

War In Brief

Italy—American and French mountain troops breach Gustav line on wide front in flanking thrust and are fighting in outskirts of Cassino while below Rome allies push twin-spearheads north and east from coastal beachhead in drive to split German armies in Italy.

Russia—Red armies overrun four towns, massacre thousands of German troops in drive believed to have crossed Estonian border; Russian units tighten noose on enemy's Leningrad siege army.

Western Europe—RAF Mosquitoes raid Berlin to open February assault on continent; British reveal RAF dropped more than 20,000 tons of bombs on axis Europe in January.

Pacific—Thirty thousand American marines and soldiers seize 10 beachheads in Marshalls and open powerful assaults against Kwajalein, Roi, and Numur islands; early casualties light as invaders land from greatest naval invasion force in history.

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Liquor Store Hours Till Midnight Urged
PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(U.S.)—The Oregon state liquor control commission at its next meeting will receive a proposal that state stores remain open from 8 p. m. to midnight, instead of closing at 8 p. m. as at present, Liquor Administrator Ray Conway revealed today.

City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson of Portland made the suggestion as a means of curbing the bootlegging traffic.

After a conference, Paul L. Crooks, Portland member of the liquor board, said a dozen additional enforcement officers will be stationed in the Portland area to suppress illegal sales.

Four Cut In Fight

ALBANY, Feb. 2.—(U.S.)—Four persons were slashed severely in a fight last night in which a Camp Adair soldier drew a knife when ejected from a restaurant.

Ethel Fry McKidd, waitress, suffered facial wounds and Andrew Butchko, another restaurant employee, was stabbed in the body several times. Both are hospitalized here. The wounds are not believed serious.

Two others, who helped eject the knife-wielding soldier, are in the Camp Adair hospital. They were identified only as Private Butchko, Andrew's brother, and a Sgt. McKidd. Their wounds also were believed not serious.

Perry Stellmacher, police chief, said military police arrested Pvt. Aaron Aubrey and charged him with wielding a knife. He is held at Camp Adair.

State School Shift Urged
SALEM, Feb. 2.—(U.S.)—A legislative interim committee to determine whether the state boys and girls training schools, now administered by the board of control, should be administered by a new and separate commission will meet here next Tuesday, the board of control was advised today.

Roy Mills, board secretary, and heads of the two institutions were invited to appear before the committee. But the board members—Gov. Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott—received no invitations.

U. S. Captures—

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the troop landings, and even before the actual invasion carrier planes destroyed or damaged 113 Japanese planes, mostly at Roi.

American commanders expressed confidence in final victory—a confidence founded on the knowledge that they had the support of the greatest sea armada ever assembled. But they cautioned against expecting a quick campaign like the three-day conquest of the Gilberts, 300 miles to the south.

Capture of Kwajalein, with an excellent harbor, seaplane and submarine bases, would expose Wotje and Maloelap, two other major atolls in the Marshalls lying almost directly east. It would develop new threats to the enemy, for Truk, the Japanese naval bastion, is 1200 miles southwest, and Tokyo is 2700 miles northwest.

Allied forces kept up attacks on the enemy in the southwestern sector of the sweeping Pacific battle arc. Gen. MacArthur disclosed the presence of allied troops on the south side of New Guinea in reporting Japanese losses in an attack at the mouth of the Eilanden river, nearly 600 miles northwest of Port Moresby.

The battle for Madang, major enemy base in northern New Guinea, neared a climax as Australian troops in the Ramu valley reached a point 18 miles from Bogadjim, outer defense position for Madang 20 miles away. American forces on the coast are about 40 miles from Madang.

The Japanese lost 28 planes in another of the unrelenting attacks on Rabaul by allied fighters and bombers which also sank a medium cargo ship in the harbor of the northeastern New Britain base.

Tanks made their first appearance in the Burma front in the battle to capture the Japanese-held port of Akyab. Allied bombers supported Indian troops in blasting their way through outer Japanese defenses east of Waungdaw. Other planes hit Japanese barracks in the northern Chin hills and enemy installations in the Mayu peninsula.

Zero Hour At Hand

By GEORGE E. JONES
With U. S. marines En Route to the Marshall Islands, Jan. 30—A United States convoy unprecedented in size in the far-flung Pacific battle front is approaching the Marshall Islands for our first landing on the Japanese empire which the arrogant enemy has boasted is invulnerable to invasion.

