

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

In his talk in Salem Tuesday Mayor Earl Riley predicted a far heavier load at western seaports when the Pacific offensive really gets under way.

I think it is easy to overestimate the impact of the Pacific offensive as it affects this coast. Even though the flow of men and supplies may increase there are apt to be compensating decreases in other war activities.

There is one other factor we are apt to overlook, and that is the utilization of Atlantic and gulf ports for supplying the Pacific offensive, once the German war passes its climax.

This also is true that at the present time we are steadily building (Cont. on Editorial page)

Yanks Open Bitter Cassino Assault

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Would Relieve Anzio

British Inflict Large Casualties In Adriatic

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Feroocious crag-to-crag fighting raged on heights overlooking Cassino on the main Italian front today as American troops opened a full-strength assault to destroy that Nazi hornet's nest which was holding up their push to relieve beleaguered allied forces in the Anzio bridgehead 50 miles away.

(Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's main Fifth Army is slugging violently at the Cassino defenses, declared the German-controlled Vichy radio, "with 30,000 men, 400 tanks and powerful artillery.")

(The Americans have made "short local advances west of Cassino," the British radio said in a broadcast recorded in New York by NBC. At the same time the British Eighth Army on the Adriatic side of the Italian boot was declared to have inflicted "large casualties" on a German unit proving British positions.)

American riflemen, charging up the steep cliffs of Monte Cassino west of the town through a hell (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

US Strikes Secret Blows In Marshalls

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 9.—(AP)—New and secret blows against Japan's remaining holds in the Marshall islands are being struck by the United States air and naval forces which hit the defenses of Kwajalein atoll so hard that it virtually fell of its own weight into the lap of ground troops.

Because Japan's communications with its isolated garrisons in the Marshalls probably have been disrupted, the navy adopted a policy of not identifying the targets of bombs and shells.

In the newest air and ship attack, announced last night, only one atoll was named, Jaluit, at the southern end of the archipelago. Several enemy boats were sunk in the raid there last Sunday. Jaluit already had been attacked 16 times this year.

Other atolls under attack may have included those that have been bombed most frequently—Wotje, Mill and Maloelap.

One of the objectives of the Seventh Army air force bombers in the latest raids was the "pet fighter field" of the Japanese, reported Paul Beam, Associated Press war correspondent. He was aboard a dive bomber that blasted the runway. Not a single burst of heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

(Beam may have referred to the enemy airfield on Tarao Inlet of the Maloelap atoll. In the previous invasion raids on the Marshalls that atoll was the center of greatest enemy air resistance. Virtually every raid there brought up a flock of enemy interceptors, the number often being reported as 30 and once reaching 45.)

(Tarao airdrome was known to have been one of the better air bases constructed by the Nipponese in the Marshalls. Nearly a hundred enemy planes were definitely or probably destroyed over Tarao prior to the invasion January 31 of Kwajalein.)

Bendix Workers Ordered Back

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(AP)—More than 900 war production employees of two Brooklyn plants of the Bendix Aviation corporation's marine division were ordered back to their jobs tonight by Frank D'Azavedo, president of local 553 of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), ending a walk-out which occurred earlier in the day.

D'Azavedo's announcement came after a closed meeting in Brooklyn and directed night shift workers to return to jobs immediately and the day shift to resume tomorrow pending a settlement of the dispute in which the union contended that the firm cut some workers in four-hour days while hiring additional employees.

Finland Considers War End

Foreign Office Denies Rumors Of Surrender

STOCKHOLM, Thursday, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Finnish cabinet held a regular session last night and there is a "possibility that preliminary decisions were taken" in connection with the American declaration to Finland to quit the war or take the consequences, a Swedish dispatch said today.

The Helsinki correspondent of the Dagens Nyheter said the cabinet meeting was preceded by a closed morning session of the Finnish parliament's foreign policy committee at which Sir Henrik Ramsey, foreign minister, reviewed the situation for an hour.

(US Secretary of State Cordell Hull said at a press conference in Washington yesterday Finland had been told again that the responsibility for the consequences of her collaboration with Germany and continued state of war with a number of allies of the United States, including the Soviet Union and Britain, must be borne solely by the Finnish government.)

Earlier the Finnish foreign office denied that the Finnish legation in Washington had issued a statement that Finland would not (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Clapper Dies When Plane Hits Bomber

By SPENCER DAVIS Associated Press War Correspondent

ABOARD A CARRIER FLAGSHIP OFF ENIWETOK, in the Marshalls, Feb. 9.—(Delayed)—Raymond Clapper, newspaper columnist and six navy fliers, including one of the ablest torpedo squadron commanders in the service, were killed in a collision over enemy-held Eniwetok atoll.

