

Traps Closing On Last Japs On Mindanao

MANILA, Friday, May 18-(P)—Forward elements of the 40th and 51st divisions narrowed to 45 road miles Wednesday the jaws of a trap closing on a sizeable force of Japanese in central Mindanao, southern Philippines. Today's headquarters communique disclosed the gains.

The Yank divisions squeezed tighter the trap along the Sayre highway. The 31st pushed six miles north to the edge of Valencia, an air center, after putting into operation the captured Maragam airstrip for transport planes.

The 40th, driving south after emerging on the high plateau around Del Monte air base center, made slight progress against a powerful concentration of enemy defenses based on Mangima canyon. This canyon cuts through sweeping plains and its hillsides are covered with quafout cogon-grass. The 40th underwent mortar artillery fire.

The 24th division carried on the grueling job of compressing a trapped enemy force around the Davao and Talomo rivers.

Thomas Says Over 200,000 Cars Possible

WASHINGTON, May 17-(P)—Automotive labor leaders asserted today that more than 200,000 passenger cars should be produced this year.

Differing with auto manufacturers who recommended that number, R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), said he was convinced that enough steel and other materials will be available to build more cars.

Thomas, at a news conference with war production board officials, said also he could see no need for holding up a go ahead for the auto industry until at least July 1, the date set by WPA as the earliest for a green light.

Asked when he believes the industry should be permitted to start production, Thomas replied: "I think the order should have been given 30 days ago. It should be given now—this afternoon."

Dispute Over Trieste Goes To Diplomats

TRIESTE, May 17-(P)—British troops and Yugoslav partisans stood guard shoulder to shoulder at important buildings in this troubled "hot spot" tonight while the dispute over Marshal Tito's claims to the city entered diplomatic channels.

The tense air of a week ago, after the Yugoslavs first occupied the city, had disappeared. American and British notes to Tito appeared to have cleared the air, and allied supplies for forces in northern Italy flow into the port without interruption.

Tanks which had been lined up in the Municipal square have been moved elsewhere and while the town hall itself is held by the partisans, and is bristling with guards, the surrounding area looks like Sunday morning. Thousands of soldiers and civilians are swimming in the blue waters of the Adriatic on Trieste's outskirts, while civilians stroll about the streets, apparently unafraid.

\$75,000 Campaign Will Promote Tourist Trade

PORTLAND, May 17-(P)—A \$75,000 advertising campaign aimed at trebling Oregon's pre-war tourist trade to a postwar \$150,000,000 was set in motion today.

Declaring Washington and California have outbid Oregon in attracting tourists, the chamber said travelers spent about \$50,000,000 here in 1940.

BOY IS BORN

SILVERTON—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coulter at the Silverton hospital, May 18.

American Slang Trips Up Nazis Disguised as Allies Who Infiltrated U. S. Lines

PARIS, MAY 17-(P)—After weeks of training by the SS, the men selected from the German army for the special school were weeded down to a battalion. All those discarded were threatened with death if they ever revealed a word of what went on.

The selected battalion was headed by Skorzeny on personal orders of Hitler and Himmler.

The battalion was broken up into task forces. The missions of these forces were varied. All had American or British uniforms and American equipment. Some were merely to infiltrate American lines in jeeps with radio and report back troop dispositions.

Other and stronger forces were to come into American lines with American tanks and attack American positions in the rear.

But small groups of desperate men were sent deep into rear areas with missions to commit major sabotage and assassinate key American generals.

To Kill Eisenhower
Skorzeny himself was believed to have the mission of killing the supreme allied commander.

Luckily, early in the Ardennes battle, American troops captured a small party of these men and in rigid questioning learned the general plan and took steps to thwart it.

The solution was typically American. It was obvious that regular passwords were useless, so road blocks were thrown up in every rear area from Belgium to Italy. Guards, instead of asking the password, stuck tommyguns into automobiles and asked such questions as: "Who sleeps with Jiggs?" "Who is Fruncheon?" "Who is called the 'voice'?"

Nazis Dead Pigeons
Anything typically American in slang or custom was used and the Germans, not up to date on the American comics or swing music, were dead pigeons.

