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SOUTHERN PART OF CITY STILL IN ENEMY HANDS

3,700 Imprisoned American and Allied Civilians Freed With Arrival of Yankees

Manila, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Avengeing American troops seized control of virtually all the northern half of burning, starving Manila today after freeing 3,700 imprisoned American and allied civilians and capturing the presidential palace.

The First cavalry and 37th infantry divisions stabbed into the heart of the Philippines capital from the east and north and

NAMES LATER

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Names of American internees rescued in Manila will be transmitted to Washington by the army and released here by the war department as rapidly as they can be compiled.

No names had been received up to noon today, and the war department doubted that any would be received until tomorrow or later.

rapidly were mopping up the last enemy pockets north of the Pasig river, which bisects the city.

Japs Wreck Docks

South of the 200 to 300-yard-wide river, several thousand crack Japanese marines were blasting and burning docks, warehouses, bridges and other vital installations preparatory to what may develop into a last-stand in the southern half of the capital.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, at last reports, was waiting impatiently in the northern suburbs for the bridging of one last river for a triumphal entry into the city he was forced to abandon to its fate three years, one month and three days ago.

(A CBS broadcast from Luzon said President Sergio Osmeña and Resident Commissioner Gen. Carlos P. Romulo landed at a Luzon airport from Washington Sunday and headed south to join MacArthur in his return to Manila.)

Fall Conceded

Radio Tokyo conceded shortly after 3 a. m. today that the Americans had entered Manila from the north and east in forces outnumbering the Japanese garrison.

The 3,700 American and British civilian internees were rescued by a mechanized flying column of the First cavalry division at the Santo Tomas University concentration camp in the heart of Manila Saturday night after a spectacular 100-mile advance in 36 hours.

Virtually all of the buildings in the camp area, including the infamous, ancient Bilibid prison, had been cleared of Japanese by last night. The Americans fought literally from room to room for some of the buildings.

Police Seized

Other elements of the first cavalry division pressed on to the north bank of the Pasig river and seized the Malacanang palace, former residence of the American governors general and later seat of the Quezon government.

The 37th infantry division entered Manila from the north at 6:30 a. m. yesterday and by early afternoon was within a few hundred yards of a junction with the first cavalry units of Santo Tomas.

The infantrymen overran the Grace Park airfield in the northern suburbs of Manila. Though pitted by American bombs, it was expected to be repaired quickly. At least one artillery observation plane already has landed there.

Both the First cavalry and 37th divisions met only sniper and machine gun fire in their advances into the capital, but fierce fighting was expected when they attempt to force the Pasig to clean out the remainder of the city.

"It may be a hell of a job," one high officer said. "It may be several days before we have the city cleaned out, but the Japs have no chance now."

TO BERLIN

By United Press
The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:
Eastern front—32 miles (from point on Oder northwest of capital, by German report).
Western front—296 miles (from point southeast of Nijmegen).
Italy—530 miles (from point north of Ravenna).

RUSSIANS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE FROM ODER BRIDGEHEAD

Germans Report Reds Lash Out Westward in New Drive From Breig Section

London, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—German broadcasts reported tonight that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army had broken across the Oder river northwest of Kustrin, less than 38 miles from Berlin and established a bridgehead on the west bank of the last natural barrier before the capital.

London, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Marshal Ivan S. Konev's red army was reported by the Germans today to have launched a new offensive from a bridgehead across the Oder river some 200 miles southeast of Berlin in an apparent bid to outflank this last natural barrier before the capital.

The German high command said powerful Russian forces had lashed out westward from a springboard in the Breig area of the Oder's west bank midway between Breslau and Oppeln and violent fighting was going on in the heart of Silesia.

30 Miles From Berlin
The nazis also acknowledged officially that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army had clamped strong assault arcs against Frankfurt and Kustrin, twin bastions of the Oder defenses east of Berlin.

Moscow broadcasts and dispatches said the soviet vanguard was "about 30" miles from Berlin, that Frankfurt and Kustrin were "closely invested," and that heavy fighting was going on in the eastern suburbs of Frankfurt.

