

Subs Winning War in Pacific

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described by Nimitz as "increasing in numbers and not decreasing in efficiency even though the number of targets is slowly decreasing," has been credited with destroying 611 Japanese vessels of all types.

Nimitz, here for war conferences, warned that the enemy's "trunk base" is "very formidable" despite lack of air fields.

Questioned about possibilities of aerial raids on the Japanese homeland, Nimitz declined any predictions but said "we will miss no opportunity to strike Japan where ever and when ever we can."

Summarized, other opinions reported by Nimitz were:

Chinese air fields—needed to pound Japan effectively, for although carrier based planes could attack the enemy homeland, their bomb loads are limited.

Alutian bases—a "distinct threat and menace" against the Japanese empire and protection for our interests in Alaska and the Bering sea.

Japanese naval air power—Has passed peak in strength, but Japanese still are able to replace plane losses and "I believe that for a while Japan will be able to maintain its plane production."

Japanese naval officers and men—"Highly efficient, well trained," and have "not in any sense lost their will to fight."

Marshall Islands—Approximately 10,000 Japanese isolated on Mille, Wotje, Maloelap and Jaluit, with no supplies reaching them by surface ships. Majura atoll, a German supply base before World War I, occupied in initial invasion of Marshalls without opposition now being developed by American forces, has a good anchorage but type of development cannot be disclosed.

Enemy submarines—They "will become more of a menace as our lines lengthen." It is "very reasonable to expect" Japanese anti-submarine activities to become more efficient. All but three of the 19 American submarines lost since the war started have been reported overdue after patrols in Japanese waters.

US Planes Bomb, Strafe Jap Islands

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, March 7—(AP)—Japan's important bases of Ponape and Kusaie in the eastern Carolines, its phosphate-rich island of Nauru and four enemy-held atolls of the eastern Marshall Islands were bombed and strafed Sunday by American warplanes. Two of the raiders were lost.

Pilots reported heavy explosions on the airfield at Ponape, where ground installations and the harbor area were damaged. Moderate ground fire was encountered.

Thirty tons of bombs hit targets on Kusaie and Ponape. It was the sixth time that a heavy tonnage of explosives had been reported dropped on those islands since mid-February. Aviation facilities, ground installations and harbor areas at Kusaie were damaged.

Two navy Hellcat fighters were lost in the attacks in the Marshalls, presumably to anti-aircraft fire. Thirty-five tons of bombs were dropped on enemy positions there. There was no mention in the press release of air interception.

Dairy Subsidy May Increase

PORTLAND, March 7—(AP)—Increased subsidies to Oregon dairymen should boost production and reduce the possibilities of general increases in retail milk prices, Earl C. Hald, of the district office of price administration (OPA) said today.

The war food administration (WFA) inaugurated its new uniform schedule of 60 cents per hundredweight March 4. This means a proportionately large increase for eastern Oregon producers, Hald said.

No Competition Yet For City Offices

Filings for city offices continued this week to appear in the office of City Recorder Al Mundt without any indication of competition. Howard Jenks and Edward Rostein filed Tuesday to succeed themselves on the city water commission.

Incumbent City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser filed for his place on the ballot Monday.

Hungry Kansan Swoons When Gets His Promotion

CAMP ADAIR, March 7—Retreat was over and company B's men prepared to move out of the chilled quadrangle. "At ease! Give me your attention!" said the skipper.

"Hope he makes it snappy; I'm hungry," whispered Timmons to Ruppert. He caught the CO's stern eye and stiffened to attention.

"I have a special announcement to make," continued the skipper. "For unflinching devotion to duty; for unfatigable effort..."

"I guess one of those Guadalcanal guys is going to get the purple heart," muttered the 275th's strong boy to Merrill.

"Timmons," said Sgt. Bellotti in his most gentle and kindly tone, "SHUT UP!"

"For his faithful obedience in carrying out orders, and for his continued good cheer despite the arduousness of his duties; for his conspicuous loyalty to his squad, his platoon, and to his company..."

"Maybe Sgt. Vaughn is going to get a good conduct medal, or maybe it's Sgt. Holcombe. They're good guys," said Timmons to Ruppert.

"For conducting himself with the dignity that befits the American soldier; for his unflinching adherence to truthfulness and honor; for exhibiting qualities of man-

hood and leadership..." "No guy could be that good," said the Kansan to Ruppert. "What do all those words mean, anyhow?"

The skipper looked over his company. "A promotion, however small it may seem, means a great deal in this army. It carries with it a responsibility. The wearer of a stripe is telling the world that he has been a good soldier; that he has accomplished something in the best of armies."

Timmons felt his naked sleeve. "Gee, I wish I could win a promotion," he muttered to himself. "I'd be the best damn soldier in the outfit."

"Any more talking out of you, and I'll restrict you for so long that the sentries will think you're another piece of government property," said Sgt. Bellotti.

"It gives me a good deal of pleasure to announce this promotion," said the skipper. "This soldier has done a really fine job. His efforts have been exceptionally meritorious. I want you all to know that Private Timmons, of Junction City, Kan., is now promoted to PFC EFF CEE."