The air accident occurred during a raid on Engebi island which was completed a glide bombing attack and rendezvoused over the lagoon.

The noted columnist had requested permission to accompany the squadron commander on the combat flight to gain a first hand impression of the bombing technique. He intended writing a column contrasting the Pacific air war with the European version.

He had been an observer in a Flying Fortress on the first Rome block-buster raid last summer. The task force commander, Rear Adm. Frederick C. Sherman, granted Clapper's request. From the third plane in the formation I saw the plane with Clapper aboard plunge into the lagoon moments after it struck another bomber. Both planes burst into flames and sank immediately. No one survived.

Clapper was flying with one of the navy's most skilled pilots.

Cannon Heads Salem CAP

Lt. J. E. Cannon was approved as commander of the Salem unit of the civil air patrol Wednesday night at a meeting of officers called by Maj. Leo G. DeVashey, of Portland, commander of the Oregon wing, and Capt. Lee U. Eyerly, Salem, wing personnel and training officer. He succeeds Lt. Elvin E. Thomas, who reports for induction into the armed forces next week.

Four Albany and one Corvallis youth took the preliminary examinations to qualify as army air corps cadets last night under the direction of Lt. Eldon Turnidge of Jefferson. Because of the overflow of applicants, another examination will be given at the chamber of commerce rooms Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the CAP will be held at the armory Thursday night starting at 7:30 o'clock.

4th War Loan Finale to Be Held in Salem

Salem will provide the setting for the grand finale of Oregon's fourth war loan campaign next Tuesday night, it was announced yesterday. Final tabulations for the entire state will be made here and announced by E. C. Sammons, state war finance committee chairman, in the Salem high school auditorium and over radio station KOIN in the course of the Million Dollar club's broadcast of the Marion county victory rally. Gov. Earl Snell and Jesse J. Gard, Marion county war finance committee chairman, both members of the club, will participate in the program.

The Million Dollar club's appearance in its first year mark completion of Salem year of broadcasting over KOIN on behalf of war bonds. The entire cast of 25 persons will participate in the fourth war loan grand finale program here, reports Program Director Henry M. Swartwood, jr.

Musically, Million Dollar club is a "WOW" show. The studio staff orchestra of 10 instrumentalists will be conducted by KOIN's veteran maestro, Joseph Sampietro. The famed Barbershop quartet, led by tenor Jim Riddel, also will be on hand to sing close harmony.

On February 1 KOIN devoted an entire half hour program of the Million Dollar club to the sales of war bonds and invited telephone orders calling certain members of the cast to the phone to accept them. All Million Dollar club members joined in the campaign for additional bonds and altogether the club sold over \$8,000,000 in bonds. It was surpassed by only one other station in the country.

Announcement of plans for the victory rally already has stimulated bond sales, Chairman Gard said Wednesday night in revealing that total sales in Marion county had climbed to \$3,640,000, which is 86 per cent of the county quota. Series E bond sales are still \$350,000 short of the goal—but are expected to rally in the final week, for only through purchase of a series E bond may one gain admission to the big rally.

"We feel particularly fortunate," Gard said, to have Salem selected as the site for the closing ceremonies. It is a tribute to the people of this community on the part of Mr. Sammons, state chairman, and the staff of the Oregon war finance committee.

Articles of furniture which will be given away at the rally are on display now at the Stiff Furniture company; three rooms of furniture including pictures and rugs. The living room set is complete. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Japs Advance In Burma

By PRESON GROVER NEW DELHI, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Despite determined resistance, the Japanese have made advances in the last four days toward the British supply line in the Arakan district of Burma, an allied communique revealed today.

The Japanese are attacking southwestward toward Ngakyauk pass and it is evident they have penetrated to the entrance of the pass after a surprise flanking operation which carried them miles north of the British main-line position.

Despite this setback, the British in the Buthedagan area and generally south of Taung Bazaar are holding on and attacking.

Little Steel Formula Under New Attack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A new attack on the administration's wage stabilization policies was launched today by the four AFL members of the war labor board who declared the time has come to junk the "little steel" formula for a new, "realistic" figure based upon the actual cost of living.

The demand coincided with the start of senate debate on proposals to outlaw use of subsidies to hold down consumer food prices. It was based on the contention that price control has fallen so far short of goals that "the only course left to workers is to obtain wage rate increases."

