

Yanks Down 16 Jap Planes In Marshalls

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Wednesday marked the first time since concentrated raids began on the Marshalls that Japanese planes pursued retreating aircraft. Their tactics proved costly despite the fact that returning American fighters said the enemy apparently was using top flight fighter pilots.

The Japanese abrupt decision to engage in these dog fights may be a strategy born of desperation as the Americans continue the daily assaults on enemy bases 300 miles or more north of the allied-held Gilberts.

The Wednesday achievement of 16 Japanese planes definitely downed and six others probably without any American loss is outstanding in a Pacific record which has been running from four to eight to one against the Japanese.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Pounding again at atolls in the Marshall islands, bombers and fighters of the Seventh army air force have rained fire and bombs on Japanese ground installations, shipping and aircraft.

This was reported tonight in another navy department report on the continuing series of attacks which, taken together, may be the softening up process leading to another invasion of enemy-held islands in the Pacific.

The report: "Seventh AAF aircraft attacked Kwajalein, Maloelap and Mill atolls in the Marshall islands on January 25 (west longitude date). Heavy bombers dropped more than 35 tons of bombs on Kwajalein in a late afternoon raid, starting fires among ground installations. No enemy fighters were encountered and we lost no planes.

"Medium bombers, attacking Tarao in the Maloelap atoll in mid-afternoon struck airbase facilities and wrecked one enemy bomber on the ground. Approximately 30 fighters attacked our planes. One of these was shot down—three were possibly shot down and several more damaged. Damage to our planes was moderate and all returned.

"Mill was attacked by dive bombers and fighters in a mid-morning raid which caused several fires among ground facilities. There was no fighter opposition and none of our planes was lost.

"Navy search planes attacked an oiler escorted by two small ships southeast of Eniwetok atoll. The oiler was severely damaged and may have been sunk. One of the escorting ships was sunk."

Pre-Induction Meetings Are Planned

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since it is for the benefit of the men on whom we are depending to fight the war.

"You realize, of course, that a soldier's entire army career may be profoundly influenced by the ease or difficulty with which he makes the transition from civilian to military life. The efforts of civilian training agencies will facilitate this transition and result in greater speed and efficiency of post-induction training."

Lt. Col. Carlton E. Spencer, assistant state selective service director, has issued a directive to all Oregon draft boards explaining the broad purpose of the plan and urging complete cooperation with civilian defense officials.

Deferred Farm Workers Told To Be Drafted

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pendency status, who are deemed necessary to and regularly engaged in agricultural occupations. Late in 1942, selective service devised a yardstick of farm activity in terms of "war units" and set an individual 16 unit objective as a guide for agricultural classification.

Winston said some registrants had been deferred although they were credited with as little as eight war units of production. He added:

"It may well be that in the forthcoming agricultural season 16 war units will cease to be merely a guide and will become the minimum of individual activity."

Bricker Recommends Postwar Economy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Development of the postwar economy on a foundation of private enterprise, with a minimum of government interference, was recommended to congress today by Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, an announced candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

Bricker outlined his economic views in a letter to a house committee studying problems incident to the eventual conversion from war to peace.

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Somewhere on the desert or in the jungle is a jeep driver who got his start on the home front.

We quote a woman who sounded as if she might be a sister: "He says he's driven 20,000 miles since he's been there—all over the country. If he drives that jeep like he drove the car at home, no wonder they run!"

Union Demands Boost in Pay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Union demands in five giant steel concerns for pay boosts that go beyond the administration's "hold the line" curb reached the war labor board today.

Secretary of Labor Perkins certified to the WLB disputes involving workers of US steel corporation, Jones and Laughlin, of Pittsburgh; Youngstown Sheet and Tube, the Republic Steel corporation, of Cleveland, and the Wheeling (W.Va.) Steel company. The U. S. Steel subsidiaries involved are Carnegie-Illinois, American Steel and Wire, National Tube company, Columbia Steel and the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad companies.

The labor department said the issues, and the same set of facts, apply to all cases. The CIO United Steel Workers of America demands wage increases of 17 cents an hour above the so-called "Little Steel" formula which holds increases to 15 per cent above the level of January 1, 1941.

A resolution opposing the Austin-Wadsworth bill and reaffirming action of the national CIO convention opposing any national service act, was adopted unanimously at a meeting of the organization's executive board.

Harry Bridges, president of the Longshoremen's union, and Joseph Curran, head of the national maritime union, joined chiefs of all the other CIO unions in voting for the resolution.

Both Bridges and Curran previously had been reported as favoring President Roosevelt's five-point program, including national service legislation. CIO sources said the two had asserted their views had been misinterpreted.

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Leningrad Completely Liberated

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at Tosno, eastern terminus of the Narva railway where it meets the Leningrad-Moscow trunk line at a point 30 miles southeast of Leningrad.

Below Tosno the Russians completely cleared the Leningrad-Moscow railway and highway for a distance of 20 miles to the Lyuban sector, leaving the Germans clinging only to 30 miles of the railway between Lyuban and Volkhovo.

Russian troops already are fighting in the outskirts of Lyuban, the communiqué said.

