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Weather Forecast

Light showers today, becoming partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Light rain west of Cascades Thursday. Slightly colder tonight.

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U. S. Forces Drive Toward Manila



Virtually unopposed, American forces under General Douglas MacArthur have landed on Luzon island in the Lingayen gulf area and are driving down the highway toward Manila, 100 miles distant, news dispatches revealed today.

Japs Fall Back Before Impact Of Yank Blows on Luzon Isle

Invasion Army Rolls Toward Manila Region

Only Light Opposition Encountered in Opening Phases of Drive South

By William B. Dickinson
Light Japanese forces fell back under the impact of the American blow. So far there has been little Japanese air reaction and advancing American vanguards found the Japanese had only made half-hearted efforts to wreck bridges as they fell back in confusion.

Come To Stay
By this morning one thing was apparent—we have come to Luzon to stay.

At the southern end of the beachhead the initial obstacle was the sluggish Calmay river, connecting the Agno and Dagupan rivers, running parallel to the beachhead about two miles inland.

But there were no appreciable beach defenses and good roads and paths thread the rice paddies. San Fabian was the only Lingayen town named in initial reports as captured but others were seized, too.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who came ashore with his troops a few hours after their landing at 9:27 a. m. yesterday, said that the invasion was progressing "better than could be expected."

Despite inconsequential initial Japanese opposition the campaign was expected to develop quickly into full-scale battle.

The speed of the American advance on Manila, it was agreed, will depend on the rapidity with which the Japanese can move up their forces under the strafing attacks of our air forces.

Naval pilots reported that Japanese troops already were on the move to the north but the Japanese high command appeared to have been bewildered and confused by the complicated maneuvers of MacArthur's invasion fleet and the shattering air and naval attacks which preceded the landing.

Sgt. Ormiston Victim of Gun

S/Sgt. Phyllis E. Ormiston, whose death was reported yesterday from Kansas, died as the result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

DR. STRICKER RESIGNS

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10 (UP)—Dr. Harold M. Erickson today was acting state health officer after resignation of Dr. Frederick D. Stricker who, however, will remain in office until the change is convenient.

Lifting of \$40 Ban on Old Age Assistance Is Proposed in Bill

Oregon Legislature Completes Organization And Gets Down to Work; Measures Presented

By ERIC W. ALLEN, JR.
Salem, Ore., Jan. 10 (UP)—The Oregon legislature was officially down to serious work today, following two days of organization, preliminaries and the introduction of bills which will start the wheels rolling this week.

The senate received an early-session slate of bills yesterday afternoon when seven were introduced. Among them were the so-called "big truck" bill, which would impose permanent limitations on the size and weight of trucks in the state.

Other action proposals made at the brief sessions yesterday, included in the senate—

Committee Proposed
A resolution proposing a tax-studying committee, and a resolution which would create a committee to investigate the liquor control commission of the state, in conformity with the request made by Gov. Earl Snell at a joint session on the first day.

Bills to amend income tax laws, providing permission of filing of separate returns by husband and wife in any proportion they see fit; creating a state hospital in Portland for mentally diseased; construction of a governor's dwelling, not to exceed \$100,000; prohibiting gift taxation upon persons who filed tax returns under the now invalid community property law, and to revoke the community property status and to restore property titles as before.

Only two noteworthy measures were proposed. One to change filing time for candidates before state elections; the other to validate stickers now in use in lieu of metal automobile license plates.

Signs of Spring Reported in Bend

Even the weatherman admitted today that the weather is springlike, as the temperature reached the 50 degree mark for the fifth consecutive day, but he warned that the forecast calls for a bit cooler weather tonight.

Backing up the weatherman, in his remarks about spring, Mrs. Steven Zubar, 123 St. Helens place, this morning reported she had spotted a robin.

And, it was reported from various parts of Bend, seed catalogs have appeared.

