

Biggest U. S. Raid On Nazi Plants Repeated

By Richard McMurray
Associated Press War Editor
American heavy bombers attacked northwest Germany today in strength approximating that of yesterday in 'the biggest United States air mission in history.'

The Flying Fortresses and Liberators struck the fourth massive blow at Germany in less than two days after a heavy night bombardment of the southwest German industrial metropolis of

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Soviet troops have broken into the outskirts of Krivoy Rog and are battling the Nazi garrison of that Dnieper bend stronghold, a communique broadcast by radio Moscow said today.

Stuttgart by the RAF. More than 2000 American planes struck widely scattered fighter plane factories in Germany yesterday, destroying 126 enemy fighters, and Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of U. S. air forces, said a fourth of German fighter production had now been knocked out.

The RAF before dawn on Sunday had plunged 2576 tons of explosives into Leipzig in southern Germany.

Targets today were not immediately named although the northwest German cities most frequently bombed have been Wilhelmshaven, Kiel, Bremen, Emden, Hamburg and Hannover.

American headquarters used most of their superlatives to describe the widespread air blows at Germany Sunday: "The largest, most important and most hazardous operation" ever undertaken by strategic U. S. forces.

The Germans again scattered fire bombs and explosives on London, setting many fires and causing casualties.

GERMANS IN ITALY BELIEVED EXHAUSTED
Allied troops in the secure Rome beachhead struck back with infantry, tanks, planes and warships at night, German divisions which had been bled so profusely that it appeared unlikely that they could mount another major offensive soon. Two German armies totalling 18 divisions now oppose the allies in Italy.

Violent fighting continued in and around demolished Cassino. French troops beat off a strong German attack on this main front, 30 miles east of the Anzio battle.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON 100-MILE FRONT
The Russians drove powerfully on a 100-mile front toward the Baltic gateway city of Pskov, advancing up to 12 miles, killing 2200 Germans and capturing 114 villages. The Germans said 100,000 Russians were renewing an offensive toward the white Russian capital of Minsk and that other red army troops had penetrated their lines on two sides of Krivoy Rog in the central Ukraine.

The red army units nearest to Pskov were last reported 38 miles to the north after battling down the east shores of Lake Peipus and Lake Pskov, but Moscow announcements have not mentioned their progress in several days.

The British reported the destruction of three submarines of a pack trying to break into the Mediterranean through the Strait of Gibraltar. The British destroyer HMS Gleaner, the British destroyer HMS Janus was lost. The Germans asserted without confirmation that submarines had sunk 11 escorting destroyers in the Atlantic in the past few days.

Chairmen Named
Chairmen for the remaining five of the 14 post-war activity departments of the Central Lane Planning council were announced Monday by Fred G. Stickle, president of the council.

Appointments made were Wellington P. Switzer, service contacts; John A. Wagenman, labor; Mrs. J. Don Smith, park projects; W. J. Cloyes, sewage and sanitation; and Stanley R. Stevenson, tax structures.

These chairmen together with those appointed last week will now complete formation of committees for their departments, President Stickle said.

Chairmen of the 14 departments together with the elected officers to the council will constitute the executive board of the council, Stickle said.

Bend Needs Flagpoles
BEND, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—The Deschutes county court, criticized for not replacing a worn flag atop the courthouse flagstaff, announced no new flags were available here.

Within 24 hours Bend residents donated two flags and obtained two more from Portland. Said County Judge C. L. Allen: "What we need now is more flagpoles."

War In Brief
By United Press
Pacific—Japan ousts army and navy chiefs of staff and admits loss of 18 ships in American attack on Truk—only one under the toll reported by Pearl Harbor; U. S. invaders nearly complete conquest of Eniwetok atoll.

Italy—Counterattacking American and British troops recapture almost half of 4000-war salient lost in now blunted German offensive against Anzio beachhead.

Europe—British bombers drop 1600 tons of explosives on Stuttgart and Germans carry out fire raid on London; 2000 American plants make second raid in two days on Nazi aircraft production centers.

Russia—Red army drives over approaches to strategic rail junction of Dno from four directions.

JAP CABINET SHAKEN UP BY DEFEATS

NIPS LOSE 19 SHIPS AT TRUK

By MORRIE LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor
Lightning blows by American land, sea and air forces which cost the enemy 19 to 26 ships and 201 planes in the Truk assault alone, brought a shakeup in the Japanese high command today.

Emperor Hirohito relieved the chiefs of the army and navy general staffs of their commands, radio Tokyo announced, following Japan's most disastrous week of the war she started at Pearl Harbor 26 months ago.

