

# Yankees Drive On Luzon Jap Headquarters

MANILA, Saturday, March 24—(AP)—Thirty-third division infantry has moved to within 16 air miles of Baguio, reported headquarters of Japanese troops on Luzon, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's land-based bombers have sunk five ships, have sunk or damaged eight to ten others, and destroyed 12 luggers in maintaining their blockade of enemy communications.

Maj. Gen. Percy Clarkson's 33rd division, operating with guerrillas to move toward Baguio from San Fernando on the north-west coast, crossed the Naguilian river to seize Naguilian town and its airfield. Clarkson's infantry is moving along Naguilian highway, a good hard-surfaced mountain road.

Other elements of the 33rd are moving on Baguio from the south and last were reported in tortuous Kennon canyon, about eight miles south of the summer capital.

MacArthur today said capture of Naguilian town, which had 15,000 population before the war, opened another route to Baguio.

A spokesman said Naguilian airfield was in good condition and capable of handling fighter and transport planes.

Japanese aircraft raided Lingayen gulf and Clark field on the night of March 22-23, but caused only "minor damage." This is the first enemy air raid reported by MacArthur in several weeks.

Lt. Col. Arthur Collins, Boston, Mass., commanded the 130th infantry regiment which seized Naguilian after wading across the river. Japanese, heavily attacked by artillery, had blasted a bridge before fleeing. Engineers commanded by Lt. Col. Francis P. Kane, of Chicago, immediately began repairing the 250-yard span.

A pitched battle at Bauuang, four miles northwest of Naguilian, preceded capture of the town. Troops under Lt. Col. Ernest D. Jessup, Manhattan, Kan., took a heavy toll of Japanese and captured enemy supplies and equipment.

# 14 Army Men Arrive Home

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23—(AP)—Fourteen U.S. army men, prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippines for the last three years, were returned here today by ship.

They constitute the third and smallest group of liberated prisoners arriving in the U.S.

They were sent to Letterman General hospital for treatment and checkup.

The army placed them under the customary 24 hours seclusion regulations governing newly arrived released prisoners.

They included: Pvt. William H. Kilpatrick, 1497 1/2 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, Oregon.

# Portland Bank Deposits Reach All-Time High

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23—(AP) Bank deposits here have climbed to \$1,252,230,453 — an all-time high, officials said today.

Deposits have gained \$11,486,948 since the last bank call on December 30, 1944.

Loans and discounts for Portland banks, however totaled \$127,455,842 — a \$26,650,142 drop since December.

# Portugal Drought Ends

LISBON, March 23—(AP)—All Lisbon's church bells rang tonight as rain ended a long drought.

# Nazi Preparations for Fighting on After Germany Loses Complete to Vitamin Pills

By Thomas F. Hawkins

BERN, Switzerland, March 23—(AP)—Nazi preparations for fighting on after Germany is defeated cover everything from vitamin pills to hidden ammunition, radio stations and printing shops — not to mention spies pre-labeled as anti-nazis—the Journal De Geneve reported today.

Men who sabotaged the Versailles treaty after the last war have been designated to propagandize systematically and subversively against whatever peace agreement or restrictions come from this war, the paper said.

The German high command has been preparing ever since the Stalingrad disaster of February, 1943, for a new effort two generations hence, according to the story which the Journal carried under a Strasbourg dateline. The paper continued with these items of the plan:

Since 1943 special emissaries have gone abroad wherever possible and bought vitamin products to assure a proper diet for the children who will fight a future war.

Others were designated to see that funds were properly hidden, war industries put underground and safeguarded, and a political program for revenge prepared.

Heinrich Himmler directed the organization of armed bands within the country for the purpose of ultimately sabotaging the peace administration. Wilhelm Scheppman, who directed German sabotage of the Ruhr in 1923, was said to have been named chief of counter-espionage.