The deepest penetration made by any Germans was by a party of four. They were picked up in Liege. They carried small vials of acid to throw in their captors' faces but never had a chance to use them.

The Americans also obtained a description of Skorzeny. He is six feet four inches tall with a dueling scar across his face. He spoke some Italian but no English. The captured Germans said it was Skorzeny's plan to have a mixed party of Germans dressed in American and German uniforms, and when stopped those in American uniforms would say they were taking high German officers to SHAEF for questioning.

In this way they hoped to get close enough to Eisenhower to kill him.

The party never turned up and it was presumed that the plan was discarded because Skorzeny found out that it was not succeeding.

Nippon Makes Peace Offer

LONDON, Friday, May 18-(P)—A Reuters dispatch reported today that a Japanese peace offer to Great Britain and the United States had been received at San Francisco through a Soviet diplomatic channel.

The Reuters dispatch said a source close to the Soviet delegation at the United Nations conference described the peace overture as coming from Japanese big business men and not military circles.

The Reuters account added that it was understood the allies would not take cognizance of the approach because it failed to fulfill unconditional surrender conditions.

'Hec' Names Tracksters
SEATTLE, May 17-(P)—Washington's Coach Hec Edmundson named 16 men today, eight of them freshmen, to compete for the Huskies at Pullman Saturday in the meet with Idaho, Whitman, Montana and Washington State. He will pick two more tomorrow.

MISSING WOMAN RETURNS
State police were informed Thursday night that Ethel Gheen had returned to her home at 3780 Center at during the day. Clarence Gheen had reported his wife as missing from their home since Monday.

Nippon Blows Force Chinese From Foochow

CHUNGKING, May 17-(P)—Chinese assault forces have withdrawn from strategic Foochow, former treaty port on the East China coast and a possible American invasion area, after a bitter five-day battle, the Chinese high command said tonight.

Chinese troops broke into the important Japanese-held stronghold in the enemy coastal defense system 125 miles northwest of Formosa Friday, but were forced to fall back after the Japanese hurled large reinforcements into the struggle.

Simultaneously, it was disclosed that China's new Sixth army, which fought valiantly in Burma, was back in the homeland and probably will play a key part in the planned general Chinese counter-offensive. The American-trained and equipped Sixth army, back since January, had a big role in battles which speeded construction of the Stilwell road.

Hearing Set On Move to Invalidate Bill
Suit was filed Friday in Marion county circuit court and a hearing is set for 3 p.m. today before Judge George R. Duncan to enjoin the secretary of state to invalidate house bill 403 of the recent legislature and to enjoin the secretary of state from including it in the session laws now being published.

The bill, designed to amend Oregon's local budget law, as signed by the governor did not include a conference committee report adopted by both the senate and the house of representatives, Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., the plaintiff alleges.

Chief provision of the bill under attack permitted tax levying bodies to set up a cash working account for use between the time taxes are authorized and the time when they are collected. The bill as signed permits a working fund of 15 per cent of the total estimated expenditures for the next year while the conference report lowered the amount to 10 per cent.

Another provision of the signed bill would require that notices of expenses, estimated to exceed \$5,000, be published in a newspaper of general circulation. The conference report increased the \$5000 figure to \$7500 before publication would be required, the complaint asserts. Exemption of dock commissions also was approved in the conference report.

Nazi Officers Not Saluted
LONDON, May 17-(P)—Allied troops under Gen. Eisenhower's orders are not to salute German officers or officials under any circumstances, War Secretary Sir James Grigg said today.

Sir James said he had heard a rumor that one British division had been told that it might be appropriate to salute German officers under "certain circumstances." These instructions are now abolished by Eisenhower's order, he said.

The secretary also said an investigation was being made of the rumor, published in a London newspaper.

Processing of 8000 Soldiers Daily Planned
PARIS, May 17-(P)—American troops will be processed at the rate of 8000 daily from a huge re-employment area in northeastern France with facilities for 350,000, communications zone headquarters said today.

The chief engineer of the camp area, which has headquarters at Reims, said its construction had been the equivalent of setting up a city the size of Cincinnati. The new assembly area command is headed by Maj. Royal S. Lord.