The Japanese, in those seven explosive days, not only lost five islands—the south Pacific group—scores of ships and hundreds of planes, but learned the allies could hit out with multiple strikes simultaneously at key Nipponese bases from Rabaul to the Marshalls.

American fighting men closed in on Eniwetok, westernmost of the Marshall islands, with its strategic airfield only 750 miles from Truk.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz told of week-long naval shelling and air bombardment of Japanese territory in the Marshalls, and attacks on Ponape, 440 miles southwest of Truk, and Kusaie, 330 miles southeast of Ponape.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported from the southwest Pacific, the first shelling of Rabaul, Japan's once mighty fortress, and adjacent Kavieng, New Ireland, a few hours before allied planes slashed at Rabaul in three heavy strikes that neutralized one of its airbases, at least temporarily.

The navy listed 19 enemy ships at Truk as definitely sunk, including two light cruisers, three destroyers, one ammunition ship, one seaplane tender, two oilers, two gunboats and eight cargo ships. Nine more vessels were accounted probably sent to the bottom of Truk's big lagoon. The United States losses included 17 planes and moderate damage to one ship.

The Tokyo radio said today Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo has taken over the post of the army general staff chief and that Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, navy minister, has succeeded fleet Admiral Osami Nagano as chief of navy general staff.

Earlier, three domestic posts in the Japanese cabinet were involved in a reorganization. London diplomats took the view that the changes in the army and navy commands marked an effort to take away all power from military figures not in the cabinet.

Housing for Veneta
Bids are being asked on a 20-unit housing project at Veneta by the federal public housing authority. It was revealed Monday by Ray McInnis, secretary of the Eugene central labor council. McInnis, conferred Sunday with C. Thomas Saxton, director of the FPHA from Seattle, on the labor situation in Eugene and current wage scales.

According to the Eugene labor secretary, bids on the project will be received by Feb. 23, then sent to Washington for approval. Work will start immediately on such approval, McInnis said.

Under the federal public housing authority the Veneta project will be government financed and the houses built for occupancy by war workers. E. H. Peterson, Eugene realtor, has explained that FPHA houses are temporary in nature and after the war will be liquidated by the government.

In the recent housing allotment given the Eugene area, Veneta was recommended for 30 public conversions by the national housing authority. These would have been financed by the HOLC and would have been remodeling of existing buildings. However, the order for the conversions was never given to the HOLC because it was stated subsequently by housing officials that Veneta could not accommodate 30 conversions. Veneta was awarded ten private houses under the Eugene area allotment, but recent word from the FMA office at Portland said that no applications thus far had been made for them.

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Death Hunch Proves Right

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Dr. Thomas M. Gilmore, 72, of Union, conducted a stethoscope examination of Ed Wulf, 73, who long had been seriously ill.

En route home, Dr. Gilmore remarked to his wife: "I don't think Ed Wulf will last through the night, and, you know, I think I may beat him."

At home, Dr. Gilmore removed his shoes, sat down and toppled over dead from a heart attack.

Dr. Gilmore died at 10:35 p. m. Saturday.

While preparing to drive to Union for Dr. Gilmore's body, L. L. Snodgrass, mortician, received a call from the home of Wulf.

Wulf had died at 10:45 p. m. Saturday.

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AMAZON CREEK HEARING READY

Slated for Tuesday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, county courthouse, is the public hearing on the Amazon creek flood control project. The hearing is called by the United States army engineers and here to conduct it will be Colonel Ralph Tudor, Portland division office of the engineers, and several of his staff.

Elmo Chase, representing the Eugene chamber of commerce as well as being a member of the Willamette Valley Basin Project commission, urges that all property owners interested, those within the area affected, attend the meeting, and that written statements be submitted regarding the project.

The Amazon creek project as proposed by the engineers is an important one for this area, involving widening and straightening the channel through Eugene, the building of a diversion channel out west of the city to flow into the Fern Ridge reservoir, and the straightening and widening of the channel on north.

Importance of attendance at the hearing Tuesday was stressed by Councilman E. A. Barfette, who pointed out that solution of the Amazon flood control problem would be tremendous relief to Eugene.

Mother of Five Has But \$10 For Food

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Peggy Hope Adams of Vanport, the mother of five children, today has only \$10 with which to feed her family.

Portland police are holding her husband as an alleged member of a burglar gang accused of at least 11 jobs.

Mrs. Adams was married at 14. Her first child died of pneumonia shortly after it was born.

"We never wanted for nothing," she told a reporter. "Earl always has been good to us and he sure never was in trouble before. I don't know what I'm going to do. They want us to move out because the rent is two weeks overdue. One thing's sure, the kids are going to get three hot meals a day. I haven't eaten since Earl was arrested. I can't so count me out."

The family came to Portland 14 months ago to get defense work. Twins were born to the couple a year ago.

