

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sledge

Congressman Mott has introduced a bill to declare Japanese nationals now in this country to be undesirable enemy aliens and ordering their immediate deportation on the cessation of hostilities. Congressman Mott asserted on the floor of the house in support of his bill:

"I venture to say that if a poll were taken today of all the people in the United States to determine whether they desired alien Japanese to remain in this country after the war, the verdict would be at least 90 per cent against allowing them to remain. On the Pacific Coast that verdict would be unanimous."

He warned however that the bill would have to be enacted during the war "because, if deferred, the sentimentalist propaganda which has always followed every war would render its enactment improbable if not impossible."

As far as the hell-raisers among the Japs down at Tululeke they have already proven themselves undesirable aliens and can be ejected without new legislation and should be. But I think we should study both sides of the shield before kicking out the Jap nationals against whom there is no record of misconduct in this country. We are in quite as much danger from hysterical legislation in war time as from sentimental legislation after the war.

If we kick out all the Jap nationals we can expect Japan to do the same with American nationals. Maybe Japan will do that anyway. But when the war is over we will want to resume (Continued on Editorial Page)

Yanks Near Strategic Highway

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US Forces Pour Heavy Shellfire On Escape Line

Allies Capture Artena After Drive of 9 Miles in Day; Sezze Also Falls Yesterday

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 27—
(AP)—American armored forces fought their way into the town of Artena, only 2 1/2 miles from the strategic Casilina highway, and tonight began pouring a heavy shellfire into this main escape route for eight German divisions comprising the bulk of the Nazi forces below Rome.

While American tanks and field guns kept the enemy retreat line under fire, other American fifth army forces in their closest drive toward Rome threatened the town of Velletri, 18 miles from the outskirts of the capital.

Velletri already was shrouded in smoke from blazing fires.

The Germans, apparently alarmed over the plight of their large forces to the southeast, threw reserves into the fight to keep the Americans from blocking the all-important via Casilina highway six—Associated Press Correspondent Daniel De Luce wrote from the front tonight.

In the town of Artena American doughboys were waging a house-to-house battle with the Germans, De Luce reported. Artena, itself an important road junction behind the retreating Nazi tenth army was reached after a spectacular drive of nine miles in one day.

De Luce said the Germans had attempted a sharp counter-attack on the secondary highway between Velletri and Artena but that American artillery was covering the Via Casilina and shells were falling on German positions 15 miles from Rome.

The allied armies advanced (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

RAF Cripples Nazi Blockade Running Lines

LONDON, May 27—(AP)—
The RAF coastal command's torpedo and rocket bombers have crippled the enemy's blockade—running feedline in the Bay of Biscay to German war plants, while British Liberators and Wellingtons from Italy again have striven the lower Danube military waterway with mines to throttle another source of supply, it was announced today.

During the last six months the coastal command planes have attacked 563 enemy vessels and a total of 67 have been sunk or damaged, the RAF announced. Assessments on an additional 25 are still to be made.

The attacks were made by planes equipped with bombs, torpedoes and new rocket projectiles. No figures indicating the success of the rockets alone are available.

The coastal command has found torpedoes and rockets complementary weapons, the rockets having sunk medium-sized merchantmen (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Americans Land at Biak in Schoutens

New Jump Bgs Philippine Islands Within 900 Miles

By MURLIN SPENCER

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Sunday, May 28—(AP)—Veteran American infantrymen forced a landing at Biak island in the Schoutens yesterday against strong Japanese resistance and battled their way toward airfields that will base allied planes for assaults on the Philippines.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing the invasion today, said the hardened Yanks stormed the southeastern beaches of the island after dawn and by nightfall had established a strong beachhead a mile east and a mile west of Boinak.

This vault 200 miles toward the Philippines from Wakde island, conquered only last week in another jump up the New Guinea coast, was hailed immediately by the general as the virtual conclusion of the allied campaign on that huge island.