Roadside Council Seeks 'Freeways'

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10 (UP)—Directors of the Oregon roadside council have adopted a resolution urging the passage of a bill by the Oregon state legislature which will provide for construction of "limited access highways" or "freeways" as a part of the state highway program.

The freeways are expected to meet modern requirements for mass transportation.

German Army Hurls Fresh Panzer Divisions Into Budapest Battle; Red Lines Rolled Back

London, Jan. 10 (UP)—The German army hurled fresh panzer divisions into the battle for Budapest today in a series of lunging tank drives that rolled back the Russian siege lines within 15 miles west and northwest of the burning city.

One of the war's decisive battles was in full swing on a 30-mile front extending southward from the Danube river bend, with the Germans committing great masses of men and armor in an all-out attempt to salvage Hitler's last major satellite capital and the remnants of 80,000 axis troops trapped in its ruins.

Moscow dispatches admitted the Russians were giving ground at some points before superior German numbers, but the soviet morning communique said all attempts at a breakthrough had been blocked and that the enemy's casualties were piling up by the thousands.

Final Great Battle for Islands May Be Fought Not Very Far From Manila, on Open Plains

U. S. Troopers Ram Inland "Like Tigers Who Have Tasted Blood," Says General Krueger; American Casualties Are Reported Not Heavy

By RALPH TEATSORTH
Aboard Admiral Kinkaid's flagship, Off Luzon Beachhead, Jan. 10 (UP)—American troops today rumbled inland toward the broad Luzon plains leading to Manila, 100 miles away, like "tigers who have tasted blood."

The characterization was that of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger of the Sixth army as he directed the big forces pushing forward against Japanese opposition that was still light and disorganized.

Already they were driving past the rice paddies of the coastal area toward the plains where the final great battle of the Philippines was expected to be fought.

In the initial phase of the operation there were practically no American casualties and only a handful of Japanese. One American observer said: "The Japs refused to fight." Others said the Japanese defense had been confused by the complicated maneuvers and terrific strafing of the American air and naval forces.

The Luzon attack force comprised more than 800 ships—the greatest armada ever assembled in the Pacific.

Shore Defenses Hit
Actually, the battle really began three days before our landing at 9:27 a. m. Tuesday.

On the morning of Jan. 6 Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid's Seventh fleet steamed into Lingayen gulf and methodically pulverized the Japanese defense installations.

Pre-Pearl Harbor battleships, heavy and light cruisers and aircraft carriers laid down a continuous barrage while minesweepers and demolition teams quickly cleared the gulf of mines—surprisingly few were found—and cleaned up the landing beaches.

The bombardment group was commanded by Vice Admiral H. D. Oldendorf.

For three days this group worked under the open observation of the Japanese.

Batteries Silenced
Japanese batteries dominating the entrance to the gulf at San Diego island on the western side and Porong point on the east were knocked out.

This phase of the operation was not costly but in the five days of air attack prior to the landings some of our warships were hit. The Japanese paid a greater price. They threw all the planes they could get into the air at us but their airfields throughout the Philippines and Formosa were being attacked by Admiral William F. Halsey's carrier planes and by the 5th and 13th army air forces.

Nippons Attack Ships With Hand Grenades
MacArthur Headquarters, Jan. 10 (UP)—An NBC broadcast from Luzon said Japanese troops "gone mad" swam out into Lingayen gulf last night and threw hand grenades at American ships.

"That was just like throwing a snowball at a hot stove," the broadcast said.

Data Released On Results of Survey of Milk

Milk is being produced in Central Oregon, including Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties, under unsanitary conditions, with pasteurization in all sections below the accepted government standards, it was asserted here today by Dr. Wayne S. Ramsey, public health officer for the three counties.

Dr. Ramsey's report was based upon the results of a recent sanitation survey made by representatives of the Oregon State health department and the United States Public Health Service.

