

# YANKS DRIVE TOWARD MANILA

## MEDFORD

## MALL TRIBUNE

### Luzon Invasion Force Only Feebly Opposed In Initial Operations

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With General MacArthur on Luzon, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—An American invasion army—100,000 strong—today drove down the highway toward Manila, 100 miles away, overrunning San Fabian and other Lingayen gulf towns against feeble Japanese resistance which cost our forces virtually no beachhead casualties.

Light Japanese forces fell back under the impact of the American blow. So far there has been little Japanese air reaction and advancing American vanguards found the Japanese had only made half-hearted efforts to wreck bridges as they fell back in confusion.

From a 1,000 ship armada—800 of them transports—standing along the curving Lingayen gulf coast, American troops, artillery, tanks, transports, and munitions poured ashore in a continuous stream.

**YANKS COME TO STAY IS EVIDENCE**

By this morning one thing was apparent—we have come to Luzon to stay.

Protected by a screen of heavy naval artillery fire which fingered inland as far as the line of the Agno river, roughly 19 miles inland and only 88 miles from Manila, American troops were advancing rapidly.

They had firm ground to advance across at the northern end of the curving beachhead which is already 15 miles long between San Fabian and Lingayen.

At the southern end of the beachhead the initial obstacle was the sluggish Calmay river, connecting the Agno and Dagupan rivers, running parallel to the beachhead about two miles inland. But there were no appreciable beach defenses and good roads and paths through the rice paddies.

**SAN FABIAN AMONG TOWNS SEIZED**

San Fabian was the only Lingayen town named in initial reports as captured but others were seized, too. Lingayen has three air strips and one of the main beachheads was established only a few hundred yards from the main Lingayen strip.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who came ashore with his troops a few hours after their landing at 9:27 a. m. yesterday, said that the invasion was progressing "better than could be expected."

Despite inconsequential initial Japanese opposition the campaign was expected to develop quickly into full-scale battle. MacArthur's spearheads were racing for the broad terrain of the Luzon plains, the best area of maneuver MacArthur has encountered in his long campaign since Bataan.

The speed of the American advance on Manila, it was agreed, will depend on the rapidity with which the Japanese can move up their forces under the strafing attacks of our air forces.

**MANEUVERS BEWILDER JAP COMMAND**

Naval pilots reported that Japanese troops already were on the move to the north but the Japanese high command appeared to have been bewildered and confused by the complicated maneuvers of MacArthur's invasion fleet and the shattering air and naval attacks which preceded the landing.

For three days prior to the landing, seventh fleet battleships and light war vessels had hammered relentlessly at Japanese defenses in the gulf, while special groups cleared mine fields and carried out demolition of under-water obstacles.

Feints were made at various points. Marinduque Island, south of Luzon, was seized and Batangas bombed and shelled. Admiral William F. Halsey struck hard at Formosa and our vast convoy also feinted in that direction, sailing deliberately past the entrance to Lingayen gulf during daylight Monday.

Before dawn yesterday, all pretense was abandoned and every ounce of available power was concentrated upon one objective—the landing here.

**CALM COMES BEFORE DAWN**

In the starlit calm before dawn, our battleships—more of them than had ever previously participated in a shore bombardment in the southwest Pacific area—cruisers and destroyers moved in closer to shore.

On the instant of 9:30 a. m.—the moment chosen long weeks ago—our first waves hit the beaches and moved inland behind tanks, buffaloes and alligators.

We saw thin, green lines of fatigue-clad infantry sweep across the sand, running, falling, firing, running, falling again, some of them not to rise, but always lines moving forward.

Swiftly the Americans, most of them veterans of other tough campaigns—all of them highly trained and well armed—moved inland.

### Father Turns Gun On Family; Three Hurt, One Killed

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Zell Jenkins Smith, 44, a world war I veteran, told his family he was "going to be a better father in the future," then whipped out a .32 automatic, shot and killed his daughter, seriously wounded three other members of the family and turned the gun on himself, police said today.

The quintuple shooting occurred last night as the family was gathered around the radio.

Smith died instantly and his daughter, Audrey, 21, was dead upon arrival at Lutheran hospital. Smith's mother, Mrs. Dora Smith, 74, and his wife, Alfretha, 48, were wounded critically and were not expected to live, physicians at the hospital said.

### GRAND JURY ABSOLVES IN SLAYING INTERLOPER

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10—(U.P.)—The Marion county grand jury returned a "not true" bill in regard to the fatal shooting of Charles Batchelor, 35, last month, absolving George E. (Bud) Harris of blame for the slaying.

Harris, charged with manslaughter, returned home to find Batchelor in bed with his wife, police reports said. Batchelor was killed by a bullet after a brief scuffle, Harris told state police when he reported for arrest voluntarily.



**NEW AMBASSADOR**—This smiling gentleman is Don Victor Andrade, new Bolivian Ambassador to the United States, shown leaving the White House after presenting his credentials to President Roosevelt on the first anniversary of the Bolivian revolution. He'll continue "good neighbor" policy.

