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SOVIETS REACH ODER ALONG 75 MILE FRONT TWO U. S. DIVISIONS RACE TOWARD MANILA

Capital's Fall Believed Near; Nips Helpless

Foe Is Reported Well
Pinned Down in Hills
As Yank Forces Gain

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Feb. 3 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in a visit to his front line troops battling toward Manila, said today he believed that American forces would reach the Philippines capital tomorrow, a front dispatch reported.

By William B. Dickinson
(United Press War Correspondent)

General MacArthur Headquarters, Luzon, Feb. 3 (AP)—Vanguards of two American divisions sped down parallel highways less than 20 miles north of Manila today and liberation of the Philippines capital appeared imminent.

Japan's three-year reign of terror and starvation in Manila was entering its last hours just 26 days after the landing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's liberating army on the shores of Lingayen gulf, 110 miles to the north.

Caught off balance by the multiple American attacks and with their main forces pinned down impotently in the northern hills around Baguio, the Japanese apparently had little or nothing with which to oppose the armed columns sweeping down on the capital.

Light Resistance Met

Motorized outsiders of the U. S. 37th infantry and first cavalry divisions were meeting only scattered resistance in their parallel advance through the northern approaches to Manila, and their was every prospect that their battle flags would be raised over the city before the close of the week-end.

Official headquarters reports, admittedly lagging more than 36 hours behind the event, said the 37th had finally worked out of the swampy bottleneck at Calumpit area, 17 1/2 miles north of Manila, by Thursday night.

A few miles to the east, veteran troopers of the first cavalry were pushing down highway five below Sabang, 23 miles north of Manila, after a breakneck 57-mile advance in 24 hours.

Cavalry Strikes East
The first cavalry, entering the battle of Luzon for the first time Wednesday night, struck eastward along the Manila north road from Guimban and then south into highway five.

Cabanatuan, Santa Rosa and Gapan all fell in swift succession, completely severing communications between the Japanese forces in north and south Luzon. Strong armored patrols raced 24 miles past Gapan to reach Sabang by nightfall Thursday.

The stiffest Japanese resistance was met at the Pampanga river crossings just above Cabanatuan, ported by light tankettes put up where some 300 enemy troops sped a short, sharp battle that ended in (Continued on Page 3)

Drive for Funds At Halfway Point

More than half of the \$10,000 industrial fund being raised by the chamber of commerce has been collected, it was reported today, following a meeting yesterday of the chamber directors. A report submitted by the committee showed that \$5,200 already has been donated to the fund.

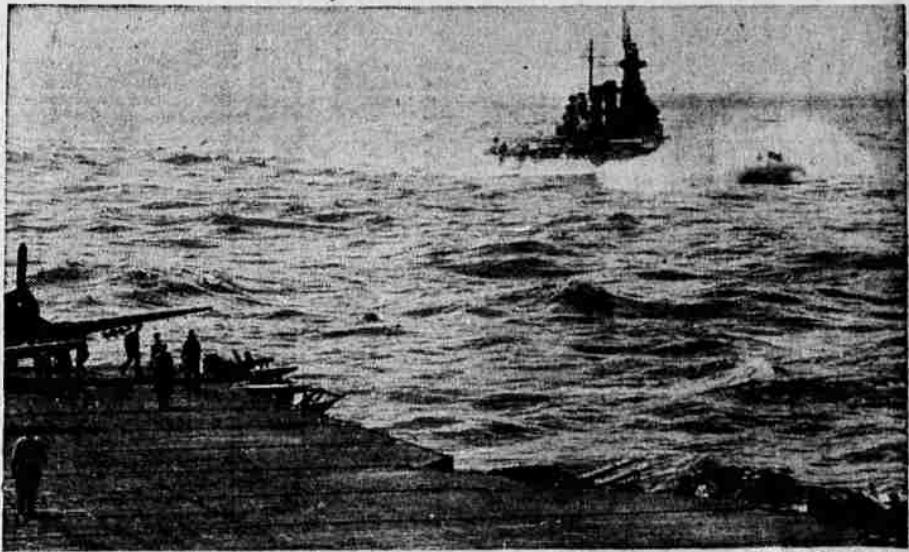
The drive for voluntary contributions closes on Feb. 12. At that time an organization of donors will be set up to administer the fund and study possible postwar industrial development for Bend.

