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U.S. NAVY BLASTS JAP-HOLD ISLANDS

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Jap Invasion of Canada Expected

Raw Soldiers in Island Fighting
Bonneville Czar Hits Capital Snag

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Senate committee on military affairs now has the idea that if Gen. Douglas MacArthur fails to hold the Japanese in Australia the enemy will move eastward to Honolulu and Alaska. However, instead of attacking and invading the Oregon-Washington coastline (now heavily guarded with foxholes) members of the committee have an idea—or information—that the Japs will undertake a beachhead somewhere on the British Columbia shore between Alaska and the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Assuming that they gain a footing on the mainland, overcoming whatever force may be defending the terrain, the objective of the invaders then would be not the Pacific northwest states immediately, but a rush to the prairie provinces of Canada with ground troops and a quick dash by fast bombers to the industrial heart of America. Detroit and Chicago could be reached from the airfields of British Columbia in a matter of hours.

British Columbia and adjacent provinces are thinly settled and weakly protected by Canadian troops. Of course, under the agreement with Canada it is the responsibility of the United States to go to the defense of that country whenever it is menaced by foreign foe, and American soldiers are expected to welcome the Japanese at the beach with everything they have.

Providing the Japanese are successful, they would bypass the Pacific coast and endeavor to cut off the western states from the remainder of the country by taking a line along the Rocky mountains.

This picture appears far fetched and impossible, but the sons of heaven are now conceding to be daring, courageous soldiers knowing exactly what they want and what they intend.

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PORTLAND HOSPITALS

WILL INCREASE RATES

Portland, March 25.—(P)—All major Portland hospitals will increase room rates \$1 a day May 1.

The Portland hospital council said minimum charges will be \$5 a day in wards and \$7 a day in private rooms.

Radio Highlights

New York, March 25.—(P)—Roundtable broadcast from Honolulu by four American newsmen on "the new American naval offensive" is announced for the Blue network at 7:45 (PWT) tonight. They are Jack Rice, Associated Press photographer; Foster Haller of the New York Times; Keith Wheeler of the Chicago Times and Richard Haller of INS.

(Pacific war time)

Tonight: MBS—5:15 What Price Victory; 8 basketball tourney finals.

Thursday: Blu—1 Most Rev. J. H. Cockburn of Scotland on "Church Facing the Future."

SIDE GLANCES

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TRIBUNE REPORTERS

The Central Point "Dads" amusing themselves with a siren at the city hall last night.

Frank Perl returning to one of his former haunts after a long absence.

Clarence Pankey being jokingly accused of breaking his finger intentionally to avoid the draft.

WAKE, MARCUS HIT SAVAGE BLOWS IS BELATED REPORT

Attack On Marcus Takes American Fighting Craft Within 950 Miles Tokyo.

By Wendell Webb

Pearl Harbor, March 24.—(Delayed)—Two sudden, savage and "highly successful" attacks on Wake and Marcus islands—the latter only 950 miles from Tokyo—were disclosed in first-hand accounts by navy spokesmen today.

Several Japanese were taken prisoner, and coastal and shore installations at both outposts were battered for hours from the sea and air.

The attack on Wake was on February 24—two months after a small garrison of U. S. marines was overwhelmed to end a 14-day stand which remains one of the highlights of heroism of this war.

Ships Unscathed

The raid on Marcus was by flare-light in the early hours of March 4.

No United States ships were damaged. Two planes were lost, one in each attack. Anti-aircraft fire—the only major opposition—downed both of them.

The prisoners were picked up at Wake island in debris-laden waters after two Japanese patrol boats were bombed, shelled and sunk. At Wake, too, the entire aerial strength found was destroyed—three four-engine seaplanes.

Shore batteries were silenced, fuel barges and dredges were sunk, and fuel storages, underground hangars and magazines were demolished.

At Marcus—a major stepping stone from Japan to many mandated islands in the Pacific—the destruction included a radio station, hangars, storages, ammunition and fuel. A nearly-completed air base was bombed and damaged. No planes were found.

