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Yanks Invade Mapia Islands on Guinea Coast 3,000 Japanese Trapped on Northwest Leyte

MINOR RESISTANCE IS ENCOUNTERED IN LATEST EXPANSION

Occupation of Bases On
Route to Philippines Aimed
at Elimination of Warning

By United Press

American invasion of the Mapia islands, above the northwest coast of New Guinea, to eliminate Japanese warning stations on the bombing route to the Philippines was announced today as other forces sprang a trap on 3,000 enemy troops on northwest Leyte, 900 miles to the northwest.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur revealed that a small force landed Wednesday in the Mapias, 145 miles northwest of American-held Blak and 135 miles north of Noemfoor in New Guinea's Geelvink bay. Only "slight resistance" was encountered.

To Blind Japanese
The landing was designed to deprive the enemy of observation posts he could use in warning Japanese-occupied islands in the Philippines of the approach of American bombers and transport planes from New Guinea.

Front dispatches from Leyte said the U. S. 24th division had effected a junction after sweeping down either side of a reinforced enemy regiment on the Ormoc-Limon road. The road practically was severed south of Limon, cutting off the Japanese force from its base at Ormoc, 20 miles to the south.

American heavy bombers blasted two airfields on Negros island Saturday and Monday, cratering runways and destroying at least two planes on the ground.

Gunboat Sunk

Air patrols to the north and west sank a Japanese gunboat and two fuel barges.

Fighter planes strafed Japanese barges and short targets near Ormoc. Pilots said the barges were empty and it was indicated the Japanese temporarily had abandoned attempts to reinforce the Leyte garrison, now estimated at five divisions.

Japanese planes increased harassing attacks on American ground installation, but five of them were shot down.

INCREASE SOUGHT ON LICENSE TIME

Salem, Ore., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—A two-year extension of the validity of current drivers licenses will be requested of the state legislature in January, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., had said today.

The licenses, which now would expire in June, 1945, were originally slated to expire in 1943, but were extended by the '43 legislature.

Farrell cited the lack of experienced examiners and no present need for re-examination of present drivers as reasons for the request.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Neil Davidson being "honored" with appointment as temporary recording secretary of the False Friends club.

A. G. Nelson of the Butte Falls highway, in to confess he didn't read the M-T as faithfully as he might have during the late campaign.

Claudia Lowd explaining how to get a house to live in—buy one.

Sniper Victim



(Acme Telephoto)
Frank Prist, Jr., NEA-Acme telegrapher for the War Picture Pool who was assigned to cover the return of Gen. MacArthur to the Philippines, is shown wearing parachute and ready to board plane for jump. Prist has just been reported killed in action on Leyte island, victim of a Jap sniper bullet. This recent picture was taken in the South Pacific while Prist was completing training as a paratrooper.

BYRNES DIRECTOR OF MOBILIZATION

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Acting only a half hour after receiving the nomination from President Roosevelt, the senate today confirmed his designation of former Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes to be director of the office of war mobilization and reconversion.

Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., sponsor of the legislation under which the office was set up, asked that the nomination be confirmed immediately without the usual reference to committee. His motion was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Mr. Roosevelt also nominated Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, now veterans administrator, to be retraining and re-employment director under the same legislation—a position he has been holding on an interim basis. Hines' nomination was not acted upon, however.

SEAT COMMITTEE NAMED AT SALEM

Salem, Ore., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—A house of representatives seating committee has been appointed for the next session of the legislature by William McAllister of Medford, speaker of the last house, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported today, after receiving a letter from McAllister, who is now serving with the army in France.

The committee includes Harvey Wells, Portland; J. D. Perry, St. Helens; and Giles French, Moro.

SEN. BONE RESIGNS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Former U. S. Sen. Homer T. Bone, D., Wash., disclosed today he resigned his senate seat last Monday preparatory to being sworn in later today as a member of the U. S. circuit court of appeals.

SOME JAPANESE GAIN PERMISSION TO RETURN HOME

Western Defense Command
Says Restrictions Raised
in Cases of Special Merit.