The fighting far beyond Leningrad had taken two directions. In pushing westward toward Estonia the Russians were hitting with accelerated power on a 25-mile front despite an unseasonal thaw which had turned roads into quagmires.

The lower soviet spearhead took Volosovo on this front; an upper spearhead entered Zakornova, 13 miles inland from the Gulf of Finland. Intermediate units also were astride good highways.

South of Leningrad the Russians had penetrated seven miles beyond the east-west Tosno-Narva railway, pounding the Germans back toward the arms of another Russian army coming up from the Novgorod sector.

The latter group of Russians yesterday had practically ended the value of the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway at a point 13 miles south of Batetskaya junction. One soviet column was declared to have captured Ozhogin-Volochek, only two miles from the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway.

Farther south another column swept into Verky-Prykhon, eight miles northwest of Shimsak, the "back door" to German positions at Staraya Russa on the south shore of Lake Ilmen. This group was astride a highway leading west and southwestward to Pakov, near the Estonian and Latvian borders.

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Congress Plans New Tax Bill On Luxuries

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cable and radio messages is boosted to 25 per cent, although the current rate is retained for similar international service.

The 20 per cent jewelry tax does not apply to silver-plated flatware (knives, forks, etc.).

The bill raises postal rates an estimated \$98,500,000 a year, and the house conferees agreed to the senate's elimination of the house proposal to double third class rates. Air-mail postage goes up from 6 to 8 cents, locally delivered letters must carry 3-cent stamps instead of 2's, and registered, insured and COD mail will go up, along with money order charges.

The conferees adopt the senate's 46 a gallon "drawback" rate on alcohol used for non-beverage purposes. This means that for example, vodka, would pay the 46 a gallon tax, then be entitled to a 46 refund.

The conferees agreed also on a section designed to prevent corporations with large profits from avoiding taxes by buying up firms which are losing money.

The provision states that where any person or persons acquire, on or after October 8, more than 50 per cent control of a corporation, with their principal purpose the "evasion or avoidance of federal income or excess profits tax by securing the benefit of a deduction, credit or other allowance, the benefit shall not be allowed."

The conferees also accepted a senate amendment to give timber land owners who cut the timber themselves the benefit of capital gains rates, not presently provided.

It was agreed the tax on admissions to theatres, picture shows, ball parks and other places of amusement should rise from the present one per cent for each dime of admission charge to one cent for each five cents. The house had voted two cents per dime, but the senate plan was adopted to give relief to shows with odd-cents admission prices.

A compromise 20 per cent retail tax was worked out on luggage, purses and handbags in place of the 15 per cent rate voted by the senate and the 25 per cent favored by the house.

The house rate of 25 per cent was adopted for cosmetics and toilet articles. The senate had voted 20 per cent. The levy on furs was placed at 20 per cent, double the current rate.

A proposed increase in the tax on light bulbs was passed over for the time being, as was a pari-mutuel betting tax which had been voted by the house but was rejected by the senate.

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Nazis Increase Furious Blows South of Rome

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moving toward the new battle zone.

The Hermann Goering division, recently refitted into a full armored outfit, came up through the Pontine marshes in an attempt to break into the allied bridgehead at a point east of the Mussolini canal, but was thrown back after a violent engagement. This first important test of arms since the allied landing last Saturday was fought in a torrential rain and hail storm. At one time hail stones covered the ground almost like snow, a front dispatch said.

Two days ago allied headquarters announced that the Nettuno bridgehead had been extended 12 miles inland and to the edge of the historic Apennian way. Steady progress has been reported since that time, and it is safe to assume that the Apennian way has been cut in at least one place.

Apparently the Hermann Goering battle group was trying to force its way up to clear this main traffic artery between Rome and the coastal sector of the main fifth army front. A navy announcement that allied warships were heavily shelling the highway around Terracina and Formia indicated the enemy was rushing up more reinforcements for a still greater blow at the bridgehead.

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Marion Bond Sales Reach Million Mark

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cently was a Ripley "Believe-it-or-not" subject, will provide entertainment. Jack Spencer, Silverton district war finance committee chairman, will preside. Charles A. Sprague, county vice chairman, will present awards to sales girls from the Strouss-Reitz store who have made an outstanding record in bond sales. Leading bond seller in the "Schools at War" program headed here by Mrs. W. F. Search also will receive recognition, including "Minute Maids" Dorothy Williams, Jane Hande and Louise Hoblitt.

Chairman Spencer announced that individual purchases in the district had reached \$65,000 by 6 p.m. Thursday.

Campaign headquarters are being opened in the former CC store room in the Hoblitt building and women's organizations will be in charge. The office will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. daily. Mrs. Clark Bachman heads this part of the program.

The Silverton Lions club which planned Friday night's show has also arranged a dinner preceding it at which the Young Oregonians and their manager, Amby Amburn, will be guests. Others present will be District Chairman Spencer and Vice Chairman James Clough. Postmaster Henry Alm, Coolidge-McClaine bank, City Manager E. K. Burton, President William Bloch of the Lions club and Dr. A. L. V. Smith, Lions district governor.