

Japs Report Iwo Jima Landing

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Weather Forecast

Intermittent rain west of Cascades and snow east portion today, tonight and Sunday. Not much temperature change.

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Yanks Troopers Storm Ashore On Island 750 Miles From Foe Capital as Planes Bomb Tokyo

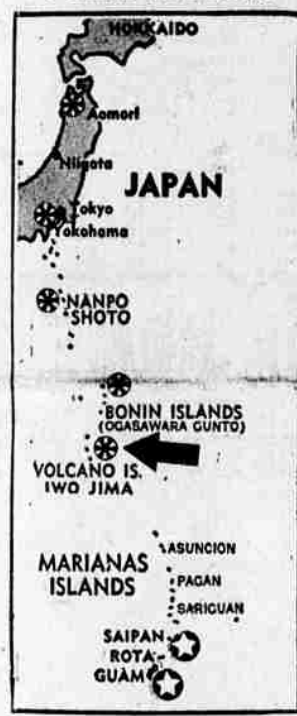
Sky Raiders Continue Blows at Burning City On Mainland as American Task Force Defies Hirohito's Navy; Air Bases Would Be Vital

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Admiral Nimitz's Headquarters, Guam, Feb. 17 (U.P.)—American troops stormed ashore early today on Iwo island, only 750 miles south of Tokyo, enemy broadcasts reported, while carrier planes hit the burning Japanese capital itself for the second straight day of diversionary assault.

Invasion forces swarmed over the southwest and southeast beaches of Iwo in twin landings only 10 minutes apart, a Tokyo Domei broadcast said. It added the customary claim that the troops had been "repulsed" after fierce fighting.

Yanks on Move



Tokyo broadcasts today reported that American troops had stormed ashore on Iwo island, only 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Snow Blankets Central States

(By United Press)

Missouri, southwestern Ohio, and southern Indiana were covered today with a blanket of snow from one to 10 inches thick. The snowfall hit the southern fringe of the central states last night. It continued today along the Ohio river and in Missouri, Columbia, Mo., had 12 inches of snow. St. Louis had six inches and southern Indiana, four.

The U. S. Weather bureau at Chicago reported thunderstorms and rainfall from Kentucky south west into Texas. Temperatures in the Missouri river valley, the upper Mississippi region, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Tex. as dropped 30 degrees overnight. It was unusually warm weather, however, in most southern cities. New Orleans, La., and Jacksonville, Fla., registered temperatures of 81 and Tallahassee and Tampa, Fla., recorded 82.

The fringe of a cold wave sweeping from Canada into the United States hit Chicago, where the mercury dropped to five above zero. Bemidji, Minn., was the coldest spot in the country. It was 31 below.

Minneapolis reported a temperature of nine below and Milwaukee four below zero. The weatherman forecast that cold would spread into the east by tomorrow morning. Temperatures along the northeastern coast were in the 30's, today. Heavy clouds indicated snow or rain would hit the area tonight.

WOULD CURB TALK

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 17 (U.P.)—There'll be less gossip on the party line if a bill introduced in the Iowa legislature wins approval. The bill, introduced yesterday, limits conversations on party telephone lines to five minutes.

U. S. Forces Storming Corregidor Soviet Troops Break Into Breslau

Scores Feared Lost in Tacoma Fire; Bodies of Three Located

Blaze Called Most Disastrous in History Of Washington City; Ten Believed Trapped

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 17 (U.P.)—With scores of tenants still unaccounted for, the official death toll rose to three in the fire that razed the 40-room Maefair apartment in downtown Tacoma today.

SCORES FEARED LOST

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 17 (U.P.)—Estimates of the missing in the Tacoma apartment house fire ranged from 35 to 85 this afternoon, as firemen waited for ruins to cool. Only three bodies have been recovered.

Fire department, police and hospital telephone lines were jammed with calls from frantic persons seeking to locate missing friends and relatives.

As firemen sought to battle their way into the still-smoldering ruins the body of one victim drooped grotesquely from a fourth story window where he was trapped.

Firemen said another body had been spotted in the gutted apartment, but falling debris barred the search party. A woman died at a local hospital after plunging from the third story of the building. None of the dead has been identified.

Only the walls of the building remain, threatening to fall at any moment.

Officials were unable to determine how many persons were in the apartment at the time of the fire.

Names Not Available Attempts to compile a list of the missing were complicated by the fact that Joseph Arras, manager of the apartment, was critically burned and is unable to furnish investigators with information.

"The fire is the most disastrous in Tacoma's history," Fire Chief Eisenbacher said. "It's safe to say that at least 10 persons were trapped in the building, and that's a conservative estimate."

