

B-29S AND QUAKE ROCK JAPAN

TOKYO, YOKOHAMA NAVY YARD RAKED BY HUGE AIRMADA

Tidal Wave and Bombs
Cause Wide Damage—
Cabinet Shuffled.

Washington, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—The powerful armada of Superfortresses which struck at Japan yesterday blasted the strategic Nakajima aircraft factory at Ota, put a record number of 66 enemy planes out of action and lost three of their own number in the target area.

Washington, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Superfortresses gave Tokyo probably its heaviest pounding in perfect daylight bombing weather today, less than an hour after an earthquake shook the main Japanese island of Honshu and Hokkaido island to the north.

One of the largest forces of the giant B-29s ever to hit the Japanese capital, flew 3,000 miles round trip from the Mariana islands to blast industrial targets with "good to excellent results." They encountered only light fighter opposition.

Reports from Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's 21st bomber command indicated that this eighth major attack on Tokyo was one of the most successful. One spokesman said the force was as large as any group ever to hit Tokyo and probably was the largest.

The earthquake which fortunately preceded the raid shook the entire eastern and central part of Honshu island, including the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama, at 1:50 p. m., according to Japanese broadcasts.

Seismographs at Fordham university in New York indicated it was "fairly severe" but not as severe as the tremors which shook the Japanese mainland last December 7, causing tidal waves which admittedly caused heavy damage.

Nature Assists

Forty minutes after the quake started, and possibly while it still was in progress, five waves of Superfortresses—numbering approximately 90 planes, according to Tokyo—loosed their explosives and incendiaries on Tokyo and Yokohama. Enemy broadcasts said airplane factories were the principal targets.

A second raid was reported seven hours later by Tokyo radio. Superfortresses this time were over the Yokosuka naval station, south of Tokyo, heading north.

Returning crews at 21st bomber command headquarters were enthusiastic. Observers said the fact that "good to excellent" results were reported significant. B-29 headquarters ordinarily does not estimate damage until reconnaissance photographs have been taken.

Japan, troubled by increasing air raids against her homeland and by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's crushing successes in the Philippines, meanwhile announced a partial reshuffle of her cabinet, ousting two of the three ministers responsible for industrial manpower and war goods.

Mother Asks Army Not Take Last Son

Leighton, Pa., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Mrs. Elsie McFarland pinned her last hope to keep her ninth son at her side on President Roosevelt today after his draft board chairman told her that the 18-year-old boy was "practically in" the army which had claimed all his brothers.

Marcus Smith, the son, registered today, his 18th birthday. Only yesterday his mother was notified by the War Department that one of his eight brothers overseas, Pfc. Clinton, 20, was missing in action in France. Another son, Lewis, hasn't been heard from in two months, while William is hospitalized with malaria in the Philippines.

IWO JIMA BLASTED
—(Via navy radio)—Army bombers and fighters hit the Japanese bastion of Iwo Jima in the Volcanoes for the 65th and 66th consecutive days Friday

Slight Pause for Prisoner Identification



German soldiers captured by Fourth Division of General Patton's Third Army line up in snow-covered field for searching and identification before being sent back to prisoner of war camps. The Third Army has already breached the West Wall on an eight-mile front before Pruem and won 10 crossings of the Rhine and Our River lines between Luxembourg and Germany. Photo by Charles Haacker, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

BIG THREE PLAN LONG OCCUPATION OF GERMAN SOIL

London, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Diplomatic quarters believed tonight that the "Big Three"—Allied leaders were reaching decisions which will be final in regard to securing European peace, but will be subject to approval of other allied governments where necessary.

There was little doubt that these decisions call for immediate and prolonged Allied occupation of Germany and its administration by Allied troops.

Occupation and administration of Germany was understood to be the most important of three major points under discussion. Ranked behind it were the questions of political and economic settlement of European squabbles, and the earliest possible establishment of an international peace organization.

With Radio Moscow increasingly publicizing the Soviet-sponsored free German committee, there appeared grounds—as newspapers here suggested—for believing Stalin had put forward this movement as a possible nucleus for postwar German administration.