He has set two weeks as a maximum time for individual processing of soldiers going home and 25 days for those going to the Pacific, domestic duty or eventual discharge, the announcement said.

RITES HELD FOR KNODEL
SHERIDAN—Funeral services were held here Wednesday for Ray John Knodel who died Sunday in Willamina, Ore.

He was born March 20, 1919 at Willamina and is survived by his widow, Elsie, son, Jimmie; daughter, Jeanette, all of Willamina; his mother, Mrs. Val Fisher of Salem, and his father, M. H. Knodel of Agate Beach, Ore.

Thumbnail of War!

Okinawa—Yanks storm three gateways to walled fortress of Shuri as marines drive to center of Naha, capital city.

Philippines—American doughboys put pincers on Jap force in Mindanao, narrowing trap to 45 miles.

China—Reinforced Japanese force Chinese withdrawal from Foochow after five days' street fighting.

Borneo—Aussies on Tarakan drive to within mile of east coast, repulse counterattack near Tarakan City.

Japan—Mustangs raid Atsugi airfield near Tokyo, destroy or damage 32 Jap planes.

Nazis Already Start to Pay Off Big Debt
PARIS, May 17-(P)—German prisoners of war by the thousands already have begun paying in hard work and sweat the first installment on their country's huge debt to the world, and one of their first tasks is aimed squarely at the defeat of their former ally, Japan.

As fast as they can be processed the Nazi captives are being put to work under the eyes of doughboy guards to speed the tremendous job of transferring American troops and supplies to the Pacific.

Skilled German workers are being used to recondition and prepare millions of items of equipment for the great change-over, while thousands of others are repairing roads over which the American armies will flow to embarkation ports.

They are not getting much in the way of pay, it is not in cash, and it is Germany which eventually will foot the bill. Enlisted men get 80 cents a day if they work—otherwise only 10 cents. The 10 cents is in the form of a canteen allowance. The rest is kept in credits, which a defeated Germany eventually will be required to take over and pay to her former soldiers.

ON the HOME FRONT

—And Keep Your Powder Dry—
That's the headline we wanted above a story appearing elsewhere in this paper about the secretary of the board of cosmetic therapy resigning.

—V—
Having failed to achieve it, we are now suggesting it as a topper when Governor Snell appoints the successor to Mrs. Innes.

—V—
Seems that since we women got the vote the real hotbed of politics has been the beauty parlor—where they sort of parcel the headlines as it were. Oh, well, it will all come out in the wash—or go on with it, as when a tint is used.

Ceiling Prices On Meat May Be Frozen
WASHINGTON, May 17-(P)—Members of congress said today the government is likely to freeze all ceiling prices on meat for at least six months.

The price ceiling freeze—requiring six months notice of intention to raise or lower cash prices—is described as the keystone of a re-employment program being drafted by war mobilizer director Fred M. Vinson and other government officials to break the growing meat shortage and black market.

Barring last minute changes, the program as reported by legislators would include these other beef-producing incentives:

- 1. A 50 cents per hundredweight subsidy to feeders of live cattle as an inducement to hold cattle on feed lots until they develop into prime beef.
- 2. A requirement that all cattle worth \$14.25 a hundred be sold directly to slaughtering plants, intended to keep a supply of good meat moving to market.

Shipyard Workers Will Stay on 48-Hour Week
PORTLAND, Ore., May 17-(P)—Shipyard production schedules will not allow relaxing of a 48-hour work week in Portland for the "time being," State War Manpower Director L. C. Stoll said today.

Stoll said Portland and six other western cities were granted discretionary authority to revoke the 48-hour week.

Labor Council Hears Speaker
SILVERTON—Bun Kelsey, president of the Willamette Valley District labor council, was a guest of the Silverton council Tuesday night. He spoke chiefly on mills in the valley in need of workmen, referring especially to the plywood mill at Roseburg, the new mill at Myrtle Creek, the Garibaldi plywood and lumber mill and those at Sweet Home and Lebanon.

In the absence of the chairman, Mike Hannan, George Hove presided.

OSKIE OFFICERS INSTALLED
Simple installation services for new officers of the "Osokie" association of Salem high school were preceded Thursday night by a dinner attended by retiring and new officers and heads of this year's committees.

