

Yanks Clinch Grip on Biggest Atoll

Where does religion end and insanity begin? That question was before the state supreme court in a recent case. A woman had made a will leaving her goods temporal to be divided among certain religious bodies. Heirs contested on the ground she was insane when she made the will. Her religious fanaticism was adduced in proof of her insanity.

Well, the court didn't draw the line between religion and insanity, but it did decide that in this particular case the woman was insane and so threw out the will, which meant of course that her estate would pass to her relatives. The woman, it seems, had belonged to a very fanatical religious group. After her husband died she would shout and holler, talk to herself, talk to Jesus as though he were present. The way she carried on made her neighbors think she was off "balance." As one of them testified:

"Well, I figured her mind wasn't altogether right. She was just worrying and fretting. I think she just mostly went crazy over religion and lost her mind over her husband."

Mr. Justice Brand, who wrote the opinion of the court, reviewed the evidence and concluded the testatrix was "suffering from senile decay which had developed into monomania. Her mental derangement and her delusions manifested themselves chiefly as a religious fanaticism which had reached a degree of frenzy and controlled her mind." The judge however stated that "the fact of religious fanaticism, belief in spiritualism or in the possibility of communication with departed spirits of itself established testamentary incapacity." In other words the court refused to say that talking to Jesus for example proved (continued on editorial page).

Demos Switch Campaign To Domestic

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Administration democrats have switched emphasis to domestic issues in their current pre-convention campaign. As usual, they get ready to select next Saturday in New Mexico the first delegates to either political national convention.

Both Robert E. Hannegan, new chairman of the democratic national committee, and Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, just named to direct the 1944 drive to elect democrats to the senate, are charging the opposition with efforts to capitalize on popular discontent with wartime economic controls.

Hannegan told a Jackson day rally in Alabama that patriotic Americans realize that economic (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Ralph Marshall Washed Overboard

SILVERTON—Ralph Marshall, 28, US navy, was washed overboard from his ship while standing guard in heavy seas, his father, William Marshall, and other friends and relatives at Silverton have learned. Young Marshall was reported missing several weeks ago and this was the first information as to how he was missing. Mrs. Lowell Brown is a sister of Marshall.

He had served in the navy eight years.

Ramage Re-elected Director of Willamette Production Credit

More than 230 farmers and guests attended the 10th annual meeting of Willamette Production Credit association held in Salem Saturday, at the chamber of commerce and Marion hotel. George H. Fullenwider, who has held the office of president continuously since organization of the association, presided at the meeting.

John W. Ramage of Woodburn, who has served as a director since 1934 when the association was organized, was re-elected.

A feature of the meeting was the introduction of those members present who joined the association in 1934 and have held their shares for the entire ten years. In addition to Fullenwider and Ramage, other directors in the group were E. W. McMinder, Astoria; Claude Buchanan of Corvallis. Other "ten year members" were Fred W. Wagner, Aurora; A. M. Page, Salem; C. E. McIlwain, Lake Labish; Guy H. Lewis, Junction City; John Holmason, Portland; Ralph D. Gibson, Salem; and Joe M. Erigish, Hubbard.

Morton Tompkins, master of Oregon state grange, spoke of his recent tour of England as a guest of the British government. He said that the farmers of England are organized in one group only and that the trend of thought among

Allies Repel Nazis

Yanks Knock Out 4 German Tiger Tanks

By Edward Kennedy
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Feb. 5—

(AP)—American tank destroyer units and British infantry successfully beat off the first concentrated German assault against the two-week-old allied Anzio beachhead and late today were reported holding tight to a line north of Carroceto, 24 miles south of Rome.

A 3 p. m. battle front dispatch from Daniel de Luce, Associated Press correspondent, said allied forces had observed a German tank and infantry attack and in bitter counter-charges had restored breaches in their line. American tank destroyers were credited with definitely knocking out four German tiger tanks in one engagement.

The dispatch by de Luce said that in day-long support of the threatened British salient allied artillery shelled the Germans so heavily that "scores of nazi prisoners appeared dazed and giggled hysterically" as they were led to allied prison camps.