In commenting on the progress to date, Carl A. Johnson, president of the chamber and chairman of the special committee, said that he was gratified with the voluntary response. He said that the committee believed that next week would bring in voluntary contributions to swell the industrial fund to the total that must be raised.

The directors received written reports from the fish and game, industrial and aviation committees, and approved all committee appointments for 1945.

Yanks Penetrate Siegfried Line

Heavy Seas in South Pacific



(NEA Telephoto)
The USS North Carolina digs her bow into a heavy sea somewhere in the South Pacific, throwing huge "feathers" of water ahead of her as she bucks ahead. Photo was taken from an accompanying aircraft carrier, with a portion of the flight deck showing in the foreground. U. S. Navy photo.

Nippons Destroy Installations As U. S. Forces Near Manila

Columns of Smoke Seen Billowing Up From
Capital as Yank Armies Rapidly Converge

By H. D. QUIGG
(United Press War Correspondent)

With the 37th Division Approaching Manila, Feb. 3—11 A. M. (AP)—The Japanese have begun the destruction of some of their installations in Manila and from this forward position I can see two columns of grey-white smoke rising and spreading like a cloud over the city.

Now we are going forward again and our entry into the city cannot be long delayed.

Filipino refugees are streaming from the city as our troops advance. Our advance forces are encountering only slight resistance but the engineers are struggling desperately to replace the destroyed bridges over the numerous streams and keep our columns moving.

Civil Service Bill Goes Into Hopper

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—A bill to provide a system of retirement, disability and death benefits for officers of the state, and its subdivisions, entered the house today.

It is a companion bill to one introduced yesterday which calls for the establishment of a civil service system in the state.

The bill, which appropriates \$50,000 to start the program, calls for retirement pay amounting to about half of the average salary of the officer. It is payable after a person reaches 60 or 65 years, according to certain circumstances.

Two other bills introduced to the house today amend the 1943 law which provided for income and excise tax refunds contingent upon the passing of a sales tax law. Such a law was defeated at the general election in November.

Several veterans bills were introduced today. Among their provisions are:

Preference for veterans in county, city, town, municipal corporation and other public jobs; automatic extension of military leave of absence to state officers in military service; credit to veterans in civil service examinations and the broadening of the limitations upon the construction of community center for members of the armed services.

Tokyo Surmises U. S. Lacks Fliers

(By United Press)
Radio Tokyo Saturday diverted minds of its listeners away from the impending fall of Manila with a whopper about the body of a "woman crew member" allegedly found in the wreckage of a Liberator bomber Jan. 31, near Clark field.

The enemy broadcast, recorded by United Press in San Francisco, said the asserted discovery revealed the "dire shortage of U. S. fighting service personnel, particularly in the air force."

"It is recalled in this connection," the broadcast said, "that our forces on this front recently discovered crew members of enemy fighter planes shot down on this front to be mostly middle-aged men over 40."

10 Bids Received For Canal Work

Ten bids were opened in the Bend offices of the Bureau of Reclamation today, for contracts to construct approximately eight miles of laterals for the North unit irrigation project. Lowest bidder was the United Construction company, Seattle, at \$101,395.

Other bids were:

R. O. Heinz, Portland, \$120,450; E. C. Hall, Portland, \$120,945; Tolley Construction company, Zillah, Wash., \$123,780; Babler and Conley, Portland; \$138,290; Northwestern Engineering company, Rapid City, N. D., \$143,785; C. J. Eldon, Portland, \$159,067.50; J. M. Ontaga and sons, Portland, \$177,440; E. B. Bishop, Oreg., Cal., \$184,963; and McNutt Brothers, Eugene, \$187,438.

