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Trapped Japs In Manila Kill Many Filipinos

End of Battle in Sight, MacArthur Says After Fall of Cavite, Nichols

By William B. Dickerson (United Press War Correspondent) Manila, Feb. 14 (UP)—Nichols Field and the United States navy's wrecked anchorage at Cavite were back in American hands today and Gen. Douglas MacArthur proclaimed triumphantly that the end of the battle for Manila is in sight.

Streets Barricaded Inside the old walled city, where the bulk of the enemy garrison was digging in for a last stand, the Japanese barricaded the streets and ordered all civilians into their homes.

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At Cavite, which was burned once by the Americans before they abandoned it in December, 1941, and now again by the Japanese, MacArthur's troops captured 10 enemy seaplanes and a battery of three-inch guns intact.

Armored spearheads of the U. S. First cavalry division, meanwhile, broke through to Manila bay north of the 11th airborne, clearing the Pasay district, and wheeled north toward the walled city.

The 37th infantry division also was moving in on the walled city from the east and southeast, in conjunction with the first cavalry.

Japs Lose 68,000 MacArthur announced that the Japanese so far have suffered more than 68,000 casualties in the five-week Luzon campaign.

Eighty-five miles northeast of Manila, troops of the sixth armored division cut clear across Luzon to win their second hold on the island's east coast at Baler.

JOHNSON RESIGNS Canberra, Feb. 14 (UP)—Nelson T. Johnson, American minister to Australia and dean of the diplomatic corps at Canberra, announced today that he has resigned and said he hoped to return to the United States in April.

Veiled Betrayer Puts Finger Of Death on Manila Filipinos

By Ralph Teasorth (United Press War Correspondent) Manila, Feb. 14 (UP)—A veiled betrayer, working for the enemy, put the finger on scores of purported Filipino guerrillas who forthwith were bayoneted, burned alive or machine-gunned, it was disclosed today.

Big Air Fleet Hits Formosa, Tokyo Reports

Nearly 100 American planes raided southern Formosa in daylight Monday and Tuesday, a Japanese Domei broadcast recorded by the FCC said today.

Sixty Liberators and Mitchell bombers, presumably from the Philippines, bombed and strafed military installations, communications and villages in the Tokyo and Tainan sectors yesterday.

Industrial Fund Still Under Goal The portion of the Bend industrial fund to be raised by Bend business and property owners is still approximately \$2,500 short of the \$10,000 required.

Proposals Need Study Several possibilities for post-war industrial development are already under consideration, and these should be transferred to a city-wide organization for further study and action, Johnson said.

It is imperative, Johnson said, that the \$2,500 be secured as quickly as possible so that the permanent organization can be set up and start to function.

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Wilbur A. McLeod Aboard Lost Ship

Wilbur Arnold McLeod, radio man 1/c, was reported by Bend friends today to have been aboard the carrier Ommaney Bay, reported to have been sunk recently in an engagement with the enemy in the south Pacific area.

Writer Predicts Nazi Revolution

New York, Feb. 14 (UP)—Henry T. Gorrell, United Press war correspondent recently returned from the western front, said last night that he believed the war in Europe would end with a revolution inside Germany in which the old-time German army and the people's army would unite to overthrow the storm troopers and the gestapo.

JAP RECORDS SEIZED Newell, Cal., Feb. 14 (UP)—Security officers of the war relocation authority have raided headquarters of two illegally operated Japanese political clubs at the Tule Lake segregation center and seized "subversive" records.

Canadian Push Probing Close To Strongholds

Offensive Now Only 28 Miles From Ruhr Valley; Patton Widens Corridor

Paris, Feb. 14 (UP)—Shock troops of the Canadian First army battled through fierce German opposition less than three miles from the Rhineland strongholds of Goch and Calcar today.

Both sides were throwing increasingly heavy armored and infantry forces into the sodden Rhineland plain, and field dispatched staff elements of the seven Nazi divisions already had been identified in the battle.

Corridor Widened Far to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third army widened and deepened its corridor through the Siegfried line beyond Pruem and added a few hundred bitterly-contested yards to its bridgeheads on German soil across the Sure and Our rivers.

On a front of almost 100 miles between the attacking Canadian and American forces, three other allied armies still were poised along the west bank of the Roer river, waiting to join the assault on Germany's west wall.