The jungle-green-clad veterans of other New Guinea amphibious operations rushed up the sandy, gently-sloping beaches less than 900 miles from the southern Philippines after an intensive bombardment by American and Australian cruisers.

The landing itself was one of the most heavily opposed of any made by MacArthur's forces in the southwest Pacific theatre.

The Japanese, lodged in strong positions overlooking the beaches, opened up with heavy mortar and automatic weapons fire. MacArthur's communique said, however, that American losses in the operation were light.

Simultaneously with the landing enemy shore batteries, carried on a long-range duel with the American and Australian cruisers and other naval craft. A headquarters spokesman said minor damage and casualties were suffered by the naval force.

The last report at headquarters told of the American infantrymen hammering ahead toward the Mokmer, Soride and Borokok airbases seven miles away. But they were running into strong enemy resistance.

Announcing the landing on Biak, MacArthur said: "Capture of this stronghold will give us command and domination of Dutch New Guinea except for isolated enemy positions. For strategic purposes, this marks the practical end of the New Guinea campaign."

Then in a special statement the general added:

"The results of the offensive which was launched in this theatre 11 months ago have more than fulfilled my most optimistic hopes and expectations. The operations have appreciably advanced us on our way. I am especially thankful for our light losses. Nothing could more (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Lt. Norris Ballantrud Killed in Action

SILVERTON, May 27—Friends here received word that Lt. Norris S. Ballantrud was listed as killed in action on the European front recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballantrud now of Portland but formerly of Silvertown. His widow, Anna G. Ballantrud, of Portland also survives.

The parade, for which Col. Carl Abrams, grand marshal, Saturday issued general orders, will assemble (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Memorial Day Program Set For Tuesday

Tribute to those who have given their lives on this nation's battlefields will be combined with a pledge of good faith to men and women now under their country's colors in Salem's Memorial day observance Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Loren T. Jenks, 70th division infantry chaplain, speaker of the day, has chosen as his subject "The People Remember." The address will be delivered at the afternoon exercises in the armory.

First on the day's program will be memorial services at the Grand Army circle in City View cemetery at 10 a.m., followed immediately by services at nearby American Legion circle.

Honoring those who lost their lives at sea, services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on the Marion Polk county bridge.

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FDR Supporter Assumes Lead in North Carolina

By the Associated Press

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, a supporter of administrative policies, took a strong lead last night in returns from North Carolina's democratic primary to nominate a successor to Senator Robert R. Reynolds, frequent administration critic who did not seek reelection.

Hoey, 66-year-old Shelby lawyer, held a better than two to one edge over Rep. Cameron Morrison, his closest competitor in the five-man race, in reports from about half of the state's precincts. The three other contestants trailed far behind.

In the state's three-man democratic gubernatorial primary, R. Gregg Cherry, Gastonia lawyer, led the field by a wide margin, with Dr. Ralph McDonald, Winston-Salem educator, in second place.

Returns from 882 of 1921 precincts, in the senatorial contest, gave Hoey 83,263 votes and Morrison 34,155. Reports from 929 precincts in the gubernatorial race gave Cherry 81,213 votes and McDonald 56,299 while the third candidate, Olla Ray Boyd of Pinebluff, had only 614.

Meanwhile, Connecticut and Utah democrats jumped on the fourth term bandwagon and boosted President Roosevelt's convention delegate strength to a record-breaking 906.

The Connecticut democratic convention closed with the adoption of resolutions favoring a fourth term and with instructions to the state's delegation to cast its 18 votes for the president's renomination. Delegates chosen included Senator Maloney (D-Conn.), Homer Cummings, former attorney general, and former Governors Wilbur Cross and Robert Hurley.

In Utah, the democrats heard (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Americans Advance



Arrow indicates advance by US troops from Tor river to reach an airfield on Maffin bay. Black areas are Japanese-dominated. Biak, where American troops established a beachhead yesterday, is also shown on the map just north of Maffin bay. (AP Wirephoto)

1st Tentative Signs Of Peace Appear In Lumber Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27—(AP)—The first tentative signs of peace appeared today in the still spreading Northwest Lumber Workers' walkout which has closed a dozen more plants since this morning.

