

A little less than a year ago there was a brief communique issued by the navy which said that an American naval force had encountered in the vicinity of the Komandorskie islands above the Aleutians a Jap convoy escorted by Jap naval vessels and had turned the enemy back without loss of any American ships.

After the lapse of 11 months however this engagement is revealed to have been one of the most thrilling in American naval history and its result of no mean consequence in thwarting the Japanese plans in the approaches to Alaska and the North American continent.

This was the line-up: an American force commanded by Rear Adm. Charles H. McMorris, composed of one heavy cruiser commanded by Capt. Bertram H. Rodgers, a light cruiser, which was the admiral's flagship, and four destroyers under command of Commodore Ralph Biggs.

The battle opened as a duel between the Jap (Continued on Editorial Page)

Three OWI Chiefs Offer Resignations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—A month-long undercover wrangle in the office of war information culminated tonight in announcement of the resignation of three top-ranking New York officials of the overseas division which is headed by Robert E. Sherwood.

The settlement was plainly a victory for OWI Director Elmer Davis, for the dispute originated with his demand that the three be dismissed in the interest of better coordination of psychological warfare.

Sherwood, it was announced, will continue as director of the overseas branch, but will leave shortly for a brief trip to London to make final arrangements for "an intensification of psychological warfare against the enemy."

Japanese Send First Food, Drug Shipments

TULELAKE, Calif., Feb. 7 (AP)—The first shipment of food and drugs from the Japanese government for use by Japanese nationals interned in the Tule Lake relocation center has been received, Ray Best, project director under the war war relocation authority, announced today.

Shipment of the articles are arranged through the International Red Cross, Best said, and was sent to the United States on the liner Gripsholm which arrived in New York recently.

Million Dollar Club to Wind Up Fourth War Loan With Rally

If there's any deficit in Marion county's fourth war loan total on the closing day, just a week hence, it's sure to be made up that night.

For there's going to be a big victory rally and, the county war finance committee elatedly announced Monday, the renowned KOIN "Million Dollar club" will put on the show, broadcasting the Marion county windup from the Salem high school auditorium.

Featuring staff artists from the Portland radio station, the Million Dollar club will put on a 30-minute program for the Salem audience exclusively and then proceed with its regular broadcast for another 30 minutes, thus providing a full hour of entertainment. But that isn't all.

Through the generosity of Salem furniture dealers, articles valued at \$1200 will be given away to bond buyers. Firms participating will be Gevurtz Furniture company, Good Housekeeping, Inc., C. E. Hamilton Furniture company,

Nazis Recoil, Prepare Next Onslaught

Feelers Precede Smash Attack Against Firmly Entrenched Allies

By Richard C. Massock

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, Feb. 7—

(AP)—Slammed back by American troops in their latest attack on the Anzio beachhead, powerfully reinforced Nazi divisions recoiled today and prepared to launch still heavier onslaughts against the sweat-stained Americans and British holding the shell-raked area south of Rome.

"Each local attack that has been launched by the Germans was a feeling-out blow for a real test of the beachhead's security," wrote Daniel De Luce of The Associated Press in a somber dispatch from that front.

Pointing out that the beachhead consisted of low, rolling hills and cultivated plain unsuited for defense, De Luce added that "the beachhead's security depends on its men and guns. But it is easier and less subject to censorship to discuss the strategic fate of this beachhead on another continent than by tallow candle light in a black-windowed room between the enemy and the sea."

Reinforced by elements of the 715th motorized infantry division from southern France, the Nazis ranned through the American lines west of Cisterna to a depth of about 500 yards early Sunday morning, but were driven back by a counterattack shortly after dawn. American artillery was given much of the credit for repulsing this thrust, which occurred some nine miles northeast of Anzio.

For more than a week the allies have made no appreciable gains at the perimeter of the beach-

'Bad Boys' In Solitary In County Jail

Earl J. Bonney, 19, and Lawrence Arthur Flynn, 20, who saved their way to freedom from the Marion county jail Saturday were returned to Salem and put in solitary confinement Monday following their arrest in Portland.

The Portland city patrolman who arrested the pair there Sunday night said they were in an automobile which had been stolen from Oregon City.

En route back to Salem on Monday the two claimed they had spent the night at Flynn's residence, which Sheriff A. C. Burk and Deputy Sheriff Denver Young declared they doubted. The house was searched and watched, they said.

Little of what had happened after the two gained their freedom sometime between 9:30 and 10:30 Saturday night by use of a hacksaw blade which materialized from a source still undetermined by officers.