Swift, Clean Blow

An official navy spokesman described the attack as "swift and cleanly-completed."

Navy spokesmen stressed that Marcus was potentially a highly valuable base for aircraft as well as for surface patrol units operating in the defense of Japan itself.

The island roughly is 1,000 miles northwest of Wake and 3,000 miles from Pearl harbor, and is in the same general area as the island of Guam which the Japanese seized last December.

JAPANESE INVADE ANDAMAN ISLANDS

By Roger D. Greene

(Associated Press War Editor) Japanese invasion forces striking toward India were officially reported today to have occupied the strategic Andaman islands in the Bay of Bengal, 650 miles southeast of Calcutta.

It was the westernmost Japanese penetration of the war and the first seizure of Indian territory by the enemy.

Other swift-breaking developments in the far Pacific theater included:

1. In the Philippines, a war department bulletin reported that Japanese aerial bombardment of harbor defenses of Manila bay and American-Filipino positions on Bataan peninsula was resumed, and arrival of fresh Japanese reinforcements is indicated.

On Mindanao island, 600 miles south of Manila, the army reported local skirmishes near Digos in which "our troops were successful."

2. In the Dutch Indies, reports reaching Australia said Dutch forces were continuing to resist the Japanese in central Borneo, central Sumatra and parts of Celebes island, driving the invaders back at some places.

3. In Burma, Chinese head-

NAZIS IN RUSSIAN 'MEAT GRINDER'

Tillamook Guerillas Hold Meeting



Part of the 1,000 Tillamook, Ore., guerillas who assembled there for a mass meeting wave their guns. This group was organized for the protection of the Oregon coast. They probably would not appear so happy were they to meet up with enemy invaders.

"Write to Congress" Drive Held Originated, Fanned by U. S. Commerce Chamber

Washington, March 25.—(P)—The United States chamber of commerce was accused by Senator Thomas (D-Utah) today of organizing a write-to-congress campaign which he said would disrupt what he called a voluntary agreement between industry and labor to continue the 40-hour week.

Thomas, asserting he was "unhappy" to have to lay the information before the senate, declared the national chamber sent out letters to all local and state groups on March 20 urging them to become "aggressive" in bringing widespread opinion to bear on congress.

Likening it to the recent "bundles for congress" movement, Thomas declared that "the ill which will be done will be even worse."

The CIO and the AFL last night professed readiness to modify their overtime pay scales in response to administrative efforts but a house drive for legislation to suspend the 40-hour week was still being pressed.

In another governmental quarter, Attorney General Biddle said that Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division, did not express the views of the justice department when he accused labor of "injuring and destroying" business. Biddle said he thought Arnold's "comment was pretty unfortunate at this time."

As Thomas was telling the senate about the United States chamber of commerce, Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) told the house he was "getting tired of insinuations" that people who have been writing their congressmen about the 40-hour week are prompted "by ulterior motives."

The people who have been writing him about the subject, Rankin told the house, "are patriotic Americans whose boys are bleeding and dying because of the lack of materials" for which "labor racketeers" are responsible.

"The American people have a right to be heard," he added.

Strike Shuts Down Boise Newspapers

Boise, Idaho, March 25.—(P)—For the first time in 78 years the Morning Idaho Statesman missed publication today—shut down by a pressmen's strike which yesterday closed the Boise Capital News.

The strike was precipitated by a dispute over a new wage contract demand of the Printing Pressmen and Assistants' union (AFL). The pressmen have been working for \$1.167 per hour for night work at the Statesman and are asking \$1.266.

Ralph Moody Urges Racket Law Change To Control Unions

Washington, March 25.—(P)—Ralph B. Moody, attorney of Salem, Ore., urged a senate judiciary subcommittee today to recommend the federal anti-racketeering law be amended so that union labor would come under its provisions.

He told the committee the courts had held the law could not be applied to union members who were bona fide employees. He also suggested elimination of a section of the law requiring that district attorneys can start prosecutions under it only with the consent of the attorney general.