Party Bolt to Stop FDR Threatened

By LYLE C. WILSON
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Moving boldly in Massachusetts against President Roosevelt's re-nomination, anti-new deal democrats are out in the open today with their threat to bolt the party if necessary to block a fourth term.

Success of this anti-fourth term strategy inevitably would obtain election of a republican president next November. The democrats who hope to get Roosevelt out of the white house are reconciled to that. They seek, primarily, to eliminate the president as party leader and to regain control of the organization for regular democrats.

The movement was formally launched in Boston last night with announcement that former Gov. Joseph B. Ely is a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in that state only. His name will not be entered in other states.

The maneuver frankly was acknowledged to be designed to block a fourth term. The Massachusetts presidential preference primary is on April 25.

The pattern sketched by Ely's manager envisages a conservative democratic bolt, organization of a third party and nomination of a Jeffersonian democratic presidential and vice presidential ticket if Roosevelt is nominated again at Chicago next July.

Draft Age Cut Hit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Flatly rejecting suggestions that the draft age be lowered from 18 to 17, members of the house military committee called today for better utilization of existing manpower resources before considering any changes in the selective service act.

As an alternative to dropping the age to 17 should some new action become necessary, Chairman May (D. Ky.) said he believed it would be better to raise it "and take in some of the non-fathers between 38 and 45 who are now classified as over-age."

Rep. Harness of Indiana, a high ranking republican member of the committee claimed the war department alone has admitted it has about 100,000 draft eligible men, many of them pre-war fathers, on its civilian payroll and has not asked for their deferment.

"If there are that many men in a single government agency, then our manpower situation isn't so bad; it just isn't being handled properly," he added.



HONORED—Col. Condon C. McCornack of Eugene, is shown above at the right, receiving the award of the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious service," upon the occasion of his retirement from service. The award, made at direction of the President, was conferred by Lieut. General Delos C. Emmons, commanding general of the western defense command, in ceremony at San Francisco Presidio. Col. McCornack was deputy chief of staff for the western defense command and fourth army. He graduated from University of Oregon in 1901.—(Army signal corps photo, Wiltshire engraving).

Levy Program Finds Favor

Approval of the county's proposed levies to build a new courthouse and to construct roads and bridges after the war was expressed in Eugene Monday.

In general, citizens interviewed favored creation of a reserve fund for financing, thought a county-municipal building would be a "good thing," and said that "much needs to be done" on roads throughout the county.

The levies, as listed in an order filed Saturday by the county court for submission to voters at the primary election in May, would be for one mill a year for the next five years to create a sinking fund for erection of a new courthouse costing approximately \$250,000, plus two mills a year for a similar period for road and bridge construction and maintenance to raise nearly \$500,000.

The projects would be useful in putting men and women, returning from the armed forces and war industries, to work here in Lane when demobilization begins.

Several opined that there was no point in "penny pinching" when these local jobs need to be done if Lane is to be kept "progressive" in more than talk only. A few hesitated to approve any project which would raise county taxes, even slightly, in face of prospect that the presently high federal taxes would go even higher in the next few years. Conversely, others said that Lane's taxes for necessary jobs would be "only a drop in the bucket" compared to those which will be asked by Washington, and believed that Lane county should not hesitate to "take care of its own" just because of this federal assessment.

Comments included: Fred J. Stickle, chairman of the Central Lane Planning council: "I'm very much in favor of it. We have needed a joint city-county building for years. There is too much crowding the way things are now. I'm very much in favor of road projects. Money spent on roads and a good courthouse will be well spent."

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Baruch Plan Leaders Picked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—In the initial steps to carry into effect the Baruch plan for war and post-war adjustments, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes today named Assistant Commerce Secretary Will L. Clayton to handle the disposal of surplus war properties and Veterans Administrator Frank T. Hines to take over employment and rehabilitation activities.

President Roosevelt issued an executive order setting up a surplus war property administration, which Clayton will head. He has assigned his post in the commerce department.

Another executive order is in preparation to create formally the position which Hines will fill. The report on readjustment by Edward M. Baruch and John Hancock suggested that this be turned over to a "work director," but Byrnes said he liked the title of director of retraining and reemployment better.

That, he said, was the only point where he withheld a 100 per cent endorsement of the Baruch proposals.

The steps taken today, Byrnes told a news conference, represent all that can be done under existing law to put the government's own house in order for the tremendous task of turning the nation back to a peace-time economy.

Some legislation will be needed, in line with recommendations in the report, Byrnes said, and in addition he has some in mind himself, particularly in outlining policy for disposal of billions of dollars worth of government property.

