

# Nimitz Reports Marcus Island Raid Damage

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PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 8.—(AP) Eighty per cent of Japanese military installations on Marcus island, 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo, probably were destroyed by an aircraft carrier task force in the attack September 1, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Admiral Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, issued this communique:

"A task force commanded by Rear Admiral Charles A. Fownall attacked Marcus island at dawn the first of September, east longitude time. The first wave of the attack apparently caught the enemy completely by surprise. It is estimated that the attack, made in several waves throughout the day, destroyed 80 per cent of military installations on the island.

"Our losses totaled two fighters and one torpedo plane.

"Some anti-aircraft fire was encountered by the initial wave but it was eliminated by succeeding attacks.

"Fires started throughout the island were still burning the day following the attack.

"No enemy planes left the ground. Seven twin-motored bombers which were parked on a runway were destroyed by our fighters. Installations destroyed included hangars, fuel and ammunition storage, shops and living quarters. The twolanding strips were severely damaged by heavy bombers.

"An enemy trawler caught near the island was sunk by our planes."

(This raid first was announced September 1 by Tokyo which broadcast that planes and guns of the naval force struck Marcus. The navy in Washington immediately confirmed it, adding "no report has been received from the raiding force and it is presumed that there will be none until need for radio silence ceases to exist.")

# Marcus Island Raiders Hoped For Jap Navy

By TOM YARBROUGH  
PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 8.—(AP) Capt. Wallace M. Beakley of Vineland, N.J., air operations officer of the task force that blitzed Japan's Marcus island exactly a week ago today, disclosed the American ships were looking for a Japanese naval force at the time of the raid.

"We hoped to find one and were fully prepared for anything we expected to meet," he said.

(Washington dispatches which gave preliminary reports September 1 on the raid said the presence of the American force 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo amounted to a challenge to the Japanese navy to come out and fight.)

The story of the raid was told by Captain Beakley and two participating air force officers, Commander James H. Flatley of Green Bay, Wis., and Commander John Raby of Pensacola, Fla., who shot down two axis planes in North Africa last November.

Commander Flatley said the enemy facilities on Marcus had been improved 400 per cent since the island first was raided in March, 1942.

The new destruction "should cause consternation in the Japanese homeland and possibly a redistribution of his forces," Flatley reasoned.

One-ton block-buster bombs were dropped from carrier-based planes for the first time but even so, Commander Raby, who was up in a fighter for five hours, said it was "rather monotonous."

Commander Beakley emphasized the extreme hazards of the pre-dawn takeoff with a dark sky, dark ocean, no horizon and little wind. He said the pilots did a "splendid job."

For the large percentage of these pilots, it was their first action.

It was the first action also for a powerful new fighter, Grumman (Hellcat F6F) but it wasn't a very stern test since there was no fighter opposition. Its primary mission was changed from fighting to strafing. On the first wave these fighters destroyed all the bombers in sight—seven parked in a line. Altogether they made 330 strafing runs, using 150,000 rounds of ammunition and "hit everything our bombers missed."

# 482 Farm Classes Held in State

Approximately 482 farmer classes were conducted in 27 Oregon high school communities under the rural war production training program during the fiscal year ended June 30, Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, announced Wednesday.

More than 8000 rural residents attended these classes in increased food production. Eighty per cent of the enrollment was in classes in farm machinery repair and production, conservation and processing food for family use.

There are 11 community canneries operating under the program.

# Solons Divide On Tax After Italy's Fall

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP) The surrender of Italy reverberated quickly in Capitol Hill tax discussions today, with Representative Carlson (R-Kas) saying "This turn of events erases or at least materially reduces" the need for higher levies.

Other members of the house ways and means committee were divided on the tax effect of the capitulation.

News that Italy had run up the white flag came shortly after the tax-framing committees, ending its vacation a week ahead of the reconvening of congress, decided to open public hearings Sept. 20, looking toward new, higher taxes.

Carlson, author of the Ruml skip-a-year-bill much debated prior to the passage of pay-as-you-go legislation, said:

"Why should we get the people all excited and have them concerned over taxes when one of the axis partners already has dropped out? I think taxes are high enough anyway, at least until we reduce federal expenditures or insist on their justification."

# Prune Wage Pact Said Violated

Reports that some prune growers were seeking to lure others' harvest workers by offering picking prices higher than those agreed upon by Polk and Marion county growers August 12 after a series of meetings, were mentioned Wednesday by W. E. Kinsey, state labor commissioner.

At that time Kinsey declared that any grower exceeding the established maximum might be charged with resorting to disruptive labor practices. Provision was made for exceptions due to unusual picking conditions, but any increase for this reason requires action by a committee of growers.