Moody said he had participated several years ago in prosecutions in Oregon in which a number of persons were sent to prison for violation of state laws against violence in enforcing union demands.

Senator Holman (R-Ore.) who introduced a bill (S 2347) to amend the law, told the committee certain organizations had "superceded constituted authorities" in several states in seeking to enforce their demands.

Attorney Moody, prior to his successful prosecution of up-state union goons, was chief prosecutor in cleaning up the Jackson county turmoil fomented by L. A. Banks and Earl H. Fehl.

Aircraft Parts Concern To Slice Big Salaries, Bonuses

Cleveland, March 25.—(P)—Jack & Heintz, Inc., aircraft parts producer accused in a congressional hearing of making excess war profits, today cut its profits to six per cent, promised further reductions in prices and slashed executives' incomes, but continued bonuses and free lunches for workers.

President William S. Jack, returning from the house naval affairs committee hearing, was welcomed by employees' cheers and the banging of their tools.

He gave this outline of future policy for the concern, which has about \$58,000,000 in war contracts for airplane motor starters and automatic pilots:

Profits—All profits on present and future contracts will be limited voluntarily to six per cent for the duration of the war, any excess to be returned to the army and navy at the end of each year.

Salaries—Jack, his son William I. Jack and Ralph M. Heintz, vice presidents, will re-

CANTONMENT BUS GIVEN PERMIT TO EXPAND SERVICE

Ashland and Grants Pass To Be Added To Run; Expect To Start In Coming Week

Expansion of bus service to the cantonment to include Ashland and Grants Pass has been authorized by the Public Utilities Commission as a result of a P. U. C. hearing here Friday on the application of the Rogue Valley Transit company for this additional service, and the first stages between the camp and Ashland and Grants Pass are expected to be in operation early next week.

A spokesman for the company said it was planned to run one bus daily between the cantonment and each town for the present, with possible additional service later on as the number of workmen at the camp increased.

More Buses Coming
The company, which now has five buses in operation between Camp White and Medford and Central Point, has ordered 10 new vehicles, but these are tied up temporarily at the factory, due to the last government order "freezing" the sale of new buses. The company also has two new buses in Medford which aren't yet in operation because of the same order, but these are expected to be released in time to start the new service next week.

The P. U. C. permit authorizes the common carrier transportation of persons and their baggage between the cantonment and Ashland and Grants Pass, but not between either of those towns and any other point. In short, it was explained, the buses would pick up passengers for the camp at those towns or intermediate points, but would not provide service from Ashland or Grants Pass to intermediate points.

Portland Japanese GO IN FAMILY UNITS
Portland, March 25.—(P)—Portland police said today Japanese are moving out of this area, family by family, and that most Japanese-operated businesses in the city have closed.

A deadline for evacuation has not been set.

Seattle, March 25.—(P)—The state patrol asked Seattle police today to aid in the search for Mary McElwain, 18-year-old Fort Lewis hostess, who was reported to have disappeared near midnight Sunday night on her way to her Olympia home from the fort.

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Miss Adelaide Bowman (above), testified before a house naval affairs investigating committee, that she received \$39,356 in salary and bonuses in 1941 as secretary to the president of a Cleveland firm making airplane parts for the government.

Prices—Referring to motor starters, Jack said the firm voluntarily reduced prices last Jan. 19 to the army, by 28 per cent under previous contract prices, and on navy contracts—embracing "10 per cent of our production"—Prices on all future business have been cut about 25 per cent. He promised further cuts.

Workers' bonuses and benefits—the company will continue its present policy "of dealing with our associates," as all employees are termed. Last Christmas the firm gave each of 800 employees a \$600 bonus, a turkey and a wrist watch. Employees "will continue to get 15 per cent of the company's earnings," divided equally among them as Christmas bonuses.

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War Bulletins

London, March 25.—(P)—RAF bombers and fighters attacked shipyards at Le Trait on the Seine in northern France, the British announced tonight. Le Trait is east of Le Havre near the mouth of the Seine.

