. Gen. Hodges' First army captured 60 towns and 5,900 prisoners in that period.

To the north the Canadian First army moved southward from cap-

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Air Fleets Keep Up Hammering of German Cities

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—More than 1,100 U. S. bombers struck at least five major freight yards in a 100-mile circle behind the Rhine today in the third week of non-stop offensive against German communications.

Targets in this scatter-shot attack included Kassel, Soest, 15 miles southeast of Hamm; Siegen, 40 miles east of Cologne; and Schweinfurt and Hagen, both in the southeast corner of the Ruhr.

RAF Lancasters made a concentrated attack on the Nordstern Benzol plant near Gelsenkirchen in another punch at Nazi oil supplies. Berlin was hit for the eighth straight night with block-buster bombs last night as the offensive against the German railway system entered the third week.

U. S. 15th air force bombers and 12th air force mediums from Italy struck the Brenner pass rail line, a German escape or supply route from Italy—today in one of the heaviest bombings of that line.

Fighter bombers staged raids along the western front.

German radio stations sounded alarms early in the day, indicating a new two-way blow from north and south.

Minimum Hourly Wage Rate Fixed at 55 Cents

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP) The War Labor board placed at 55 cents the minimum hourly wage rate necessary to maintain a wartime living standard.

WLB's regional boards yesterday were authorized to approve hourly rates up to 55 cents where employers voluntarily ask the increase or the union and employer make the request.

Approximately 4,000,000 workers, mainly in textiles, service trade and some lumbering and turpentine operations, are receiving less than 55 cents an hour, WLB Chairman William H. Davis said.

Aide Says Roosevelt in Top Spirits, 'Great Shape'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Jonathan Daniels, acting press secretary at the White House, described President Roosevelt today as "in grand spirits and great shape."

The chief executive still is thinner than he was a year or so ago, but his color seems much improved.

The voyage home aboard a cruiser gave him ample time to rest and relax, and he was in the best of spirits whenever reporters saw him.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Her bid for a seat at the united nations conference turned down, Argentina should realize by this time that she can't be warm-hearted toward the nazis without getting a cold shoulder from the United States.