

Yanks Push Solomons Foothold

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On the Huon peninsula of northeastern New Guinea, jungle-fighting Australians, who wrestled the plateau stronghold of Sattelberg from the Japanese, moved along the enemy's line of retreat and cut the Bonga-Wareo trail on the north. The Aussies also captured Pine Hill, a large irregularly shaped dominating the northeastern half of the important jungle trail.

Above the peninsula, the next important Japanese base is Madang on which other Australian forces have been moving along the Ramu valley. The spokesman said there had been no advance in the valley the past few days but that Aussie patrols still operated on the lower part of a good road which leads to Bogadjim, Madang's defense outpost.

North of Finachafen, Mitchell and Marauder medium bombers, escorted by Lightnings, dropped 49 tons of bombs on supply dumps in the Sio area and attacked a Japanese base Friday.

P-47s and P-40s strafed trucks and other targets in the Madang vicinity.

Two waves of Liberators, with Australian fighters manning the escorting P-40s, delivered the fifth bombing attack within a week on Gasmata, New Britain. In the latest attack Friday, 26 tons of explosives were dropped on defenses at a coastal plantation. Gasmata is on the south-central coast of New Britain, about 130 miles away from ground forces of General MacArthur on New Guinea's Huon gulf coast.

In support of the Solomons operations, Liberators on Wednesday dropped 500 light bombs on the Chabal area on the northern tip of Bougainville and 200 on an airdrome across a narrow passage of water on Buka island.

In a limited operation notable for its pioneering nature, a reconnaissance plane struck 500 miles north of Bougainville, about halfway to Japan's naval stronghold of Truk, at Kapingamarangi island.

Montgomery Promises Colossal Crack

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structive fire into the Eighth army's hard-won bridgehead across the river. Flooded by more than a two-foot rise, the river now is 1000 feet wide in some places.

On the other end of the Germans' winter line across Italy, the American Fifth army smashed two counter attacks against their footholds in the mountains west of Venafro, from which it threatens a broad valley leading toward Cassino and Rome.

The American forces were favored by somewhat better weather, but the Eighth's operations were carried out in continued rains which made the going ground extremely difficult and aerial attacks unusually hazardous.

The Eighth army's attacks followed the technique of remarkably close coordination of air and ground forces developed in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Waves of medium and light bombers as well as fighter-bombers swept over the German trenches, machinegun posts and artillery positions, scattering hundreds of bombs.

While the bombs were exploding, driving the enemy troops to cover, the British troops moved forward behind an aerial version of the "creeping barrage" of artillery fire.

The Eighth army's bridgehead, which extended for more than five miles along the lower Sangro, originally was reported to be nearly a mile and a half deep, with advances of another mile or two miles necessary in some places to reach the hills where the Germans have established more formidable defenses.

Obviously alarmed over the fact that the troops of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery have been able to crack the outer crust of their winter defense line along the Sangro, the Nazis are feverishly building strong new gun positions and other defense works around Migiano to the west—a key point on the Fifth army front guarding the main road to Rome—and erecting other strong points along the 10-mile route from Migiano to Cassino.

These German preparations were disturbed yesterday by American Warhawk fighter-bombers which threw their full weight against the trench systems and gunposts in the vicinity of Rocca d'Evandro, four miles west and south of Migiano.

The Italian Badoglio government issued a special communique through allied headquarters charging the Germans had shot Italian officers captured on battlefield of Albania, Montenegro and the Aegean islands. Premier Pietro Badoglio's government ordered its Madrid embassy to protest to Germany through the Spanish government.

Salem Hi-Y Members to Tour Schools for Conference Data

To build interest and ascertain what attendance may be anticipated for the coming weekend's Older Boys' conference in Salem, teams of Salem Hi-Y members are to tour high schools of the mid-valley region Monday and Tuesday.

Traveling out to speak to student groups Monday will be Bob Skopli, Duke Markert, Don Yocum, Stuart Compton, Conference com. Stuart Travis Cross and Boys' Work Secretary Harold Davis of the Salem YMCA.

On Tuesday, Richard Taw, Eugene Lowe, David Getzender and Richard Page also will be accompanied by Davis on a similar tour.

Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State college, who has attended all but one of the conferences since they were instituted here 24 years ago and who always has been popular as a speaker at those meetings, is again to be featured conference speaker and adviser. He will address the conference group Saturday morning at the YMCA and will conduct the discussion forum that follows.

The conference opens with a banquet Friday night in the high school cafeteria, with Dr. Victor P. Morris, head of the school of business administration at University of Oregon, as speaker and G. F. "Ted" Chambers as toastmaster. Theme of all the meetings will be "Today's Uncertainties—Tomorrow's Security."