There was a sound like that of a Kansas tornado steaming in its own dust. Timmons had collapsed against the long-slung chest of Sgt. Bellotti.

Percy Grainger Music Charms Local Audience

By MAXINE BUREN

Thoroughly enjoyable was the concert played by Percy Grainger, pianist, at Waller hall on Tuesday night. The Australian born pianist-composer, with his usual generosity, played encores after each programmed group, and after the concert returned to the platform to give his autograph to those who asked.

One of the charms of Percy Grainger's programs lies in his custom of discussing numbers before he plays them, which gives the audience a feeling of personal acquaintance with the player, and familiarity with the composition, thus heightening interest.

The artist's listed numbers covered a wide variety. Beginning with Bach's "Prelude and Fugue" in A minor, he continued with the lively "Carman's Whistle" by William Byrd and "Handelian Rhapsody" by Cyril Scott.

The Grieg ballade, according to the player, is based on the sounds of nature in Norway, "where there is very much of nature, and less of Norwegianians." This he played with great feeling and excellent skill.

The next group included rhapsodies and intermezzi by Bach, followed by the works of three moderns, a "Folk Tune" based in an English sheep shearing song by Eugene Goossens, "Mere," by Balfour Gardiner and "The Man I Love" by Gershwin. Then came Grainger's own paraphrase on Tchaikowski's "Waltz of the Flowers." Encores included Debussy's "Moonlight," Brahms' "Cradle Song," Grainger's "Shepherd's Hey" and of course "Country Gardens."

The program, sponsored by the school of music of Willamette university, proved that such an intimate recital is well received by townspeople as well as students.

C of C Directors To Give Answers

"What is a chamber of commerce?"

The men and women who best should know the answer to that and 101 other questions concerning chambers of commerce and the Salem organization in particular will have a chance to exhibit their knowledge at 6:15 tonight when directors hold their regular monthly meeting at the Golden Pheasant.

Directors of the Salem Retail Trade organization as well as the 60 members of the chamber's membership committee have been invited to join the board at its educational meeting. The membership committee members are expected to ask the questions. Ralph Campbell is to serve as moderator, calling upon board members to answer.

Toastmistress Club Will Be Organized

First steps toward organization of a Toastmistress club in Salem were taken Tuesday night when a group of women, guests of the Toastmasters at their regular weekly session, elected Mrs. Lewis Arens temporary chairman and Mrs. Robert DeVlieg as temporary secretary.

Speakers for the Toastmasters' meeting were Howard Roberts,

Japanese Take Pounding on New Britain

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said the leathernocks were pushing on to Talasea, on the east coast of the peninsula.

An airstrip, unused by the Japanese for some time, is located at Talasea close to the beach. In allied hands, the field could be handy to help keep the Blomark sea clean of enemy shipping.

Thus on the north and south shore of the huge island, marines and soldiers are creeping closer to such important enemy bases as Gasmata, on the south coast, and heavily-pounded Rabaul, on the northeastern tip of the island.

These moves emphasized the truth of Tokyo radio's cry that Nipponese troops in the south Pacific are in tight circumstances, dependent upon the creeping coastal advances of little wooden ships for supplies.

Rabaul itself again came under allied bombings, with the townships and Tobera airdrome receiving 98 tons of explosives. Fires flared along the waterfront and five enemy planes were destroyed on the ground. Two small ships in the harbor were hit and beached, and six barges were destroyed or damaged. The raid cost one allied plane.

Other points on New Britain which felt the weight of allied bombs were the enemy airdrome at Cape Hoskins, where 32 tons were dropped, and Riebeck and Stettin bay, all on the north coast and in the vicinity of Willamex peninsula. These blows assisted the marines in their landing at Talasea Monday.

Allied navy and air forces lent a hand in the operations on Los Negros island. Destroyers came in close to Hauvel island, just west of Los Negros, to blast and destroy Japanese coast defense guns.

Aircraft ranged west of Manus island, which adjoins Los Negros, and blasted Japanese positions around Lorengau, the principal base on the northeastern coast of Manus.

Six Firms Make 100 % Profits

By MILDRED DIEFFENDERFER

PHILADELPHIA, March 7—(AP)—Six corporations in 15 war industry groups reported profits in 1942 of more than 100 per cent on invested capital after payment of taxes, the second in a series of securities and exchange commission studies on profits and operations costs from 1938 through 1942, covering 261 companies, disclosed today.

Four of the companies are in the aircraft group, one in industrial machinery and one in screw machine products.

Prepared under the direction of Ralph H. Krapp at the request of army, navy and WPB price adjustment boards, the four-part study covers more than half of the nation's industrial volume and is designed as a basis for renegotiation of war contracts. The 1106 corporations included are listed on stock exchanges and represent more than 14,000 subsidiaries.

The aircraft industry reported the highest profit yield—179.2 per cent before taxes, 37.2 after reductions.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Oh, so your eyes hurt?

Perhaps they lack lysozyme.

—V—

In other words, you don't cry enough. Tears contain lysozyme, an antiseptic capable of destroying most of the ordinary bacteria that get into the eye, according to the Better Vision Institute.

