

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Spurgeon

First the training camps, then the hospitals.

Construction for military purposes which began about four years ago was swiftly accelerated following Pearl Harbor. Initial provision was for local defense and then for waging war. Air and naval bases were laid out, coastal defenses set up, great training camps constructed, munitions and supply depots located and built.

That job is done. We get ready now for the wreckage of war. The navy is building hospitals at Astoria and Klamath Falls. The army has installed no new hospitals in this state, but has done so in Washington and California. Soon what we shall see will be men with the wounds of battle, where now those in uniform are in the pink of physical fitness.

Without a doubt the sight of men maimed and blinded, crippled and broken will have a sobering effect. The glory of war is lost for one who has stopped a ragged piece of shrapnel, or taken a grenade fragment in his face; but usually the injured person himself is braced for the ordeal and takes it with a soldier's courage and patience. But what about the public? How will they bear the shock? And how will they respond in the way of helping the wounded to readjust themselves on their release from the army on medical discharges? The people have been keen to entertain and help the young chaps as they prepared for war. Will they lend the helping hand that will be needed by the war casualties more than by anyone else?

If civilian response is valuable to the soldier in training or in action in helping him keep up his morale so is it valuable to the men wounded in the fighting. They must not be shunned or avoided, neither should they be given a maudlin sympathy for either course dooms them to a class apart. The cheery greeting, assistance toward a job, the "lift" in dark moments and the kindly consideration which looks to facing the future rather than reliving the past are what will be needed, giving the injured men themselves a reassurance and a feeling of personal value.

After the camps, the hospitals. The home front must prepare for the reverse tide of warfare.

Bridges Seeks Force FDR's Intentions

By HAROLD FLIEGER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Sen. Bridges (R-NH), laid plans today to force President Roosevelt's hand on a fourth term election through legislation requiring that the names of presidential candidates be printed on the ballots which must be mailed early to let service men vote.

Bridges said he would suggest Monday that the democrats advance their national convention to a date early enough to list the ticket on overseas ballots.

The federal ballot form in the administration's bill carried blank spaces for president, vice president, senators and congressmen. The voter either could write in

Government Officials Split With Ramirez

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 28 (AP)—The military government of Gen. Pedro Ramirez, president of Argentina, was split wide open tonight as a result of the country's severance of diplomatic relations with the axis.

Gen. Arturo Rawson, a comrade in arms with Ramirez in the June revolution of army leaders, resigned as ambassador to Brazil because he was too pro-allied. Three cabinet members, the mayor of Buenos Aires, and several minor government officials also resigned, but because they were too pro-axis.

Rawson served as president for 48 hours after the successful coup last June 4, giving way to Ramirez. Wednesday, Rawson in a congratulatory message to Ramirez after the latter had announced severance of relations with Germany and Japan, said the action "fulfilled" the purpose of the uprising.

An open break between the two revolutionary leaders became evident yesterday when Ramirez in a curt message signed by his secretary, Col. Enrique F. Gonzalez, rebuked Rawson, declaring that a rupture of relations with the axis was not the purpose of the revolution but that the uprising was for "national recuperation and affirmation of Argentine sovereignty."

Ford Workers Strike

DETROIT, Jan. 28 (AP)—A Ford Motor company spokesman reported tonight that 1700 of the 2400 night shift workers at the Highland Park plant had gone on strike.

Allies Crush Nazis on Land, in Air

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US Vows Reprisals On Jap Torturers

Hull Promises Butchers Of Nippon to Be Brought To Account; Congress Irate

By Tom Reedy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Enraged as never before, America tonight vowed merciless vengeance on every one of the Japanese who tortured and murdered the unforgettable heroes of Bataan.

Even the calm, judicial Secretary of State Cordell Hull was moved to use such words as "demons" and "fiendishness" as he gave the official promise that the butchers of Nippon would be brought to account.

Cries of "hang the Mikado" and "bomb Japan out of existence" roared out of congress. From all quarters expressions of sheer rage grew more vocal by the hour as the full import of last night's army-navy disclosure sank in.

