

Wakde Airfield Captured

Coral Runways To Be Set Soon For US Planes

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, May 20—(AP)—American invasion veterans smashed the Japanese grip on the strategic Wakde airfield five hours after they stormed the island shores Thursday, and Gen. MacArthur's spokesmen said today the coral runway will be ready for allied planes "very shortly."

The Yank doughboys surged across the 4700-foot airstrip after supporting bombers, strafing planes and naval destroyers silenced enemy mortar positions which had checked the invading 6th army troops halfway across the runway.

Then, in a tremendous drive, the Americans flooded across the remaining coral and their momentum carried them all the way up the west side of the island before the defenders could rally for any more opposition.

Almost immediately engineers, who followed the assault waves ashore the day after the first invasion wave had carved out an eight-mile-long beachhead on the nearby Dutch New Guinea mainland, started work on the runway.

By late afternoon, the invaders had compressed the Japanese into a tight pocket half a mile square in the northeast sector of the island. Destroyers offshore then began laying salvos of shells into the enemy lines.

Japanese snipers held up the advance along the east coast of the island but MacArthur's field lieutenants edged forward, paying heed to his policy of invasion with the lightest losses possible.

While the Americans were pushing their lightning invasion 110 miles northwest of Hollandia, which they took less than a month ago in another swift amphibious operation, the enemy struck back weakly at Hollandia.

One Japanese raider came over the Hollandia sector and dropped a few bombs but little damage was done, the general's communique said.

The quick capture of the Wakde airfield, which MacArthur said presages the reconquest of all Dutch New Guinea, came during the second day of the jump up the coast.

The Sixth army invasion troops went ashore on the mainland in the Toem area and hit the beaches of Insoemman, one of the two islands of the Wakde group, Wednesday.

The operations were unopposed. Covering naval and air craft then turned their guns, rockets and bombs on Insoemman island, the other in the Wakde group which The next day the Americans has the 4700-foot coral runway, stormed ashore and won the airfield.

Jury Decides Dried Apples Not Poisonous

FRESNO, Calif., May 19—(AP)—A federal jury today decided a shipment of 80,444 pounds of chopped Washington apples was not adulterated under the pure food and drug act and declared the fruit should be returned to the claimant, the Washington Dehydrating company, Yakima, Wash.

The jury, which deliberated 45 minutes, found that the apples did not contain excessive amounts of lead and arsenic compounds, as the government had charged in its condemnation suit. The government had sought to prove injury to human beings from eating poison-sprayed fruit such as that involved in the condemnation suit. The product, valued at \$11,000, was seized by federal officials after it was shipped to a Los Angeles apple butter manufacturer last December 9.

Judge C. E. Beaumont granted the government's request for a 30-day stay of execution on condition that the apples be placed in cold storage immediately.

Charles C. Busick, representing the State Granges of California, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, declared the verdict "emphasized the lack of an official power which apple and pear growers seek to have set by the food and drug administrators on the amount of lead arsenate which safely can be retained on sprayed fruit."

Lumber Men Meet In Eugene Today

EUGENE, May 19—(AP)—Lumber and logging executives from throughout western Oregon will convene here tomorrow for the sixth annual Willamette Valley Logging conference.

The group, headed by Victory Torrey, Marshfield, conference president, will mull problems of selective service, manpower and equipment shortages, maintenance of logging equipment, war production board (WPB) requirements, and new machinery.

The single-day session will end tomorrow night with a banquet and installation of new officers. J. W. Lewis, Eugene, is general chairman of the congress and Herbert J. Cox, secretary.

Americans Hit Wake for 2nd Straight Day

US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 19—(AP)—In their second daylight raid on Wake Island in as many days, American fliers heavily bombed Peale Island and Heel Point despite intense anti-aircraft fire by Japanese defenders, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

One American bomber was shot down. It was the first United States loss in 16 air assaults on the island since last Oct. 5, when 13 raiders were lost in a carrier-borne strike.

Ponape in the eastern Carolines and enemy positions in the Marshalls also were bombed and strafed. No opposition from either the air or ground was reported as seventh US army air force Mitchell medium bombers raided Ponape's airstrip, nor was any Japanese anti-aircraft fire encountered by marine and navy fighters and bombers over the Marshalls.

Repair work on the enemy-held Wotje airstrip in the Marshalls was reported interrupted by the fourth marine fighters which strafed the field, destroying at least two trucks.

The Ponape strike was the 11th this month and the second in two days against that outpost of Truk.

Peale, one of the three islets comprising Wake atoll, was the site of the Pan-American Airways station in pre-war days. The trans-Pacific Clippers stopped there overnight. One of the passengers who spent a night in the hotel there a few weeks before Pearl Harbor was Japan's "peace envoy"—Saburo Kurusu, returning to the United States to resume negotiations for a continuance of peaceful relations.

