

Iwo Wounded Evacuated



Heavy weather did not keep hospital corpsmen from evacuating Leathernecks wounded on the bloody beach at Iwo Jima. Here the men are placed aboard a pontoon barge, partially awash. They were then transferred to an LST standing by for removal to hospital ships. This picture was taken by Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer on assignment with the war time still picture pool. (AP Wirephoto).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Administration of the liquor control law is a stone around the neck of any governor. The division of opinion on the old liquor question is so sharp, the interests of those in the liquor trade so contentious, and the readiness of many citizens to violate the liquor laws so conspicuous, that any governor has a hard time if he wants to give an honest administration of the liquor laws.

While it is true that he operates through a liquor commission, the irritations and problems play leapfrog over the commission to land right in the governor's lap. Not only is the commission the operator of a large state business it is also "charged with responsibility for enforcing liquor control laws. In fact local police and sheriff's forces leave the task of liquor law enforcement largely to the commission, though their own responsibilities are equal.

I recall that in 1938 Governor Martin's liquor commission was the target of severe criticism which was taken out, quite unjustly, on the governor. I had a commission in which I reposed full confidence, and which now is pointed to as a very competent body; but still the complaints, largely from persons whom the commission has disciplined, were vigorous. Now I note that Governor Snell is under pressure and his commission is under fire. Already the liquor interests which supported him are openly criticizing his liquor administration or grumbling in their beads.

The criticisms came to a head in the debates over some of the (Continued on Editorial page)

Two Weeks' Vacation Due Lumber Men

PORTLAND, Feb. 27—(AP)—A long-debated two weeks vacation was ordered granted today to employees of Willamette Valley Lumber Operators association and Oregon coast operators—but only to workers of five years' standing.

The West Coast Lumber Commission gave its first such ruling in a case brought by the International Woodworkers of America, CIO.

Men averaging a 22-hour week or more will be paid five days' wages on each vacation week, with vacation pay varying according to the number of hours worked during the year. Employees newer than five years will still receive one week's vacation.

Victory Ship Will Be Named for Willamette

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—A Victory ship will be named for Willamette university, Salem, Ore., Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said today.

He reported the ship, now under construction at Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, Portland, would be ready for launching about April 14.

Partly Cloudy

today with occasional showers and little change in temperature in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

Churchill OK's Pole Changes

Prime Minister Defends Good Faith of Stalin

LONDON, Feb. 27—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill upheld the Crimea conference Polish settlement today as embodying "just and right" Soviet territorial claims, disclosed the Big Three had agreed to give Poland Danzig and upper Silesia along with other territory at German expense and defended vigorously the good faith of Marshal Stalin and the Soviet regime.

Opening in the house of commons a three-day debate in which he is asking Britain to commit herself to the broad principles of the Crimea conference, Churchill declared that the American onslaught against Japan had brought the war in the Pacific to its peak period.

Way Opened For Minimum Wage of 55c

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—The war labor board today opened the way for the establishment of a minimum wage of 55 cents an hour in all American industries, provided it won't push prices up. Thousands of workers would be affected by the new ruling, which increases from 50 to 95 cents the dividing line between what the board now considers substandard pay and that providing a decent standard in war time.

The increase does not go into effect automatically. But the board authorized its regional boards to approve hourly wage rates up to 55 cents where employers voluntarily seek the increase or the union and employer join in the request.

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NAZI LINES CRUMBLING

U. S. Stalls Security Promise

Americas Move To Insure Peace In Hemisphere

By Flora Lewis
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27—(AP)—The United States managed to postpone for 24 hours today a surprise move to commit all the American nations to guarantee the frontiers and political independence of the countries in this hemisphere with their armed might.

240 City Blocks Burned Out in Tokyo's Center

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, Feb. 28—(AP)—The more than 200 Superfortresses raiding Tokyo Sunday burned out 240 blocks in the heart of the city, an area including factories and business districts, the 21st bomber command disclosed today.

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Marines Drive Ahead Slowly On Iwo Jima

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, Feb. 28—(AP)—Two of the three marine divisions battling side by side toward the high north part of Iwo snarled out small gains Tuesday through the thickly-studded Japanese defenses but enemy resistance remains high and still includes talks after nine days of ceaseless hammering.

The Nipponese grimly clung to one tip of the central airfield after a week of flaming action concentrated on and around that two-runway fighter base.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in a communique today that the marines resumed a power-packed push from the south half of Iwo Tuesday morning after artillery broke up a tank-led counterattack Monday night. Enemy infiltration attempts were repulsed.

The gains were registered in the center by Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's Third division, which holds virtually all of the central airfield, and on the east shore by Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' Fourth division.