No one knows yet exactly how many of the US and Filipino troops were brutally slain but Palmer Hoyt, former director of POW's domestic branch, declared that most of the 50,000 who surrendered met their deaths from deadly heat, thirst, starvation and other forms of torture. Hoyt was critical that the ghastly news was withheld from the public for two years.

Two reasons were given today for making the information public now. Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said there was no longer any point to keeping the veil of secrecy. Instead, Early declared that there was no hope of the Japanese allowing further relief supplies to reach the captives.

The OWI said publication was decided upon in the belief that it might bring some improvement in the Japanese attitude toward prisoners. Sec'y Hull revealed that the government is compiling all information possible about prisoner treatment and said the criminals will be punished when the war

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7th Air Force Blasts Nauru, Other Atolls

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 28 (AP)—Seventh air force bombers resumed the air offensive in the mid-Pacific yesterday by blasting Nauru island west of the allied-held Marshalls in a daylight raid and by hitting Wotje, Mill and Maleolap atolls in the enemy-held Marshall islands.

The raid on phosphate-producing Nauru was the first since December 21. No American losses were reported by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

The raid on the Marshalls was the 22nd consecutive daily attack this month. One American dive bomber was shot down by ground fire at Mill and our total plane losses were described as light.

No Japanese fighter opposition was encountered in any of the raids.

Medium bombers started fires among ground facilities at Wotje and dive bombers and fighters bombed and strafed airdrome installations and gun positions at Mill.

Heavy bombers dropped 20 tons of explosives on important Taroa airdrome on Maleolap atoll, causing extensive damage.

22 Jap Planes Lost at Rabaul

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, Jan. 29 (AP)—Twenty-two Japanese planes have been shot down on the 24th day of raids this month to hit the stronghold of Rabaul, headquarters announced today.

More than 100 planes from Solomons bases delivered the attack Wednesday and four were lost. Allied planes have missed only two days this month in smashing at the northeastern New Britain fortress. The enemy losses announced today raised the total accounted for so far this month to more than 380.

It Wasn't All Nightmare—

SEATTLE, Jan. 28 (AP)—Eleven months in a Japanese prison camp burned into Cmdr. Melvyn H. McCoy's memory a nightmare recollection, but he can smile at some of his experiences on a prisoner's work detail.

"We were carrying cases of milk from the top of an athletic stadium to the street," he said. "The store room was packed with provisions, and we noticed among them a case of bourbon whisky that looked as if it wouldn't be too difficult to open."

"Three of us went to work on the project. One distracted the Jap guard's attention by talking to him. Another kept watch. And the third worked a bottle of whisky out of the case and filled his canteen with it."

"That night five of us got drunk on that one canteenful. It didn't hold a lot of liquor—but it doesn't take much to get you when you're starving to death."

US-Spanish Policy Due to Be Changed

By FLORA LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—The state department announced tonight that it is reconsidering general relations between Spain and the United States "in the light of trends in Spanish policy."

Pending that reconsideration, the department said, loadings of Spanish tankers with petroleum products for Spain have been suspended.

"The Spanish government has shown a certain reluctance to satisfy requests deemed both reasonable and important by the state department, and concerning which representations have continuously been addressed to the Spanish government for some time past," the announcement said.

It then listed these points on which Spain has failed to satisfy the allies:

- 1—Certain Italian warships and merchant vessels continue interned in Spanish ports.
- 2—Spain continues to permit the export to Germany of certain vital war materials such as Wolfram (tungsten ore used in making armor-piercing steel).
- 3—Axis agents are active both in continental Spain and in Spanish African territory as well as in Tangier.
- 4—Some portion of the Blue (Spanish) division appears still involved in the war against Russia.
- 5—Reports have been received indicating the conclusion of a fi-

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Individual Bond Purchases in Marion County Pass Half Way Mark to Reach \$7,174,000

Halfway mark in the sales-to-individuals phase of the fourth war loan was passed in Marion county Friday when the total rose to \$1,174,000, and Jesse J. Gard, county war finance committee chairman, declared bond buyers were really hitting a pace which would spell victory — if maintained until the \$2,251,900 goal is reached and exceeded.