Flynn, who had said little during previous interviews, told Burk that he determined to escape when he understood how many burglaries and car thefts (19 and 6) had been "hung on" the quartet of which he was a member.

The escape was made by cutting and tearing loose two bars.

Hogg Brothers, Sears Roebuck company, Stiff Furniture company and Woody Furniture company.

Announcement of this special event was made by Jesse J. Gard, county chairman, and A. W. Smither, Salem war finance committee chairman, following conferences with Chester Duncan, director; and Bill Meers, producer, and other officials of the radio station. Such featured radio stars as Johnny Carpenter, Red Dunning, Bob McCoy, Margaret Carroll and Joseph Sampietro and his orchestra will appear, reports Joe Land, special events chairman for the Salem committee, who is making the arrangements here.

Admission to the show and eligibility to obtain a prize will be restricted to series E war bond buyers. There will be 800 reserved seats and approximately 1000 unreserved seats; all regular agencies handling sale of series E (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Soviets Crash Nikopol

Nazi Garrisons In Cherkasy Are Destroyed

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 8 (AP)—

The red army crashed into the suburbs of manganese-rich Nikopol on the lower Dnieper river yesterday and also wiped out entire German garrisons in the Cherkasy pocket 200 miles to the northwest in a merciless extermination of 175,000 Axis troops trapped in both areas, Moscow announced early today.

Dispatches filed at midnight in the Soviet capital by the Associated Press said both battles were roaring to a climax with the Russians effectively blocking the escape of five German divisions at Nikopol.

In the Cherkasy "death ring" where the Russians were steadily beating down the savage resistance of the survivors of ten German divisions, these dispatches said the red army's artillery now was with-shelling range of Axis airfields inside the pocket.

At Nikopol the Russians smashed into its eastern outskirts, capturing five villages, among them Krasho-Gigorivka and Novopavlovka, eight and three miles, respectively, from the heart of the city which Adolf Hitler was reported to have told his troops must be held at all costs because of its manganese deposits so vitally needed for steel armor manufacture in Germany.

Moscow dispatches said the Germans in the Cherkasy pocket had been hurled into a tight little knot of exhausted men fighting a losing battle in an area reduced to 40 square miles. The midnight soviet communique also said that (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Finns Flee Red Bombings In Helsinki

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—

Thousands of Finns fled from Helsinki today, their capital still smoking from a Russian bombing which wrote for their government a fiery notice to get out of the war now.

The crisis for Finland appeared nearing a showdown.

The Russian raids — involving by official Finnish estimate a total of 200 planes — were among the strongest thrown against Finland in the two wars with Russia, and were generally accepted as the beginning of direct action by the soviet union to wipe out her northern frontier problems as she is proceeding to settle in her own way the political problem of Poland.

An eye-witness account of the Helsinki raid was given in Stockholm by the Spanish consul to the Finnish capital, who flew to Stockholm this afternoon. He said all street cars were out of operation and the central railroad station was unusable.

The consul said two alarms sounded this afternoon within a half an hour but that no bombs fell.

The Spanish official said fires still were burning in the capital today because of inadequate fire brigades, and that squads of laborers were cleaning debris from the streets.

Street, Alley Funds Marked

Plans for expenditure of \$26,635.36 earmarked for improvement of streets and alleys were approved Monday night by the Salem city council.

The program for work this year includes improvements on the following routes: Cherry from Highland to Locust; Highland from Broadway to Fairgrounds; Front from Columbia to Trade; Trade from Front to Cottage; Mill from Cottage to 12th; Commercial from Center to Belmont; Alley (in block 23, Salem, between Highland and Liberty) from Chemsaketa to Court Alley (in block 21 between High and Liberty from Court to State; Alley (in block 33 between Liberty and Commercial) from Chemsaketa to Court Alley (in block 34 between Liberty and Commercial) from State to Ferry.

Awarded DFC



Lt. John H. Farrar, above, son of Doc Farrar of Salem, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross upon completion of 50 missions against the enemy in the south Pacific. He was awarded the air medal last November. Lt. Farrar, a nephew of John H. Farrar, former Salem postmaster, was a students several years ago at Capital Business college here.

US Planes Deliver Blows At Lakunai

Jap Airdrome Receives 11 Effective Hits

By ROBERT EUNSON

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Tuesday, Feb. 8 (AP)—

Allied fighters and bombers delivered two hard blows Saturday against Lakunai airdrome at Rabaul on New Britain, meeting strong anti aircraft fire but again weak Japanese aerial resistance. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Torpedo and dive bombers with fighter escort went over the airdrome at the important Japanese base to deliver the first punch against gun positions, scoring 11 effective hits. Liberator heavy bombers struck the second blow, laying 39 tons of bombs on the runway and dispersal areas.

