

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Harold S. Sprague

In his message to the legislature Governor Snell recommended that revenues from the liquor administration be covered directly into the general fund...

While there was a criss-cross of fears respecting public welfare financing under such a change, actually the "secret weapon" which has done much to stymie the bill is the liquor lobby...

The question should be settled from the standpoint of public finance. The moral question of liquor control or prohibition is not involved...

The fears over the change are two-fold: friends of old age pensions (who really sponsored the measure originally) have been warned that old age grants would suffer by the change...

Superforts Bag 66 Nip Planes In Tokyo Raid

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, Feb. 20-(AP)—The biggest Superfort raid of the war Monday on Tokyo resulted in the destruction or damaging of 66 enemy planes...

Three B-29s were lost. The Superforts, which obtained good bombing results on targets which included the Makajima Musashina aircraft factory...

German Prisoners Working in France PARIS, Feb. 19-(AP)—France has put 48,000 German prisoners of war to work helping to repair the damage of war...

Doubt Expressed That Liquor Investigation Will Get Anywhere But Continuance Likely

louder now than later—and at less cost. Yet, some feel there would always be a doubt if the probe wasn't carried through.

The auditing firm of Smith and Kimberling of Portland has been retained on a pay-by-the-day basis. Other audits were conducted by the Arthur Anderson and Leshner firms...

The latter, which came to light last October, caused such a furore it contributed to the overthrow of the administration in that state—but it didn't show much beyond the contention that Harry Collin of Toledo, O., who held options on the Waterfill & Frazier and Shavhan distilleries...

Testimony of witnesses in Oregon thus far—liquor commissioners Hugh Kirkpatrick, Paul Crooks and George P. Lilley and Administrator T. Ray Conway—has been to the effect that Oregon needed the liquor to thwart black markets and meet a legal demand...

But it is generally understood there was a feeling that the committee had arrived no place in three hearings; that a fourth audit of the affair doesn't seem likely to uncover much, if anything, that hasn't been covered by three previous ones; and that cries of "white-wash" would not be much

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MARINES 'TAKING IWO ISLE'

Late Night Life Hit By Order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19-(AP)—A midnight curfew was proclaimed today for night clubs, theatres, road houses, saloons and all other "places of entertainment" throughout the nation.

The action, taken by war mobilization director James F. Byrnes becomes effective February 26, and is expected to make New York's Broadway and countless other amusement centers look like deserted villages after the stroke of twelve.

Byrnes' mandate took the form of a "request" to operators of entertainment places, from swank night spot to neighborhood movie, to have their patrons out and the doors locked up by midnight.

But Byrnes invoked manpower controls to make compliance, to all intents, obligatory. He said he would ask the war manpower commission, to "deny ceilings to any places violating this request."

Byrnes said his purpose "is primarily to save coal consumed in heating and in providing electricity. But it will also be helpful in the fields of transportation, manpower and in other ways."

Places of entertainment were defined as all night clubs, sport arenas, theatres, dance halls, road houses, saloons, bars, "and other similar enterprises, whether public or private, excluding restaurants engaged exclusively in serving food."

Political Clash Threatens Long Session; Demos Ired By Jab at Portland Clerk

Civilian Life Is Tough Agrees War Vet From Kansas PORTLAND, Feb. 19-(AP)—Civilian life is tough, agrees Gordon Keith Anderson, 23, Sunflower, Kan., overseas war veteran who was burned while helping to rescue persons from the Tacoma hotel in last Saturday's fire.

Enroute home, Anderson got off a bus here this morning and was slugged, robbed of \$40 and badly cut on the wrists.

While a nurse sewed up his wounds, he told police "I'm plumb tired out." He telegraphed to his family to get bus fare home to Kansas.

Yank Mortars Tearing Walls Of Intramuros MANILA, Tuesday, Feb. 20-(AP) Manila's Fort William McKinley was seized Sunday as heavy mortars began tearing apart the outer walls of the Intramuros where the cornered Japanese defense garrison is holed up for a bloody final stand.

Some of the 7000 civilians held as hostages within the ancient Intramuros (walled city) may have reached freedom already. At least a few were reported to have filtered to the waterfront and escaped in small boats.

Mortars were taken across the Pasig river on pontoon bridges and put to work tearing chunks out of the thick outer wall of the Intramuros so tanks and infantry can move in.

Three days ago the Japanese commander was asked to liberate the civilians within the walled city. No formal answer has yet been received.