Inonu Tells About Plot On Turkey

ANKARA, May 19—(AP)—President Ismet Inonu, addressing a throng of 50,000 at a National Youth day celebration, declared today a plot had been uncovered against the Turkish republic and voiced the suspicion that it had been engineered by "foreigners."

In his speech, which was broadcast throughout Turkey, the president apparently referred to the "Gray Wolf" or "Panturanian" society, many of whose members have been arrested after an extensive search throughout the country. They are expected to be court-martialed at Istanbul, where a form of military law has been in effect since 1940 and where more severe penalties can be invoked.

Other Turkish officials have asserted the society was financed by German funds.

Throughout his long speech in the Ankara stadium, Inonu mentioned only one country by name, asserting that when Turkey's war for independence was over "only the soviets were our friends."

Inonu said Panturanians who advocate consolidation and even annexation of outside territories inhabited by Turks were responsible for some recent disturbances.

But he added it was possible that "it can never be proved that the plotters meant to serve outsiders, or had any connection with foreigners."

Powers to Get Store on Wheels

MARSHFIELD, May 19—(AP)—A temporary store on wheels will be opened at Powers tomorrow by Mrs. Kenneth Rolfe, whose grocery-market was destroyed by fire early Thursday. She will sell from a produce truck that was loaded with supplies here today.

Allies In Myitkyina Outskirts

Reinforced Air Troops Drive For City Heart

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEAD-QUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 19—(AP)—Chinese and American jungle fighters drove into the outskirts of Myitkyina yesterday after taking the main Japanese airdrome two miles to the south, and two other elements of a three-pronged drive converged on the big Japanese North Burma headquarters from the west and north, the allied command announced today.

Substantially reinforced by air-borne troops, Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's infantry stabbed boldly from the air field toward the heart of the city; another column to the west threw a roadblock across the Mogaung-Myitkyina road, after occupying Mayraw Kakan village, and still another body of marauders swept down from the north.

Strangling blows were aimed at the same time at the enemy's lines of supply. Planes supporting Chindit (air commando) operations to the south ripped Japanese positions 46 miles north of Bhamo to Myitkyina. The Japanese were engaged in sharp struggles to protect their supply route from Mandalay to Myitkyina.

The vicinity of Mawla, a thwarted Japanese supply route from Mandalay, Japanese troops were storming an allied road block thrown up by Chindits 150 miles southwest of Myitkyina. The enemy suffered heavy losses there, including a regimental colonel, in an 11-hour battle.

The drive on Myitkyina, achieving swift success through its remarkable element of surprise after the 20-day forced march of Merrill's Marauders through forbidden country, is considered closely tied in with the full-scale Salween river offensive to the east from Yunnan province by American-trained Chinese troops.

The major objective of both drives is the reopening of an overland route from stiffed China, now depending on tenuous air supply lines.

In that theater, the Japanese were reported bringing up reinforcements to meet the wide attack along the west side of the river, as heavy fighting flared in a number of sectors.

A Chinese spokesman in Chungking said the Myitkyina thrust, combined with the cutting of the Myitkyina-Bhamo highway and the severance of the Burma railway to Indaw by British paratroops, blocked the Japanese supply route in northern Burma and took from them their only route of retreat.

"Their only remaining line of communications is the Burma road," the spokesman said. "We are extremely optimistic over the situation in western Yunnan and northern Burma."

For the first time in north Burma the Japanese were throwing in aircraft to support ground troops along the line of the new Burma road to China. In the past few days the Japanese were active in the air over the Mogaung, Kamaing and Myitkyina areas.

42% of OSC Students Admit Their Cheating

PORTLAND, May 19—(AP)—Forty two per cent of Oregon State college students polled in an experiment admitted cheating at one time or another, Dr. Frank W. Parr said today.

Dr. Parr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Teachers association, told the Portland Optimist club the experiment in human behavior was conducted over a five-year period among 500 students.

Boys cheated more than girls, he said, and students interested in politics were the most dishonest as a group. Dr. Parr said best resistance was reported by Scandinavians, students from small towns, church members, and former Boy Scouts.

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Nine navy airmen crowd on the wings and fuselage of this navy Kingfisher after the two-man plane had picked them up from Truk lagoon where they had been shot down during the navy air strike against the Japanese stronghold April 28-29. The plane was damaged and was later sunk by gunfire from the submarine Tang which moved in under Jap shore batteries to rescue 22 downed fliers, including the men of the Kingfisher. (Associated Press photo from US navy)

Allied Fliers Shot After Mass Escape

By LEWIS HAWKINS

LONDON, May 19—(AP)—Forty-seven British, dominion and allied air force officers were shot to death after a mass escape two months ago from a prison camp near Dresden, Germany, Foreign Secretary Eden informed the house of commons today, adding the British government was "profoundly shocked" over the news. No Americans were involved in the incident, which was discovered by Swiss inspectors nearly a month after it happened.