More than 150 planes participated in the attacks, all from Solomon islands bases in the south Pacific. About two score Japanese planes attempted to intercept (Turn to Page 2—Story K)

States Rights Ballot Bill Reaches Senate

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—

In a last ditch move to beat a federal war ballot, its senate opponents got the house — approved states rights bill to the floor today and so entangled the senate in parliamentary red tape that further consideration of service voting legislation was put off until tomorrow.

Administration leaders apparently were in control and ready to push through the Green-Lucas federal ballot bill in short order when Sen. Overton (D - La.) moved to lay it aside and take up the service vote problem up to the states.

He had been defeated twice before on similar motions, but this time a switch of votes, chiefly by republicans, carried the motion 50 to 38 over a vain appeal from Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky for a vote first on the Green-Lucas bill.

Barkley then moved to amend the house bill by substituting the Green-Lucas bill for its provisions. Sen. Taft (R-Ohio), fighting a federal ballot offered as an amendment to Barkley's amendment his plan to limit federal ballots to soldier - citizens of those states which do not provide adequate absentee balloting procedures.

Confused, senators began rising to ask what was the immediate issue before them and none offered objection when Barkley moved that further consideration be delayed for 24 hours.

By attaching the Green - Lucas bill to the house measure, the administration could force a senate - house conference from which a compromise might emerge.

Hard to Enforce

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7 (AP)—Newest regulation from the board of public works. "Sleep may grass on Berkeley hills, but they must not allow the grass closer than two inches from the ground."

US Naval Force Strikes Jap Home Territory, Steams Back Safely

New Marshalls Bases Forged For Next Lash

Casualties Light; Yanks Repair Airfield on Roi

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 7 (AP)—

Daring United States warships have pushed the war into Tokyo's home waters, 1200 airline miles northeast of Tokyo, striking as other American forces forged new bases in the Marshall islands from which to hammer Japan's inner defense ring.

These new bases, at either end of Kwajalein atoll, were taken with a loss of only 288 men killed, compared with 8122 Japanese killed, the navy announced today. American wounded totaled 1148 and missing, 82.

Japanese prisoners numbered 264, with no estimate of the enemy's wounded. The low American casualties contrasted strongly with the bloody invasion last November of the Gilberts, the island group to the south. There, 1026 men were killed and 2587 at Tarawa alone. In the entire Gilberts operation, 1092 Americans were killed and 2880 wounded.

The figures for the Marshalls were not final, including only casualties reported as of the evening of February 6. It was expected the complete figures would vary little.

Far to the southeast, the commanding atoll of the central Pacific Marshalls was in the firm grip of American forces. Construction engineers feverishly worked to complete a powerful air and naval base at the northern end of the atoll, Kwajalein. That base, on Roi and Namur islands, will be the springboard for new attacks on the shrinking Japanese empire.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, supreme commander in the mid-Pacific and military governor in the Marshalls, said in his latest communique that occupation of Kwajalein atoll was virtually complete. Within less than a week, at least 21 named islets had been overrun. Others, not important enough to bear names, had been occupied also.

Japanese bases in the southwest Pacific came under the lash of allied air power with improvement in weather conditions.

Library Board Elects Barr

Re-electing Lester Barr as chairman and Mrs. John Harbison as treasurer, the Salem city library board held its annual meeting Monday afternoon.

The library's rental collection henceforth may include some new and "impermanent" types of fiction which are not on the free shelves, and for these reserves may be accepted, the board decided.

Previously, the rental shelf had held only duplicates of new and popular volumes also to be found on the free shelves and no reservations were taken for anything in the rental collection.

During January, rentals brought in \$18, while \$27, declared unusually high, was paid for lost books. Such sums, always used for replacement of books but handled outside the budget, will now go into a special fund for the same use, following approval Monday night by the council.

Tulelake Japs Brought to Jail

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 7 (AP)—Two young Japanese were brought to the Klamath county jail tonight by Klamath security police of the Tulelake segregation center and charged with assault and battery on an elderly evacuee.

War relocation authority officials said Edwin Yoris, 55, and George Kozuchinski, 27, were held in connection with an attack on Seneca Abe during an argument. Abe's injuries were not believed serious.

Paramushiro in Kuriles Shelled; Fires Started, Merchant Ship Damaged

By Norman Bell

ABOARD A US DESTROYER IN THE NORTH PACIFIC, Feb. 4—(Delayed)—

The first United States naval force to attack Japanese home territory is steaming safely homeward, leaving the flustered enemy on Paramushiro island's Kurabu point firing harmlessly into the air and sea along their own beaches.