DOG'S TRIP LAID TO ANNA, COLONEL

Washington, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—For his "A" priority transcontinental airplane flight, "Blaze" can thank Col. Ray W. Ireland, assistant chief of staff of the Army's Air Transport command. He also can give credit for an assist to his master's sister, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger.

This was revealed today by a Senate Military Affairs subcommittee investigating ATC priorities—including "Blaze's."

The subcommittee made public a report by Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, commander of the ATC, which identified Ireland as the officer who gave Col. Elliott Roosevelt's 115-pound bull Mastiff an "unjustified" priority for his Washington-Hollywood ride. During this ride three combat veterans were "dumped" because they had only "C" priorities.

Cupid Dart Downs Maj. Bong, Air Ace

Superior, Wis., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Marge Vattendahl, whose picture adorned the side of Maj. Richard Bong's Lightning fighter plane when he shot down his 40th Jap plane to become America's ace-of-aces, became Mrs. Bong tonight.

It was a full church wedding at the Concordia Lutheran church, despite the modest 23-year-old major's plea for a simple ceremony.

CAVALRY CROSSES PASIG TO TIGHTEN MANILA JAP TRAP

By United Press
The central business district of Manila, including the postoffice building has been "practically" destroyed in the roaring conflagration which has swept the city, Tokyo radio reported Saturday night.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Sunday, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—The United States 1st cavalry, tightening the trap around Japanese holding out in southern Manila, has crossed the Pasig river in a wide outflanking maneuver southeast of the capital and is within three miles of Manila bay, it was announced today.

Troops of the 37th division, widening their bridgehead across the Pasig in the center of the city, pushed ahead in house to house fighting on a front almost two miles long and within a mile and a half of the southern edge of Manila.

As the battle of Manila entered its second week, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's daily war bulletin announced that the Japanese had converted houses and public buildings into pillboxes and fortified strongpoints and were using artillery against the steadily advancing Americans.

The bulletin disclosed that Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's 1st cavalry, which made the first penetration of Manila last Saturday, had advanced five miles in its outflanking drive around the eastern side of the 14-square mile city.

2472 JAP PLANES LOST TO U. S. 123

Advanced Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—United States carrier planes downed Japanese aircraft at the ratio of approximately 20 to 1 during a recent five months period when 2,472 enemy planes were lost in aerial combat compared to 123 American aircraft, Vice Admiral George D. Murray, commander of the Pacific fleet air forces said today.

The period specified was from June 11 to October 30 and included the first and second battles of the Philippines, the sea and air assault on the Bonin islands, the Palau invasion and the Leyte phase of the Philippines invasion.

BLACK DEMOCRATS
Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—In a writ of Mandamus granting Negroes the right to vote in primary elections in Florida, Circuit Court Judge L. L. Febinski today ordered county registration officer Ben Davis to register two Negroes as Democrats.

FIGHT OVER PAY HIKE FOR STATE OFFICIALS NEXT

Salem, Ore., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—A long-awaited fight over the proposed salary raises for high elected officials of the state was being anticipated for Monday by the Oregon legislature today as it adjourned for the week-end after a brief and quiet session.

The House ground out five bills and the Senate four in short order at the last meeting of the fifth week of the 1945 session.

Two salary bills (HB's 262 and 263) are due for the third reading and final passage in the House Monday. They would raise the governor's salary from \$7,500 to \$9,000, the Secretary of State and State Treasurer from \$5,400 to \$6,000, the Attorney General from \$5,000 to \$5,750, and the Justices of the Supreme Court from \$7,500 to \$8,000.

Today's adjournment came after the House Friday brought back to life a memorial which petitions congress for an investigation of the farm labor situation in Oregon, and takes a slap at the Selective Service system.

YAMASHITA SAYS MAC IS TRAPPED

By United Press
Japan's Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, commander of enemy forces in the Philippines, is in the position of the man who grabbed the tiger by the tail and couldn't let go—but tried to make the best of it.

"At long last Douglas MacArthur is in my iron trap," Yamashita was quoted as saying in a broadcast by Tokyo radio.

"I have been chasing the enemy's commander all over the southern seas area and each time he has slipped away from me. This time it will be different and my pleasure of a face to face meeting will be realized."