San Francisco, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The western defense command said today American citizens of Japanese ancestry are being permitted to return to restricted areas of the Pacific coast "in cases of special merit where the records of the individuals are absolutely clear."

The statement was issued by the army in connection with the impending return of James K. Yamamoto and his family from Ogden, Utah, to his farm at Cupertino, Cal.

In addition it was revealed that the federal bureau of investigation has notified the Burlington, Cal., chief of police, John J. Harper, that Kikumatsu (Frank) Fujiwara, Japanese, has been exempted from army exclusion regulations and will arrive in Burlingame to reside.

In Salt Lake City Walter Mewing, acting supervisor of the War Relocation Authority, today denied published reports that the WRA may give financial aid to Yamamoto or other Japanese to return to California.

Mewing said he was "unaware" of a plan, described in another published report from Washington, that the WRA ascertained was setting in motion to speed the wholesale return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast.

Nelson Arrives At Chungking Airport

Chungking, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Donald M. Nelson, President Roosevelt's special emissary to China, arrived in Chungking today with a delegation of 13 American industrial experts assigned to work with China's newly-created war production board and help revive the nation's lagging war industries.

"This will be the best mission that ever came to China," Nelson told correspondents who greeted his party at the Chungking airport.

FEHL TO CARRY SALARY DISPUTE TO HIGH COURT

Earl H. Fehl, has served notice of his intentions to file an appeal to the state supreme court in his suit against Jackson county for salary he claims is due him as county judge, while he was in the state prison for ballot theft, and the state hospital, both at Salem. Fehl seeks approximately \$11,000. The suit was ordered dismissed by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna last September.

Report on 9th Army Ends Guessing Game For Nazis

By Edward V. Rogers
United Press Correspondent

U. S. 9th Army Headquarters, Europe, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Official disclosure today that the American 9th army is operating in the Germany-Holland-Belgium area ended a guessing game that must have given Nazi intelligence one of its biggest headaches.

Canadians Capture Human Torpedomen On Walcheren Isle

With the Canadian Forces in Holland, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The Allied troops who captured Walcheren island early this month also bagged 200 expert Nazi swimmers, members of a "human torpedo" battalion stationed on the island to blow up any Allied ships that might try to run through the channel to Antwerp. It was disclosed today.

The Nazis, described by Allied officers as "all brawn and no brains," never had a chance to perform their specialty. They were captured almost at once when the Canadians broke into the German coastal fortifications along the west shore of the island a few miles from Flushing.

JACKSON COUNTY WAR BOND QUOTA ANNOUNCED TODAY

Quota for Jackson county for the Sixth War Loan drive, which starts Monday, will be \$2,309,000 according to Henry Zachari-

sen, chairman of county bond sales. This is somewhat higher than for the fifth loan.

Emphasis will be laid again on the sale of "E" bonds, the chairman states, and the quota for these is again \$600,000.

Ashland and the immediate area assumes a quarter of the total quota, \$587,000, Mr. Zachari-

sen reports, as the amount to be sold in that district, while Medford and the remaining sections of the county are assigned the remaining three-quarters.

The drive will be officially launched with special nationwide programs and announcements Sunday.

WAR CASUALTIES ARE ANNOUNCED

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The war department announced today that U. S. army casualties in France, the lowlands and the German border region from the time of the invasion to November 1 totaled 200,349.

Of these, 35,884 are listed as killed, 145,788 wounded, and 18,677 missing.

Casualties of the 7th army, which landed in southern France, as well as the armies which came through northern France are included in the total. U. S. airforce casualties are not included.

Total army casualties of World War II through October 28, were 437,356.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX FREEZE MAY DELAY CONGRESS

Efforts of Vandenberg Group
to Bar Increase Threatens
to Disrupt Program.

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—The perennial efforts of a group led by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., to prevent the one per cent social security tax from doubling, threatened today to snag plans of congressional leaders for a short, non-controversial wind-up session of the 78th congress.