Russians Nearing Junction

Nazis Squeezed In Narrowing Circle in North

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Russian forces stabbing toward the iron ore center of Krivoi Rog in the southern Ukraine, have reached to within eight miles of that heavily fortified mining city in a 14-mile advance, Moscow announced today, while other soviet units to the north have killed 1000 more Germans in the tightened vise squeezing ten trapped Nazi divisions.

Moving up from Apostolovo, captured Monday, the Russians took the town of Radushnoye, 14 miles northwest of Apostolovo, a new threat to the back door of Krivoi Rog. Forty towns and hamlets were declared captured in this drive.

In the Shpola-Zvenigorodka area where the Germans are surrounded the Russians captured the district center of Gorodische, 18 miles north of Shpola in a battle which cost the Germans hundreds of men. Twenty-six big guns and other material were captured in this area. In another sector the Russians crossed a water barrier, took several populated places and a number of prisoners.

German attempts to break into the encircling ring with attacks from outside again were defeated with a loss of 42 tanks, six troop carriers and 90 trucks, said the Moscow midnight communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast.

A total of 3800 Germans fell during the fighting along the entire front in the last 24 hours as more than 87 communities were captured, Moscow said.

In the most northerly action, where the Russians were driving for the rail station of Liga on the (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Bonney Makes Second Jail Break Try

Earl J. Bonney, 19-year-old lawbreaker, Wednesday night attempted to break from the county jail for the second time within five days when he tried unsuccessfully to pry loose the bars in his cell, being discovered before he could complete the task.

Saturday he and a companion, LeVerne Flynn, 20, sawed through the bars to freedom only to be retaken in Portland Monday. Bonney and Flynn had done considerable talking to police officers during Wednesday, Bonney explaining that they made the break Saturday because they "had too much plinned on them."

Between escape and recapture the pair added to their criminal records. By their own confessions they listed the following crimes over the two-day period: Theft of a car in Salem belonging to Emil Fechner of this city, the car being recovered Wednesday in Silverton; theft of a car at Silverton owned by a Lebanon man, unnamed; theft of a car in Clatsop county, owner not named; burglary of a summer house near Carver, up the Clackamas river from Oregon City.

The latest escapades pushed the record of Bonney and Flynn and the second half of the original crime quartet, Richard Paragon and Harry W. Detillon, to 21 burglaries and nine car thefts within the past two months. Paragon and Detillon, both 19, were in a separate cell when their confederates effected escape.

Weather

Wednesday maximum temperature 53, minimum 25. Precipitation .95 of an inch. Wind mostly from the south. Cloudy, River 7.3 feet.

Fair Thursday and Friday; not much change in temperature.

Flyers Report Evacuation Jap Madang

By OLEN CLEMENTS SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Thursday, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Bomb-battered Madang, Japan's main port on the northeastern New Guinea coast, apparently has been deserted by the enemy.

American Mitchell medium bombers that made a low sweep over the once-teeming port Wednesday saw evidence that the Japanese may have blown up what buildings the allied bombs had left intact, and pulled out—possibly for Alexishain about 10 miles north.

The Americans encountered no anti-aircraft fire in either the bombing raid or subsequent strafing sweeps over the apparently deserted place.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Thursday, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Allied airmen hit Rabaul, New Britain, again destroying or damaging 19 Japanese planes, headquarters announced today. One hundred and twenty-nine tons of bombs were (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Tergnier Hit By US Planes

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The steady bomb barrage along the French "invasion coast" lifted suddenly today and arched 100 miles inland with more than 200 medium Marauders striking heavily at railroad yards and repair shops at Tergnier.

All the bombers returned safely. The daring attack was the Marauders' deepest penetration of the European war, and apparently a great surprise to the Germans who had been allowing allied planes to pound the coastal area with virtually no opposition in the last few weeks.

It was executed simultaneously with blows by other Marauders against the Pas de Calais area, and by British Mitchells, Bostons, Mosquitos, Hurricanes and Typhoons which carried out missions against other targets in northern France with loss.

Drive for Short Form

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A drive toward simplification of the federal income tax structure got under way on both sides of the capitol today, but there appeared little likelihood of action in time to help 50,000,000 taxpayers with the 1943 final returns they must file by March 15.

Flame Throwers Used in Marshalls



Flame thrower destroys Jap building—Marine Cpl. Elmer E. Burkhalter of Buhl, Idaho, destroys a Jap building on Namur with a flame thrower. These were used most effectively against the Japs in the Kwajalein atoll during the Marshall Islands invasion. This picture was made by Frank Filant, Associated Press photographer assigned to the wartime still picture pool. Note dead Jap in foreground.

