

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

On this page today appears one of the truly great pictures of this war: the raising of the flag of the United States on top of Mt. Suribachi extinct volcano at the southern tip of Iwo Jima.

I should like to name it: "The Spirit of '45" for it seems a modern counterpart of that famous painting, "The Spirit of '76" in which the flag is proudly borne by a soldier of the revolutionary army attended by drummer and fifer.

There have been many remarkable photographs taken in this war, both the intimate individual scenes of a soldier's incident and the panoramic views of D-day and convoys and bombed landscapes.

The venturesome photographers have brought to us by film the gory scenes of combat, where men lie prone on the earth, stopped by bullet or shell fragment. We have seen too the long lines of homeless refugees tramping to nameless destinations along roads littered with the crumpled gear of war. And pictures of the emaciated forms of newly released prisoners have revealed the long torture of concentration camps where men and women of our blood and nation have suffered.

But this picture of raising the flag on Iwo Jima's peak is one of triumph: the end of which the convoys and invasions and the battles of sea and sky and land are the prelude, the compensation for the suffering and the (Continued on editorial page)

New Air Raid Alerts Sounded In Jap Cities

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 26.—(AP)—New air raid alerts for Tokyo, Yokohama and other parts of east central Honshu island were reported by the Japanese radio today following the terrific pounding of the Nippon capital in daylight Sunday by powerful waves of American carrier planes and a record flight of superfortresses.

Meanwhile fleet headquarters and the 21st bomber command here awaited further details on the twin strikes Sunday against industrial and military targets in the Tokyo region and elsewhere on Honshu. As usual radio silence enveloped the Yank carrier task force in Japanese waters.

Returning B-29 fliers said sections of Tokyo undoubtedly were left burning. The Japanese acknowledged fires in their capital but said most of them were under control by nightfall. ABSIE, American broadcasting station in Europe, said 25,000 square yards of the center of Tokyo was ablaze.

Gerald Worley Dies in Action

MT. ANGEL, Feb. 26.—T. Cpl. Gerald Worley, 21, was killed in action February 23 on Luzon. His father, William Worley has been notified by the war department.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. William Worley, a brother, Sgt. Robert Worley in France, a sister, Mrs. Marilyn MacDowell, Iowa Park, Tex.; and a half sister and two half brothers, Elaine, Billy and David of Mt. Angel; also his grand mother, Mrs. Sarah Worley of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Requiem high mass and military funeral services will be held from St. Mary's church in Mt. Angel Thursday at 8:15 a. m. (Picture and additional details on page 2.)

20 Die in Explosion

PARIS, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The French news agency reported tonight that a munitions dump explosion "in western France" had killed 20 persons and injured 30. It said sparks from a truck caused the blast.

Oregon's Own 70th Fights Off Nazi Attack in Alsace

By A. I. Goldberg
OETING, Alsace, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The 70th "trailblazer" division, known as Oregon's own, fought off an enemy attack of company strength early today near Stiring-Wendel, north of Forbach, where

Another of "Oregon's own" divisions, the Timberwolves of the 104th, held the news spotlight this past weekend as the story was told of its spearhead operations in the crossing of the Roer. Lt. Col. Fred Needham, with the division at Camp Adair, whose wife is assistant Salem public librarian, commanded troops credited with cleaning out approximately 200 Germans holed up in strong points at Arnoldsweller, two miles north of Dueren. Associated Press dispatches said.

The Germans still are putting up a fight for part of the town.

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San Francisco	54	38	40
Eugene	53	39	40
Salem	50	36	40
Portland	47	37	35
Seattle	44	33	38
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YANK GUNS RAKE COLOGNE

U. S. Uses Iwo Jima Airfield

Marines Capture Important Hill Position on Isle

ABOARD ADMIRAL R. K. TURNER'S EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLAGSHIP OFF IWO JIMA, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—"We expect to take this island in a few more days," Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commander of the marine expeditionary force on Iwo Jima, said today.

By Leif Erickson
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Iwo Jima's captured southern airfield was put to American use for the first time Monday while doughty US marines advancing up to 400 yards captured an important hill overlooking most of the remaining Japanese positions.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today that two-seater marine observation planes were using Motoyama No. 1 while Third Marine division elements won most of the second airfield, Motoyama No. 2, in the center of the bitterly-contested island.

Use of Motoyama airfield No. 1 indicated that fighters soon may be flying off that major airbase, 750 miles from Tokyo.