The Vandenberg group for several years has succeeded in forcing enactment of legislation preventing the otherwise-automatic increase in the old age benefit payroll deductions on employees and employers. That rate will go to two per cent on Jan. 1 unless congress acts to the contrary, and republicans currently are seeking passage of Vandenberg's bill to block the increase.

Prospect Poor
House Speaker Sam Rayburn told reporters today, however, that "I don't see any prospects now" for enactment of such legislation. Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley said earlier that efforts were being made to work out a compromise, and that the senate democratic steering committee had discussed efforts to reach such an agreement.

Because the constitution requires that all revenue legislation must originate in the house, the "freeze" either would have to be passed first by the house or adopted by the senate as an amendment to a house bill. Despite efforts of republicans, it appeared unlikely that the house would originate such a measure and the chances of its adoption by the senate as a "rider to a house bill seemed somewhat remote.

The "freeze" legislation was not on the legislative program mapped by democratic leaders, who hope to wind up the new session well before Christmas.

FIRE DESTROYS GOLD HILL HOME

Gold Hill, Nov. 16—Fire early this morning completely destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin with almost all of the furnishings and other possessions of the family.

The blaze was discovered about 1 a. m. and is thought to have started from the kitchen flue or electrical wiring. The seven-room house was one of the most modern and attractive in the town.

Mr. Martin is superintendent of the Pacific Portland Cement company here.

DIES COMMITTEE DOOMED IS VIEW

Washington, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Democratic house leaders indicated today that the Dies committee on un-American activities, the subject of violent controversy during its six years of existence, will die with the end of the present congress January 3.

The Democratic stand was suggested after Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, R., N. J., ranking minority member of the committee, said that any resolution offered to continue the group "must rest with the majority party in the house."

The End of 'Emily'



(Acme Telephoto)
This dramatic series of pictures shows a four-motored "Emily," Jap patrol bomber, under attack by a U. S. Navy patrol bomber of Fleet Air Wing One in the Western Pacific. In picture No. 1 the "Emily" is shown under strafing attack with one engine aflame and hovering precariously close to water. Next photo (2) shows crash and explosion. In last photo (3) the Japanese bomber has disappeared leaving only flaming oil and column of black smoke. Wing Navy's PB2Y shows in left center of last picture. U. S. Navy photo.

MORSE TO SEEK CROSS SECTION ON STATE TOUR

Hood River, Ore., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Wayne Morse, U. S. senator-elect, dropped into Hood River today to open a series of informal conferences throughout the state by which he said he hoped to obtain a cross section of Oregon's problems and desires before going to the national capital to assume his new duties.

Morse said there would be no formal meetings, but that he would be available for discussions of community problems at each place he visits.

He planned to go to Portland tonight to attend a postwar committee meeting.

He said his schedule called for him to go to Klamath Falls and Bend next week, Medford the week after that.

HITLER RUMORED ON TOKYO TRIP

London, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Two independent sources suggested today that Adolf Hitler, far from mad, ill or dead, has left by submarine or plane for Japan for a spectacular east-west conference with his last major ally.

The theory was advanced simultaneously by non-Spanish diplomatic circles in Madrid and by Willi Frischauer, Austrian author who has spent 20 years studying Hitler's life, in a letter to the editor of the London Daily Herald.

Diplomatic circles in Madrid also relayed a report that Hitler fled Germany last week and had taken refuge in some neutral country, "unconfirmedly Argentina."

CUB PACK TO MEET

Cub Pack No. 6 will hold its monthly Pack meeting in the Washington school gym at 7 p. m. tonight. All Cubs and their parents are requested to attend.

War On Japan Has First British Call Asserts Churchill

London, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Labor Minister Ernest Bevin declared today that the war against Japan will have first call on Britain's manpower and material resources after Germany's defeat, although a partial demobilization and industrial conversion will be necessary, particularly in the housing and export fields.