# Sideshow

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— A Japanese science saved several hundred dollars for the China war relief fund today.

Lou Chuck, 52, leaving his Chinese restaurant with contributions, encountered two holdup-men, both pointing guns.

Chuck, remembering the Nipponese ju-jitsu he learned several years ago sent one intruder sailing through the air and came to grips with the other. Both fled—and without the money.

DETROIT —(AP)— Helmut Allen Leubner of Milwaukee, 19-year-old marine on a speaking tour of war plants, told an audience today how Guadalcanal fighting men provided their own holiday cheer.

Pfc. Norman Peterson of Atlanta, Mich., rigged a still with empty cans, kegs and a stainless steel coil from a wrecked bomber, Leubner told Detroit Steel Products Co. employees. The apparatus turned GI canned peaches into a beverage Leubner described as "the best peach brandy in the Solomons."

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)— An 18-year-old Columbus bicycle owner thinks the war is going to last a long time.

Applying for a city bicycle license today, the youth asked if, after his induction into the navy, the permit could be used by his brother.

"Of course, it will be some time before my brother can ride the bike," the applicant said. "He's only six months old now."

RITZVILLE, Wash.—(AP)— The rival Ritzville and Sprague fire departments met on a country road and both were embarrassed.

Sprague's fire truck was stuck in a mudhole.

The Ritzville truck, returning from a call to a range fire, was lost, 20 miles from the highway and six hours late for supper.

CHICAGO —(AP)— A tank truck rolled up to a south side garage at dawn today. A new attendant coupled the outlet hose to a pipe. The fuel gurgled through it steadily.

It was a routine chore. Nobody thought much about it until someone noticed 2,000 gallons of gasoline had poured into the basement. The wrong intake pipe had been used.

The fire department roped off a square block as a precaution against an explosion. The gas was pumped out after six hours of work and worry.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(AP)— Nebraska's one-hog war bond challenge found another taken today— Gov. Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, who put up 20 bushels of the "finest apples in the world."

Martin thus became the first chief executive of an eastern state to accept Gov. Dwight Griswold's wager of "one beautiful, big corn-fed hog" that Nebraska will exceed its quota in the third war loan drive by a bigger proportion than any other state.

Martin previously considered wagering "my rooster" or a batch of Philadelphia scrapple.

CHICAGO —(AP)— Transportation difficulties are so severe, Mrs. Hildegard Garland said in court today, that she found it necessary to give her husband, Warren, a ride downtown so that he might attend a hearing at which she was seeking temporary alimony and support money pending settlement of her divorce case.

# State to Raise \$104 Million In Bond Drive

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP) Oregon's largest war bond campaign, a drive to raise \$104,000,000 in the state before the end of the month, will get under way tomorrow.

An army of 20,000 bond salesmen will set out on a house-to-house canvass.

In Portland a public rally is scheduled in the auditorium Thursday night. A statewide chain of radio stations will broadcast the program. Street dancing will follow.

An Italian victory parade, honoring five returned war heroes is scheduled here Friday. Three movie actresses also will take part.

In upstate Oregon Malheur county plans a colorful pageant of basque sheepherders at Ontario.

An army bomber will be put on display at Madras to boost third war loan sales.

Harney county will substitute bond posters for window displays in all stores. Cattle raisers in Lake county will offer the 12 best bulls in the county as prizes to ranchers making the largest bond purchases.

Grant county already has raised one-half of its quota, County Judge Jess Allen having canvassed businessmen, ranchers and executors and administrators of trust funds.

# McNary Off to Confer With Senate Leaders

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)— Senate Minority Leader Charles L. McNary was on his way to Washington tonight, to confer with Majority Leader Barkley and other senate leaders Sept. 10.

McNary was joined in Pendleton by Rep. Lowell Stockman, returning to Washington for the opening of congress Sept. 13.

# Odd Angles On Day's News

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Even the telegraph companies have trouble finding their way about the war department's huge pentagon building.

John J. McCloy, acting secretary of war, told of a telegram being returned to the sender with this notation:

"Message sent to John J. McCloy, assistant secretary of war, Pentagon building, is undelivered, he is unknown."

MACON, Ga.—(AP)— Commissioner Frank L. Forrester of the state board of workmen's compensation was presiding at a hearing.

"I take in washing for 50 cents a week," a witness testified.

"Do you want another customer?" the commissioner asked eagerly.

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark.—(AP) Pvt. James G. Davenport of Richmond, Va., paid off a \$25 bet today to Pfc. Marion I. Davenport of Richmond, his mother.

The wager was made at Richmond last March 14 when both were inducted. The winner would be the first to get a stripe.

