

Japs Pushed Away from Kohima Base

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 13—(AP)—The allies have won a two-months battle for control of heights above and below their east India base of Kohima with the capture of Aradura on the south and Japanese withdrawal from Naga village on the north, it was announced today.

The removal of the Japanese menace to Kohima was described officially as "of vital importance to operations throughout the whole of the eastern theatre."

A communique from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces said Chinese troops with mortar and artillery support occupied a rifle range strong point in the northwest section of Myitkyina, main Japanese base in north Burma, while Americans took a strong position in the south part of the town.

The Chinese were attacking Kamang, Mogaung valley stronghold, from the north. British and American bombers and fighters kept up widespread attacks on enemy communications both in Burma and east India.

One Vacancy Yet In Silvertown School Faculty

SILVERTOWN — Only one vacancy still remains in the Silvertown faculty, and that in the junior high division of mathematics.

Mrs. Harrison Fischer (Elaine Clower) who was expected to take the girls' physical education section, will not come as the board and Mrs. Fischer could not reach an agreement on salary. Instead Miss Catherine Nash of Nashville, has been hired to teach.

GI's Told to Help French Girls in Home

LONDON, June 13—(AP)—The US war department, looking ahead to the time when American troops may have leisure hours in France, advises them in a 36-page booklet distributed on the Normandy beachhead to give the women a hand with the housework.

"French women still talk about how your fathers did," it states. The soldiers were advised also not to wink at the French girls and to keep hands off "if you want to keep out of trouble."

"Probably you won't get mixed up with a Mata Hari," the booklet said, "but keep your lips zipped just the same, and don't brag."

Yank Befriends Normandy Youngster



Sgt. Max Denton of Biloxi, Miss., makes friends with a French youngster during the American advance into Normandy. (International Radiosoundphoto.)

Reporter Sees Battlefield From Plane

By DON WHITEHEAD
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WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE, June 13—(AP)—I had seen enough of our beachhead from a foxhole so I went up in a Piper Cub today to take a look at the wedge driven into continental Europe and what I saw was both beautiful and awesome.

From a low altitude I got a better perspective of the magnificent job the doughboys have done than I had, even though I had landed with them and watched them fight their way off the beaches to drive the Germans steadily back.

As I flew over the area with Lt. Oscar B. Rich of Foley, Ala., we saw Yanks attacking below us toward a forest where the enemy was believed to have hidden tanks and infantry.

Our big guns had been pounding the forest for hours in a steady, rolling blast of explosions and as we watched a dark green smoke rolled up from an ammunition or gasoline dump hit by the artillery.

From the beach to the front lines we could see the obstacles which the infantry and engineers had to overcome to push inland and secure the beachhead.

We saw armored vehicles rolling slowly along hedgerows raking the undergrowth with machine-gun fire to drive out snipers while behind them came

doughboys taking cover in trees and hedges as the attack moved forward.

Along the roads convoys moved and troops marched in columns. While some areas appeared untouched others were ripped by bomb craters and pocked with silt trenches.

Rich, who used to be a florist before joining the army, swung out over the beach and there stood our tremendous invasion fleet stretching as far as I could see. Ships were moving in to discharge their cargoes and small boats scurried around weaving white wakes about the bigger ships which were pouring more men, guns and supplies ashore.

Rich flew over Bayeux with its beautiful cathedral and then over port En Bessin. Then we landed and I carried away from the plane with me a new respect for the valor of the American doughboy and the job he had done.

Jury Acquits In Draft Case

NEW YORK, June 13—(AP)—German-born Hans Gert Von Gontard, grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, St. Louis brewer, and three other defendants charged with conspiracy to evade the draft were acquitted yesterday by a federal court jury of 10 men and two women.

The other defendants were Dr. Arnold Aaron Hutshencker, Austrian born physician; Michael Mangano, secretary of the GM Uniform company in Brooklyn, and Army Lt. Francis X. Grottabo, former New York city detective.

Schoolboard At Pringle To Meet

PRINGLE — The Pringle school board special meeting will be held Monday, June 19, at which time the annual school budget will be discussed.