Red Cross and civilian defense officials have set up utility stations to accommodate the scores of homeless persons.

Soldier Trapped In Wrecked Car

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 17 (U.P.)—An eastbound Pennsylvania railroad passenger train from St. Louis to New York crashed into derailed cars of a 28-car express and mail train at Leamon place, 12 miles east of here today.

State police reported that five persons were injured and removed to the Lancaster general hospital. Police said all the injured were from the passenger train "American."

Pennsylvania railroad officials revealed that a soldier was trapped in a compartment. They said he was uninjured and that efforts were being made to release him.

Ex-Jap Official Dies, Says Tokyo

Lt. Gen. Harushige Ninomiya, who was relieved of his post as minister of education in the Japanese cabinet a week ago, died today at the age of 67, Tokyo radio reported in a broadcast heard by United Press in San Francisco.

Ninomiya was succeeded by Count Hideo Kodama in the Kaisei cabinet shakeup. He had been recuperating from a gall stone illness, Tokyo said.

Nazi Troops Driven Out of Rhineland Forts By Tremendous Allied Aerial Bombardment

Paris, Feb. 17 (U.P.)—The Canadian first army drive on the Ruhr rolled forward today against stunned German troops shaken out of their Rhineland forts and pillboxes by a tremendous Allied aerial bombardment.

Stalled for almost 48 hours by a flaming wall of German guns thrown across the 17-mile corridor and Rhine rivers, Gen. H. D. G. Crerar's troops were on the move again all along the front.

Berlin Admits Loss of Sagan, Key Rail City

10,000 Sorties Daily Flown by Russians in Blasting Hitler Troops

London, Feb. 17 (U.P.)—The German high command said today that a Russian siege army had broken into Breslau, encircled capital of Silesia.

A Berlin communique acknowledged Soviet penetrations in attacks on the fortress of Breslau. Other reports indicated that the industrial city of more than 600,000 on the Oder was doomed.

The Nazi command admitted the loss of Sagan, key city on the Berlin-Breslau railway and on the Bober river, to the First Ukrainian army driving west toward Dresden and northwest toward Berlin.

Moscow dispatches said the red air force was carrying out one of its greatest campaigns of the war over the Oder, Neisse, and Spree valleys.

Air Fields Blasted Fighting off German planes shifted from the western front, Soviet reports said, the Russian airmen blasted German air fields, spread havoc through their communications, and scattered troop concentrations along and behind the front.

Red Star, the Soviet military journal, said that for three successive days the Russians flew 70,000 sorties a day.

A front dispatch to the communist party organ Pravda said Russian mobile forces had broken through to the Neisse river on a broad front reaching within 12 miles of Cottbus, major base in the southeastern defenses of Berlin.

The 12-mile advance crumbled German defense positions on the lower reaches of the Luebst river, a tributary of the Neisse, and put the Russians within easy artillery range of Cottbus, a big railway hub on the Spree river 47 miles southeast of Berlin.

Konev on Move Northeast of Cottbus, other units of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army sweeping along the west bank of the Oder river reached the outskirts of Crossen, 63 miles southeast of Berlin. This column was 17 miles from the first of the Oder bridgeheads which the Germans said the red army has established east of the capital.

The southern wing of Konev's army, meantime, began a battle of annihilation against the encircled German garrison of Breslau, capital of Silesia. The encirclement was completed yesterday with the capture of Klettenberg, only a mile southwest of Breslau.

More than 200 other Silesian towns and villages were captured as the Soviets closed the ring about Breslau, the Soviet high command announced.

Northeast of Berlin, the Second White Russian army drove forward on a 30-mile front to within 51 miles southwest of Danzig.

Library, Church Windows Broken

Rock-throwing vandals have again broken window panes from the Trinity Episcopal church and the Deschutes county library, Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, 515 Congress avenue, rector of the church, informed Bend police today. Rev. Bolster said that one window pane was broken in the church in the latest foray, and three in the library.

More than a dozen window panes were broken in both structures about a month ago, police reports revealed.

18 OFFICIALS FINED

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 17 (U.P.)—Eighteen steel companies and six of their officers were fined a total of \$240,000 today after pleading nolo contendere to a federal charge of conspiracy to fix prices on stainless steel products.

Bataan Reported Reconquered



General MacArthur today reported the reconquest of Bataan by American troops, and from Tokyo came word that Americans are storming rock-ribbed Corregidor, just off the southern tip of Bataan.