Berlin spokesmen, after predicting for a week that the Roer offensive was about to explode at any hour, began boasting that their partial destruction of the Roer dams had completely disrupted the allied timetable.

Enemy broadcasts asserted that the Roer floods had not yet subsided and that the swampy terrain would hold up the expected offensive for days or even weeks after the waters receded.

Mud and floods already were hampering the Canadian First army drive in the north, turning the attack into a semi-amphibious operation. At many points, the Canadian and British troops were moving forward in amphibious tanks and assault boats while artillerymen dragged their guns through waist-deep water to keep pace with the advance.

Clearing skies yesterday and early today brought allied warplanes out in great strength to support the attack with a series of smashing blows against German troop concentrations and communications lines all the way back to the middle reaches of the Rhine.

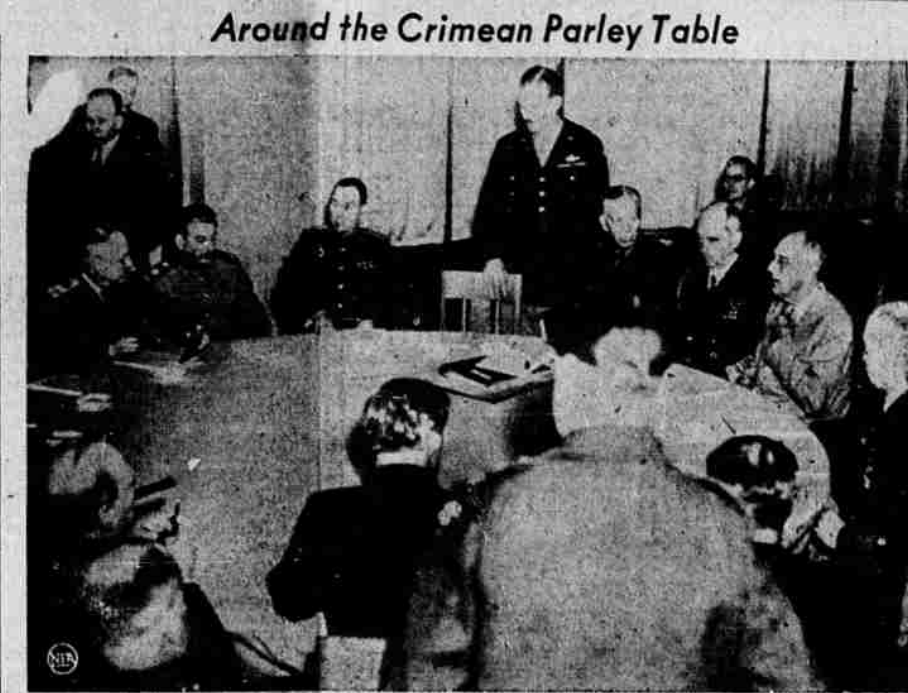
Soldier Sentence Cut to 5 Years

Washington, Feb. 14 (UP)—The sentence of Pvt. Henry Weber, Vancouver, Wash., soldier at Camp Roberts, Calif., has been reduced from death to five years' imprisonment for disobeying orders of an officer.

Bill Protested In protesting the bill, the sportsmen expressed the opinion that the addition of Sparks and South Twin lakes would be discriminatory against bait anglers.

Burns Woman Dies Under Heavy Train Burns, Ore., Feb. 14 (UP)—Funeral services were being planned today for Mrs. Julia Jennings, 80, of Burns, who was struck and killed by a logging train about a half mile from Burns late yesterday, according to state police.

Forest Lab Approved Salem, Ore., Feb. 14 (UP)—Legislation setting up a forest products laboratory at Oregon State college under the state board of forestry was passed by the senate today and sent to the house.



A general view of the conference table the first day of the conference, showing Marshal Stalin on the left and President on the right. Prime Minister Churchill has his back to the camera. With the president are Admiral Leahy and Gen. Marshall. Taken at the palace at Yalta in Crimea, Russia. Signal corps photo from Acme.

Foe Expected to Scrap Rules Of War; May Use Poison Gas

Crimean Declarations Anger German Leaders; Thefts of Arms Also Worry Hitler Henchmen

London, Feb. 14 (UP)—European dispatches said today that Germany has proclaimed her intention of scrapping the rules of war for a "no-holds-barred" fight to the death as a result of the "Big Three" Crimean declaration.