—V—

So cry, but don't rub it in!

Jungle Troops Trap 2000 Japs In North Burma

NEW DELHI, March 7—(AP)—American jungle troops fanned out from captured Walawbum ten miles behind the Japanese lines in North Burma today to trap 2000 of the enemy caught between American forces and Chinese troops steadily advancing from the north.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's communique indicated the Americans were hammering the Japanese against the Chinese anvil in continuing fighting. Gen. Stilwell said a road block had been established two miles west of Walawbum, and that all enemy vehicles attempting to escape southward to join the main body of Japs near Mogaung and Myitkyna were being methodically destroyed.

Although Walawbum was officially announced as in American hands, there was evidence that suicide squads of Japanese within the town were putting up last-ditch resistance.

Pre-Service Group In Training Meet

A class totaling approximately 75 persons, men about to be inducted into the service and members of their families, attended Marion county's first pre-induction training meeting Tuesday night in Salem chamber of commerce rooms.

Sponsored by Marion county civilian defense council at the request of the armed services, the session brought before the class W. H. Baillie of the United States employment service, who discussed the postwar return to civilian jobs; Winston D. Purvine, state department of vocational rehabilitation; Silas Galsler, unemployment compensation commission; Lt. Col. Carleton Spender, state selective service; and Lt. Fred Sullivan of Camp Adair, who discussed training programs in the service. O. E. "Mose" Palmer presided.

Convoy Losses One in 1000, Briton Says

By LEWIS HAWKINS

LONDON, March 7—(AP)—Allied convoy shipping losses were less than one in 1000 ships during the second half of 1943, First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander told commons today, but he warned that Nazi submarines would strike hard again and that the British navy faces "further and greater responsibilities" in carrying the war to Europe and Japan.

The first lord told a heartening story of the defeat of the U-boat and of Britain's rising maritime might, declaring that the British fleet is now stronger "in relation to enemy naval strength" than it has been since the fall of France.

Illustrating the progress of the war against the U-boat Alexander gave these figures on allied losses:

1941—One ship lost out of every 181 that sailed.

1942—One out of every 233.

1943—One out of every 344.

That this victory over the U-boat may not yet be regarded as final was made clear by the first lord's warning that the Germans still have at least as many submarines as they had at the start of 1943 and that "there is not the slightest evidence that the enemy has in any way abandoned his intention to cripple our sea communications if he possibly can."

Alexander's sober appraisal of the naval situation, made in connection with the new navy estimates, came a few hours after the nation had been informed of the loss of the cruiser Penelope, a 5,220-ton vessel which survived so many holes shot into her hull that she was known as "HMS Peppercorn."

The Penelope, her 2000 shell-fragment holes plugged with wood, was finally sent to the bottom off the Nettuno beachhead in Italy, where since the landings the British also have lost the new cruiser Spartan, the destroyers Janus and Ingfield and five major assault vessels.

Partisans Inflict Heavy Nazi Losses

LONDON, March 7—(AP)—Yugoslav Partisans under Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) are involved in heavy fighting in the Glinja sector against German troops supported by planes and tanks, a broadcast communique from the Free Yugoslav radio said today.

Violent fighting also is in progress in western Bosnia, Korčun and Hercegovina, the announcement added, and large losses have been inflicted on the enemy forces driving toward Kotar from Prijedor.

US Quislings Up for Trial

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—The justice department today likened to Norway's Quisling and France's Laval the 30 defendants who will face trial here soon on charges of conspiring to establish a Nazi form of government in this country.

The defendants, it was charged, spread propaganda, seeking to undermine the faith of the people in their leaders, to cause unrest and lack of faith in democracy among the members of the armed forces, and to promote class and sectional strife to the end that "when the proper disintegration had been accomplished, selected persons in strategic positions would then, acting together, be able to seize power."

The defendants include two women, Elizabeth Dilling and Lois De Lafayette Washburn, both of Chicago.

Among the 28 men defendants are Joseph E. McWilliams, New York and Chicago; George E. Deatherage, St. Albans, Vt.; William Dudley Pelley, Noblesville, Ind.; Lawrence Dennis, New York; and George Sylvester Viereck, long-time pro-German propagandist.

Binding Code Urged to Keep Nations' Peace

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7—(AP)—Peace can be made permanent only by international organization or by worldwide acceptance of a basic code which safeguards the rights of nations, Carl J. Hambro said today.

The exiled president of the Norwegian parliament said such a code would have to be so binding that no inroads upon the rights of some nations would be regarded with indifference by other nations. "The United Nations declaration means that for the first time in history great nations have agreed on the principle that if we hope to win the peace every nation will be under the obligation to be his brother's keeper," Hambro said.

He told the institute for postwar planning for international peace he believed that if the peace were won it would not be won by diplomats and politicians.

History shows, he said, that when practical people get together a practical conclusion results but

when diplomats and politicians meet the result too often is chaos. Hambro warned against the attitude of "the bad Hitler and the good Germany." The German people have been educated to believe in ruthless force and a destiny of world control, he said.

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