"The red army now has crashed into Germany along a front of 360 miles, although steadily mounting resistance and a thaw which has turned the fields into bogs has slowed the soviet advance," one Moscow broadcast said.

In Strong Force
With a 100-mile stretch of the Oder line under assault and soviet forces reported battling for a river crossing 32 miles northeast of the capital, Konev's forces were said by the nazis to have ripped into the Silesian defenses beyond the Oder in strong force.

"On both sides of Breig," a German communiqué said, "the enemy from his bridgehead on the Oder launched attacks supported by strong forces. Heavy fighting is in progress here."

A supplementary report by Ernst von Hammer, nazi military commentator, said Konev's forces had reached the area of Grottkau, 12 miles beyond the Oder, the same distance south of Breig, and 32 miles south-south-east of Breslau.

A successful drive by Konev from the general area of Breslau, coupled with a likely swing to the northwest, would flank the Oder defenses and either roll them up or neutralize them, posing a direct threat to Berlin in case the Oder line should hold against the frontal onrush of Zhukov's forces.

Physician Released From Jail At Santo Tomas Prison Camp

Santo Tomas Internment Camp, Manila, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—When the flag of the United States was raised over this internment camp this morning, one of the happiest spectators was Dr. Theodore Stevenson, former missionary in China and head of the camp medical staff.

He was in the camp jail when soldiers of the First cavalry division poured into the grounds. His confinement, he said, was ordered when he refused to testify that anything other than starvation was the cause of some recent deaths.

As a free man Dr. Stevenson watched his former jailer, Lt. Col. Hayashi, move out of the camp at the head of a small detachment of troops after releasing hostages unharmed.

"This is a great day... this is a great day," Dr. Stevenson said.

Starved Internees Cry Hysterical Welcome As Liberating Yankees Enter Santo Tomas University Internment Camp In Manila Area

By Frank Hewlett

(UP War Correspondent)

Manila, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Some 3,700 thin, hungry allied civilians, 2,500 of them Americans, cried a hysterical welcome to liberating American troops at the Santo Tomas University internment camp tonight.

Among them was my wife, Virginia, from whom I parted on New Year's eve of 1942 to go to Bataan with Gen. Douglas MacArthur. She insisted on staying behind in Manila as a nurse in Santa Catalina hospital.

I found her there today, recovering from a nervous breakdown. Doctors said she would have fully recovered now if she had had sufficient good food. Though never a big girl, her weight has dropped to 80 pounds, but I found her in excellent spirits.

Japs Quickly Routed
The Japanese were routed quickly from most of the buildings in the camp area.

Troops of Brig. Gen. William C. Chase's mechanized flying column surrounded the build-

ing, but hesitated to use machine guns or other automatic weapons for fear of hitting the civilians.

The civilians, nonetheless, shouted encouragement and advice from the windows of the besieged building. They included many women and children.

(Hewlett, in a later dispatch, said a truce was arranged under which the 221 internees were released unharmed and the Japanese force of 65 men under

The internees were so overjoyed at the arrival of the American troops that they insisted on lifting them to their thin, emaciated shoulders and carrying them. Colonel Hayashi was permitted to leave the university area unmolested.)

ing the soldiers through the buildings.

U. P. Man Liberated

Robert Crabb, another member of the former United Press staff in Manila, his wife and two children, were among those set free.

(A special announcement from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said the names of the rescued internees would be released to the press and radio "as soon as they are tabulated.")

Chase, after a personal inspection of the concentration camp, described conditions as "most pitiful." Most of the internees, he said, were suffering from malnutrition and were "practically skin and bones."

"It would break your heart to look at them," he said.

He urged that first priority should be given food and medical supplies for the internees.

(A broadcast from Luzon said great motor convoys with doctors, Red Cross staffmen and enough equipment to build a large hospital were waiting north of Manila to enter the city as soon as bridges were restored. They also were bringing 12,000 letters and other messages to the internees, the broadcast said.)