Lt. George C. Bliss, commander of the naval training unit at Willamette university, and an officer from Camp Adair are to be speakers Saturday afternoon. Supt. Frank B. Bennett of Salem public schools is to be speaker at Saturday night's banquet at the "Y."

Berlin Reels Under RAF's Last Attack

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their movements with the police. The Germans' failure to break up the attack was a "signal victory" for the US air force, which knocked down 56 Nazi fighters Friday over Bremen and did "much to take the edge off the enemy's counterattack" at Berlin, the air ministry said.

The Americans' whittling of Nazi strength was especially appreciated because, due to clear weather, the RAF bombers were open to attack by German fighters all the way across Germany.

Allied losses Friday, however, indicated that the Germans were stiffening their defenses. Berlin claimed 39 British planes had been downed, and that the allies had lost 93 planes, mostly four-engined bombers, in the last 24 hours over Germany and west Europe.

Sveidish dispatches already had reported one-quarter of Berlin was destroyed.

Latest reports from the German frontier told of Berliners walking in a daze—as big steamrollers tried to open lanes through the debris in the streets—thinking mainly of escaping to places like Holland and Bavaria where reception centers are being prepared.

From Switzerland came word, possibly exaggerated, that Berlin's dead totalled 13,000—more than a quarter of Britain's air raid toll in the entire war.

But there was only a smattering of such reports today. A tight German censorship clamped down upon neutral correspondents and even upon home circulation reflected the serious impact of last night's assault, which the conservative RAF described as "most effective."

New Insignia At Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., Nov. 27—A new insignia appearing on the sleeve of some of the soldiers at Camp Adair and nearby cities and towns is the white four-leaf clover on a diamond-shaped background. It represents the Fourth army, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commanding, with headquarters at the Presidio at Monterey, Calif.

Camp Adair units formerly attached to the Fourth corps are now officially attached to the new headquarters on the post which has been re-designated as the Seventh headquarters special troops Fourth army.

Attached to this headquarters for training and administration are non-divisional units of the Fourth army. Ordnance, anti-aircraft, military police, evacuation hospital and quartermaster troops are typical of the units represented.

Commanding officer of the Fourth army's Seventh headquarters is Col. Edward C. Snow while Lt. Col. Elmer T. Henry is executive officer.

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Dean U. G. Dubach, Oregon State college, attends his 22nd Older Boys' conference in Salem as a featured speaker this coming weekend. The conferences, begun here 24 years ago and held annually, with the exception of last year when cancelled as a wartime exigency, are YMCA-sponsored.

Vinson Okehs Coal Increase

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Stabilization Director Fred Vinson today authorized the office of price administration to increase soft coal prices an average of 47 cents a ton as a result of the wage increase granted to the miners.

Detailed prices by districts will be formulated by the OPA.

The miners received \$1.50 a day additional pay in the agreement negotiated November 3 by Interior Secretary Ickes and the United Mine Workers.

Previously the OPA had boosted price ceilings on anthracite an average of 62 cents a ton to compensate for a wage increase of approximately 70 cents a day to hard coal miners.

German Peace Rumors Floating

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 27 (AP)—Rumors that the Germans were seeking a negotiated peace met with incredulity tonight among officials from Europe, the United States and Latin America here to attend the United Nations relief conference.

A story emanating from London said that "credence" was being given here to a report that the Germans have taken or are about to take preliminary steps for an armistice.

Gilbert Losses Heavy; Drive To Be Costly

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raid shelters built from coconut logs filled with coral sand, and pillboxes and block houses made of concrete. The shelters were compartmented and extended underground. They were inside and were perfectly safe during bombings unless it was a direct hit.

The situation was so confused when the first wave of marines reached the beach that they mingled with the Japs.

"They suffered heavy casualties and were rather disorganized in some places," Carlson said. "They'd get a toehold and just hang on."

"It was a terrifying sight and raised my admiration of those boys to a peak. They deployed in the water. They were under heavy mortar fire. Yet they moved right on."

"At the end of the first day we had a small beachhead at three points of a depth of not more than 250 yards."

Less opposition was encountered on Makin and Abemama atolls, whose conquest gave the marines control of the Gilberts.

State Deal For Distilleries Is 'On Again'

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questioned his authority to issue a warrant in payment for Oregon's share in the capital stock of the two distilleries.

Subsequently, Attorney General L. H. Van Winkle supplied an opinion that the liquor control commission could participate in such a transaction since the stock purchase would only be incidental and the state would not "be interested in" the distilleries' capital stock.

Relying upon that opinion, Treasurer Scott said Saturday he would cash a warrant for the purchase if one was presented and if the funds were available. It was understood here that liquor commission officials were attempting to arrange a loan of \$3,000,000 or more to finance the deal.