Third division marines under Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates captured hill 382, east of the central airfield. Militarily, the hill is as great a prize as captured Mt. Suribachi. From it artillery observers will be able to direct murderous fire on Japanese positions.

Opposition to the accelerated American push increased throughout the day. The deeply-entrenched enemy threw a heavy rain of artillery shells and rockets at the advancing Yanks in the eighth day of this fiercest fight of the Pacific war.

Solons Debate Manpower Bill, Don't Agree

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Senators opening floor debate on manpower legislation attacked the pending measure vehemently from both sides today—as too drastic and as too timid to be effective.

A majority of the voices raised were in favor of less mandatory control.

Senator Bailey (D-NC) protested at the outset that he saw little "compulsion" in the legislation. Bailey is a backer of a "work-or-jail" bill aimed at employees, similar to the house-approved measure which the senate military committee re-wrote completely.

"The compulsion is on the employer," Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) of the senate committee replied.

RAF Attacks Convoy

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—RAF coastal command aircraft, continuing their vigil against enemy shipping in the Skagerrak, attacked a convoy of nine cargo vessels Sunday night and probably destroyed at least three.

Chancellor's Son Killed in Burma

EUGENE, Feb. 26.—Capt. Maurice Harold Hunter, son of Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter of the state system of higher education and Mrs. Hunter, was killed at Lashu in the Burma road campaign January 31. Word of his death was received Sunday by his parents here.

Captain Hunter was cited January 20 for his work in connection with the Burma road fighting, as an officer of the 475th regiment, and the Bronze Star is to be awarded to him posthumously.

M. Donald Spencer Dies in California

LA JOLLA, Calif., Feb. 26.—(AP)—M. Donald Spencer, 65, former owner of the Spencer Machinery company, Portland, Ore., died in a local hospital today after a brief illness.

He had come here for his health. Funeral services will be held in La Jolla Wednesday.

Sees Fighting



Secretary of Navy James Forrestal stands at a ship's rail off Iwo Jima and watches the bitter fighting on the island. (AP wirephoto)

Yanks Invade Isle to Secure Shipping Route

MANILA, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Veteran 24th division troops, taking the Japanese completely by surprise, invaded small Verde island between Luzon and Mindoro Sunday to secure the western end of the vital shipping route through the Philippines from the United States to Manila.

The Eighth army Yanks "went ashore with practically no loss," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today.

He termed Verde, which lies midway in the narrow Verde island passage, "the key to the control of the main navigational route through the central Philippines."

With the battle for Manila ended, MacArthur announced that 3056 Japanese dead had been counted on Corregidor fortress, besides the sealed-off enemy troops who have been blowing themselves up by touching off underground ammunition stores.

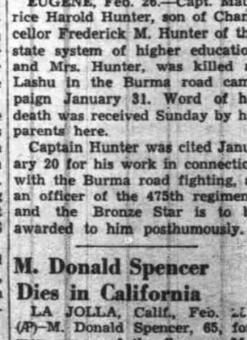
Stephen Stone Said Missing

Maj. Stephen A. Stone, Jr., 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Stone, 373 Leslie st., has been missing in action since February 13 over Austria, his parents were notified Monday by the war department.

An operations officer, Stone had been with the 15th air force in the Mediterranean theatre since last autumn. Prior to that he had served 13 months in the Aleutians where he was awarded the Air Medal for action against the enemy.

The Stones have two other sons, both in the service. Norman Stone, Ph. M. 3/c, USN, serving with the marines in the south Pacific; and PFC Jerry Stone, Fort Lewis, currently on furlough here. (Picture on page 2.)

Marines Hoist Flag on Suribachi



United States marines of the 28th regiment, Fifth division, hoist the American flag atop Suribachi, Iwo Jima volcano, after battling Japs to top of the crater. Photo by Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer on assignment with wartime picture pool, and transmitted by navy radiophone from Guam to San Francisco. (AP wirephoto) - (See "It Seems" column).

Filipinos Get Back Islands

MacArthur Turns Liberated Areas Over to Osmena

MANILA, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, standing in war-scarred Malacanán palace, today turned the civil government for liberated areas of the Philippines over to their president, Sergio Osmena, in a ceremony before wildly cheering Filipinos.

MacArthur, after bitterly denouncing the Japanese for wrecking Manila's churches, monuments and cultural centers, lifted military rule from the freed sectors and said the commonwealth is "at liberty to pursue its destiny in the family of free nations."

Men who fought with him at Corregidor and Bataan clustered around him and Filipino soldiers formed a guard of honor.