"People have been responding in great shape all over the county," Gard declared, "but the pace must be continued to the end of the drive if we are to make as good a record as we did last time. Marion is a top-flight county in bond sales and we aim to keep it that way. The committee knows that everyone within the county borders has pride in our show-up and will do everything possible toward making that quota."

Reds Cut Railway, Lake Ilme

Vatutin Beats Vinnitsa Attack In Ukraine

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Red army has cut the important Leningrad-Vitebsk railway west of Lake Ilme, leaving the Germans only one railroad for retreat from the north where other Russian forces have pushed to within 34 miles of Estonia and have almost cleared the Moscow-Leningrad double-track trunk railway and its parallel highway, Moscow announced today.

Far to the south in the Ukraine, where the Russians were nearest the Rumanian border, Soviet forces under Gen. Nikolai Vatutin again beat back an important German counterattack east of Vinnitsa, said the midnight Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet monitor. Sixty-five German tanks were destroyed and 1200 Germans killed in this fighting. The Germans failed to make gains, Moscow said.

In the north the Russians now held all of the Moscow-Leningrad line except the town of Chudovo, 75 miles southeast of Leningrad. Complete Russian occupation of the vital railway was expected within the next 24 hours as the Russians routed German garrisons holding out north of Chudovo and captured weapons and ammunition.

Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin in a special order of the day earlier told of the capture of the large station of Lyuban and four others on this line and then declared: "Thus the main railway line connecting Moscow with Leningrad — the October railway line — has been freed from the German invaders along its entire stretch, excluding the station of Chudovo where the enemy is encircled and being annihilated."

The premier-marshal ordered a victory salute of 12 salves from 124 Moscow guns to mark the achievement which, when the line is repaired, will once again permit Russia's two largest cities to exchange supplies and men.

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Lt. DeVlieg Missing In Burma Action

Notification that First Lt. Robert L. DeVlieg had been missing in action over Burma since January 18 was received here Friday by his wife, the former Marian MacLachlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. MacLachlan of Salem.

Lt. DeVlieg, one of a group of pilots who flew in the air show held at Salem air field the fall of 1941, was piloting a P-38 in the Ninth photo-squadron January 18.

Other special events throughout the county will follow, the committee promised. Appreciation of the cooperation given by Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Col. E. C. Snow and the officers directly in charge, was expressed in connection with the army exhibit in Salem on Thursday, one of the best-attended special events to date.

Air raid wardens in districts bordering Salem's city limits have become active in solicitation, and Moody Benner, chief air raid warden, has announced assistants in his territory, including Virgil Starr on Lansing avenue, Roy D. Anderson on Evergreen avenue, Fred Wolf on Fisher avenue, Bert Hult on Sunnyvale avenue. Benner will solicit in the vicinity of Silverton road just outside the city limits, and Glen Heinlein in the Auburn community. Arthur Smith, Salem chairman, expressed appreciation of this aid which will take care of areas not solicited otherwise because they are between the block leaders' territory and that of the rural collectors.

David Wied, Jefferson district chairman, a caller at bond headquarters Friday, proudly announced

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Wayne Morse was reported tonight to have resigned from the war labor board in order to seek election as senator from Oregon. He is known to have been considering such a step for some time, and friends said they understand his resignation already has gone to the White House.

Morse, 43, is serving on the WLB during a leave of absence as dean of the University of Oregon law school. He is a republican and, in seeking a senate seat, would oppose Sen. Rufus Holman in the republican primary. Informed of the report of his resignation, Morse declined comment.

Solons Okeh Social Security Tax Freeze

By FRANCIS J. KELLY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—A freeze of social security tax rates, strongly opposed by President Roosevelt, was approved today by a joint committee adjusting senate and house versions of the new revenue bill.

Employers and employees covered by the act will continue to pay 1 per cent pay roll taxes throughout this year under the freeze. The rate had been scheduled to double automatically January 1, but a stop-gap resolution held the projected rise off 60 days.

As on two previous occasions, the move to block the increase developed in the senate. Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich), led the fight, contending the social security reserve fund is from five to 11 times larger than the estimated drain upon it in any of the next five years.

In his budget message a few weeks ago, Mr. Roosevelt "earnestly urged" congress to let the increase take effect. He said reserves should be built up now against future benefit demands.