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'Bad Boys' Saw Way Out of Jail

While city and military police sorted drunks out of the heaviest crowd downtown Salem has known since the holidays, two of the community's newest quartet of "bad boys" saw their way out of the Marion county jail late Saturday night.

At an early hour this morning civilian law officers of state, county and city were combing the capital city area for Earl Junior Bonney, 19, and LaVerne Arthur Flynn, 20-year-old sailor, self-confessed car thieves and burglars, who had cut and torn loose two inch-thick steel bars from the north window of the courthouse jail to gain their freedom.

No cars had been reported stolen from the civic center or the immediate surrounding area. (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Map Collectors Take Note! Yanks Capture 19 Islands

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 5—(AP)—Note to mapmakers and geography students: The United States has captured at least 19 islands on Kwajalein group to gain complete control of the northern and southern tips of the triangular shaped atoll.

The total number of listed islets in the atoll varies depending on how small a piece of coral you call an island, and whether a cay that is under water at high tide is included or left out. Perhaps the figure most often used is 32.

Take a map and start at the western side of the northern tip of the atoll. Fourth division marines have captured Boggera, Melu and Rol, and reading southeast along the eastern edge of the atoll they have taken Namur, Ennugaret, Ennubennet, Ennubir, Edigen, Debuu, Edigel and Gagen.

On the southern point, Seventh army division troops have captured Gehh on the western side, and reading southeast toward and around the tip, these other islands—Ennylabegan, Ninni, Enubui, Kwajalein, Ebeye and Lol.

Decorated



Capt. Wilmer F. McDowell, who was pilot of a medium bomber on more than 25 combat missions over enemy-held territory in China, Indo-China and Burma, was awarded the air medal on January 26 at Alachua army air field, Gainesville, Fla. The citation states that "on these missions... he exhibited keen perception and appreciation of the importance of his assignment and his relation to the combat crew as a member thereof. The execution of his duties with coolness and courage under enemy fire is worthy of the best traditions of the army air forces." Capt. McDowell was at home on furlough September 14 to Miss Myra Madsen of Salem.

US Armada Blasts French Main Targets

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
LONDON, Feb. 5—(AP)—An American armada of probably 1400 planes carried out one of the war's heaviest operations against multiple targets in France today, with heavy bombers hammering six of the Germans' prize airfields to wind up two weeks of the most terrific sky bombardment the world ever has known.

The US Flying Fortresses and Liberators slashed into France to the outskirts of Paris and Tours. The six airfields hammered to smoking wreckage have been used by nazi planes flying to Britain and challenging the allies' reich-bound bomber fleets.

While official figures were lacking, US army headquarters said the attacks were carried out by "strong forces" which probably (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

500 Million Food Subsidy Is Proposed

By DON HYNIMAN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—A \$500,000,000 a year program of food subsidy aid limited to low income families was proposed today by a group of senators opposing the administration's \$1,500,000,000 system of general food subsidies.

Designed to restrict consumer subsidy aid to families having annual incomes under approximately \$1600, it is a modification of the Aiken-LaFollette food stamp bill which the war food administration estimates would cost \$3,000,000,000 annually.

Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.), announced the modified version will be offered as an amendment to the bill by Sen. Bankhead (D-Ala.), which would abolish food subsidies outright. The senate expects to begin consideration of the Bankhead measure next week.

Indicating he might support the Aiken proposal, Sen. Tydings (D-Md.), said he approved the "principle" of the stamp plan and described it as worthy of "sympathetic consideration."

Soviets Sweep West

Rovno, Lutsk Fall to Reds In Major Drive

By James M. Long
LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 6—

(AP)—The red army in a major westward sweep has captured Rovno and Lutsk, 85 miles inside old Poland, Moscow disclosed last night, while a soviet communique early today announced the Germans had lost 4500 more men and 95 tanks in a vain effort to crack the Russian trap closing on ten nazi divisions facing swift death or surrender near the Dnieper river.

The march into Poland in the last few days has reconquered 300 towns and hamlets along the main railroad to Warsaw, carried the red army to within 50 miles of the Russian-German 1939 boundary, and to within 200 miles of Germany proper. Two Hungarian divisions were routed and 2000 German and Hungarian prisoners captured in this victory.