Osmena in replying spoke of MacArthur's military operations as a "crusade," urged all Filipinos to submerge political differences in quickly reviving their commonwealth and expressed the hope that the United States can accord full freedom to the archipelago this year.

4000 Allied Prisoners Of War Transferred

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The British war office said tonight it had been informed that 4000 sick American and British prisoners of war have left Stalag 344 at Lamersdorf in eastern Germany for another German prison camp as yet unknown.

Berlin Target for Greatest Daylight Raid Ever Made Against Any German City

By Charles Chamberlain
LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Refugee-choked Berlin was the target yesterday for the greatest daylight raid ever made on any city, with nearly 2000 American heavy bombers and fighters dropping 3000 tons of explosives, and last night British Mosquito bombers followed up with two-ton block-busters.

Three of Berlin's downtown railway stations were the primary objectives in the great American raid, in which 16 bombers and seven fighters were lost.

Crews of the RAF Mosquitos said huge fires still were burning in the city when they swept across.

The mighty American Armada smashed at Berlin without interference from a single enemy plane. Flak was described as only moderate.

"I never thought I would see the day when we could attack Berlin with so little trouble," commented Capt. Joy Smith of Weeping Water, Neb., pilot of a Liberator.

Mosquitos also bombed Nurnberg during the night. The German "achtung" air raid warning service also tracked other formations of bombers over western Germany early in the night and radio stations at Hamburg, Stuttgart and Frankfurt-on-the-Main suspended broadcasting. The long-wave Deutschlandsender station which supplies news to most German cities also blacked out.

Vicious Dogs Cut Into Small Supply Of Mail Carriers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The postoffice department called today for strict enforcement of its regulation barring mail deliveries to homes having vicious dogs.

A total of 1,259 mail carriers were bitten by dogs in 1944. "We've lost about 50,000 employees to the armed forces," an official said, "and we simply can't afford to have carriers chewed up."

Nazis Report Action Flaming On Berlin Road

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—German broadcasts said last night that heavy batteries had erupted on a 100-mile front along the Oder and Neisse rivers facing Berlin and Dresden, and declared that red army flanking forces to the north had appeared to within 23 miles of Stettin, Pomeranian capital and Baltic port at the mouth of the Oder.

Moscow did not confirm the Nazi transoceanic agency's report of spreading tank and infantry actions on the main front — possibly a prelude to an all-out Soviet offensive by upwards of 1,000,000 Russian veterans in the crack First White Russian and First Ukraine armies.

Tax For Schools Planned

Legislative Committees Will Ask For Referendum

A special election regarding a five-mill property tax and a tobacco tax on cigars, designed to raise an additional \$14,000,000 for schools and institutions in the next two years, appeared a possibility today.

The legislature's joint ways and means and tax committees Monday voted to recommend passage of both plans, which would have to be referred to the people.

The money would go for needy school districts, the higher education building program, and building plans for state institutions.

Added Money Asked
The joint committees also decided to recommend that schools be given an additional \$3,000,000 a year of surplus income tax. They now get \$5,000,000. The added income is expected to disappear after the war.

The five-mill property tax would be for but two years, with an expected \$10,000,000 revenue in a biennium and proponents said they expected it to be offset by income tax collections.

The tobacco tax would be on a permanent basis, with expectations of \$2,000,000 revenue a year by a levy of 2 cents a package on cigars. A tobacco tax plan was defeated in 1942.

Would Finance Plan
The suggested \$10,000,000 property tax income, coupled with \$3,000,000 available in the state budget, would finance the proposed 10-year \$8,000,000 building program of the state board of higher education and the \$5,000,000 plan for new buildings at state institutions.

The new tax suggestions came from Sen. Dean Walker of Independence, chairman of the senate ways and means committee.

A move in the house Monday to petition congress for a referendum on a proposal to limit federal income, gift and inheritance tax to 25 per cent was beaten 48 to 10.

Today—51st of the session—senators and representatives start working without pay. (Legislative news pages 5 and 10.)

Most Oregon Counties Raise Chest Quotas

All Oregon counties, with the exception of two, raised their quotas in the Oregon War chest campaign last fall, Executive Director Irl S. McSherry reported at the annual meeting of the state chest held at the capitol Monday. Plans for next autumn's campaign, laid at a recent conference in New York attended by McSherry, were presented to the organization and to the directors, whose session followed.