The hours are passing slowly, but tomorrow morning, which is only a few hours away now, this transport and others of the fleet will begin unloading fighting men and their supplies a few miles off the reef-ribbed shores of Kwajalein atoll in the middle of these powerfully fortified islands.

The marines who will land on Kwajalein's coral shores will be the first Americans to visit these islands since the Japanese took over the Marshalls from the Germans after world war one and began fortifying them in violation of treaties.

This is not going to be just another landing. I have gone through four previous ones and this one overshadows them all. It will be historic. And these kids who will fight and die tomorrow feel the impact of the moment. They are good marines, many of them untried in combat but with a magnificent confidence in victory.

Some are playing cards, others writing last letters home, and still others receiving last-minute instructions from their officers. They all know what is ahead. We are looking down the throat of the Japanese empire with all that implies—heavy shore artillery, the crossfire of machine-guns and fantastically rugged pill-boxes.

Property Owners—

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conditions. Paul Campbell announced that the injunction threat would make no difference to the contractors, as they are going ahead with their building plans.

A group of the plaintiffs, Hockamp, Hatton and T. J. Nelson, made a trip to Albany and Corvallis Sunday to inspect war housing projects. They talked to business men of those cities, examined some of the units, and reported a consensus that housing projects in both cities were

unfavorable. E. L. Hatton, spokesman for the plaintiff group stated Wednesday that his neighbors in filing the complaint, did so in the interest of the community as a whole, and particularly the proposed new high school. The block on which the war houses would be built is the only block in the area for potentially desirable residences, he pointed out.

The owners of the district, Hatton said, have hoped that after the war, or when materials and local capital are available, houses could be built there which would be comparable to the surrounding ones and thus make the district attractive to investors.

Hatton stated that his group will ask the city council in the future not to allot city blocks of lots in any area for multiple home construction. The property owners of his district are not opposed to war housing construction in Eugene, Hatton explained, as long as such housing is confined to scattered lots throughout the city. "We are opposed to multiple housing units in one congested area," Hatton said.

Cassino—

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ed the German overseas news agency as reporting "soviet troops are trying to get across the river Narva," indicating red army units already had pushed six miles into Estonia. Nazi evacuation of Narva was rumored.

The Germans announced extensive withdrawals in Russia between the Gulf of Finland and Lake Ilmen; in the sector northwest of Vitebsk in white Russia and in the Ukraine northwest of Kirovograd, near Belaya Tserkov.

Russian advances in the north placed the red army less than seven miles from the important Estonian seaport and industrial center of Narva. Govorov's Leningrad army was pounding westward on a 50 mile front. Enormous booty was captured. Ninety towns fell.

The gap between the Leningrad and Novgorod front was narrowed as the German pocket was reduced swiftly on its flanks and frontally. Isolated Germans in the bleak forests and swamps were wiped out. Osmino, 33 miles northwest of Luga, fell.

Draft Plot Charged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(U.S.)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today the arrest of 18 Washington men, including an orchestra leader and two postal employees, in what it described as "widespread attempts" to violate the selective service act through use of drugs producing high blood pressure.

Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI said, the selectees took a drug. One registrant became violently ill after he appeared for physical examination. The inductee reported, Hoover said, that he had purchased the drug for \$100 from Samuel Albert Stewart, 38, a mail carrier. Stewart, one of those arrested, has been charged with aiding and abetting evasion of military service.

Everett M. "Washie" Bratcher, 28, orchestra leader at a Washington hotel, another of the group, admitted to FBI agents, Hoover said, that he had taken the drug before his examination.

Fish Shops May Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(U.S.)—The unusual spectacle of a retail fish dealers' strike may be in store for Portland residents tomorrow.

A good many fish dealers are irate over new OPA regulations going into effect tomorrow which they claim will mean a loss of 2 to 3 cents a pound on every pound of fish sold. Fish Row has been mulling over the strike threat but no definite action has been taken.

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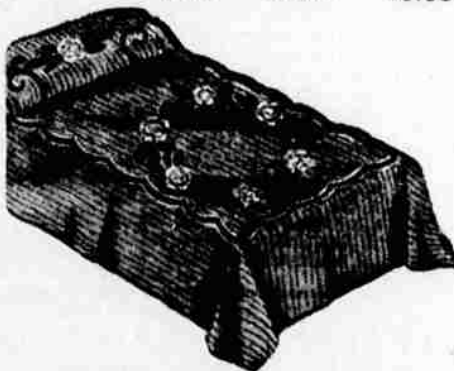
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