Throughout the Reich thousands of "cells" of nazis have been organized. Party workers are going

# Plane Lays Wire for Army



A parachute carrying weighted end of telephone wire drops from C-47 cargo plane (top photo) in a demonstration at Fort Dix, N. J., of process of wire-laying by plane under battle conditions. In lower photo (l to r) Pvt. Marshall Theemling, Bell, Calif.; Sgt. L. M. Merritt, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Sgt. Frank Saye, Oakland, Calif., check wire laying equipment in plane. (AP wirephoto)

# Navy Won't Demobilize Any of Its Forces When Nazis Fall

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP)—Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King declared today that the navy won't demobilize any of its forces when Germany falls because it plans to throw everything it has at Japan.

Explaining why "there will be no partial naval demobilization," King said: "All naval forces are required to prosecute the war in the Pacific. It is the intent to shift to the Pacific all naval power now devoted to the war in Europe and in the Atlantic as soon as may be.

"This shift must be made as expeditiously as possible, to the end that the war in the Pacific may be brought to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible date." Army Plans Not Sure

While the army's manpower plans have not been announced in detail, the program on the table of the high command generally seems to be this:

Discharges should not be expected by soldiers in the army's service forces nor in the air forces, either air or ground crews. The service troops will be needed in the Pacific at the earliest possible moment to build staging areas and bases for combat forces. Airmen and air forces ground crews will be needed to step up the aerial bombardment of the enemy's homeland and supply routes.

There will be some demobilization of combat troops since the full strength of troops now deployed in Europe can not, for geographical reasons, be brought to bear on Japan. The extent of this demobilization—not expected to reach any substantial proportions—cannot be estimated by the high command at this time because of still unpredictable factors in the European situation.

Furloughs Planned—Furloughs will be granted for troops going through this country en route to the Pacific theatre.

The partial army demobilization will follow the previously agreed upon plan of "adjusted service

rating," with a system of weighted credits based upon service, overseas service, combat and parent-hood. The army so far has not announced the point value of these credits.

# Three Young Children Are Burned to Death

LOS ANGELES, March 23—(AP)—Three young children of Mrs. Elva Adams were burned to death today when their home caught fire while they were taking their afternoon naps.

They were: Angelina, 4; Margaretta, 2, and Charles, 8-months. Mrs. Adams, 23, and another daughter, Carmen, 3, were taken to a hospital suffering serious burns.

Mrs. Adams told officers she entered the bedroom to find it ablaze. She was able to rescue only Carmen.

# German, Other Women Warned to Leave Ruhr

LONDON, March 23—(AP)—German and foreign women were warned to leave the bomb-racked Ruhr today in the latest of Gen. Eisenhower's series of radio instructions to non-combatants to flee from the path of the allied armies.

The legal designation of the wife or widow of a baronet or knight is "dame" in England.

The German sheep dog is large and handsomely built dog with a short smooth coat.

# ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The cigaret shortage won't be for long, the University of Kentucky predicts.

But meantime, lots of persons who wouldn't walk a mile for a — have stood in line an hour for a package and had to get a bump on 'em to get one even then. It's been pretty well proved that not only is there not a cough in a carload, but also that there isn't a carload in the U. S.

Perhaps it was the sugar ration that brought on the tobacco famine in the first place, just too many persons reaching for a instead of a sweet.

# Russian Will Head UNRRA Pole Mission

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP)—Balked in an attempt to get a Russia visa for an American representative, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration today named a Russian to head an UNRRA mission to Poland.

John P. Gregg, originally chosen head of the mission to negotiate a relief agreement with Poland, resigned after several months of futile attempts to get a Russian transit visa.

It was announced that Michail Menshikov, who is an UNRRA deputy director general, would head the mission. An UNRRA statement also declared that the Polish provisional government in Warsaw is the only Polish authority with which UNRRA will deal.