The survey was made by V. C. Morgan, state sanitarian, and Lt. Harold Wainess, assistant sanitarian for the U. S. Public Health Service at the request of the cities of Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras. Their report made several recommendations, including that:

Bend employ a milk inspector and adopt regulatory measures embodying sanitation recommendations made by the investigators; that Redmond adopt similar "control measures"; that Prineville adopt a control ordinance providing arrangements are first made for its enforcement; and it was suggested that Madras and Sisters also "improve sanitation conditions."

Milk Inspected
Morgan and Wainess confined their inspections to milk from its raw state and through pasteurization, it was said. Inspection of herds and livestock is a function of the state agriculture department.

The campaign against tuberculosis and the Bang's disease among cattle in Deschutes county, is meeting with satisfaction, Dr. R. L. Lewis, Redmond county herd inspector, reported today. Of 3,512 cattle inspected during 1944, only two were found to have tuberculosis and 47 suffering from Bang's disease. This stock was slaughtered.

In each case the investigators found that producers were using untreated ditch water for the cleansing of utensils and equipment, and it was urged that this practice be stopped in accordance with the "Standard Milk Ordinance" as published by the U. S. public health service.

Referring to the use of untreated ditch water, the report said:

"The fact that such a condition has been going on for many years (Continued on Page 5)

Japs Believed To Have Quit Exposed Coast

Washington, Jan. 10 (UP)—Authoritative military observers said today that American forces on Luzon in the Philippines probably are meeting serious Japanese opposition by now, most likely in the region of the Agno river some 30 miles inland from the Lingayen gulf beachheads.

These observers said the "Japs have learned better by now" than to attempt strong resistance at beaches themselves, because of the terrific pre-invasion bombardments to which those areas are subjected.

The combined naval-air bombardment, plus the rocket ships which immediately preceded the landing boats, are of such intensity that any resisting force on the beach is rendered completely impotent, the observers said.

Japs Move Inland
Consequently, the Japanese have learned to setup their main defense points inland, where it is much more difficult to spot them and pound them with naval guns.

These observers believed that there were five or six concentrations of Japanese forces on Luzon designed to stop the American advances. The first of these is probably directly behind Lingayen gulf—along the Agno—with a second slightly to the north set for a flanking attack.

A third force is believed to be on the northernmost part of Luzon to resist a possible American landing from this direction. However, it can not be brought to bear rapidly on the American forces because it is cut off by rough terrain and jungle.

Big Naval Battle Looms Near Isles

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 10 (UP)—Admiral William F. Halsey's Third fleet got set today for another and perhaps final showdown battle with the remnants of Japan's fleet after wrecking 156 enemy ships and 593 planes in eight days of raids on her bases from Luzon to the Ryukyus.

With the American invasion of Luzon, the chips were down in the Pacific war and most sources here expected some climactic naval developments within the next 60 days. The Japanese probably will throw most, if not all, of their remaining battleships, carriers, and other warships into a final effort to save their disintegrating empire, these sources said.

Units Challenged
Tokyo broadcasts indicated some surface units already may have challenged the American Seventh fleet in the Lingayen gulf invasion area. A "severe naval air battle" was under way one broadcast said, but it did not make clear whether Japanese participation was limited to air forces.

But it was on the Third fleet, with its mighty carrier force capable of putting 1,000 or more planes in the air at once, that the main thrust of warding off any Japanese counterblow was expected to fall.

Foe Quits Bulge Trap

Nazi Defenses Fold Suddenly As Yanks Gain

Paris, Jan. 10 (UP)—German panzer divisions broke off contact with the British at the western end of the Ardennes pocket and fled eastward today in a last-minute break to escape envelopment by converging American forces that crushed in the waist of the salient to nine miles or less.

Fast-moving patrols stabbed across the Homme river and pushed on within 20 miles of Houffalize in hot pursuit of the retreating nazis. Strong armored and infantry formations were advancing more slowly in their wake, hampered by six-foot snowdrifts and vast minefields strewn across the path of the enemy withdrawal.

The German retreat coincided with a sudden crack in the Nazi defenses along the southern and northern flanks of the salient, and all accounts indicated that Marshal Karl von Rundstedt was pulling back his forces for a last-ditch stand in the center of the bulge.