Bevin told a press conference that everything needed to insure the swift downfall of Japan will have the highest priority, and that "conscription will go until the defeat of Japan."

Because of the nature of the war against Japan, he added, there probably will be no discharges from the navy or air force after Germany is beaten, although some men will be released from the army.

BRITISH ADVANCE TOWARD FAENZA

Rome, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—British troops, pushing a three-pronged drive along the Bologna highway west from Forlì, have advanced to within less than five miles of Faenza against stiff enemy resistance. It was announced today.

The Germans were using tanks and self-propelled guns in support of their troops as the 8th army drove toward Faenza, a key communications point on the highway 30 miles east of Bologna.

A communique said the British moving northwest of Forlì had reached the Montone river on a broad front, while the troops below the Bologna highway captured several features, including Pettignone, a mile north of Mount Poggolo.

Polish troops also improved their positions farther south and cleared the entire Florence-Forlì road.

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 16—(U.P.)—California gasoline tax assessments in September showed a \$134,047 increase over September, 1943, the state board of equalization announced today.

1ST AND 9TH GO INTO ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT

Six Allied Armies Hammering Nazis; Aachen Front Plastered by Bombers.

Paris, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Two more American armies—the 1st in Germany and the long unreported 9th in Holland—swarmed into Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's winter campaign today, launching simultaneous drives supported by thousands of bombers and field guns.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army slashed out toward the Rhine after more than 1200 heavy bombers had saturated the German positions on the Aachen front with some 4800 tons of explosives.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's 9th army went into action on the Dutch front in concert with the three-day old British 2nd army offensive and likewise was supported by a heavy aerial attack on German positions in its path.

With the new attacks, six Allied armies now were hammering the Germans along virtually the entire western front. Lined up flank to flank from Holland to the Vosges, they were the British 2nd army, the American 9th, the American 1st, the American 3rd, the American 7th and the French 1st.

The United States attacks in Holland and Germany opened as Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army in northeastern France clamped its siege arc tighter on Metz in smashes to within one mile and a half of the fortress city from the north.

Simpson Commands
United Press war correspondent Edward V. Roberts sent from the 9th army front the first announcement about it since an early autumn statement that Simpson had taken over the command. It said:

"The 9th U. S. army, under command of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, attacked at 12:45 p. m. this date. The attack was preceded by an aerial bombardment which continued to support the operation."

A like announcement sent from 1st army headquarters by United Press war correspondent Jack Frankish disclosed that Hodges' troops were slugging the Germans on their home soil again.

"An attack was launched by the first United States army at 11 a. m. this date, supported and preceded by heavy aerial bombardment."

Simultaneously the 8th air force announced that more than 1200 of its Flying Fortresses and Liberators, accompanied by more than 450 fighters, crashed destructive loads of fragmentation bombs on the German front line positions in the Duren-Eschweiler area east of Aachen.

Like St. Lo and Caen
At supreme headquarters it was observed that the mighty aerial onslaught ahead of the attacking troops was comparable to those preceding the breakthroughs at St. Lo and Caen in Normandy.

"Before today's attack began, the deepest American penetration of Germany had been 11 miles," Frankish reported, implying that the Americans now had exceeded that depth in the new drive aimed out across the Cologne plain toward the Rhine.

After almost two weeks of low ceilings, rain and snow, the weather lifted sufficiently today to permit the aerial bombardment preliminary to the 1st army attack. Hodges' doughboys had been poised for action for a week and went over the top as soon as the heavy bombers had got in their blows.

Rain and snow on the front inside Germany had turned most of the roads into quagmires of mud and slush.

RUSSIANS LAUNCH ALL-OUT ATTACK

London, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Berlin reported today that the Red army had launched an all-out attack east of Budapest and had captured the rail town of Jaszarokszallas, 38 miles from the capital, after a violent battle.

"The object of the Russian assaults is to rush the German bolt position at Hatvin, key rail junction northwest of Jaszarokszallas, but all Soviet breakthrough attempts were thwarted," the Transocean News Agency reported.