New Snow Falls On High Divides

Snow fell to varied depths along the Cascades and Central Oregon during the night, and additional snow flurries throughout the day and night were forecast for the area. Reports reaching the state highway department headquarters here at 8 o'clock this morning, gave the following information on the storm:

Lapine 1/2 inch and still snowing; Millican 1 inch and still snowing; Santiam highway, 5 inches of new snow with it snowing hard at that time, and plows were operating; The Dalles-California highway in the vicinity of Sun Mountain, snowing hard, with packed snow along the mountain area; Wapinitia 4 inches of new snow; Wapinitia 4 inches of new snow; Wapinitia 4 inches of new snow, with packed conditions prevailing and snow plows operating, and on the Willamette, snowing hard with 3 inches of new snow (8 a.m.), with a total depth of 30 inches and plows operating.

Germans Assert 11 Vessels Sunk

London, Feb. 17 (U.P.)—A broadcast German communique claimed today that Nazi torpedo-planes and U-boats sank at least 11 allied merchant vessels and seven warships from a convoy en route to Murmansk recently.

The British admiralty only yesterday said a convoy had made a round-trip voyage from Britain to northern Russia without the loss of a ship. The admiralty acknowledged that one British plane was lost in the operation, but said that four German U-boats and three planes were probably destroyed.

Flash of Fire On Two Fronts Seen by Fliers

Allied airmen flying over the heart of Germany at night can now see the flash of gunfire along the eastern and western fronts at the same time.

A Canadian flight sergeant broadcasting over the London radio early today reported that on a recent night raid on Dresden he was able to see both fronts from his miles-high vantage point.

"The Russian front was a chain of vast flashes, switching the length of the night horizon," he said.

"I then thought I could see small flashes reflected in the sky over the western horizon..."

The broadcast was recorded by CES monitors in New York.

Allied Invasion of Homeland May Come Soon, Fear Nips

The Tokyo newspaper Mainichi predicted "possible" allied invasion of the Japanese homeland in commenting today on the carrier plane assault on the city, Tokyo radio reported.

Both Mainichi and the Asahi Shimbun agreed that the "latest air attack on the homeland were diversionary operations to cover the enemy's invasion of Iwo Jima," according to the broadcast which was heard by the United Press in San Francisco.

Other newspapers viewed appearance of the mighty U. S. naval task force as a "golden opportunity for the Japanese to finish off the main strength of the American fleet at one stroke," the broadcast said.

The Homuri Hochi was quoted as declaring "we must try and grasp this opportunity" and the Tokyo Shimbun "welcomed the enemy action as offering a chance for Japan to deal the enemy a lethal blow."

Mackmen Get New Foothold On Isle Rock

Bataan Is Reconquered, Yanks General Reports; Fierce Battle Is Raging

American troops poured onto Corregidor Saturday from the air and sea, once more gaining a foothold on the fortress island where other American soldiers were forced to surrender nearly three years ago, Japanese broadcasts reported.

Radio Tokyo in a broadcast recorded by United Press in San Francisco said allied troops, preceded by a naval bombardment swarmed onto Corregidor in scores of landing craft after paratroops dropped down from transport planes.

"A furious battle is now raging between our garrisons and the enemy invaders," Tokyo radio said.

The landing on the fortress island that guards the entrance to Manila bay came "after repeated intensive shelling by (American) surface craft and bombing by air forces," the broadcast said.

Would Open Bay If confirmed, the landing would open the final phase of an offensive to unlock Manila bay to American shipping and to avenge the bloody defeats of 1941 and 1942.

The reported combined operation followed by only a few hours Gen. Douglas MacArthur's announcement of the reconquest of Bataan in an amphibious landing Thursday on the tip of the peninsula, five miles north of Corregidor.

No further details of the Corregidor fighting were given in the broadcast, which was recorded by the FCC.

Papers in Italy Get Print Supply

Three daily newspapers in Naples, stopped two days for lack of newsprint, resumed publication today with allied stocks rushed from Rome, a dispatch to the office of war information reported.

The new supply was sufficient for one week and an additional week's stock was expected from allied warehouses in Rome.

When the newspapers ran out of newsprint on Wednesday, Naples newspaper publishers issued a joint statement charging that "an orgy of new publications" in Rome was monopolizing the meager supplies of newsprint necessary for the whole of liberated Italy.

The broadcast continued with the Asahi Shimbun's report of "breathless scenes" witnessed at the Japanese army and naval bases in the Kanto district.

The newspaper said U. S. planes skimmed over one Japanese army base and then contradicted itself by declaring "our air defenses did not allow a single enemy raider to approach our base."

In one "daring chase when one enemy plane was shot down in a single stroke, a chorus of hand-clapping was heard from the many interested spectators," Asahi said.

"Naval air bases were also very busy," the newspaper added. "Over Hamamatsu many naval planes gave a hot reception to 30 carrier bombers and in a half hour combat shot down 16 and damaged another."