Our task force poured shells for 20 minutes into harbor and land installations on the east and south sides of Kurabu point today, causing fires and explosions ashore, damaged a small merchant ship, and departed without suffering a scratch.

It seemed almost too easy, and as we left one sailor remarked "Why we ought to go ahead and take that place."

(Paramushiro, lying at the northern extremity of the Kurile islands, which include Japan itself, is approximately 1200 miles north of Tokyo, 848 miles west of Kiska and 790 miles southwest of Attu in the American-held Aleutians.)

The Japanese, unpleasantly accustomed to United States air attack, must have been looking skyward for warships in the task force commanded by Rear Adm. Wilder D. Baker should have been visible as dark shadows as they steamed in bright moonlight within five miles of shore batteries. To add to the Nipponese confusion, planes of Commodore Leslie E. Gehres' fleet air wing four (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

\$39,000 Bond Refunding Issue Okehed

City airport business, a minor feature of city council action in recent months, bobbed up in a refunding bond issue, a new United Air Lines lease and a report on plans for establishment of a stationary lighting system, at Monday night's council session.

The refunding bond issue of \$39,000 was voted as a matter of routine business. The UAL lease providing for the rights the lines have held at the city airport since it became an army airbase was explained and unanimously voted. When the army turns the port back to the city, the old lease with greater leeway for the commercial firm will automatically come back into effect, according to City Attorney Lawrence N. Brown.

Army engineers will install the new lighting system at the port with funds which will be provided by the civil aeronautics authority as soon as the Portland office of the engineers has provided an estimate, Richard T. Puckey, acting supervisor of airports, Seattle CAA office, has notified the council.

The CAA schedule of improvement for the port here includes three runways, one of which has never been constructed. Although that schedule is quoted by Puckey, who has previously notified the council that the CAA will install lights on the "three runways," no mention of current plans for the construction of the third is made.

Fry Urges Salem to Devise Improved City Government

The City of Salem must be able to devise some better form of city government than the current mayor-council form under which aldermen "must neglect either private or city business," Dan J. Fry, representative of the seventh ward, declared as he turned in his resignation Monday night.

Fry is leaving the council because he has sold his residence and is moving into the sixth ward and has enjoyed working with the governors of the city, but he is convinced that "Salem is no longer a small town to run in the small-town way," he explained.

Urging that the council study thoroughly the recommendations of Mayor I. M. Doughton, including those made in his maiden speech to the organization, Fry said he had no particular type of city government to recommend except that it be something more efficient than the present. One of

the mayor's original "post election plans" was the proposition that a new form of government be considered. Councilmen have thought of improvements but hesitated to voice recommendations because they knew they would then be appointed head of a committee to give further consideration or to undertake the installation of the new system when they had not the time to spare, Fry maintained.

Accepting his resignation, the council voted to select Fry's successor at its next meeting, February 21. Doughton spoke of the retired alderman as a "faithful, earnest, hard - worker" whom he and the council had to see leave his city position. Resolutions to create a new equipment replacement fund and to transfer into it approximately \$4000 erroneously deposited in the (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Solons Send Tax Increase Bill to FDR

By FRANCIS J. KELLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Congress sent a \$2,315,200,000 tax increase bill today to President Roosevelt, who had asked for \$10,500,000,000 and had criticized the smaller measure as unrealistic.

There is considerable speculation that he may show his disapproval by letting the bill become law without his signature.

A senate-house conference report, embodying the final draft of the measure, slid through the senate quietly on a unanimous voice vote, but it encountered considerable opposition before it was approved by the house, on a roll-call vote of 238 to 101.

Rep. Crawford (R-Mich.), and Voorhis (D-Calif.), questioned whether the measure would deal adequately with war-time financing necessities. Rep. Isaac (D-Calif.), said provisions of the bill altering the war contract renegotiation (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Kimmins Views Marshalls

By WILLIAM HIPPLE

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 7 (AP)—

Commander Anthony Kimmins of the British Royal navy and veteran of the African and Sicilian campaigns said today the United States capture of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshalls was the most perfectly executed action he had seen.

The first military observer to return from the Marshalls, the 42-year-old Britisher said the Kwajalein campaign was "to put it in American terms, terrific."

He offered two reasons why the invasion was so successful: 1. The seventh army air force, navy land-based and carrier-based planes caused so much preliminary damage that enemy ability to fight back was lowered.

2. The bold move into the center of the Marshalls at Kwajalein caught the enemy off guard, the Japanese having put most of their strength in more obvious attack points, such as the eastern atolls.