Chase's flying column, consisting of a small force of tanks, jeeps and troop-laden trucks, shoved off at 1 a. m. this morning on a reckless dash over a seldom-used, rough road into Manila from the northeast. The toughest fight of the day came at Novaliches, 10 miles from the capital, but brushes with the enemy were frequent all along the route.

Lt. Col. Haskett Conner, Jr., of Wakeman, Ind., led this special force which undertook the mercy errand on special orders from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who ordered them to take any risks to get through to Santo Tomas, liberate the civilians and then protect them until stronger forces could be brought up.

Strangely, the nearer we came to Manila, the lighter the opposition was.

We sped past Del Norte, Manila's greatest cemetery, then into Avenue Rizal.

We moved down avenue Rizal

several blocks. Civilians mobbed our vehicles, cheering and offering us portions of their meager food supplies. They passed out iced water, beer, and liquor. The women were weeping while the men saluted and children squealed in delight.

Delirious Reception

But the Santo Tomas reception was even more delirious.

A grenade hurled from the Jap guardhouse at the entrance to the prison camp delayed us until tanks were brought up.

Creeping along the buildings for what seemed an eternity, another correspondent and I reached the main buildings where the windows were filled with excited faces. The internees were yelling so loudly we couldn't distinguish anything they were saying.

We entered the building and were mobbed. The women kissed us and then these thin, starved people lifted us on their shoulders—an honor that should have been reserved for Conner and his men. But Conner's forces were still busy outside killing Japs.

I found a little girl who could answer the question which was foremost in my mind. She told me where I could find my wife and kindly offered to accompany me to the hospital where Mrs. Hewlett was held.

It was a reunion after years about which I do not want to think.

The Americans here have suffered terribly since last June, when the Japanese forbade them to purchase food from the outside. Conditions have been especially bad in the last two months. The ration has not been more than 700 calories a day.

RESPITE SEEN IN CALIFORNIA RAIN

Hanford, Cal., Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—The U. S. weather bureau predicted "light showers" today for northern California as farmers and government agencies prepared to assess crop and livestock damage caused by flood waters resulting from last week's four-day rainfall.

A brief break in the rains over the week end gave swollen rivers and creeks a chance to subside and emergency crews an opportunity to repair burst or threatened dikes. It was believed that a "two-day heavy rainfall" would be necessary again to bring the river levels to dangerous stages.

Hardest hit by the downpour were Tulare and Kings county in the San Joaquin valley. Other areas reporting high waters were Sacramento, Woodland, Roseville and Knights Landing.

MANPOWER ACTION FACES DELAY IN CLOSED HEARINGS

Senate Military Affairs Committee Votes to Start Closed-Door Quiz Tuesday

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—The senate military affairs committee voted today to hold closed hearings on the pending "work or else" bill, thereby delaying senate action on the controversial measure at least a week.

Committee Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, said the hearings will begin tomorrow. He said he doubted that they could be completed this week. Only specifically invited witnesses will be permitted to testify, he said, in an effort to speed final committee action on the bill.

Some Rebel

The decision to hold hearings was the result of a rebellion by several members against the speed-up program of Thomas and other administration leaders on the committee.

The committee nearly approved the bill last Friday, but then a reaction set in against the procedure.

The first witnesses will be Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of Navy James Forrestal, Thomas said.

Strong bi-partisan opposition still threatened to result in drastic revision of the bill before it is finally passed by the senate or even perhaps in substitution of some voluntary plan, however.

GALLICANO TAKEN BY YANK TROOPS

Rome, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Fifth army troops have recaptured Galliano, captured in the German counterattack in the Serchio valley sector last December, headquarters reported today.

Active patrolling continued elsewhere along the fronts. Other slight advances were reported along the Serchio river in the renewal of operations at the Fifth army's west flank.

Despite mist and waist-deep snow in some sectors, Fifth army raiding patrols continued intense activity and met considerable resistance which resulted in casualties to both sides.

Several clashes between patrols were reported in the area southeast of Bologna.

TWELVE DEAD AS TANKERS COLLIDE

New York, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Flaming oil spread over the New York harbor early today after a collision of two tankers, setting fire to both tankers and to a Liberty ship. At noon, 12 were known dead, 20 were missing, and 80 were injured.