The Russians in this area were now in territory captured by the Germans in the first week of their Russian invasion in June, 1941. There was equal drama in a little circle of Ukrainian territory (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Tojo Warns War Ferocity Increasing

By JUDSON BAILEY
NEW YORK, Feb. 5—(AP)—Premier Hideko Tojo, speaking to the Japanese diet, warned today that the war keeps "increasing in ferocity day by day and we are now being confronted with the situation where the fate of the GEA (greater east Asia) sphere and the rise and fall of imperial Japan will be decided."

The premier spoke in response to a plea by a member of the diet for the Japanese people to stand united in the face of fierce battles in the Marshall Islands, New Britain and New Guinea.

Tojo also emphasized the need for unity and declared the way to win the war was "by total mobilization of the 100,000,000 people (of Japan) and to concentrate consistently and firmly the total power of the people on one point—to win the decisive victory."

He added that the government intended to adopt measures for this purpose.

Indirectly Tojo's broadcast message recorded by US government monitors, helped point up Japanese propaganda efforts to gauge the allied offensive in the Pacific by different yardsticks for domestic and foreign consumption.

While the Japanese at home were repeatedly being warned that the situation is serious, efforts were made to show people in other countries that the allied drives were of little consequence.

Sidney-Talbot Area Sets War Bond Pace



Allied Planes Rip Japanese In New Guinea

108 Tons Bombs Are Unloaded Over Wewak

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Feb. 6—(AP)—For the second straight day allied planes have ripped Japanese aerial strength at Wewak, New Guinea. Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today the Wewak area was hit with 108 tons of bombs, raining to more than 300 the tonnage of explosives poured on the main New Guinea base in two days.

MacArthur announced yesterday that fifty air force bombers struck Wewak's four airbases, shooting down eight planes and destroying 72 on the ground.

In today's report, MacArthur said six more Japanese bombers and one fighter were shot down.

So intense was the latest bombing of Wewak that fires still burning from the first day's attack and those started anew were visible for 50 miles.

Other American airmen took advantage of a break in the weather to bring the aerial war back to Rabaul, Japan's oft-bombed bastion on the northeastern tip of New Britain.

At least 13 enemy planes were shot down over Rabaul, the communique reported. At least 440 and probably 132 more planes (Turn to Page 2—Story K)

Lincoln Tribute To Be Paid

NEW YORK, Feb. 5—(AP)—Vice President Wallace, speaking from Springfield, Ill., and the archbishop of Canterbury, speaking from London, will participate in a Lincoln's birthday program to be broadcast throughout the world by the office of war information and the British Broadcasting corporation.

The program, announced by OWI, is scheduled for 10 to 10:30 a. m. eastern war time, next Saturday.

Wallace is to be heard speaking from Lincoln's tomb at Springfield, while the archbishop is to pay tribute to Lincoln for "the democratic ideals for which he fought."



In just one hour at the war bond rally in connection with the Sidney-Talbot Farmers Union meeting at the Talbot schoolhouse, the Sidney-Talbot district made its \$50,000 quota in the fourth war loan. The upper picture is a general view of the gathering; below, Mrs. E. E. Henningsen, district chairman, is snapped standing beside the "thermometer" which recorded progress of the sale. County Chairman Jesse J. Gard, Salem Chairman Arthur Smith and Treasurer Rex Gibson attended the rally.—Dave Scott photo.

Salem Citizens Expected to Buy Bonds on 'Avenge Bataan' Day

"Avenge Bataan day" on Tuesday is expected to provide added impetus to the fourth war loan campaign—and though no special program has been announced here, Salem residents' attention is called to the fact that one of the 17 Oregon soldiers known to have died in Japanese prison camps was William E. Calkins, one of Salem's youngest soldiers. Sent to the Philippines

shortly after he entered service, he was captured when Bataan fell and later was reported to have died of malaria; but recent disclosures suggest a different story.

Bond sales up to Saturday night amounted to \$3,209,000, which left only \$1,037,100 to go—but the (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Willamette U Authorizes Major Changes

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5—(AP) In a major change in policy, the board of directors of Willamette university today authorized Beta Chi, a local sorority at the Salem school, to petition for national affiliation.