### STATE POLICE ROUND UP CARS WITHOUT STICKERS

The state police have launched their annual round-up of autolists with no 1945 stickers on their windshields. Approximately two dozen complaints have been filed this week with more scheduled for today. The violations also include no operator's license, invalid foreign license plates, improper lights and carrying four persons in the front seat.

### WARTIME LIQUOR BAN HELD MANPOWER AID

San Diego, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Claiming a wartime liquor ban would help solve manpower problems, San Diego County's Ministerial association today sought virtual return of prohibition in a request that the president outlaw manufacture, sale and transportation of alcoholic beverages for the duration and six months.

### 24 LOSE LIVES WHEN AIRLINER CRASHES, BURNS

### Los Angeles-Bound Ship Unable to Land at Burbank Account Fog, Hits Foothill

Los Angeles, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—A New York-Los Angeles bound American airliner with 24 aboard crashed and burned in the foothills here today after circling the fog-shrouded airport and heading for an emergency field.

All 21 passengers were members of the armed forces and their names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The plane apparently flew into a knoll immediately after Capt. J. R. McCauley radioed that the invasion was progressing "better than could be expected."

The plane was 25 minutes overdue when it circled the airport at 4 a. m., and turned back for an emergency field in the desert.

It crashed in the foothills about five miles northeast of the Burbank air terminal, in the La Crescenta region.

**Fog Veils Wreckage**

The fog which led to the crash also held search planes on the ground, and it was six hours before the lifting veil disclosed wreckage of the ship on the hillside.

Shortly before 10 o'clock a watcher in the airport control tower spotted wreckage high on the sloping foothills.

The watcher was unable to determine from that distance whether there was any sign of life, and automobiles left at once for the scene.

The ship was on a regular flight from New York here and had made its last stop at Phoenix.

The big Douglas airliner, carrying 21 passengers and a crew of three, had gasoline enough to keep in the air only until 7:30 a. m. PWT.

### DROP FIREBOMBS ON JAP CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Three lone B-29 Superfortresses dropped fire bombs on Tokyo between midnight and 5:30 a. m. today (Tokyo time), Japanese broadcasts said, in a follow-up to yesterday's large-scale attacks on the capital and at least seven other targets.

A Tokyo domestic broadcast recorded by the FCC said "no damage whatsoever" resulted from the morning's "nuisance raids" on the city.

A war department communique disclosed that B-29s which attacked Tokyo yesterday started fires in the industrial district and shot down two and probably four enemy fighter planes after fighting their way to Honshu Island from the Marianas against heavy winds and icing conditions.

### 'Brownout' Of All Commercial Lights Demanded By Ickes

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—A nationwide "brownout" that would darken every shop window and theater marquee in the country is under consideration by the government as a means of saving more than 2,000,000 tons of coal yearly, it was learned today.

The drastic emergency measure, it was said, was demanded by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes at a recent cabinet meeting and met with the immediate approval of Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

The "brownout" of commercial lighting was asked by Ickes not because of any shortage of electrical generating capacity but because of the tight supply of coal, which is used to generate about two-thirds of the nation's output of electric power.

### SOVIET TROOPS SEIZE SUBURBS NEAR BUDAPEST

London, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Red army troops captured Budapest's northeastern suburbs of Ujpest and Rakospalota together with more than 2,000 blocks in the Hungarian capital today while other soviet forces struck within a mile and a quarter of Komarno in an attempt to cut a German salient thrusting toward Budapest.

A Moscow communique said that more than 3,000 additional enemy were captured in the savage house-to-house battles inside Budapest.

While the main forces driving on Komarno were halted three and a half miles east of the town, other red army troops captured a number of places, including Teginea, a mile and a quarter northeast, and Stara Dala, a little over four miles north northeast.

Tonight's communique made no mention of the German drive which had rolled back the Russian siege lines within 15 miles west and northwest of Budapest.

### NAZI U-BOATS TAKING NEW TOLL IN ATLANTIC

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Allied merchant ship losses increased last month as German U-boat activity in the Atlantic flared anew after a lull of almost a year, a joint Anglo-American announcement said today.

The statement, issued monthly under authority of President Roosevelt and prime minister, said the December spurt in submarine warfare is "but another index that the European war is far from over."

### GOOD NEWS, JAPSI

San Francisco, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Psychological warfare against the Japanese was intensified today when six new 50,000-watt transmitters were put into operation by the office of war information at inland California points.

### CATTLE CEILINGS TO TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 29

### Director Vinson Ends Long Fight Between Cattlemen and Retailers With Action

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, acting to end a long and bitter fight between cattlemen and meat retailers, today ordered imposition of ceilings on live cattle prices, effective Jan. 29.

From Jan. 29 to July 2, the ceiling will be \$18 per 100 pounds, live weight, at Chicago. On July 2 the ceiling will be reduced to \$17.50. Changes in subsidy rates to packers and the so-called "stabilization range" governing eligibility for those subsidies also will be effective on the same dates.