This placed another trump in the hands of this government, which has relations with Moscow while the United States and Britain recognize the rival regime in London. However, it is in line with UNRRA's announced policy of dealing with the administrative authority in control of any area.

The Yalta agreement calls for the reconstruction of the Warsaw government to include other elements, but so far this has not been accomplished.

# Salem Firms Refund \$312 In 11 Cases

Refunds totaling \$312.95 in 11 cases have been effected during the past two months by the price panel of the Salem war price and rationing board, Herman J. Jochimsen, chairman of the board, announced this week.

The persons or companies making the refunds were Orval's Used Car lot—\$4.50; Hatfield's Used Cars—\$35; E. Anderson—\$78.75; S. M. Picha—\$32.37; Stiff Furniture company—\$20; Holotoff—\$66; Staab—\$30; Salem Laundry—\$102.15; Capital City Laundry—\$9.32.

In addition to the refunds to the customers, the price panel settled four administrator claims in the total amount of \$348.34 which was paid to the treasurer of the United States. These claims: Stiff Furniture company—\$40; Senator Food shop—\$285; Schneider's Coffee shop—\$14.70.

During this same period, the Portland district office settled an administrator's claim in this area in the amount of \$1050 with the Paramount market. This case was referred to Portland because of its complexity.

The price panel now has three cases pending settlement and Jochimsen requested that persons report to the board when they feel that they have been overcharged, declaring it a service to all the community in fighting inflation.

# State Police Arrest 3198

Of the 3198 arrests made during February by state police, 2,878 were for traffic law violations, a report issued Friday by State Police Supt. Charles P. Pray reveals.

Thirty nine of the arrests were for game code violations and six were under commercial fisheries law. The other 275 represented crimes against property and persons, for which sentences totaling \$4.14 years this week had been meted out.

Traffic violation fines totaled \$9646, while sentences totaled 965 1/2 days. One hundred nine traffic cases are still pending.

# ENDS TODAY!

Paul Muni "HUDSON'S BAY" Roy Rogers "YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS" LIBERTY

CONT. FROM 1 P.M. TOMORROW! TWO JOY HITS

A FUN-SATION... MUSIC, BIRTH AND MELODY

HEAR HIT TUNES: "WHAT BLUE-EYED MAN'S NAME'S (Sung by Dagwood)" "BOUNCE O' BOUNCES" "QUERIDA" (Sung by Other Great Artists)

CO-FEATURE! SIX-GUN ACTION!

Wild Bill blasts the desert rats! BORDERTOWN GUN FIGHTERS BILL ELLIOT

CO-FEATURE! My Pal, Wolf

NEWS FLASHES! First Convey Travels Leda Rauld Halsey Swatches Jopai News of Mantal Europe!

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# Thumbnail of War!

By the Associated Press

Western Front — Lightning move carries 3rd army across Rhine near Oppenheim, spearheading down shortest route to Berlin from gun bridgehead.

Russia — Nazis report Russians break through Oder river defenses to within 31 miles east of Berlin, as Reds split defenders of Danzig and Gdynia.

Philippines — Yank infantrymen drive within 16 air miles of Baguio after seizing Naguilian airfield.

China — Tanks lead new Jap offensive northwest of Hankow in attempt to seize northern Hupeh's wheat crop.

Burma — Indian troops take towns of Pindale and Wundwin, tightening trap around thousands of Jap troops.

# Allies in Italy Glad to Be Rid of Kesselring

ROME, March 23—(AP)—The reported transfer of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring to the western front will not be lamented in this theatre, where his mastery withdrew up the Italian peninsula has made Allied progress slow and costly, but it is doubted that his acknowledged brilliance will help the Germans much along the Rhine.

For one thing, he will not have the advantage of the terrible mountainous terrain which has been his chief ally in Italy. For another, he will find it difficult if not impossible to shift his new armies around with the agility that time and again halted threatened Allied breakthroughs on this peninsula.