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U. S. Victories Spotlight Jap Ship Shortage
By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst
Uncle Sam's victory at Truk is a dream come true, for we have administered a defeat which has so rocked the mikado's capital that the Japs are making no effort to conceal the devastating effects, both moral and material.

Not only has the Tokyo government acknowledged sweeping destruction but it tacitly has admitted the gravity of the situation by firing the chiefs of staff for both the navy and the army. None less than the great Gen. Hideki Tojo, Japan's militaristic premier and master gangster, has taken over the position of chief of general staff of the army in addition to his other duties.

During the two days on which we blasted at Truk we sunk at least 19 ships, including several war vessels, destroyed 201 warplanes and damaged more than 50 others, and probably sunk seven other ships. Our bombs also created havoc among the enemy installations in this great base. As against this big killing we lost only 17 planes and suffered moderate damage to one ship.

Meantime our marine and army force has continued to consolidate its position on the important Jap base of Eniwetok. And to the south, American destroyers have blasted the Rabaul and Kavieng bases.

Tokyo certainly has the right angle in saying that the decisive battle of the Pacific has begun. For there is far more significance in this sensational operation than

LEADS ENIWETOK ATTACK
—Marine Brig. Gen. T. E. Watson commanded units of the 22nd Marines and the 160th Army Infantry which captured Eniwetok Island in the Eniwetok atoll invasion against Jap Marshall Islands bases. (AP Wirephoto from Marine Corps).

appears in the material damage wrought, though that in itself is a heavy blow to Japan.

Bill Veto Scheduled Tuesday By FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn said today President Roosevelt would send to congress tomorrow a message vetoing the \$2,315,000,000 new tax law. The veto will be sustained, Rayburn asserted.

The speaker expressed what he called his opinion to congressmen after a conference at the White House attended by congressional democratic leaders.

Members of the house ways and means committee, where all the raising measures must be passed, said they were inclined to do nothing more about the tax bill in event of a successful veto. It provides for a new tax bill for all of 1944. Meanwhile, the taxes now would be continued.

House leaders of both parties have an agreement to side with the tax bill, but they are engaged in a struggle to get away from the capital for their birthday observance.

White House attitude toward the tax bill was echoed as it opened its session today. Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.) declared the measure "is not worthy of congress" that it "opens the door for profiteering."

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Eugene Flier In 14 Bomb Raids

(The following story, distributed by the Associated Press, was written by Staff Sergeant Alfred E. Lewis of Waterbury, Conn., a marine corps combat correspondent.)

MUNDA.—(Delayed)—Second Lieutenant Robert W. Deverell, 23-year-old marine dive bomber pilot, of 958½ Patterson street, Eugene, Ore., has bombed every Japanese airfield on Bougainville during his first tour of duty in the south Pacific, but still hasn't overcome his distaste for enemy ack-ack that bursts all around him as he goes into his dive.

The youthful pilot has been on 14 strikes against Japanese gun emplacements, harbor installations, shipping facilities, supply bases and bivouac areas, but has only been struck twice by their anti-aircraft fire.

"That was on my fifth raid and they must have had my range," Lieutenant Deverell said. "They hit me in the right wing and also knocked off the tip of one of my propellers."

"I'll never forget the day we raided the twin Jap airfields, Bonis and Buks," the lieutenant said. "Bonis is on the northern tip of Bougainville and a short distance away on a little island is the Buks airstrip. The water between the two is known as Buks passage."

"Our objective on that mission was to knock out the heavy gun emplacements which protected the two fields so other planes could come in and destroy the runways. We attacked Bonis first. As the formation came in toward the field, I sighted my target and peeled off into a dive. They had already set up a barrage of flak which I had to fly through. I dropped my bombs squarely on an emplacement housing four heavy A.A. guns. I leveled off and flew over Buks passage heading for the other strip."

"As soon as I hit the Buks side I started strafing, but the Japs were waiting for us. I was pretty low and it was like flying through a gauntlet of ack-ack. Sometimes I thought I could just reach out and touch some of those puffs. They didn't hit my plane that day, but several days later, when we attacked Kara airfield on the southern tip of Bougainville, they hit my plane twice."

The lieutenant attended Eureka high school in Eugene, Ore., where he was president of the student body. Later, he studied at the University of Oregon, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. On June 25, 1942, he enlisted as an aviation cadet and was sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, for training. He received his wings on July 3, 1943.

The lieutenant's wife is Mrs. Suzanne Deverell of Eugene.

CCC Bill Deferred

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—The house banking and currency committee deferred action today on a bill to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation's life when the administration was unable apparently to marshal sufficient committee votes to prevent any limitations from being added to the bill.

Chairman Spence (D. Ky.) said the committee would resume its discussion tomorrow.

Rep. Wolcott (R. Mich.), one of the