Eden in giving the sad report to the country said that 76 men had participated in the break, 15 were recaptured, 14 remained at large, and the others were shot, "some while resisting arrest and some in the course of a new attempt to escape after recapture."

Thus, in his account based on information so far available through Switzerland, Eden withheld condemnation of Germany as a violator of international law, and he asked parliament's patience pending a more complete report which the Swiss have been asked to make.

International law permits the killing of escaping prisoners or those resisting capture. If there is no resistance, the most severe penalty which can be imposed is imprisonment.

The strongest argument against the Nazis was that although the men were shot March 22, no word went outside Germany until the Swiss uncovered the incident in a routine inspection of the camp on April 17.

This war-torn island's bitterness against the Germans deepened with the news. All afternoon

and other RAF exploits. Some of them in letters to relatives in England had told of previous attempts to escape. One of the men hinted in a letter that the escape might have been by tunneling.

The victims included 25 RAF fliers, six Canadians, three Australians, two New Zealanders, three South Africans, one Fighting French, four Poles, two Norwegians and one Greek.

Clerk's Office Kept on Hop Election Day

Queries of "how" and "why" and "what" kept the telephone ringing all through the early morning hours at the county clerk's office Friday. Election boards scattered over the county, many with new help who had never worked on elections before, kept calling in for information on one phase or another of their duties. Most of the requests concerned the manner of handling supplies, but some requested chairs or other furniture.

All of the absentee ballots which came into County Clerk Mattson's office through Friday were sent out to their respective precincts with one of Mattson's deputies. Each will be counted along with the other ballots cast in the more familiar fashion at the polling place itself.

Lawrence L. Pittinger, marine corps recruiting sergeant at Eugene, filed the first expense statement among the candidates for office. He listed expenses of \$90.77 in his campaign for sheriff on the republican ticket in the primary.

Allies Resume Air Offensive

British Out Last Night After 1500 Plane Yank Day Raids On Berlin, Brunswick Hubs

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

LONDON, Saturday, May 20—(AP)—Great groups of RAF night bombers joined early today in the renewed aerial assault of Hitler's Europe to follow up a heavy combined daylight raid on Berlin and Brunswick by 1500 American bombers and fighters Friday.

At least one section of the night attack was directed at the Nazis' formidable Atlantic wall defenders against the coming invasion and came just in time to interrupt a post-midnight shelling of the Dover coast by big German guns across the channel.

The possibility that other RAF raiders were plunging deeper into the continent was indicated by German radio broadcasts that allied planes were over western Germany.

The night action came on the heels of a fierce, swirling aerial battle which raged over Germany during the American thrust at the Reich capital. In this savage battling US Fortresses and Liberators and their escorts shot down 125 Nazi planes at a loss of 26 bombers and 19 fighters.

The smashing resumption of the offensive from British bases brought out great swarms of Nazi fighters which had rested while weather checked the allied onslaught.

Battles raged all over the sky, by the US Fortresses and Liberators plunged through to rain an estimated 1,000 tons of bombs on each of their objectives.

The thunderous renewal of the pre-invasion aerial campaign after a five-day lull from British bases saw a total of more than 2,000 Allied planes take to the skies and drop 3,000 tons of bombs. After the heavy bomber operations had been completed escorted medium and light bombers of the Allied expeditionary air force made a series of late evening stabs into France and the lowlands.

A communique issued by the

US strategic air force said that heavy bombers flew through intermittent clouds while others aimed at their objectives visually and were able to report good concentrations.

In addition to the determined opposition, the communique said that "flack was moderate to intense."

Up to 750 Liberators and Fortresses with an escort of at least equal strength, delivered the twin blows on the Reich war centers in an apparent repeat performance of the May 8 raid, when 2,000 American planes carried out the first simultaneous attack on the cities, tagged by the fliers "Big B" and "Little B."

In that sledge-hammer assault, the last previous one on the German capital, the Germans lost 119 of their fighters, while the cost to Americans had been 36 bombers and 13 fighters.

The Berlin radio described the air battles in today's attack as "especially fierce," and said "flack also is taking an effective part" in the defenses.

The first fighter and bomber pilots back from the capital said the Nazis threw up an intense anti-aircraft barrage and sent up swarms of fighters which attacked in waves. The Germans apparently marshalled fighters in certain areas to concentrate on one section of the formation at a time. Some groups reported attacks by from 50 to 100 German interceptors, while others said they encountered no opposition at all.

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