Allied officers generally credit Kesselring with having done an extremely efficient job, particularly in his defense of bloody Cassino and in stopping the British Eighth army at the edge of the Po plain last fall. He has the ability to extract the utmost from his troops.

Allied intelligence officers said they had received two vague reports that Kesselring already had left for Germany to succeed Field Marshal von Rundstedt. Announcement of the enemy change in commands was announced last night from Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters on the western front.

# Trap Tightens On Japanese In Burma Area

CALCUTTA, March 23—(AP)—Indian armored forces, driving south from Mandalay at a 20-mile-a-day clip, have captured the towns of Pindale and Wundwin just short of Meiktila, further constricting the noose around thousands of Japanese troops cut off west of the Mandalay rail line, allied headquarters announced.

Pindale is 19 miles north of Meiktila and Wundwin is 18 miles northeast on the main north-south trunk road.

It is possible that the 20th division making the southward spurt already had made contact with forces of the British 14th army, who seized Meiktila in an earlier plunge eastward from the Irrawaddy river and cut the enemy's main supply and retreat route to the port of Rangoon.

The 20th division, operating under a news blackout, drove the 60 miles to Pindale in three days and then cut eastward to Wundwin, meeting only light Japanese resistance except for a stiff encounter at Wundwin.

# Young Chicken Price Boosted Cent and Half

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP)—Young chicken prices were boosted a cent and a half a pound at retail today, effective July 1, to encourage production and partially offset the decline in meat supplies.

The order came while western congressmen continued their post-shooting against OPA policies, contending that the real shortage is in prices.

It was the second move in that direction since the meat squeeze began to clamp down. The first was an additional subsidy for beef packers, which officials explained in detail today. In effect it is a graduated extra payment for slaughterers, ranging up to 50 cents a hundredweight for those who pay full ceiling prices for live cattle.

The whole business, along with other food difficulties, will come out for airing Monday in the start of an investigation by a senate agriculture committee.

# Realtor Tells Of Inflated Calif. Prices

"Pacific coast states are enjoying a permanent, not a mushroom growth," Winnifred Pettyjohn, realtor, told members of the Salem Board of Realtors at their noonday meeting Friday in Hotel Marion. Mrs. Pettyjohn had just returned from the San Francisco bay area where she was visiting with her daughter.

"The inflation in real estate prices in California amounts to 25 or 30 per cent," she said, "higher than it is here but building costs there are much greater than here. The trend there is to build five-room houses which cost from \$6000 to \$9000 and then construction jumps to the \$15,000 and \$20,000 class, nothing in between.

"Land prices are high in most sections. I visited Carmel and was surprised to learn that residents there look upon the late Aimee Semple McPherson as a person foreign to that village. I also looked at some lots there, priced at \$7500 and was told by residents in the neighborhood the only objection they had to the district was intrusion of deer which ate the flowers, and they were building fences around their \$7500 lots.

"If you are planning on a trip, forget it. When I was ready to return home I asked for reservations and managed to get a booking in a week for a Pullman. Then I decided I wanted to leave more quickly and offered to take any kind of accommodation. The agent told me 'You're lucky to even get on a train in a week, usually even a day coach passage takes a month.'"

The board voted to pass next week's meeting in observance of Good Friday.

# Some Lumber To Be Saved From Vessel

COOS BAY, March 23—(AP)—Seabees will salvage lumber already washed ashore from the wrecked S.S. Alvarado but won't try to move cargo still in the hold unless the vessel settles into the sands, a naval officer said today.

A battalion of workers will haul lumber from the scene six miles north of here to Coos Bay, beginning tomorrow, Lt. J. B. Kieven reported. But the half million board feet locked in the forward hold of the ship can only be reached by cutting through the hull, he said.

The coast guard reported the vessel split amidships and the bow section turned and is facing astern, as high seas continue to pound it to pieces. The superstructure is almost gone, workers reported, and the sections are now 200 feet apart.

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