Fort McKinley, at the southern outskirts of Manila, was entered by 11th airborne and first cavalry spearheads. Other Yanks, swarming over Corregidor, mopped up the Japanese defenders and pursued enemy remnants on Bataan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19-(AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore) presided over the senate during part of today's session at the invitation of Vice President Harry Truman. It was the first time Morse had occupied the chair.

Keystone Of Goch Cleared

Third Expands Assault Lines, Takes 7 Towns By Austin Bealmeier PARIS, Feb. 19-(AP)—Scottish troops and tanks virtually cleared the Siegfried line keystone of Goch tonight, and east of that town 14,000 other forces battled south a mile and a half in a drive threatening the rear of the wavering enemy defenses of the Ruhr basin.

In the center of the western front the U. S. Third army expanded its assault lines to the Eifel mountains to 55 miles, engulfed seven more German towns and hacked clear through the three-mile deep Siegfried line on a seven-mile sector south of the Rhennish Prussian gate at Billburg.

One division went over to the attack farther south in the Moselle valley and gained a mile to a point near Muzingen, five miles inside the reich.

The U. S. Seventh army captured 1000 prisoners as it fought back into Germany's Saar basin six miles southeast of the province's capital of Saarbruecken in a limited attack.

Rumors Insist Nazis Pulling Out of Italy ROME, Feb. 19-(AP)—Fresh reports that German forces already have begun withdrawing from northern Italy came from the Swiss-Italian frontier tonight, but the allied command maintained silence on the subject.

From Chiasso, Swiss border town, came word that fascists in northern Italy frantically were seeking means of assuring their own safety as nazi troops began filtering northward.

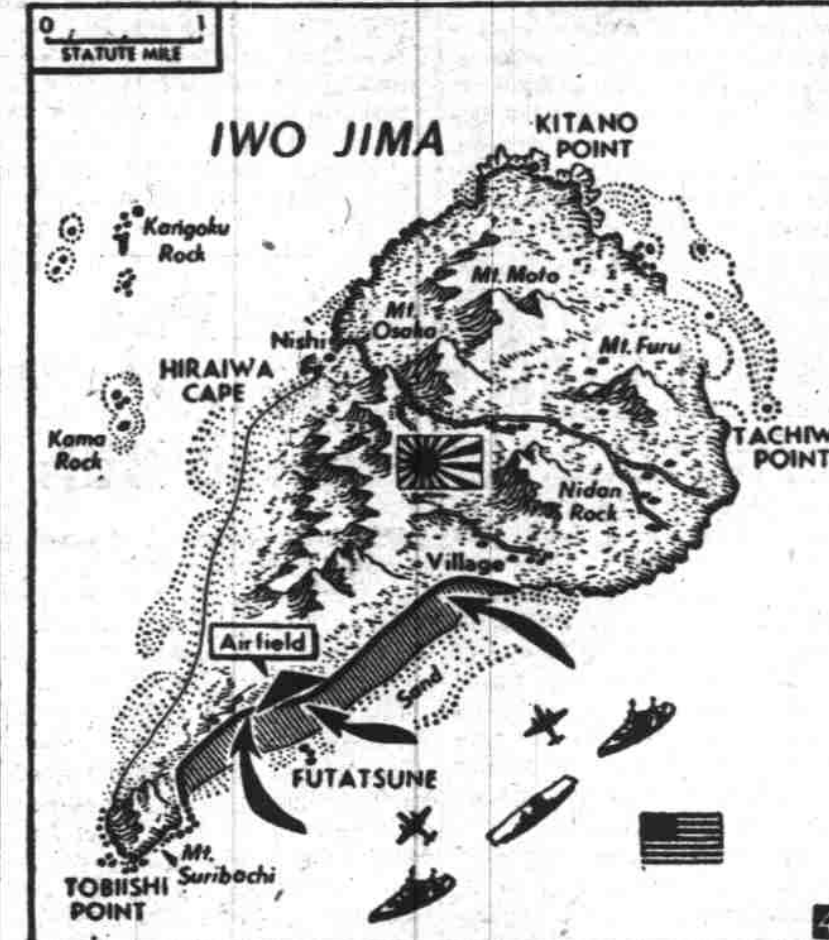
Boomerang Rocket Bomb Heads Back Toward Germany AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 19-(AP)—A boomerang V-2 rocket bomb started Eighth air force airborn over Holland today.

Members of a large formation of Fortresses saw the rocket spiral upward, then head back toward Germany.