Treasurer Scott previously had explained that his only concern, officially, involved his liability and that of his bondsmen in connection with the cashing of the proposed warrant. Incidentally, the deal this time does not require approval of the state board of control.

There remain unanswered the question as to whether the two states may be liable for the distilling companies' profits taxes. In Portland it was contended

On the HOME FRONT

By HABEL CHILDS

(With apologies to Mr. Finney and both my readers)

Sgt. Cutler had a turnip (Didn't grow behind the barn But it did come up from nowhere—)

And as for doin' harm . . . No one's yet at that turnip. For it weighs nigh on five pound; And Cutler's like to put it back 'T' fill th' hole 'n th' ground!

When Police Officer Buck Main boasted to Sgt. Jack Cutler last summer about the size of the carrots in his victory garden, he didn't guess the number of prize vegetables Cutler would drag in for display purposes.

At police headquarters yesterday, it was quite frankly admitted that both Main and Cutler had patronized the city's finest markets at times in order to secure the "biggest" potato, onion, etc., but Cutler's turnip is his own product. And like that made famous in the poem about Mr. Finney, it was not in a row with other turnips. The gardener had merely brushed off the palm of his hand the few seeds that remained after he had sowed the turnip patch.

The turnip exhibited Saturday weighs four pounds and 14 ounces, would cost 40 cents if purchased in a store, but the Missouri, ri-born police sergeant still has to be shown. The merchant who quoted him the price refused to buy the purple and white fruit—said he couldn't invest so much in an article that might be pithy at the center. (Grocer's name on request.)

KEOKUK, Ia. (AP)—Federal Judge Charles A. Dewey had just heard a jury acquit a former bank teller in an embezzlement case when he squirmed in his chair and jerked suddenly with a muffled outcry.

As spectators stared in amazement, the judge explained he had become "so excited a match caught afire in my pocket." He extinguished the blaze with a couple of slaps from the hand.

H. O. Rosebraugh Dies Saturday

H. O. Rosebraugh of Portland, father of Mrs. Bruce A. Cooley and Mrs. Helen Crawford and brother of W. W. Rosebraugh of Salem, died Saturday at a Salem hospital, where he had been removed from Portland late in the week.

Survivors include also one son, Fred Rosebraugh of Portland, and another brother, B. Rosebraugh of Charleston, Ill.

Funeral arrangements are to be made later by Clough - Barrick company.

WU Students To Vote Again On Officers

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Willamette students will vote again Monday on candidates for first vice president of the student body and to choose officers for three classes. In an earlier election Ed Ferguson was named second vice president of the associated students but neither Marge Maulding nor Jack Christensen, nominees for the first vice president post, received the required majority to win the election.

Nominated for senior class president are Hollis Huston and Ray Short. John Beeble, now holding the office, was nominated but declined. Other students nominated are Susanna Schramm and Dorothy Estes, class representative; Betty Anne Swanson and Pat Tracy, vice president; Mary Lou Moore and Lucille Barnhart, secretary; Nancy Stricklin and Lucille Pierstorff, treasurer.

Juniors failed to nominate anyone for class representative so will be allowed to write in names of candidates at the election. Running for offices are Dick Maxwell, president; Betty Provost, Gordon Kunke and Mabel Fox, vice president; Betty Burkhardt, Betty Andrews and Janet Blake, secretary; Louise Wrisley, Louise Fortino and Bill Glover, treasurer; Jack Hannam, Doug Heath and Jack Wulff, sergeant at arms.

Sophomore candidates are Bernard Director, Lloyd Griffiths, Phil Sorenson and Gerald Wolfsehr, president; William Blade, Roger Hancock and Pat Lamb, vice president; Stan Boyd, Wally Brownlee, Jane Findley and Vi-

Russians Lay Mines for Nazis On Escape Line

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about 100 miles of front, sealed with movement as the Germans fell back and rushed reserves to plug gaps in their crumbling lines. The Russians sent at least three columns wheeling in various directions from various areas.

One Russian movement was building a bulge along the Berezina river between Kalinkovichi and Zlobin, pushing northward toward Bobruisk. It was flanking the last German natural defense line short of cutting in back of the German Orsha-Mogilev line on the Dnieper.

Another soviet spearhead was less than 15 miles south of Zlobin as it moved north between the Dnieper and Sozh rivers. Still other Russian forces moving north through the Pripiet marshes captured Yelak, 15 miles south of Mozyr. This also was an extension of the Kiev salient to the south and gave the Russians a line west of Kiev from Chernyakhov 95 miles north to Yelak.

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