Army Paper Gives Page To Flag Raising Picture

PARIS, Wednesday, Feb. 28—(AP)—The US army paper Stars and Stripes pushed all news off its front page today and devoted it to a full-page reproduction of Associated Press photographer Joseph Rosenthal's picture of US marines raising the Stars and Stripes on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

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Naval Air Corps Holds 9-1 Margin Against Japanese

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—Naval aviation, with a better than five to one record against the Japanese since the start of the war, stepped up its margin to nine to one in operations since December 1.

In a recapitulation of operations of carrier forces for the past three months, a naval spokesman reported today that 1610 Japanese planes had been destroyed against 178 American planes lost in combat. In addition, the carrier borne craft damaged 1078 planes, sank 187 enemy vessels of all types and damaged 402 others.

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Maj. Gen. Curtis "Iron Pants" Lemay, commander of the 21st bomber command, said the photographs showed the results were "excellent."

Edwin Watson, FDR's Aide, Dies at Sea

ABOARD PRESIDENTIAL CRUISER IN THE ATLANTIC, Feb. 20—(AP)—(Delayed)—Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, the man who made President Roosevelt's official appointments, died at sea today on the way home from the Crimea conference.

General Watson was 61. A cerebral hemorrhage caused the death of the presidential secretary and military aide.

Expressing his great personal sorrow at the loss of a "close friend and associate," Mr. Roosevelt said it was Watson's "sense of duty and determination to see the war through that made him insist on taking this trip with me."

The president had no immediate plans for naming a successor but it is expected he will divide the job and appoint both a new aide and a new secretary.

Snell Urges Fund Support

"To fight the battle of loneliness and anxiety, the Red Cross has stationed many thousand men and women with our fighting forces at home and abroad. They provide entertainment to those on leave, administer to sick and wounded, supply war prisoners and refugees. In a dark, war-torn world, on a bright emblem—the Red Cross—has emerged as a symbol of mercy," Gov. Earl Snell declared Tuesday as he urged participation in the war fund drive which opens over Oregon today.

"There is no conceivable turn this war can take which will lessen to any great degree the responsibilities of this humanitarian agency," he said.

Tuneful Japs Enter Iwo Jima Battle With Song on Their Lips

By the Associated Press
Tokyo radio said yesterday in a broadcast that the Japanese fighting United States marines on two islands are going to battle with a song on their lips and have become "one big ball of fire."

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said one favorite song of the garrison begins: "If any Yank on the island comes, each blade of grass and every leaf on Iwo Jima is fully armed to dig a grave for the Yankee."

Yankees Plunge 10 Miles; Reds Closing Huge Trap

Russians Advance 44 Miles

Swift Northward Push Perils Nazi Troops on Baltic

By W. W. Hercher
LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 28—(AP)—Smashing 44 miles northward through permanent German fortifications in Pomerania, the Russians yesterday drove within 22 miles of cutting the last enemy escape route from Danzig, the North Polish corridor and northeast Pomerania.

This continuing offensive by the second White Russian army group threatened quick entrapment of the German forces remaining in that great 5000-square-mile sac along the Baltic sea.

The breakthrough, which began four days ago in forested lake country, was disclosed by Premier Stalin in an order of the day.

The subsequent regular soviet communique broadcast from Moscow credited Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's troops with capturing more than 100 German communities in their swift northward sweep toward the sea.

A later soviet bulletin stressed the sanguinary nature of the fighting in a region favorable to the defense, stating that at the town of Schlochau alone 2000 Germans were killed and 22 tanks and 46 guns knocked out.

Except for the capture of 12 additional blocks inside besieged Breslau in Silesia and the seizure of seven villages in Czechoslovakia, the brief Russian communique dealt entirely with Marshal Rokossovsky's significant offensive.

ARC War Fund Kickoff Lunch Set This Noon

With Capt. Douglas McKay, long prominent Willamette valley civic leader, delivering the keynote address, the men and women who are to solicit Marion county's \$80,500 Red Cross war fund will hold their kickoff luncheon this noon at the Marion hotel.

Many of the rural war fund workers will not be able to make connections to attend this noon's session, which is planned as an inspirational and informational get-together, but city and rural solicitors alike are invited, F. G. Leserer, general chairman of the campaign, said Tuesday.

Additional supplies will be available following the luncheon for those who have not obtained sufficient. Final instructions will also be given at the meeting to workers and chairmen and there will be opportunity for announcements from chairmen.

A feature of the luncheon meeting will be a group of vocal solos by Mary Ann Brady, accompanied by Ruth Bedford.

French Foreign Chief Home From London

PARIS, Feb. 27—(AP)—Foreign Minister Georges Bidault returned from London tonight after conversations with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Prime Minister Churchill which served to "re-affirm the determination of France to work together in war as in peace," the foreign minister announced.

Clothing Prices May Be Lower by August

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—Hope that the OPA's new clothing program would bring down the price of clothing 6 to 7 per cent by next August was expressed today by Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

He also told the senate banking committee that program are being prepared designed to check a rise in cost of household furnishings.