Culver Lateral Planned

The contract is for the construction of a lateral from the main canal, extending from a point near Juniper butte northward to the vicinity of Culver. The project involves the excavation of approximately 120,000 cubic yards of earth and rock, and the laying of hundreds of feet of different sized concrete pipe.

At the same time it was announced at the bureau offices that the contract for the building of approximately 10 miles of the main canal in Jefferson county, has been awarded to E. B. Bishop of Oreg., Cal. Bishop bid \$333,803. Lowest bidder on this project was Strong and McDonald, Tacoma, but their bid was rejected because they asked longer than the allotted 100 days to complete the work.

Truck, Road Bills Due for Hearing

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Three controversial truck and highway bills are due for a hearing next week in an attempt to iron out differences of various interested parties.

One bill would enact penalties for overweight logging trucks on a sliding scale; another would eliminate the dumping of logs from overloaded trucks and let them proceed to their destination at 10 miles per hour under a flag, and a third would give the counties 20 per cent of highway commission funds instead of the current 15.7 per cent.

Traffic was resumed over the Oregon Trunk line between Bend and Wisram today, after workmen had "broken a hole through" the wreckage of two freight trains in the gorge at Oakbrook, where two trainmen were fatally injured and others were injured in a head-on collision of the trains Thursday.

R. P. Jeffrey, local agent for the line, reported that the main line had been cleared at 9:45 a. m., and that he expected normal traffic to prevail. Blocking of the tracks by the wreckage caused late delivery of mail to Bend, as it was necessary to truck it from Wisram to a train at Maupia.

Fatal services for Charles Wilson, 64, Bend resident and one of the two men killed in the train crashes in the Deschutes gorge, have not yet been completed. Services are being held in abeyance pending the arrival of a brother, Mrs. Wilson was in The Dalles today.

Entire Western Front on Move; Barrier Yields

U. S. Troopers Penetrate
First Two Tiers of Line;
Panzer Divisions Targets

Paris, Feb. 3 (AP)—American doughboys broke out of the Monschau forest within four miles of the German highway center Schleiden today in a sudden burst of power that carried half-way through the Siegfried line at its strongest point.

The break-through on the northern wing of the American offensive front sparked a general advance all along the U. S. First and Third army lines into and over the fringes of Germany's vaunted west wall.

Far to the south, the French First army all but eliminated the stubborn German pocket west of the Rhine around Colmar and won more than half of the city itself in a bloody, close-in street fight.

There was no immediate word on allied aerial operations this morning, but reports still were coming in on the wholesale destruction heaped on Germany's battered western railway system yesterday and last night.

Railroad Cars Blasted
In 18 hours of blistering attack, American and British fliers destroyed more than 1,600 rail cars, at least 26 locomotives and several hundred motor vehicles immediately behind the western front.

Reconnaissance reports indicated that the German panzer divisions rushed out of the Ardennes bulge two weeks ago to help stem the red army drive on Berlin still were floundering about on the broken railway lines west of the capital, practically immobilized by the Anglo-American bombing offensive.

Infantrymen of the U. S. Second division were out in front of the Elstang assault on the Siegfried line with a three-mile advance from Wahlerscheid to the eastern edge of the Monschau forest.

Road Forks Reached
Moving along the main highway from Monschau to Schleiden, Euskirchen and the Rhine, the Americans late yesterday reached a point about four miles west of Schleiden where a secondary road forks up six miles northeastward to Germond, 11 miles due east of Monschau.

The drive carried all the way through the first two tiers of Siegfried line fortifications laced through the Monschau forest. The Germans had built a double wall at that point to cover the southern flank of the Cologne plain, and apparently were planning to make their main stand in the second line—believed to run back to Schleiden.