The action, recommended by Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president, will enable other fraternities and sororities at the school to seek national status.

Dr. Smith recommended a 10-year postwar program calling for continuation of the policy of selective enrollment, improvement of instructional facilities and physical plant. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Think Reds Ready To Land in Norway

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 6—(AP) A DNB dispatch from Oslo broadcast by Berlin radio yesterday suggested the Russians might be preparing a landing operation on the northern tip of Norway.

The dispatch, recorded by the ministry of information, quoted the Oslo Aftenposten, the newspaper discussed reports of recent U-boat attacks on Murmansk-bound convoys and said landing barges were part of the cargoes.

Three Points Seized

19 Islets Now Controlled By Americans

By William Hipple
US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 5—(AP)—

Clinching America's grip on the biggest atoll of Japan's Marshall islands, seventh-division soldiers have killed virtually all defenders and captured Kwajalein, Ebeye and Loi islands of the Kwajalein group.

Seizure of these three strategic points at the southern end of the atoll, announced today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, runs to 15 the number of Kwajalein's 30-odd islets now in American hands. Many of the remaining islands are militarily unimportant.

The victory affords the allies another potential airfield on Kwajalein island and seaplane bases at Ebeye. Fourth-division marines earlier had swept across Roi and Namur islands to clinch control of the north end of the atoll.

Continuing their steady push up the eastward edge of the atoll, army troops already are attacking Gugugwe, just north of Roi. Adm. Nimitz's press release said: Gugugwe had been strongly fortified, and Japanese artillery (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Take That! Tax Collector

DENVER, Feb. 5—(AP)—An army private overseas wrote to Internal Revenue Collector Ralph Nicholas in Denver protesting vehemently a federal income tax statement he received.

He wrote:

"I hope this don't surprise you, but I do not owe any tax, of no kind."
"I only make \$600 a year, and I have a wife, also a kid. And if I did owe any tax, I would pay them in my home town, but I am not going to pay anything while in the army, because I would have to make \$1300 a year before I would owe \$1, and how in the hell can I make that in the army and just be a private?"

"So take these papers and—(censored)."

The soldier signed his name, rank and number, and his captain (who perhaps shared the private's feelings) put his OK on the letter, Nicholas reported.

Wendell Willkie to Visit Oregon On Campaign 'Kickoff Day'

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Long recognized as "kickoff day" in campaign years for the publican activity, Abraham Lincoln's birthday which falls on next Saturday will have special significance this year in Oregon, for another midwesterner who has captured the popular fancy in a time of national crisis will pay this state a visit.

Wendell Willkie's schedule in Portland on that date will be a busy one, including a breakfast at 8:30 a. m. with party leaders, an address at 10:30 at the Neighbors of Woodcraft hall, a Victory Center appearance at noon, a luncheon with members of the state press at 12:30, a meeting with the republican committeemen—to which Marion county central committee members have been invited—at 2:30 p. m. and the Lincoln day banquet in the Masonic temple at 8 p. m. Due to the demands of his itinerary, his address at that gathering will be brief, and early on the program.

Events in the first week following Wayne Morse's announcement of candidacy for the seat Rufus Holman holds in the United

States senate suggest that it was a mistake to make it before he was ready to plunge into the campaign, or at any rate to announce without an accompanying and attention-commanding statement of principles and objectives.

It is reasonable to assume that when he gets going, Morse as the challenger will carry the ball and in the direction he intends to go. From this corner it would appear that his attack will be aimed at Holman's vulnerable spot—his views on international subjects.

But in the interval of silence there has been some word-of-mouth discussion and even newspaper comment, and most of it has dealt with the labor issue. Holman has attacked organized labor without discrimination and if the idea gets firmly established that labor is the issue in this contest, Holman—in view of the black eye labor is wearing, for the most part unjustly, due to wartime strikes—probably is on the popular side.

Thus strategically, through delay in opening his offensive Morse has been outflanked. He may be able to fight his way out of the pocket. The campaign has a long way to go, and Holman has a long way to go, and Holman has a long way to go, and Holman has a long way to go. (Turn to Page 2—Story M)