Pfc. Davenport, formerly public welfare director in Lancaster county, Va., is an instructor in the Eighth service command special training detachment at Camp Robinson. Pvt. Davenport is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla.

WATERTOWN, N.Y.—(AP)— Modest Orin T. Greene, pharmacist mate, said he didn't volunteer to rescue a wounded marine officer during the Solomons campaign— just coughed at the wrong time.

"I don't think I really volunteered, though I may have coughed a little," said Greene. A citation for bravery he received mentioned "heavy Jap machine gun fire... complete disregard for his own safety."

SPENCER, Ia.—(AP)— Some of Iowa's corn is so tall this season it's a downright menace.

The Clay county farm bureau's executive board has formally requested its members to cut back the towering stalks at fence corners which adjoin highway intersections.

The move was taken to help eliminate auto collisions at blind corners.

AURORA, Ill.—(AP)— This want add in the Aurora Beacon-News today had short-handed employers guessing:

"Wanted—Four hour work per day. Am particular as to what kind, who for, and how much. Call—before I change my mind."

LOS ANGELES —(AP)— Mrs. Mary Frank, bank janitress is pulling her punches now.

She wielded her broom so vigorously in the bank's vault that the handle tripped the burglar alarm. She stepped out of the vault to face an unexpected platoon of police, guns drawn.

# PICTURE NEWS



LOOKOUT ON PACIFIC ISLE — On a southwest Pacific island where Air Transport Command planes make stops on their long hauls, a palm tree has been turned into a lookout for warning of enemy planes and ships.



STOWING SAIL ON A MINESWEEPER—Greek sailors stow sail on return to port after a minesweeping excursion on one of several sailing vessels being used in this work.



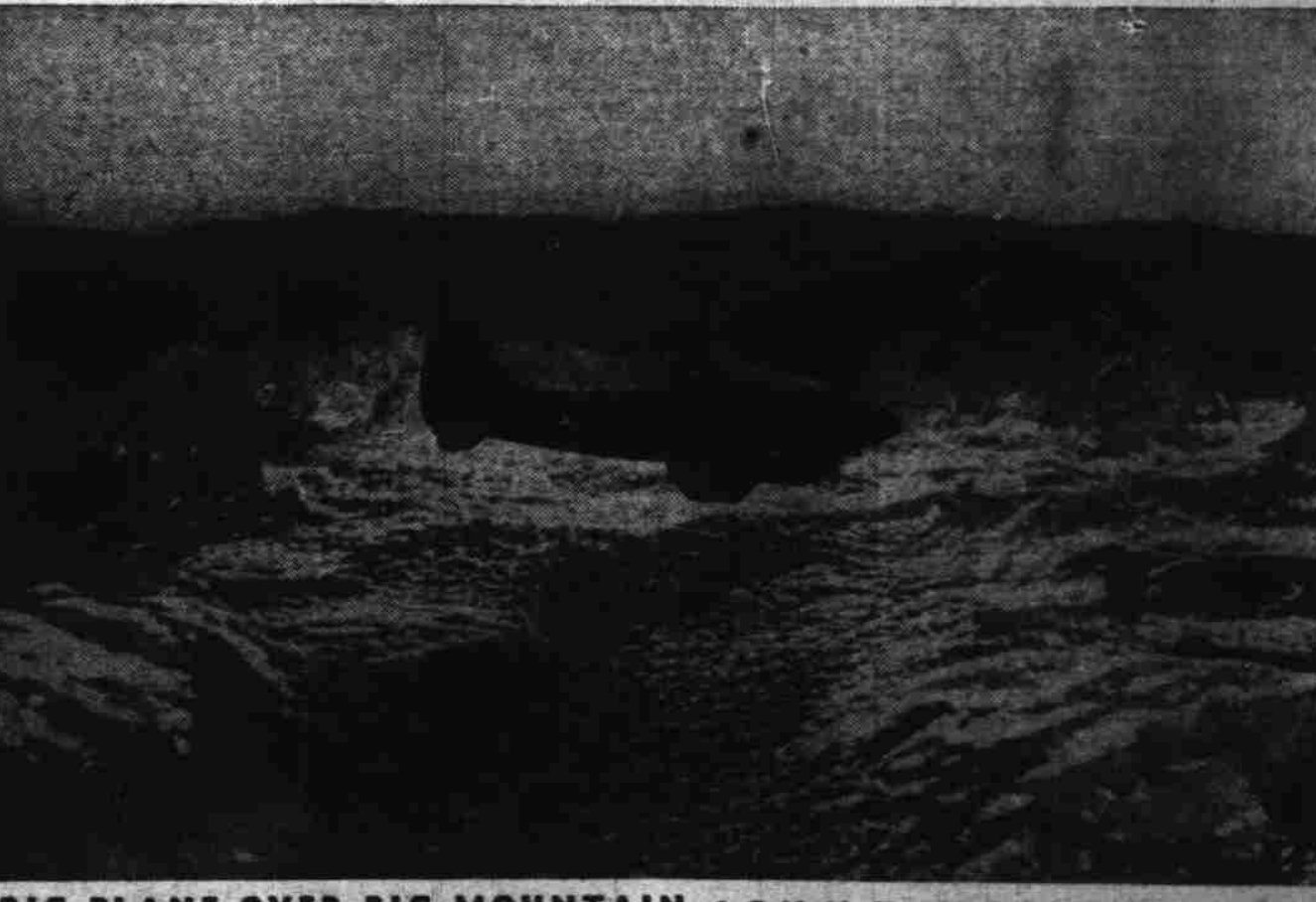
AUTOGRAPH PLANE — Covered with hundreds of workers' signatures, the 2,000th Douglas skytrain cargo transport rolls from the production line at Long Beach, Calif. Some signers added personal comment.