Drive for Big German Cities



Advancing toward the large German cities of Muenchen Gladbach, Duesseldorf and Cologne, American troops were reported to have captured Venrath, Kirchherren, Putz, reached Elsdorf and take Blatzheim, Kerth and Soller. Broken line is approximate battle front. (AP Wirephoto map)

Servicemen to Start Pouring Home When Hitler Gives Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—American families can expect a lot of their servicemen to start pouring home—200,000 to 250,000 a month—once Hitler is out of the way.

About half of them are likely to be disabled, to small or large extent.

This was the big news today in a \$2,453,177,125 supply bill turned over to the house by its appropriations committee. The money is to round out various agencies' expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, head of the veterans administration, is authority for the army-returns estimates. He quoted the war department.

Hines also told the committee the present rate of discharges is around 90,000 monthly. (That's 10,000 above current army draft calls.)

The veterans administration is down for \$246,775,000 in the bill. Most of this item is for increasing pension cost. There is also \$5,567,400 for the war manpower commission, the bulk of it to finance work of finding jobs for veterans.

Last September the war department set up a point system to decide which men will get home first when there is no one left to fight but Japan.

Fire Damages Car

Firemen reported a call to extinguish a car fire in front of the courthouse late Tuesday night. Some damage was caused but the extent was not known.

Architects Named to Draw Salem School Building Plans

Salem school directors Tuesday night named Freeman & Hayslip, Portland architects, to prepare the preliminary plans for the district's half-million dollar postwar construction program, accepted the resignation of a girls' physical education teacher at Parrish junior high school and expressed hope that state school support funds could originate elsewhere than in a cigaret tax.

First portion of the construction program to be undertaken, it was indicated, probably will be that of the high school athletic field where lack of materials need not be a hindrance early in the job.

No successor to Jennie M. Ellery, who has taught physical education and health at Parrish, has yet been named although the teacher's resignation was to be effective immediately. Eula Creech, head of

All Ruhr In Great Danger

Cologne Only 8 1/2 Miles Off; Erfurt Barrier Reached

By Austin Bealmear
PARIS, Feb. 27—(AP)—American infantry and armor smashed across the flatland of western Germany today in advances of 10 miles or more, plunging all the way to the Erfurt river and within 8 1/2 miles of Cologne in a great drive that threatened the whole industrial Ruhr.

German prisoners were scooped up by the hundreds and town after town fell to the waves of troops racing forward by truck and afoot.

The spearhead of Gen. Eisenhower's mighty four-army offensive was the U. S. Ninth army, which by-passed the steel center of Muenchen-Gladbach on the west and drove to the Erfurt river at the village of Morken, 18 miles from Duesseldorf.

Resistance feeble
German resistance was so feeble and apparently demoralized that a complete news blackout tonight was clamped on all operations of Ninth army divisions which have broken through in this area. It was thought the Germans themselves might not know the full extent of the American breakthrough.

With the Ninth army already at the Erfurt, last natural barrier before the Rhine river, 13 miles away, the U. S. First army surged toward Cologne, capturing the cross-roads village of Sinzdorf, 8 1/2 miles southwest.

At the same time the Canadian First army lashed out in an intensified attack against the Germans' northern flank, rolling back the weakened Nazi defenses two to four miles between the Maas and the Rhine, and driving within 30 miles of a wing of the Ninth army probing northward beyond Muenchen-Gladbach.

U. S. Third Gains
U. S. Third army troops to the south fought into the important road hub of Bitburg and streamed across the Bitburg-Trier highway in several places in a general two-mile advance all along their sector of the sprawling battle front.

Gen. Eisenhower's whole mighty offensive swept irresistibly toward the Rhine through German forces officially described as being in "extreme confusion." Several German divisions were counted as completely destroyed since the First and Ninth armies slammed across the Roer river last Friday.

Two Mt. Angel Men Are Killed In War Combat

MT. ANGEL, Feb. 27—The third war casualty in two days was reported to the community of Mt. Angel tonight, one from Germany and one from the Pacific.

Pfc. Jack Fennimore, second of the seven fighting Fennimores, was killed in action February 11 in Germany. His brother, Pfc. James B. Fennimore, USMC, was killed in action last June in the Pacific. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fennimore.

Pfc. Joseph Moulle was a Japanese prisoner of war, was killed Sept. 7, 1944, when a ship was torpedoed as the prisoners were being moved. Only 18 of the prisoners of war were saved. Moulle was declared dead by the war department as of February 14, his mother, Mrs. Mary Moulle has been notified.

The third Mt. Angel casualty in the two day period was T. Cpl. Gerald Worley, notification of whose death on Luzon was received Monday.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	52	41	0
Eugene	47	36	27
Salem	50	38	13
Portland	52	38	26
Seattle	51	37	24
Willamette river 1 ft. 6 in.			