

# Navy Remains Silent on Blow Upon Formosa

By Morris Landberg  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 5 (AP)—The navy today reported the 27th and 28th straight daily air attacks on Iwo Jima, Japanese airbase island 750 miles south of Tokyo, but was silent on activities of the US carrier force which hit Formosa and Okinawa Tuesday and Wednesday.

While Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique ignored the daring naval air strike so close to Japan, Tokyo radio broadcast a Domei newsagency report of indications that the task force, part of the US third fleet, was cruising Friday (US time) in waters northeast of Formosa.

**Iwo Jima Hit**  
Army Liberators of the strategic air force bombed the airstrip and installation on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands Tuesday and Wednesday (US time), Nimitz said. Lightning fighters accompanied the heavies Tuesday, but Wednesday the Liberators made it alone and encountered moderate antiaircraft fire and only one enemy interceptor plane.

**Marcus Blasted**  
The communique also reported a Liberator attack on Marcus Island, 695 miles east of Iwo Jima, Tuesday. Fourth marine aircraft wing planes hit the power plant and other installations on Babelthup in the Ialau while other marine aircraft strafed Sonosori and Merir islands to the southwest.

Absence of information in the communique concerning the carrier task force which pummeled Formosa and Okinawa, the latter in the Ryukyus, indicated the Third fleet might be withdrawing from the area under radio silence. The navy has not announced details of the raids.

## Emil Holhub Dies Friday at Scio Home

SCIO, Jan. 5.—Emil Holhub, 55, died at his home here Friday night. Survivors are the widow, Rose Holhub; a son, George Holhub, and daughter, Louise; two brothers, Joe Holhub of Albany and Frank Holhub of Scio; also a sister in Eugene.

Funeral services are in charge of Howe funeral home at Lebanon.

# Germans Moving Up



German soldiers, wearing heavy winter garb, advance past a burning American half-track somewhere on the front in the European theatre. This photo is from German film captured by American forces. (AP wirephoto from army signal corps)

# British, India Forces Take Prize Burma Port of Akyab

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5 (AP)—British and Indian forces in an elaborate water-borne sloop captured the important port of Akyab on the west coast of Burma without firing a shot. This was the last big Japanese naval and air base in western Burma and its capture virtually sealed the fate of Mandalay, 230 miles to the northeast.

The Japanese, who had made operations since May, 1942, fled before three allied columns swarmed ashore on Akyab island—on which the city is situated—early Wednesday morning, allied headquarters announced today. Landing forces encountered only mines and booby traps.

**Makes Good Base**  
Capture of the port gives the allies an invaluable new forward base for future operations against the Japanese in lower Burma. In addition to a splendid harbor Akyab boasts seven military airfields, capable of handling the largest bombers.

American and British airmen have blasted the port so relentlessly in the past year that it had become known here at headquarters of the allied land forces of southeast Asia as the "Burma bulleye."

Actual occupation of the prized island was something of an anticlimax, as Capt. W. D. David of the RAF had boldly landed a small liaison plane on one of its airfields the previous day and discovered that the Japanese had withdrawn to the mainland New Year's day.

**Take No Chances**  
The British and Indians—taking no chances on a nifty enemy trap—struck the island from three directions.

In withdrawing the Japanese tried to take laborers of the local population with them, but desisted when the Burmese threatened to fight them with guns buried by the British when they retreated in 1942.

In addition to making untenable all Japanese positions in western Burma, seizure of the island promises to free from two to four divisions of allied troops to push on toward the vital port of Rangoon, 320 miles to the southeast near the mouth of the Irrawaddy river. For two years the British have had to keep this force to forestall a possible enemy invasion of India along the narrow coastal plane.

## \$164,000 to Be Spent On Lakeview Navy Field

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 5 (AP)—Representative Stockman of Oregon said the navy advised him today that \$164,000 will be spent immediately on the naval auxiliary air facility at Lakeview, Ore.