TRIBUTE TO POLAND—Flanked by a color guard of visiting Polish fliers now with the RAF, Jan Kiepura, Polish tenor, and his wife, Marta Eggerth, sing the Polish national anthem at the close of a Broadway performance of "The Merry Widow." Left to right are Corp. Andrei Duczynski, Corp. Leon Binek, Kiepura, Miss Eggerth, Corp. Wladyslaw Wesolowski and Corp. Jan Fabrycy.



TOWER QUEEN — Corp. Friedilla Wilson, USMCWR (above), of Braintree, Mass., is one of the first women marines to serve as a control tower operator at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.



BIG PLANE OVER BIG MOUNTAIN—A C-46 Air Transport Command cargo plane flies high over Mount Whitney in California. Many ATC planes are flown by former airline pilots.



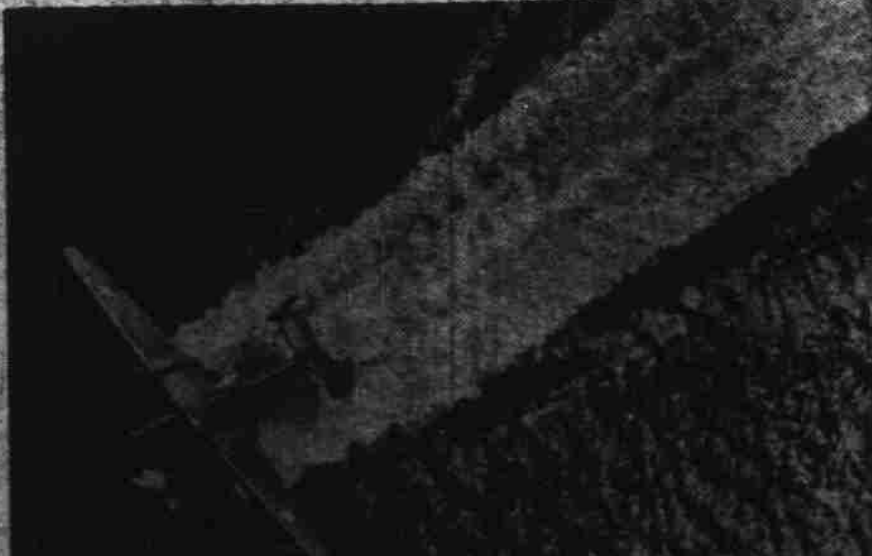
BRITISH GLASS FOR 'FORTS' — Lancaster assembler Jim Robson (left) and Lt. E. B. Wright of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., examine British-made indestructible glass now being used in cockpits of U. S. Flying Fortresses bombing Germany.



SMOOTH — Lila craps is used in smooth lines to flatter the figure in this New York creation for dinner wear, with colored bugle beads outlining the décolletage.



MAILING EARLY—Dunky contributes a double deck of cards to the Christmas package Rita Hunt Wright of New York is preparing for her husband, Lt. (jg) Alfred Wright, Jr., to make sure he gets it at his South Pacific post by Dec. 25. Deadline for mailing to Navy men overseas is Nov. 1, for Army Oct. 15. Packages, marked "Christmas parcel" must not exceed 5 pounds, or measure more than 15 in. long or 16 in length and girth combined. No letters of request are necessary.



MARINER'S WAKE — A Martin Mariner, twin-engine gull-wing patrol bomber used by the U. S. Navy in anti-submarine patrol and convoy protection, leaves a beautiful wake as it glides on the harbor of an east coast naval station.