The new policy was said to have been set forth yesterday by Paul Schmidt, official spokesman for the German foreign office, in an angry outburst at the Wilhelmstrasse over the joint statement of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Stockholm sources speculated that Schmidt's statement might foreshadow German use of poison gas. The death sentence outlined for Germany in the Crimean declaration frees the reich of "all moral obligations" to abide by the rules of war.

Grim War Ahead "The Germans henceforth will conduct the war with all suitable means, no matter how grim their effect," Schmidt said.

Reliable reports reaching Stockholm from Berlin said Nazi authorities were concerned over extensive thefts of arms from Volksturm (home guard) barracks outside Berlin.

NO GAS, NO PRISONER New York, Feb. 14 (UP)—Bronx detectives were not sure today that rationing is a good thing. They were holding a man on suspicion of theft for Knoxville, Tenn., police. Then came a telegram: "Chief refuses make application for gas to bring prisoner back. Please release him."

U.S.S. Ommaney Bay Lost in Enemy Action; Skipper Reveals Casualties Are Under 100

Washington, Feb. 14 (UP)—The skipper of the sunken escort carrier Ommaney Bay told today how severely wounded men were strapped to cots rigged with life preservers, lowered over the sides of the burning ship, and floated in the sea until rescued.

The skipper, Capt. Howard L. Young, revealed that there were fewer than 100 casualties. He said the loss of life was remarkably small in view of the bad hits suffered by the ship. All of its planes went down with the ship.

Young disclosed that the Ommaney Bay had to be sunk by torpedoes from American ships after it had been set afire by two bomb hits from a Japanese plane while en route to Luzon.

WOULD REPORT JAPS Salem, Ore., Feb. 14 (UP)—Rep. Vernon Bull, La Grande, today introduced a memorial to congress, advocating the deportation of disloyal Japanese immediately after the war.

Around the Crimean Parley Table



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Guam Selected As Nimitz Base

Guam, Feb. 14 (UP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz disclosed today that his new advance headquarters for the Pacific fleet are at Guam, in the southern Marianas only 1,500 miles south of Japan.

The announcement lifted the secrecy which had screened location of the headquarters since Nimitz announced their establishment Jan. 29.

American forces still are killing and averaging of 15 Japanese a day on Guam. The remaining enemy troops were holding out in caves without hope of escape.

Guam, a former American naval station, already has been converted into the biggest American base west of Pearl Harbor. Also situated on the island are headquarters of the 21st (Superfortress) bomber command.

A Pacific fleet communique disclosed that army liberators joined B-29 Superfortresses in a raid Monday on the Japanese island air base of Iwo, 750 miles south of Tokyo. It was the 68th straight day that the Liberators had bombed Iwo.

31 More Jap Ships Toll of U. S. Subs

Washington, Feb. 14 (UP)—American submarines have sunk 31 more Japanese ships to push their total of enemy vessels destroyed well above the thousand mark.

Three combat ships were in the latest haul—a converted light cruiser, a converted gunboat and an escort vessel. The rest of the bag included 21 cargo vessels, four transports and three tankers.

U. S. submarines have accounted for 96 vessels since the beginning of this year and now boast the sinking of 1,020 enemy ships during the war.

All the vessels covered in today's announcement and in the last few navy communique have been tracked down in far eastern waters.

Allied Sky Fleets Aid Soviet Armies, Light Dresden Fires Visible to Approaching Reds

Great Conflagrations, Seen at Distance Of 200 Miles, Serve as Beacons for Troops Slashing at Queis Line East of Burning City

London, Feb. 14 (UP)—British and American bombers blasted Dresden today in coordinated allied air support of the red army converging on the Saxony capital, lighting fires visible to soviet vanguards less than 70 miles distant.

Returning RAF crews said they set fires in Dresden, easily visible 200 miles away. The big conflagrations set a beacon for the red army forces slashing at the Queis river line, less than 70 miles to the east.

Today allied air forces were over Germany in great strength. The Nazi radio echoed with warnings of raiders over Dresden and Zwickau, 60 miles to the southwest, while German radio transmissions in the north were suspended, a usual indication of allied air activity.

Help Red Army The RAF sent out a record-breaking total of 1,400 heavy bombers over Germany with the bulk of them concentrated in support of the red army.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's forces were pressing against the Queis river, third of the six water barriers before Dresden, on a nine-mile front less than 70 miles from their goal.