American First army troops hammered out small gains all along the northern wall of the Ardennes against generally weaker resistance than at any time since the start of the counteroffensive a week ago today.

At the northwestern corner of the salient, however, the Germans still were fighting savagely and in force to hold the road hub of La Roche, apparently to keep open a line of retreat for their armored divisions in the west.

Units of the American Second armored division blasted their way forward yard by yard to within 1,000 yards north of La Roche early today, and other tank and infantry elements of the same outfit were locked in a violent battle for Samree, three miles to the east.

Field dispatches said the Germans were strongly entrenched with tanks and mobile 88-millimeter guns along a high ridge dominating Samree and laying a murderous fire down on the attacking Americans. The nazis also were reported firing V-bombs point-blank into the doughboys in an attempt to stem their advance.

At last reports, the Americans had reached the outskirts of Samree and were punching into the town.

Airliner Crashes and Burns; 24 Passengers Reported Dead

Tragedy Occurs in Hills Near Los Angeles; All Aboard Big Air Cruiser Service Plane

Los Angeles, Jan. 10 (UP)—A New York-Los Angeles bound American airliner with 24 aboard crashed and burned in the foothills here today after circling the fog-shrouded airport and heading for an emergency field.

All 21 passengers were members of the armed forces and their names were withheld pending notification of next of kin. There appeared to be no survivors.

It apparently flew into a knoll immediately after Capt. J. R. McCauley radioed that he was turning back. The plane was 25 minutes overdue when it circled the airport at 4 a. m., and turned back for an emergency field in the desert.

It crashed in the foothills about five miles northeast of the Burbank air terminal, in the La Crescenta region.

The fog which led to the crash also held searchplanes on the ground, and it was six hours before the lifting veil disclosed wreckage of the ship on the hillside.

Shortly before 10 o'clock a watcher in the airport control tower spotted wreckage high on the sloping foothills.

The watcher was unable to determine from that distance whether there was any sign of life, and automobiles left at once for the scene.

The ship was on a regular flight from New York here and had made its last stop at Phoenix.

Huge Air Fleet Back in Action

London, Jan. 10 (UP)—An American air fleet of almost 1,500 planes, resuming the aerial offensive against Germany after a one-day lull, hammered Nazi air defenses, rail bridges, and vital communication lines close to the western front today.

The force, comprising more than 1,100 Flying Fortresses and Liberators and about 300 fighters, lashed at German army supply funnels from Cologne south to Karlsruhe.

Four airbases and landing grounds were hit in the vicinity of Bonn, Cologne and Euskirchen, together with road and rail bridges across the Rhine at Cologne; rail bridges and junctions along the Belgo-German frontier at the mouth of the Ardennes salient, and a large rail yard at Karlsruhe, at the southern end of the front.

Pickup of Paper Set for Sunday

Seeking to encourage a greater saving of discarded paper by Bend residents, the paper salvage committee of the Junior chamber of commerce today promised to make more frequent pickups of bundles "to bring about a successful and quicker peace."

The committee members said that "we feel that many magazines and much worthwhile paper is going to the dump instead of the paper depot, and we urge that all this paper be saved."

The salvage committee has set next Sunday for a general pickup of paper throughout Bend. Since the paper will be moved from the streets direct to Portland, the committee asked that particular care be used in securely tying the bundles or boxing the paper.

Trucks will follow the same route as in former pickups, it was announced. This route will appear in The Bulletin before Sunday.

Women Revealed In German Lines

With U. S. Second Armored Division, Belgium, Jan. 10 (UP)—A half-dozen German women were captured at the front yesterday by T-4 V. C. Dye of Sikiston, Mo., who found them crouching in front-line foxholes.

None of the women were armed but, as their captor remarked, "They were pretty far forward to be going around without guns."

The women, apparently ambulance drivers or camp followers, were wearing regulation German uniforms with white cover suits to blend with snow.