The house conferees decided, however, to go along with the senate on the matter. Final formal approval will come when congress adopts the conference committee's recommendations on disputed items in the tax bill.

The conferees now are near the end of their labors. Only projected changes in the war contracts renegotiation law remain.

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Japanese Lose 1291 Planes

By FRED HAMPSON

AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC AIR BASE, Jan. 29 (AP)—Allied headquarters announced today 1291 Japanese planes were blasted from the sky by South Pacific airmen from August 1, 1943, to January 25, 1944.

Land Forces Smash Assault On Bridgehead

Sky Fighters Bag 28 Planes Dealing Second Heavy Blow To 'Stand or Die' Germans

By Edward Kennedy

ALLIED HEADQUARTER, Algiers, Jan. 28 (AP)—Allied land and air forces have dealt the nazis a crushing twin defeat in the battle for Rome, smashing an enemy assault on the British-American bridgehead at a point 21 miles from the Italian capital and destroying 28 German planes in furious sky fights over the landing beaches, the allied command announced today.

The nazi debacle in the air and the repulsing of the heaviest enemy attack so far against the week-old bridgehead came as German prisoners declared that Adolf Hitler himself had ordered the German 10th army to "stand or die" on the Cassino front, some 90 miles from Rome.

(The German-controlled Paris radio in a broadcast recorded by the British ministry of information in London said: "German military quarters are expecting another allied landing in Italy shortly. Increased allied naval activity has been observed. Besides the Fifth and Eighth armies another army is to participate in the battle for Italy.")

The site of yesterday's ground clash, in which British troops routed elements of the German 29th armored division, was near the little village of Carroceto, 10 miles due north from the allied beachheads at Anzio. In addition to inflicting casualties, the British took more than 100 prisoners and drove the enemy back toward the Apennian way.

Despite this German effort and a previously reported counter-attack by units of the Hermann Goering armored division near Littoria, 15 miles east of Anzio, the allied invasion holding was being slowly but steadily enlarged, latest official word from the area said.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's Italian headquarters said the bridgehead was at least six miles deep at all points and that allied spearheads had pushed considerably farther inland. The stretch of beach in allied hands was about 24 miles long, extending an equal distance on each side of Anzio. Probably a score of villages were in the fan-shaped area engulfed by the landing forces—a flat, almost treeless country.

German artillery rained shells into the bridgehead, including salvos from big guns mounted on armored trains just outside Rome. Reconnaissance disclosed that the nazis were assembling heavy armored forces, including 60-ton

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British Fleet Bombs Berlin; Calais Blasted

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 29 (AP)—A powerful fleet of British bombers thundered toward Europe again last night, following up its attack against shattered Berlin Thursday night and an intensive daylight aerial offensive yesterday over northern France.

During the daylight operations American Liberators supported by Thunderbolts and lighter RAF forces, raided mystery targets in the Pas-de-Calais area, the portion of France closest to England, without the loss of a single American plane.

London experienced a brief air raid alert tonight—its 700th of the war and seventh this year. The all clear sounded within a short time and no gunfire was heard in the center of the city.

One German plane, however, penetrated to the greater London area but was driven off by two short bursts of gunfire. A number of persons were injured when a bomb damaged several houses in the Thames estuary area.

Berlin still simmered among hundreds of fires from the RAF attack which drove home a 1500 ton blow, one of a series of hard punches which apparently is necessary to finish off the nazi capital.

The RAF heavy bombers also rocked Heligoland, the "German Gibraltar" in the North sea, with a diversionary assault last night.

Other regions in northern France were attacked as well as the Pas-de-Calais area which has been given the popular name of "Rocket Gun Coast."

During the day's operations Canadian planes shot down four (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Canol Project May Continue

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28 (AP)—Captain Maxwell I. Rae, army engineer, said in a written statement today the army considers completion of the Canol oil line parallel to the Alaska highway.

The chief of the San Francisco US engineers office, which has responsibility for the construction, made this comment: "Arguments that the period of military expedience is past, with lessening of Japanese threat to continental North America, are not accepted by the men who are completing this supply route, with its fueling system, to the north, and who hint that traffic can move in two directions.