Vinson ordered the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration to draft orders prohibiting slaughterers from paying more than the new ceiling for live cattle. He also imposed restrictions on the quantities of "choice" and "good" beef they may handle, a move intended to increase the overall quantity of beef available to civilians.

In addition to establishing the live cattle ceiling, Vinson's order:

1. Directed the Defense Supplies Corp. to increase subsidy payments, effective on Jan. 29, on choice (Grade AA) beef by \$1 and on good (Grade A) beef by 50 cents per 100 pounds, live weight, with provisions that choice cattle subsidies on July 2 will be reduced by 50 cents. Present subsidy rates on choice beef range from \$1 to \$2 per hundredweight, on good, from \$1.45 to \$1.95.
2. Directed OPA and WFA to increase the stabilization range for choice beef by \$1 and good cattle by 50 cents per 100 pounds, live weight, over the entire country, with provisions that on July 2 the maximum and the minimum of the stabilization range for choice cattle be reduced by 50 cents. The present stabilization range for choice cattle is \$15 to \$16 per hundredweight and for good, \$14 to \$15. The stabilization range constitutes the limits within which cattle must be sold if the slaughterer is to be eligible for the full subsidy.
3. Directed the issuance of orders naming it an OPA violation for a slaughterer to pay more, on the average, grade and yield considered, than the maximum prices of the stabilization range for the cattle purchased and slaughtered by him over a month's period. This does not include calves.
4. Directed WFA to give OPA authority to issue an order setting the maximum percentage of good and choice cattle that any slaughterer may kill or deliver during a month's time. This apparently was designed to compel cattlemen to concentrate on producing greater quantities of poorer grades of beef.

### Senators Call on President For Move Toward Demilitarization Axis Powers

Washington, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Michigan's two Republican senators today called on the administration to initiate immediate allied agreements which they believed would eliminate political strife and lay the groundwork for a strong, effective peace organization.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg called for drafting now of an allied treaty to provide for demilitarization of the axis powers. His colleague—Sen. Homer Ferguson—called for immediate formation of a United Nations council to supervise liberated countries until stable governments are formed.

Speaking during the senate's first major foreign policy debate this year, Vandenberg blamed



THESE NAZIS ARE WISE for they surrendered to Allies and as result have their first hot meal in many days. Supermen eat hungrily out of hot tins of "C" rations after capture by 7th Army troops in forest on Alsace-Germany border.

### Yank Tanks By-Pass La Roche; German Retreat In Full Swing

Paris, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—American armor by-passed the Ardennes anchor base of La Roche today and captured nearby Samree by storm after winning a big tank battle there, while British forces advanced two miles on the heels of German troops retreating from the nose of the bulge.

Front dispatches made it clear that Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's forces were engaged in an orderly withdrawal from the western end of the Belgian salient, leaving only a brittle shell of rear guard resistance to cover the retreat.

### REFORM SCHOOL BOYS MISTREATED IS CLAIM

Sacramento, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Two assemblymen today charged that inmates of Preston state school of industry were treated brutally and Karl Holton, director of the state youth authority which operates the school said he had ordered O. H. Close, school superintendent, to report to him in Sacramento immediately.

Edward F. O'Day and Gerald P. Haggerty, both San Francisco Democrats, asked for an investigation of the school after saying they found three boys, two of them naked and one in shorts, held in an unheated cell at the school.

### NEWBY ON IMPORTANT SENATE COMMITTEES

Salem, Jan. 10—Senator Earl Newby of Jackson county has been named chairman of the senate committee on assessment and taxation, and vice chairman of the committee on industries. The senator's other committee memberships include federal relations and irrigation and drainage.

### HANNA MUCH BETTER IS HOSPITAL REPORT

An encouraging report was received today on the condition of Judge Herbert K. Hanna, the United Press bulletin this afternoon reading "much better, not so restless." The judge, seriously ill for about three weeks, is beginning his third week in a Portland hospital.

### JAPS HURL GRENADES AT AMERICAN VESSELS

By United Press

An NBC broadcast from Luzon said Japanese troops, "gone mad," swam out into Lingayen gulf last night and threw hand grenades at American ships.

"That was just like throwing a snowball at a hot stove," the broadcast said.

### WOULD FORCE DREDGES TO RESTORE LANDSCAPE

Sacramento, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—Sen. H. E. Dillinger, D., Placer county, announced he will introduce legislation today to compel gold dredging firms to restore to substantially its original condition any land on which they operate.

**TO DRAFT 4-Fs**

Sacramento, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—All occupationally deferred 4-F draft registrants in California who left their employment without prior approval of their local boards will be forwarded for induction during February, Col. Kenneth H. Leitch, state director of selective service announced today.

### JAPANESE SAID RUSHING ANTI-INVASION DEFENSE

Chungking, Jan. 10—(U.P.)—A high Chinese military source said today that the Japanese, alarmed by the fast-breaking American campaign in the Philippines, were rushing anti-invasion defenses at Hong Kong, Amoy, Fochow, and Shanghai on the China coast.

He charged that the Japanese were commandeering thousands of Chinese coolies for construction work, then massacring them to conceal military secrets after the projects have been completed.