Others in the inner group were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kelis, Harold Davis, Chet Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Magnus, Esther Little and Beth Stewart.

NURSES LEAVE
SILVERTON—Three nurses left the Silverton hospital Thursday to go to California where they have work. They are Avis Aker, Catherine Ball and Aldora Meidema. They came here about six months ago from the Midwest.

THE HORN BLOWS AT MIDNIGHT
Now JACK BENNY ALEXIS SMITH THE HORN BLOWS AT MIDNIGHT Buy 7th War Loan Bonds Here Plus CO-FEATURE—EDWARD ARNOLD

TONIGHT Crystal Gardens PRESENTS "LOW-DOWN RHYTHM IN A TOP-HAT!"



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Admission \$1.50 Inc. Tax Dancing 8 to 12

B-29s Wreck Japs' Largest Oil Facilities

GUAM, Friday, May 18-(P)—Japan's largest oil storage area and one of her largest oil refineries were put out of operation along with two important military fueling stations in a 400-Superfortress strike May 10 on her oil resources.

The damage was disclosed today by photographs.

Targets in the first full scale Superfort attack on the Nipponese oil industry were Otake oil refinery on the western shore of the inland sea; Tokiyama naval fuel station and Tokiyama coal yards and synthetic fuel factory on southeast Honshu, and the Oshima naval oil storage center on an island in Tsushima strait outside the Shimonoeki entrance to the inland sea.

In the attack on Tokiyama, only 15 per cent of the total target area escaped damage. Twelve storage tanks were included in installations destroyed.

Tokiyama targets included the empire's No. 1 naval fuel depot for the Japanese army. The two fuel bases adjoin each other.

Only five of 65 storage tanks at Oshima remain usable. Storage capacity of this small island base constituted the Japanese navy's greatest oil storage area.

At Otake oil refinery, only two small pockets in extreme corners of the plant area escaped damage. Bomb damage was distributed over the entire area, closing down operations of one of Japan's largest oil refineries.

Post-raid photographs for accurately estimating damage done on two 500-plane B-29 incendiary bomb attacks on Nagoya Monday and Thursday are not yet available, but crewmen are confident they almost knocked out Japan's third largest city as a war producer.

Crewmen reported yesterday's 3500-ton fire bomb raid left the 16-square mile Nagoya target area a huge, flaming smokepot.

Washington Preps Ready for Meet
PULLMAN, May 17-(P)—Nine district eliminations will be run off Friday and Saturday over the state for high school athletes seeking places in the 35th annual state interscholastic track meet here Saturday, May 28. The winners and three additional men picked by coaches from each district will qualify for the state get-together, WSC athletic director J. F. Bohler said today.

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Valley Soldiers Coming Home On Furlough

FORT LEWIS, Wash., May 17-(P)—Seventy-three officers and enlisted men are homeward bound on rotation furloughs and leave, army officials at the reception station here announced today.

Oregon men include:
Salem—Cpl. Norman E. Wagner, 888 North Commercial st.; S/ Sgt. Melvin C. Whitesides, 817 Mill st.; Cpl. Robert R. Robinson, 822 North 20th st.; Irvin G. Williamson, 770 South Commercial st. West Salem—T/Sgt. Frank O. Dueltgen, 146 Gerth ave.
Woodburn—PFC Emil Nelson. Lebanon—Wilber L. Fields, route three.
Albany—Cpl. Oliver O. Workman, 1007 East Third st.
Corvallis—T/Sgt. Loren E. Hoover, 339 South 11th st.
McMinnville—Wallace H. Johnston, 141 South Irvine st.

Casualty Total Nears Million Mark for U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 17-(P)—The toll of Americans killed, wounded, missing or taken prisoner during the war is nudging the million mark, the army and navy disclosed today.

On the basis of the rate of increase in the last few months, the million total may be reached within a week.

The aggregate of army and navy casualties released today was 986,214, an increase of 13,560 over last week. Of these, 878,939 were army casualties and 107,275 were navy losses.

The army figure included 544,240 wounded, of whom 294,208 have returned to duty, and 89,152 prisoners, of whom 19,876 have been officially listed as exchanged or returned to military control.

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