Destroyer Burns Wipes out Jap Convoy of 4 Ships in Marshalls

Shells Tanker, Cargo Ship, Small Vessels on Return From Rescuing Pilots

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The destroyer Burns wiped out an entire convoy of four Japanese ships in the Marshall islands area on January 31 the navy announced tonight.

The Burns, operating with the carrier task force that opened the attack on the Marshalls, shelled and sank a tanker, a medium cargo vessel and two smaller craft.

The destroyer, commanded by 38-year-old Cmdr. Donald T. Eller of Petersburg, Va., was returning to the task force after rescuing flyers who had been forced down at sea when it encountered the enemy convoy.

The announcement of the destroyer action was released simultaneously in Washington and by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in Pearl Harbor.

By SPENCER DAVIS Associated Press War Correspondent

ABOARD A CARRIER FLAGSHIP IN THE MARSHALLS, Feb. 3.—(Delayed)—(AP)—If Japanese anti-aircraft fire at Kwajalein hadn't crippled a carrier-based torpedo bomber, a convoy of four enemy ships might be afloat today. In that case the destroyer Burns would have missed its night of glory.

But the ack ack hit the bomber—and the Burns wiped out that convoy. Lt. Guy C. Adory Brown, of Vicksburg, Miss., had completed a skip-bombing attack on an enemy transport in Kwajalein lagoon the morning of January 29. Just then a Jap shell burst directly below his Avenger.

Brown knew it was a serious hit. His oil pressure dropped to zero. His bomb bay doors failed to close and his plane nosed close to the water. "Prepare for a water landing," he notified the turret gunner, George Sandberg, of Camden, N.J., and the radio man, Francis T. Nugent of Northfield, N.J.

"I am landing about 15 miles due west of Kwajalein." (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

To Confer on Service Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Disagreeing with senate action on service men's votes, the house moved today to send it to conference for adjustment of differences over federal or state ballots.

Five conferees were named by Speaker Sam Rayburn to represent the house, but the senate did not immediately act to name conferees.

A house majority stood fast last week behind the states' rights bill that would provide only state ballots for absentee voting by persons in the armed forces, with the army and navy facilitating transmission of the ballots.

The senate, after extended debate and switching of opinions, yesterday attached to the house-approved state ballot bill the Green-Lucas which would provide federal ballots for service men in this country if home states fail to pass adequate state absentee ballot legislation by August 1.

Ranger Planes Hit Shipping Off Norway

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP) She's a ghost ship on Nazi records, but the aircraft carrier Ranger is very much alive and a continual threat to German shipping.

Ten months ago Hitler boastfully reported the Ranger sunk by torpedoes and announced declaration of Lt. Otto von Bulow for the exploit.

Today the navy made the decoration look a little ridiculous by releasing an account of the Ranger's war exploits since then.

Six months after she was "sunk" the Ranger daringly struck into enemy waters off Norway, the navy reported.

When the planes returned, more than 40,000 tons of Nazi shipping including four merchantmen and a tanker lay on the bottom, blasted by better than 30,000 pounds of bombs. Two enemy planes had been shot down. The Ranger had not been damaged; only three of her planes had been lost.

"It was a very fine attack, and many German troops were killed," declared Capt. Gordon Rowe, Seattle, commander of the Ranger at the time. "My pilots drove home their attacks in the face of strong anti-aircraft fire. We struck quickly and departed before the Germans knew what hit them."

That was last October while the 14,500-ton flattop—first ever built specifically as a carrier by the US navy—was operating with a British task force.

In many months of Atlantic service the ranger has ferried hundreds of American pilots—and their planes—to the European war fronts, slipping through submarine-infested waters with her flight and hangar decks packed.

The navy lists as her hardest (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Coe to Join Vocational Education Staff

LEBANON, Feb. 9.—Milton E. Coe, superintendent of the Lebanon schools, has accepted a position with the state department of vocational education rehabilitation agent to begin work March 1.

Coe has been head of the Lebanon schools since December, 1937, coming here from Jacksonville. He was graduated from Linfield college, McMinnville, and took further training at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon.

He is married and has four children, two sons and two daughters. His success in the Lebanon schools has not been named.

O. I. Paulsen, director of state division of vocational education, said Wednesday Milton E. Coe's appointment is an increase in the personnel on rehabilitation work. In his work in Lebanon he has been in charge of much of the war production work.