In the wake of an AFL charge that the war labor board has shown "complete lack of understanding of the lumber situation,"

an AFL workman at the Guistina Lumber company in Eugene, Ore., called upon fellow-unionists to return to work.

Declaring that his stand was based only on the war's need of the 11,000,000 board feet of lumber produced daily by stalled mills, Burgess Robinson said he would return to work Monday morning.

M. E. Jones, president of the Jones Lumber company, Portland, said that about one-fourth of his 150 employees, members of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill workers union, returned to their jobs today in response to a letter urging them to carry on with the war effort.

Operators in Linn county, where (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Strikers Vote To Continue Vital Service

SILVERTON, May 27—(Special)—Taking time off from "fishing," members of the sawmill workers local at a rump meeting Saturday night voted to unload 80 carloads of logs which were enroute when the fishing holiday was decided upon.

It was also voted to save the spinach crop now at the cannery by giving Cal Pack sufficient hog fuel to complete the pack now in full swing at the cannery. It was voted to provide sufficient hog fuel for the state tuberculosis hospital.

After the rump session members attended a dance held in the same hall.

Silvertown residents reported little evidence of fishing trips but there seemed some evidence that, lacking gasoline for transportation time was devoted to "washing windows" or just "helping the little woman" with the house cleaning.

Nazi Troops Prepare To Attack Tito

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 27—(AP)—German troops massing in northern Bosnia for a new offensive against Marshal Tito's Yugoslav partisans underwent a disruptive attack by allied warplanes today as other formations raided two enemy air fields.

Flying Fortresses of the strategic command, escorted by Lightnings, struck at the Nazi troop formations around Bihac, while Spitfires strafed a nearby airfield, damaging or destroying a dozen planes on the ground.

Fishermen Object To Loggers Fishing

NEWPORT, May 27—(AP)—Striking sawmill men at nearby Teleda have gone fishing as they claim, it is a rank violation of union ethics, according to waterfront conversation.

With commercial fishermen remaining in port for higher fish prices, the sawmill men to lay off work to go fishing would put them in the strike breaker class.

These actions signalling the first movement of German convoys in weeks—though their destinations remained obscure—coincided with a Berlin broadcaster's prediction that imminent Soviet drives would include a major attack in the Baltic.

Both the Russians and the Germans reported quiet along the long eastern front.

RAF Hits Coastline In Night

Raid Follows Up Daylight Blows By 6000 Planes

LONDON, Sunday, May 28 (AP)—The great allied pre-invasion aerial offensive, which sent nearly 6000 bombers and fighters thundering against Hitler's transportation system yesterday, roared on past midnight with alerts sounding in Berlin and the English shores shaking from violent explosions along the French coast.

The Folkestone area, across the narrow strait of Dover from France, got one of its greatest joltings of the war—houses shaking, furniture bouncing and doors banging again and again from the vibrations of the cross-channel explosions. Flares and bomb explosion flashes lit the channel sky.

The attack yesterday was one of the greatest coordinated blows ever struck from bases in England and Italy as wave after wave of bombers and fighters roared over the European continent.

The blasting along the French coast by the RAF night raiders was short but terrific. For 15 minutes the British shores shook as if to earth tremors, and reverberations were described as "like heavy sustained thunderclaps in a tropical storm."

Anti-aircraft fire was brief, indicating that the bombers had soon blotted out flock batteries. Great clusters of parachute flares lit the target area and (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Roosevelt May Make Journey To Europe

WASHINGTON, May 27—(AP) President Roosevelt's expressed desire to get a closer look at the war, coupled with a possibility that United Nations leaders might start joint conversations soon on a postwar security organization, was believed tonight to underlie his casual remark that he expects to see Prime Minister Churchill soon.