Lyle Thomas of Polk county was elected secretary to succeed Mrs. Marguerite Staek of Tillamook, who declined re-election. Other officers were re-elected. Charles A. Sprague, Salem, was named president; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland; O. A. Hougland, Eugene, and Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview, vice presidents; J. J. Gard, treasurer. Other members of the executive committee are Elliott R. Corbett, Portland; A. L. Schroeder, Baker; Nathalie Panek, Portland; Robert W. Sawyer, Bend; and James T. Marr, Portland.

Syria Declares War Against Axis Nations

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Syria today became the third middle east nation within four days to declare war on the Axis.

The Beyrouth radio announced the Syrian president in a 20-minute speech to the chamber of deputies had asserted that since the beginning of hostilities Syria had placed all resources at Allied disposal and now wished to take an active part in the struggle.

Partly Cloudy

today, becoming clear in the afternoon in the mid-Willamette area, predicts the U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

American Troops Within Ten Miles Of Big Rhine City

Ninth Army Apparently Makes Breakthrough; Third Advances; Canadians Resume Offensive

By Austin Bealmeur
PARIS, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The US First army drove troops and tanks within 10 1/2 miles of the great Rhine city of Cologne last night and pounded it with heavy guns while the Ninth army on the north achieved gains which a field officer said appeared to be a breakthrough six miles from the vital Ruhr basin.

With four allied armies on the offensive on a 200-mile front, German Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt sought to rally his disorganized forces in an order of the day calling on them to defend the Ruhr's approaches to the last man, saying that otherwise all was lost.

Front dispatches said the US Third army appeared to have achieved a second breakthrough 60 miles south of the First army, where in a seven-mile surge tanks and troops broke across both the Pruem and Nims rivers and were swiftly enveloping the enemy's Eifel mountain stronghold of Bitburg.

Canadians on Move
The Canadians First army resumed its offensive on the north flank and behind a mighty barrage fought three and a half miles southeastward within a dozen miles of the Ruhr and cracked into the bitterly-defended town of Calcar.

Plowing 27 miles into Germany, the First army drove two spearheads within a dozen miles of the great arsenal city of Cologne. The Ninth army on the north was six miles from the Ruhr foundries at Muenchen-Gladbach, had fought through the minefields and was overrunning anti-aircraft positions rarely captured in battle.

Reports from both the First and Ninth army fronts told of rapid deterioration of the German positions, and a Ninth army officer declared: "There is no organized line in front of us, and it appears we have a breakthrough."

38 Towns Fall
The front now was 40 miles wide beyond the Roer and 38 or more German towns fell during the day. Tanks and troops, sweeping over trenches and fortifications, were three to four miles at four points from the Ertz river, last-ditch enemy line before the Rhine.

Sixty miles to the south, the US Third army broke loose on a seven-mile near breakthrough in the Eifel mountains that shredded the enemy's Pruem river defenses and was driving before it German forces so bewildered that it was difficult to say where they could make a stand.

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Lord plans to remain in the islands and continue with the HSPA. At 64 he is in good health although he lost 50 pounds while interned.

ARC Officers All Re-elected For New Term

Justice George Rossman was re-elected to the Marion County Red Cross board for three years, under new by-laws adopted at last night's meeting setting staggered expiration dates for terms of directors. He was also re-elected chairman at the annual meeting in the Carrier room of the First Methodist church.

William Hamilton and Milton Myers, first and second vice presidents, respectively, were re-elected for two years; Mrs. Ronald Jones and Lynn Smith, secretary and treasurer, respectively, for one year each.

Edwin Carroll, Assistant Manager of the Pacific Area Office of the American Red Cross, Told How the ARC Reaches Men and Women on World Battlefronts with the Small Comforts their Families and Friends would Like to Provide but Cannot Send.

Orpha Dasch, home service worker, in the absence of Judge George Duncan, home service chairman, told of the work of that department.

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The office of defense transportation warned that taxicab drivers serving establishments violating the curfew stand to lose their cars.

ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson asked all cabbies "to comply fully with the spirit" of the regulations.

All hope of last-minute changes in the decree, to relieve the discomfort of the stay-out-late public, vanished.

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"The best information is that the HSPA mill property — the Hawaiian-Philippine sugar central at Silay, on the west coast of Negros island — was totally ruined," said Lord. "I believe it was damaged by Filipino guerrillas who were attempting to prevent its use by the Japanese, and later by the Japanese."

Lord added that it will take at least two years to get sugar crops from the HSPA plantations because most of the sugar lands were converted by the Japanese into "totally fruitless" attempts to grow cotton.

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