At first we couldn't believe it," said Capt. Frank Emory, Mount Vernon, Wash. "The rocket shot up, then slowly curved in the opposite direction."

Sgt. Wayne J. Seifer Killed in Germany The name of S/Sgt. Wayne J. Seifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seifer, Gervais, was included in a list of Oregon men killed in action in the European war theatre just released.

Marines Land on Iwo Jima



Shaded area indicated beachhead won by United States marines invading Iwo Jima, Japanese base 750 miles south of Tokyo. The Americans had reached the southern end of an air field and had penetrated the air field's eastern defenses. (AP wirephoto map)

Reds Capture Vistula River Fortress Town of Nowe; Germans Counter Attacking

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 20-(AP)—Russian troops, advancing up to six miles, yesterday captured the Polish Vistula river fortress town of Nowe (Nuenburg), 47 miles south of Danzig, while Berlin said that other Soviet forces temporarily had captured Guben, key road hub 51 miles southeast of the reich capital.

An early morning Soviet bulletin said 1500 enemy troops also were slain as they tried to break out of encircled Grudziadz, 10 miles south of Nowe.

Nazis Boast Of New Sub, Air Weapon LONDON, Feb. 19-(AP)—German broadcasts boasted today of alleged successes for the new midsize U-boats and hinted at a new secret air weapon — possibly to distract home attention from military setbacks.

Moscow radio and other continental sources reported disorders in bomb-blackened Dresden and Saxony towns imperilled by the soviet offensive.

Public demonstrations occurred in Dresden, Chemnitz and other towns against the dispatch of volksstorm men to fight in Silesia, a Moscow broadcast said, and anti-nazi slogans have appeared on walls in Dresden calling for "an end of Hitler and this war."

Slav Leaders Return LONDON, Feb. 19-(AP)—The Moscow radio, quoting a delayed dispatch of the official soviet news agency, Tass, said tonight that Premier Ivan Subasic and other members of the Yugoslav government have arrived in Belgrade from London.

Resolution to Sever Lone Oak Sewer Voted Down by Council The Salem city council by a vote of seven to five last night refused to adopt a resolution directing the severing of the Lone Oak Village sewer line from the city sewer and re-referred it to the sewer committee directing that a public hearing be held.

The plight of Rosedale residents, within the city limits, where basements are repeatedly flooded, while the city attempts to take care of Lone Oak Village outside the city limits, was stressed by councilmen favoring adoption of the resolution.

Other councilmen urged less haste, in which they were supported by Rich Reimann and several other property owners in the Lone Oak Village. Reimann intimated that property owners and the corporation would resort to the courts relying on the contract with the city. Alderman David O'Hara said "We are just going to try; it may be we are stuck for it."

Nips Offer Savage Defense

Tokyo Concedes 20,000 Yankees Already Ashore By Elmont Waite

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, Feb. 20-(AP)—Thousands of marines of Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt's Fifth marine corps "are taking Iwo island," Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said with conviction today, although front line reports made clear the battle is fierce and is costing considerable lives.

Tokyo radio conceded that 20,000 marines already have been put ashore and said "the enemy is constantly bringing up reinforcements and landing them."

Nimitz, whose last communique said the leathernecks had carved out a beachhead 4,500 yards long and 500 yards deep on the southeast coast in a drive which has reached one airfield, expressed confidence in the success of the operation in a message to the fleet.

Welders Vote To Keep Idle SEATTLE, Feb. 19-(AP)—Striking welders at the Todd Pacific shipyards here, after a weekend of conflicting orders in which they were ordered first to return to work and then to remain on strike, voted tonight to continue their walkout.

The vote announced by the Seattle local of the United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers was 173 to 89.

Early today the strikers, who have been out in a jurisdictional dispute with the AFL Welders union since February 9, established picket lines at the two Todd Pacific yards for the first time.

The pickets did not attempt, however, to prevent anyone from going to work and tonight the yard management announced that a total of 419 welders had returned to work from the 1000 who went on strike.

Japs Preparing To Stop Invasion CHUNGKING, Feb. 19-(AP) Gen. Ho Yin Chin, Chinese chief of staff, estimates the Japanese have thrown up 50 divisions, or two-fifths of their army on the Chinese mainland, into efforts to prevent any American landing on the Chinese coast, the Central News agency said today.

Ho, commanding the new Chinese field headquarters at Kunming, said this did not include the Kwantung army of 23 divisions stationed in Manchuria, and said "we are making new dispositions of troops and planning an effective offensive to collaborate with allied movements toward victory."

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