There are several factors that might impel the president to make a trip abroad in the not too distant future. Assuming that the battle for Europe will get under (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Next State Legislature Will Be Overwhelmingly Republican

With the smoke of the primaries clearing it is possible to size up the complexion of the next legislature. It will be overwhelmingly republican. In the senate, aside from Multnomah county where each party has a full ticket for the five vacancies there are only three contests, and those are against incumbents; in Josephine county Dr. Wm. A. Moser, dem., is contesting against

L. W. Wippertman, rep.; in Coos and Curry counties, George H. Chaney, dem., is competing with Sen. William E. Walsh, rep., and in the 17th district of south central Oregon Marius Peterson, dem., is running against Sen. Marshall Cornett, rep.

In the case of the house no democrats have been nominated in Tillamook county, Washington county, Folk county, Marion county, Douglas county, Coos county, Jackson county, Hood River county, Wasco county, Umatilla county, Walla walla county, Baker county, Malheur county; nor in the 22nd, 26th and 30th joint districts—the central Oregon counties. No republican is running against Vernon Bull in Union county. Of course party committees may fill the vacancies, but that is generally too belated to be of consequence.

The percentage of veteran members who will come to the legislature is probably higher than at any time in recent years. One veteran who will be missed is Alex Rennie of Benton, who died shortly before the primaries. Of the 13 republican nominees for the house

in Multnomah county nine are present members.

State makers are already setting up the organization for the two houses. Sen. Walsh was early in the field for presidency of the senate, though he is not a holdover member. Sen. Ellis of Umatilla, like Barkus, is "willing." Names of Sen. Zurcher of Wallawa and Sen. Belton of Clackamas are mentioned though neither has begun any campaign so far as known and both are known to prefer work in committee.

The competition for speaker will probably lie between Eugene Marsh of Yamhill county and John Hall of Multnomah. They held up separate legislative groups—upstate and Multnomah. Hall is one of the ablest floor leaders in the house, with long experience. Marsh will have the backing of the upstate crowd which when it holds together can pick the speaker.

Both houses will seek to avoid the stalemate which tied up the senate for three days in 1943 because of failure to elect a president.

Chinese Take North Burma Warong Base

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 27—(AP)—Chinese troops battling their way down the steaming Mogaung valley have captured long-encircled Warong, 12 miles northeast of Kamaing in north Burma, and on the India side of the Burma campaign allied forces virtually have annihilated a crack Japanese battalion of the 33rd division at the southeast edge of the Imphal plain, headquarters announced today.

Lunging past Warong, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese 38th division seized a supply dump in the valley, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese 18th (Singapore) division.

To the southeast, Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's troops from Zig-yun in the Irrawaddy bend advanced a mile and a half toward the north Burma enemy stronghold of Myitkyina, already about a third in allied hands, and beat off a small night counterattack north of the town.

On the Imphal front, RAF and IAF fighters and dive bombers scored two direct hits on a Manipur river bridge in the Tonzang area, again cutting communications serving the enemy 33rd division at the edge of the Imphal plain, where a Japanese battalion commander was slain in the rout of his unit, the headquarters communique said.

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Loggers May Lose C Cards

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27—(AP) Local rationing boards have authority to call in gasoline coupon books issued for occupational purposes where the occupation has been terminated or the books no longer are being used for the purpose for which they were issued, McDannell Brown said tonight.

The office of price administration (OPA) director for Oregon and southwestern Washington said no boards in this district have so far followed the lead of Tacoma boards in ordering idle sawmill workers to turn in B or C cards.

"But I won't be surprised if they do," he added.

"B" and "C" gasoline rations issued to millworkers and loggers of this area cannot legally be used to take anyone "fishin'." Paul Hale, field operations officer for the Portland district of the office of price administration, said here Saturday, indicating that OPA regulations as to gasoline use would be enforced in this area.

Weather

Maximum temperature Saturday 82 degrees; minimum 59; no precipitation; river - 9 ft. Fairly cloudy Sunday and Monday with scattered thunder storms in extreme eastern portion Sunday. Much cooler Sunday except along coast.