London, March 25.—(P)—The Moscow radio said tonight that a Red army ski unit made a rapid 30-mile advance across Lake Ilmen in the sector south of Leningrad, broke through the outskirts of encircled Staraya, Russia, and liberated several hundred persons from a prison camp.

BRITISH CRUISERS FIGHT OFF HEAVY ITALIAN FLOTILLA

London, March 25.—(P)—Light British forces set fire to an Italian battleship of the 35,000-ton Littorio class with gunfire, rammed her with a torpedo amidships and damaged two Italian cruisers in a three-day running fight in the Mediterranean, the admiral announced tonight.

The admiral acknowledged damage to one British cruiser and three destroyers and light casualties among their crews in their successful escort of a convoy to the embattled island base of Malta.

The Rome radio said the Littorio herself took part in the battle, admitted one of her turrets was grazed by a medium-caliber shell, but denied that she or any other Italian warship was "hit."

40 M.P.H. EDICT ON OREGON ROADS

Salem, March 25.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague, acting on a request by President Roosevelt, proclaimed today that the maximum highway speed in Oregon be 40 miles per hour, and that motorists check their tires frequently for needed repairs.

The proclamation sets no penalty for violating the 40-mile limit, but the governor said he has directed state and local police to warn all drivers found violating the new limit.

Governor Sprague said the purpose of the proclamation is to conserve gasoline and rubber.

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140,000 KILLED SINCE FEB. 5 IS MOSCOW'S WORD

61,700 Casualties On Kalinin Front Alone Is Claim Broadcast From Moscow

By the Associated Press
Soviet front-line dispatches declared today that Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, reported reinforced by 600,000 troops, were "going through a meat grinder" and that Russian attacks had cost the Germans 140,000 men in killed alone since Feb. 5.

On the Kalinin front between Leningrad and Moscow, where the German 18th army has been trapped for weeks, the invaders were said to have suffered 61,700 casualties up to March 21.

Balkan Battle
At the same time, the Moscow radio reported that long-smoldering friction between Rumania and Hungary, both vassal states of the reich, had broken out in open fighting between army units on the Transylvania frontier of the two Balkan nations.

Hitler gave the northwestern part of Rumania's Transylvania province to Hungary in 1940.

The broadcast said there were casualties on both sides. Russian dispatches said that in addition to 61,700 casualties on the Kalinin front, the Germans had suffered these losses: Central (Moscow) front—40,000 killed Feb. 6-March 5.

Leningrad front—16,000 killed March 9-22.

Northwest front—14,000 killed Feb. 22-March 10.

South and southwest fronts—10,000 killed March 7-12.

Hitler's field headquarters against stressed defensive actions, acknowledging strong new Russian attacks on the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea, in the Donets river basin of the Ukraine, and on the northwest front.

The high command said Nazi troops inflicted heavy losses on Russian forces east of Kharkov, the Soviet "Pittsburgh," 400 miles below Moscow.

Offensive Waits
Still no hint was forthcoming that Hitler had launched or was about to begin his heralded spring offensive.

Russian front-line dispatches said violent battles were developing in Smolensk province, west of Moscow, with Red army troops recapturing 12 "districts"—similar to United States counties—and challenging the Germans in 10 others.

In aerial warfare, Premier Mussolini's high command said British planes bombed Athens, the axis-occupied capital of conquered Greece, destroying suburban houses and killing one civilian.

German bombers attacked Portland and Weymouth, on the English south coast, and raided the Soviet Arctic supply port of Murmansk.

In North Africa, British headquarters reported that swirling dust storms over the whole front restricted activity in the Libyan desert campaign.

FORD PROFFERS LINDBERGH JOB

Detroit, March 25.—(P) Henry Ford, it was learned today, has offered Charles A. Lindbergh a position in the rapidly growing Willow Run bomber plant and Lindbergh is considering the offer.

The offer was made as Ford, Lindbergh and a group of others inspected the bomber plant and airport yesterday. Lindbergh retorted to Washington following an all-day visit with Ford.

The exact nature of the position to be offered Lindbergh was not disclosed.