Swinging abreast of the Second division, elements of the Ninth infantry farther north burst through the center of the Monschau forest to overrun another big belt of the west wall.

SALARY BILL PRESENTED

Salem, Feb. 3 (AP)—Representatives William Niskanen of Deschutes county and Burt Snyder of the Lake-Deschutes district yesterday introduced a bill to increase the salary of the justice of the peace in Deschutes county district No. 1, Bend, from \$1200 to \$1500.

The Berlin attack was carried out by an all-Fortress task force. There seemed little doubt that the American bombers had struck a savage blow at the beleaguered Nazi capital already jam-packed with thousands of fleeing refugees from eastern Germany and feverishly engaged in building street barricades and tank traps to halt the onrushing Russians.

The effect of the bombardment upon the network of German rail and highway transport radiating out of Berlin was also expected to be deadly. The railroads and highways are already clogged with refugees pouring back from the

'Big 3' Believed Considering Armistice Terms for Germans

Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt Reported
Meeting in Russia; Tokyo Also Has Version

London, Feb. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin were believed studying armistice terms for Germany today at their "big three" conference.

There were a number of signs that the long-awaited meeting finally had begun, with the approval of terms for a defeated Reich the most urgent item of the agenda.

Though official secrecy cloaked the site of the meeting, unconfirmed reports placed it somewhere in southern Russia. A Tokyo broadcast, however, said the three allied leaders were "reportedly" in session in Cairo.

The Japanese-controlled Singapore radio guessed the meeting was being held at a "Romanian Black sea port."

Terms Drawn Up
The European advisory commission was understood to have drafted armistice terms for Germany for final approval of Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. Washington sources said the terms were put in textual form and initiated by the commission some weeks ago.

Nature of the terms was not known. As in the case of Italy, they probably will not be published immediately, if at all.

While there was no indication of impending German collapse, it was believed the "big three" wished to be prepared in the event that the Germans decide to capitulate when the red army reaches Berlin.

The lightning-like soviet drive into eastern Germany gave the armistice question precedence over pressing political problems affecting Poland, Greece, and Yugoslavia.

Five Bills Backed
By Both Houses

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Bills passing the two houses of the legislature today included:

(In the house)—
Provision for the restoring of the voting privilege to persons at one time convicted of a felony.
Creation of a board of examiners in watchmaking and setting up regulations and standards.

(In the senate)—
Requirement that voters must re-register if they have not voted in last two preceding elections.

Limitation of the amount of land a county may lease for mineral rights.

The senate also passed and sent to the governor a house memorial which asks that the national guard be included in postwar military plans.

Tumalo to Hold Polio Benefit

Under the sponsorship of the under with Mrs. Fred Shepard in charge, a polio benefit dance is to be held in the Tumalo hall tonight, with proceeds to go into the relief fund. Boys from the Redmond air field have been invited to attend, as have Bend residents. A birthday cake will be cut.

A polio benefit dance will also be held in Terrebonne tonight, Mrs. J. F. Arnold, Bend, county chairman, has announced. Mrs. B. C. Allen is in charge.

Shevlin, where Maurice Lyons is chairman, has contributed \$50.42 to the infantile paralysis proceeds, Mrs. Arnold said.

ICE BOX MISSING

Seattle, Feb. 3 (AP)—Mrs. Cecil Taylor told the sheriff's office she went next door to visit a neighbor this morning and when she came back her electric icebox was missing—all seven cubic feet of it.

Handbag Ruined
In Bend Blaze

Volunteer firemen raced from all parts of Bend, and fire equipment made one of its record dashes to the Pilot Butte inn this morning to find—

One cloth woman's hand bag destroyed by fire!

Firemen were frankly puzzled to know what caused the handbag to catch fire as it lay on a table in the help's dining room on the third floor. Smoke billowed throughout the third floor of the hotel but the hand bag had burned out when firemen had reached the scene after a breath-taking dash up the stairs.