A few miles to the north, according to German advices, other red army forces had by-passed both the Queis and the Tschirne river barriers by reaching Sorau, eight miles west of Sagan at the conflux of the Queis, Tschirne and Bober.

From Sorau the Russians were in a position to strike 72 miles southwest to Dresden with only two river barriers, the Neisse and the Spree, to hurdle.

On the Berlin front, First White Russian army forces have established a "major" bridgehead across the Oder at Reitwein, 35 miles east of the capital and five miles southwest of Kuestrin, Nazi broadcasts said.

The Germans also said street fighting was raging in Lebus, on the west bank of the Oder 33 miles east of Berlin and five miles north of Frankfurt. These forces presumably had cut the Kuestrin-Frankfurt railway at Lebus and were within a half mile of the west bank railway between the two cities.

Northeast of Berlin, Russian forces advanced to within five miles of the Danzig-Stettin-Berlin railway.

The Second and Third Ukrainian armies, meantime, re-grouped in Hungary under 73 generals for resumption of offensives aimed at Vienna, Bratislava and Bohemia after completing the liberation of encircled Budapest.

Budapest Falls Budapest, ruined capital of Hungary, finally fell yesterday to the two armies following a 50-day siege in which 49,000 enemy troops were killed and 110,000 captured.

The Nazi commander, Col. Gen. Pfeffer-Wildenbruch, and his staff were captured in their headquarters in an underground sewer.

Budapest was the eighth European capital to be liberated by the red army. How many of its pre-war population of 1,116,000 remain is not known.

Prison Escapee Back in Bullpen Salem, Ore., Feb. 14 (UP)—Byron Neil Dyson, 19, who made a spectacular escape from solitary confinement at the state penitentiary late last night, was back in the "bullpen" at the prison today after only a few hours of freedom.

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Dyson, classed by prison officials as a "bad" prisoner, and by state police as "extremely dangerous," managed to escape from the solitary confinement cells last night while other prisoners were at a moving picture show.

climbed the wall with the aid of a rope, overpowered and tied up tower guard T. G. Donnal, taking his rifle and pistol. He then stole a state police car which was nearby having its radio repaired.

Within 20 minutes all roads were blocked by state police, and a few hours later they apprehended him walking on the state highway between Woodburn and Hubbard. He did not put up a fight when captured.

Stolen Car Dyson, who was serving an aggregate of 17 years, was in prison for the non-fatal shooting of state police officer Karl Murphy near Dallas last year, and on a Lane county armed assault charge.

After leaving the prison grounds, Dyson drove to the north section of Salem, assaulted Lee Haskins, Salem insurance salesman and stole his car, which later ran out of gasoline. Haskins is in a Salem hospital with injuries which are reported not serious.

The youth had spent much of his 11 months in prison in solitary confinement, prison officials say. He was put there most recently for an attack on another prisoner with a "homemade" knife.

Nazi Spies Held Guilty; to Hang

New York, Feb. 14 (UP)—William C. Colepaugh and Eric Gimpel were found guilty today on three counts of espionage and sabotage and were sentenced to be hanged.

A seven-man military commission at Governor's island handed down the verdict.

Gimpel was the first to hear his fate. As the president of the military commission told him that he would be hanged, he showed no emotion.

Colepaugh took his sentence without flinching.

The sentence was subject to review by the commanding General Thomas E. Terry of the second service command, the war department and President Roosevelt.

Veteran of Leyte Visitor in Bend Fresh from the Leyte action, during which gunners aboard his transport vessel downed several Jap planes, Robert M. Bluff, radar man 2/c, is visiting in Bend after 18 months of active duty in the Pacific. Robert, who has participated in seven major engagements during that time, enlisted on Nov. 11, 1942, while a student at Bend high school. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bluff, 108 St. Helens place.

11 Airliner Perish In Airplane Crash

Boise, Ida., Feb. 14 (UP)—A ground crew returned to Gowen field today with the bodies of 11 airman who died in the crash of their Gowen-based Liberator bomber in the almost inaccessible mountain badlands near Denio, Ore., on the Nevada Oregon border Friday night.

Lt. Col. William I. Marsalls, Gowen field commandant, said the plane crashed while on a routine training flight.

All the dead were eastern men.