Two directors and a school board clerk will be elected and all members of the district are urged to attend.

Aumsville Church Hears Portlander

AUMSVILLE — Guest speaker at the morning service of the Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday was Rev. E. M. Peabody of Portland. His subject was "The Importance of the Resurrection." Mr. Peabody recently came with his family from Kansas to Portland, and is at present employed in defense work there.

Mrs. Forrest Murray and three small children, who have been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilcox for a time, returned to their home at Vernonia this week. Her sister, Mrs. Loren Hiles accompanied her, to care for Mrs. Murray, who has been ill.

Wilt Is Weekend Guest

MIDDLE GROVE—Wilson Wilt of Salem was a weekend guest of Dale Van Laanen.

Abiqua Survey Completed

SILVERTOWN — Surveying for the new Abiqua pipe line was completed Tuesday with all right-of-ways cleared. Plans are to call a special meeting of the city council early next week to recall for bids which could not be accepted on the call on June 5 because changes had to be made in the line. The changes were caused by inability to get right-of-ways in locations first planned. Mayor Reber Allen has not yet set the date of the council meeting.

Mrs. Arthur Dahl Heads Minnesota Picnic Group

SILVERTOWN — Mrs. Arthur Dahl was chosen president of the Hills, Minn., annual picnic group at Silvertown, meeting for June 22, Sunday, at Evens Valley rural school.

Mrs. Hans Olsen was named vice president and Mrs. Ida Knutson secretary-treasurer. More than 150 were in attendance and special events were the observance of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Rue, who came here 40 years ago, and of Mr. Rue's 88th birthday anniversary.

A portion of the program was also dedicated to the boys in the services. And of special interest were the talks by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dahl who have just recently visited in Hills.

Stalin Hails Second Front; Wallace Asks Postwar Pact

By EDDIE GILMORE
MOSCOW, June 13—(AP)—Premier-Marshall Joseph Stalin praised the allies highly tonight for their invasion of France, declaring that "The history of war does not know any such undertaking so broad in conception, so grandiose in scale, and so masterly in execution."

Stalin was in high spirits and rare form, describing Hitler as "an hysteric" who bragged for two years that he would cross the channel but never risked the attempt. He also pointed out that Napoleon failed in his plan to cross the channel and conquer Britain.

"Only the British and American troops succeeded in honorably fulfilling the grand plan of crossing the channel and making a mass landing of troops," Stalin said. "History will record this as an achievement of the highest order."

Stalin's estimate of the western invasion was put on the Moscow radio to be repeated several times and broadcast through the land.

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, June 13—(AP)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace, speaking in the Russian language, which he only recently learned, told an overflow audience in Novosibirsk today that "our two great peoples" must work together in peace as well as war for the reconstruction of devastated areas.

The people of the northwestern United States, he declared, have much in common with those of Siberia, and the northwest "should understand how necessary it is to industrialize . . . as well as you have industrialized Siberia."

"We in the northwest," he said, referring to North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, "think we have achieved good work in the realm of agriculture, but you have achieved a perfect work in agriculture and industry."

Annual School Meet Called

MIDDLE GROVE — The annual school meeting for the purpose of voting on the budget and electing a director for a term of three years and clerk for one year, will be held at the school Monday, June 19, beginning at 8 p.m.

The term of John Cage, present chairman of the board of directors, expires June 30.

Tom Ray Beats New Dealers In Light Vote

PORTLAND, Ore., June 13—(AP)—A slate of officers considered friendly to Tom Ray, deposed business agent and financial secretary, has been elected by the Portland local of the Boilermakers' union, a tabulation showed today. This slate ousted a "new deal" group put into office just before the international ousted Ray, builder of the local's "marble palace" headquarters in Portland.

Fred Lunger, chairman of the "committee of 21" of the Ray era, was elected president. Hugh Fagan, the committee's recording secretary, was elected financial secretary. Ralph J. Calhoun was advanced from assistant business agent to business agent, defeating A. E. Jordan, who was president under the new deal.

Only 3548 ballots were cast for president. The local has 45,000 members.

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