Four miles of bituminous pavement will be laid and several buildings altered to make room for a cobbler shop, a tailor shop and a post office. A heating plant for a storage warehouse also will be built.

# Byrnes Urges Cancellation of Conventions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—James F. Byrnes proposed tonight the cancellation of conventions scheduled after February 1 unless they are in the war interest.

The voluntary ban proposed by the war mobilization director, with President Roosevelt's approval, would apply to conventions attended by more than 50 persons.

Byrnes said he was so certain his appeal "would receive immediate public support and general cooperation" that he has taken no measures to establish government enforcement procedures.

In addition to urging curtailment of group meetings not necessary to the war effort, Byrnes asked the general public to defer non-essential travel.

He appointed a committee, headed by Director J. M. Johnson of the office of defense transportation, to receive and pass up on applications for meetings to be attended by more than 50 individuals. This agency, on which representatives of the war and navy departments, war production board and war manpower commission will sit, is to decide whether the conventions are "sufficiently in the war interest to warrant the tax on transportation and services."

# January Well On Path to Being Normal

January is well on its way to meeting the normal amount of rainfall of 5.33 inches with 50 inches recorded so far, according to C. R. Stearns, senior observer at the airport weather bureau. Precipitation for Friday was 20 inches, 15 of which fell during the period from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Temperatures Friday were a little above average, maximum recording was 50 degrees and minimum 45 degrees, compared to normal temperature of 41.2 degrees for a January day in Salem.

Prevailing wind was from the south and southeast with the highest velocity at 15 miles per hour, registered at 10:30 p.m. Pressure Friday was 29.92 inches.

## Chimney Fire Reported

Little damage was done when the chimney at 425 South 23rd street caught fire Friday evening. Firemen said it was caused by a defective flue and quickly extinguished.

## Obituary

**Morse**  
In this city January 5, Grace Charlotte Morse, late resident of 942 North Summer. Survived by husband, Walter W. Morse of Salem; three sisters, Edith Welborn of Salem, Mrs. Violet Inman of Elmira, Ill., Mrs. J. W. McIntire of Coos Bay; three brothers, Ralph Welborn of The Dalles, Warren Welborn of Salem and Forrest Welborn of Alameda, Calif. Funeral announcements later by the W. T. Rigdon company.

# Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

**Western Front**—Second big German offensive hits firm resistance after piercing 15 miles into northeastern France.

**Russia**—Russians hurl back 300 German tanks seeking to relieve trapped Nazi garrison in Budapest.

**Burma**—British imperial forces capture port of Akyab, last big Jap naval and air base in western Burma.

**Pacific**—MacArthur's troops land unopposed on Marinduque island, 90 miles southeast of Manila.

## Surveys to Improve Umpqua Jetties Start

REEDSPORT, Jan. 5 (AP)—Preliminary surveys for the improvement of jetties in the Umpqua river mouth were under way here today. A five-man crew from the U. S. army engineers office, which is in charge of the postwar project, established a temporary office here.

# ON the HOME FRONT

By HABEL CHILDS

One of the reasons why women make good bond salesmen, suggests Hazel Harper, secretary in the civilian defense office and head of the block leaders' organization, is the fact that many of them are conscious of the absence from their homes and communities of young men who may be brought home safer and sooner if war bond drives are over-subscribed.

Take, for instance, Mrs. Guy Croddy, 2209 North Front street, former resident of Monmouth. One son, Petty Officer John Croddy, a fire controlman in the navy for almost two years, has been missing in action since the destroyer on which he served went down. The young radar man was 19 years old, if he was alive, November 16, last year.

Another son, Pfc. Guy W. Croddy, known to associates as "Billy," spent his 21st birthday last August as he had spent others before it in a Tokyo prison. He was on Corregidor.

Pvt. Arnold Croddy has been in the engineers almost a year and is at Fort Lewis. Mrs. Croddy takes this business of being a block leader seriously.