Units Not Large
The navy spokesman said that all remaining Japanese naval units still afloat could possibly equal the size of a strong American task force but "couldn't touch" Adm. William F. Halsey's pile-driver task group which is only one of several such units of the U. S. Pacific fleet.

Hinting that aerial reconnaissance planes may already have spied out the main remaining forces of the Mikado's sea arm, the spokesman said "the time is coming soon" when the enemy will no longer be able to hide his fleet units.

"The time is coming," he declared, "when, if the Japanese fleet does not come out to fight we're going to search them out and sink them in their harbors."

Nazis Assert River Crossed At One Point

Bad Weather and Snow
Slow Russians; German
Defense Also Stiffens

London, Feb. 3 (AP)—The German high command tactically admitted today that the Red army had won most of a 75-mile stretch of the east bank of the Oder river curving around Berlin at a distance ranging between 30 and 68 miles.

As Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's forces pushed within 33 miles of Berlin's city limits, the United States Eighth air force laid aerial siege to the capital with more than 1,000 heavy bombers.

Moscow dispatches reported that strong Russian forces were storming Frankfurt and Kustrin, twin anchors of the Oder river defense line before Berlin.

Crossing Admitted
A Nazi military commentator left-handedly acknowledged a Russian crossing of the river in the Kustrin area, claiming that Soviet shock troops were "cleared from the east bank of the Oder" there.

The German high command's daily communique, issued more than an hour later usual without explanation, said:

"On the Oder between Crossen and the Oder bend, enemy attacks against our bridgehead positions were repelled, partly by counterattacks."

Thus the high command put the official label of "bridgeheads" on the remaining German positions east of the Oder in the long stretch between the elbow 30 miles northeast of Berlin and Crossen, on its east bank 68 miles southeast of Berlin and 33 miles southeast of Frankfurt.

Data Lacking
The number and depth of the "bridgeheads" amidst the Soviet forces massing on the east bank of the Oder for a plunge at Berlin was not specified.

The Nazi communique said the Germans were counterattacking in the area of Steinau, northwest of Breslau, and in the area of Reppen, 12 miles east of Frankfurt, but their operations appeared to be mainly defensive in desperate efforts to check the Soviet drive against the last natural barrier short of Berlin.

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Navy to Search For Nippon Fleet

Washington, Feb. 3 (AP)—The United States navy, secure in its strength as the greatest sea force the world has ever known, is just about ready to search out the remnants of the Japanese navy wherever they may be hiding and "sink them in their harbors."

This announcement, made by a navy department spokesman, revealed that the Mikado's mighty fleet which once dealt the U. S. a crippling blow at Pearl Harbor is now no bigger than a single American task force.

The announcement also disclosed that the U. S. has sunk or damaged the huge total of 3,108 Japanese warships and freighters since Dec. 7, 1941.

And from figures reported by the navy department and Pacific fleet communicues reporters drew the conclusion that we are now destroying or damaging more than 50 enemy vessels every week.

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1,000 U. S. Bombers Blast Military Objectives in Berlin

London, Feb. 3 (AP)—American heavy bombers more than 1,000 strong today struck at military objectives in the heart of Berlin.

The Eighth air force attack was in direct support of the Red army columns hammering at the Oder river line only 33 miles to the east—a distance readily visible from the height at which the American strategic bombers drop their deadly cargo.

The Berlin assault was the major effort of the U. S. strategic air force, but more than 400 other Liberators struck at the Barbag synthetic oil plant in Rothensee, a suburb of Magdeburg, and at the Madeburg freight yards.

The American heavy bombers dropped between 2,000 and 2,500 tons of high explosives and incendiaries on Berlin in one of the heaviest daylight assaults ever delivered against the Reich capital.

The huge fleet of American bombers was screened by swarms of Mustangs and Thunderbolt fighters in anticipation that the Luftwaffe would rise in challenge to the attack.

Nearly 2,500 planes of the Eighth air force were operating today in excellent flying weather.