The ships were identified by survivors as the tanker Spring Hill, a Liberty ship named Bernard Carter, and a Norwegian tanker Divi.

The fire was brought under control 90 minutes after it started. Police said at least 60 injured had been taken to hospitals.

M'ARTHUR STAFF CHIEF WOUNDED IS JAP CLAIM

Quoting a "Lisbon dispatch," Tokyo radio said Monday that Maj. Gen. Richard Sutherland, chief of staff to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, "was seriously wounded while inspecting the Luzon front on Jan. 30."

The broadcast was recorded by United Press at San Francisco.

Old Glory Flies Over Luzon



Holsted proudly over Dagupan City Hall as civic functions are restored under American protection, Old Glory waves once more above Luzon soil.

GOLD HILL MAN FATALLY KNIFED; TOWNSMAN HELD

A murder complaint charging James Alexander Wolf, 63, with the death of Percy Harold James, 44, as the result of an altercation early Sunday morning in front of the Gold Hill Hotel at Gold Hill, will be filed by the district attorney's office today, according to District Attorney George W. Neilson.

Wolf is held in the county jail pending justice court arraignment.

James, according to the report of the state police and sheriff's investigating officers, died of a wound in the right groin from a sharp instrument—presumably a knife—allegedly held in the hand of Wolf. The blow severed a main artery and James bled profusely before death.

Met on Street

According to reports gathered by Sergeant M. W. Ruch of the state police, and Deputy Sheriff Vern Smith, the two men met in front of the hotel about one o'clock Sunday morning and engaged in an argument, Wolf objecting to being the object of jests by James and others. During the exchange the fatal blow was struck. It further developed the two men were acquaintances and no bad blood previously existed between them, District Attorney Neilson said Wolf had been the butt of considerable bantering by others.

Following the affair James collapsed and died in a few minutes, according to witnesses. The Perl ambulance removed James' body and Wolf was placed under arrest.

Both men were employed by the Pacific Portland Cement plant at Gold Hill. James was employed on the power dam of the company in Rogue River, and Wolf as section of the company railroad maintenance crew.

Family Survives

James is survived by his widow and two children, a boy 15, and a girl 13. He resided on the north slope of Blackwell Hill near Gold Hill.

Wolf has been a resident of various parts of this county since 1933. He has a grown family. His wife is in Oklahoma. A son was killed in an auto accident near Gold Hill last November.

No time has been set, but an inquest will probably be held late today.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ENGAGES SESSION IN WEEK OPENING

Salem, Ore., Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Business before the Oregon legislature today was strictly routine, with only a few non-controversial bills up for final passage, and the number of bills introduced were down to a low for this session.

A total of 499 bills had been introduced up to the weekend recess, and today only two made their appearance in the house, one of which was the controversial measure which would change the basis of taxation on public and private carriers in the state.

Some Exclusions

The bill, the result of a lengthy interim committee report, excludes farm trucks and some municipal buses, but would establish a gas tax on most other carriers, collecting the tax on the basis of miles traveled.

Action on most of the controversial measures which are ready for final debate and passage has been deferred to later in the week. One of the reasons is the absence of members of the house and senate fish industry committees, who are in Olympia today to meet with similar washington groups.

Floor debate is due as a special order of business tomorrow on the tax study resolution requested by Gov. Earl Snel. It will come to the floor with a "do adopt" recommendation, including the tax experts' provision which the senate had earlier decided to delete.

On Wednesday the senate will vote on the controversial "civil rights" bill, which would prohibit the refusing of public accommodations to a person because of race, color or creed.

STORM CONDITIONS IN MOUNTAINS OF COUNTY

General storm conditions prevailed over the mountain areas of Jackson county today, with snow falling in the higher levels, according to the California Oregon Power company weather reports. Rain, accompanied by wind prevailed in the Prospect and Butte Falls sections. No report was received today from Fish Lake, due to the telephone line being out of commission. It was presumed storm conditions were the cause. A rather heavy fall of snow was reported in Klamath county.