Mrs. Sidney J. Gentzkow, 1888 South 13th street, another block leader, has three sons in the service.

Lt. Robert Gentzkow, AUS, has been overseas three years. He is a flyer in the Pacific theatre.

Sgt. Bernard Gentzkow in a signal depot company for 27 months in the Pacific, was for 18 months in New Guinea. Now he is guarding German prisoners in Marysville, Calif., but has not been home in four years.

Richard Gentzkow, a petty officer second class, radio operator and gunner on a torpedo plane, has been in service on a carrier for more than 2 1/2 years. Their mother would be glad to have all of them at home.

## Myer Says Opposition To Nisei Not Serious

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—Dillon S. Myer, national director of the war relocation authority, predicted today that opposition to Japanese return to the coast will gradually disappear.

Termining the opposition "mostly talk," rather than a forerunner of actual trouble, Myer accused some groups of "peddling un-American racism in a package labeled 'old-fashioned Americanism.'"

He repeated previous statements that only a scattered number of Japanese-Americans have returned to the northwest.



DEFIANCE—Held by her handler, Cpl. John Adair, "Gussie," Army Service Forces mascot, splits defiance at another brown lobby at Empire Club show in New York.

# Time, UP May Have Jumped Gun on News

By the Associated Press

Supreme headquarters in Paris announced yesterday that stories circulated in the United States by Time magazine and the United Press in advance of official disclosures of changes in the Allied western front command had been brought under immediate investigation as possible violations of military security.

Time, in its current issue, published an "estimate of the situation" by Correspondent James Shepley who on December 27 left supreme headquarters in France and flew to New York. "Within the bounds of security," said Time, "this is his report on the German counter-offensive." It contained this passage:

"Because of disrupted communications he (Gen. Eisenhower) switched command of the U. S. first and ninth armies from General Bradley's headquarters to the 21st army group commanded by Field Marshal Montgomery. Monty was to meet the German spearhead in the west and counterattack toward Patton from the north with British and U. S. divisions."

The United Press, in a Paris-dated dispatch circulated to early editions of afternoon newspapers yesterday said: "Monty Takes Over"

"PARIS, Jan. 5—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the 21st army group, has been given over-all command of the American First and Ninth armies and is directing the assault

# Yankee Naval Fliers Explore Asiatic Coast

ABOARD ADMIRAL MCCAIN'S FAST CARRIER FORCE FLAGSHIP OFF FORMOSA, Jan. 4 (East Longitude Time) (AP)—

With the green pastures and rice fields of China as a background, American naval fliers explored 500 miles of Asiatic coast from Foochow southward almost to Hongkong seeking Japanese shipping, while other planes struck for the second day at Formosa and Okinawa.

Pilots returning to their carriers described how China's mainland looked to them after seeing only islands during their three years the navy has been fighting its way across the Pacific.

"I thought I could even smell chop suey," said Pilot Lt. Daniel Kalus of Cudahy, Wis., after bringing his Hellcat fighter back from a long flight down the coast.

Pilots said they could easily have flown on inland to American bases in China, refueled and shuttled back to their carriers if this had been the plan for today.

# ELAS Pulls Out From Athens

ATHENS, Jan. 5 (AP)—The British reported today highly successful operations against the ELAS, who have been informed by the Greek government of Gen. Nicholas Plastiras that fighting must cease before parleys on political differences can begin.

(The BBC correspondent in Athens reported that organized fighting ceased in Athens and Piraeus today, and that the ELAS have apparently withdrawn from the Greek capital.

"British columns and patrols which ranged in northern Athens, the last area held by the ELAS, met with no opposition and found nothing but an occasional sniper," his broadcast said.)

# Egg Producers Urged To Order Cases Now

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—The war food administration appealed to egg producers and distributors today to order egg cases at once in order to assure sufficient containers for an expected record production.

The WFA predicted 40,000,000 cases—most of them not yet manufactured—would be needed for the spring egg output.

# Twin Boy, Girl Born To Thomas Morrises

Twins, a girl and boy, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris of 262 West Miller street Friday morning at the Deaconess hospital.

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# APITOL

Last Times Today!

ROARING OUT OF THE WEST!  
THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN  
WARNER BROS.  
FREDRIC MARCH  
ALEXIS SMITH  
DONALD CRISP - ALAN BALE  
WILLIAM BENDIX - HENRY HATHAWAY  
WALTER BRIDGES - JUNE CRADOCK  
Directed by NORMAN KRASNA  
Produced by ARTHUR LASKY

CO-FEATURE  
Red, Hot and Blue Musicalulu!  
HARRY JAMES  
KAVIER CUNY  
Two Girls and a Sailor

CO-FEATURE  
JUNE ALLYSON  
GLORIA DEHAVEN  
VAN JOHNSON  
JIMMY DURANTE  
GRACIE ALLEN

STARTS SUNDAY  
DRAGON SEED  
KATHARINE HEPBURN  
DUSTY DICKSON - THAMMONGKOL - BENJAMIN - TANGSIFF - BENJAMIN  
Based on the novel by Frank S. Beck

CO-FEATURE  
CRIME BY NIGHT

ENDS TODAY!  
JAMES CAGNEY  
"OKLAHOMA KID"  
Star-Studded Co-Hit!  
"Thank Your Lucky Stars"  
THE HOUSE THAT BUILT HIMSELF

LIBERTY  
CONT. FROM 1 P.M.  
Tomorrow!

One of the truly great pictures! . . . You'll want to see it again!  
JEAN ARTHUR  
JAMES STEWART  
FRANK CAPRA'S  
"YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"

CO-HIT  
THRILLER! MYSTERY! ACTION!  
GHOST BUS  
HUNNY BAC  
BROWN  
WATSON  
WATSON  
WATSON  
FINLEY

THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH THE BIG HEART  
STATE  
CONT. FROM 1 P.M.  
Tomorrow!

Last Day!  
Ginger Rogers  
"TENDER COMRADE"  
Humphrey Bogart  
"ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC"

Mr. BETTE DAVIS  
SKEFFINGTON  
with CLAUDE RAINS

AND THIS THRILLING CO-FEATURE!  
The Desert Song  
DENNIS MORGAN  
IRENE MANNING

WARNERS  
EL SINORE  
PHONE 5798  
Starts Today Continuous  
THEIR MOST EXCITING, HILARIOUS LOVE AFFAIR!  
DUNNE BOYER  
Together Again  
Charles COBURN  
Mona FREEMAN  
Jerome COURTLAND  
Elizabeth PATTERSON  
CO-FEATURE  
Take every suspense film you've seen in the past five years . . . ADD A HUNDRED THRILLS and you have THE ALL-TIME TOPPER . . .  
"WHEN STRANGERS MARRY"  
Dean Jagger - Kim Hunter - Bob Mitchell - Neil Hamilton

EVERYONE KNOWS THOSE GRAND SHOWS  
"GRAND"  
CONTINUOUS SHOWS DAILY FROM 1 P.M.  
Starts Tomorrow!  
(Preview Tonight After 12 P.M.)  
A 2-ARMED PINNACLES MOVEMENT  
WILLIAM BENDIX  
HELEN WALKER  
DENNIS O'KEEFE  
ABROAD with TWO YANKS  
with JOHN LODER  
George CLEVELAND - Janet LAMBERT - James FLAVIN  
CO-HIT! Teen-age Joes and Janes Hunting for Happiness!  
FACES IN THE FOG  
with JANE WITHERS  
PAUL KELLY  
LEE PATRICK  
JOHN LITEL  
News Flashes! Coast Guard Destroys German Arctic Bases! U.S. Shells German Cities! New Weapons for War!

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