The broadcast, heard by United Press at San Francisco, did not explain why Yamashita's pursuit of General MacArthur resulted in the loss of almost the entire Philippines archipelago.

COLMAR CAMPAIGN COST NAZIS ARMY

Sixth Army Group Headquarters, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—The German 19th army has been eliminated as an effective fighting force with the destruction of six infantry divisions and one armored brigade in the three-week Colmar campaign, it was announced officially today.

RUSSIANS SURGE TOWARD STETTIN, CIRCLE BRESLAU

Prussia Nearly Conquered;
Last Reserves Used On
Berlin Defense Line.

London, Sunday, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—Red army troops surged toward Stettin and the Baltic coast of German Pomerania on a 11-mile front yesterday and Berlin admitted they had plunged 24 miles beyond the Oder river northwest of Breslau, and advanced to within 90 miles of Dresden.

In encircled East Prussia, Red army soldiers captured the fortress cities of Elbing and Preussisch Eylau, eastern and western ends of a 900-square mile pocket of German resistance in the almost-conquered Junker province.

Thirty-five miles west northwest of two-thirds encircled Breslau, Soviet tanks smashed into the heart of the important lower Silesian industrial city of Liegnitz, Nazi broadcasts acknowledged.

Along a 220-mile stretch of the Oder river, battles for Germany's "last ditch" defense line reached new heights of ferocity. Moscow dispatches said the Germans were believed throwing in their last available reserves to gain time to bolster the defenses of Berlin.

Before the Nazi capital itself, bitter tank and artillery battles continued as the Red army laid siege to Berlin's outer defense fortresses of Kuestrin, Frankfurt-on-the-Oder and Fuerstenberg along a 40-mile arc 31 to 43 miles from the city.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st White Russian army swept toward the Baltic coast on an 11-mile line extending from Zaerkerick, on the Oder's east bank 31 miles northeast of Berlin, to the village of Knacksee, 10 miles south of the Pomeranian rail center of Neu-Stettin.

BLACK TORNADO STOPS KLAMATH

Medford's Black Tornado swamped Klamath Falls Pelicans 45 to 28 in a southern Oregon conference game played here last night. Jerry Ross collected the first basket and from there on out the Pelicans were snowed under. Medford ran the count to 5-0 before Bud Blehn hit the hemp for Klamath's first score of the game. First quarter ended 11 to 5 for Medford with the board reading 21 to 11 when the teams went to the showers at the halfway mark. Third quarter saw Medford on top of a 31 to 16 bulge.

The Tornado didn't play their usual fast and accurate type of game but still had too much on the ball for the outclassed boys from Klamath county. Ross was the big gun for Medford with 17 counters, nine of them gained in the first half. Jim Palmer collected eight for the Pelicans to lead in that department. The Pelicans lost the services of Jim Noreen and Palmer via the foul route, both leaving the game in the fourth quarter.

Larry Hayes, bespectacled Tornado forward, was hurt in a clash with Larry White and Dean Mason when the three went up after a ball. He was carried from the floor to the dressing room by Coach A. Simpson and Trainer Ed Kirtley but was found not to be seriously injured.

Simpson made a last minute shift in his lineup when he started Jim Cave and Karl Reich in place of Dick Fawcett and Bob Watson, who saw action in some of the third and all of the fourth period.

Ed Kirtley's juniors turned back Central Point high 41 to 34 in the preliminary.

Seattle, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—King County Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan declared today that parents of juvenile lawbreakers will be called to account when any youngster is arrested.

AMERICANS TAKE ROER RIVER DAMS, CANADIANS GAIN

Germans Blast Gate, Flood
Loosed—Patton's Army
Near Key Bastion.

Paris, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' American 1st army won the bitter week-old battle for the Roer river dams today by capturing Schwanenauel while the Canadian 1st army, gaining three miles, reached the Rhine river at Milligen and drove double spearheads to within two miles of Kleve.

American patrols marked the victory of the dams by stabbing for the main Roer river in the area of Hasenfeld under an intense artillery barrage. The German radio said crossings were being attempted all along the river.

The Canadians were advancing steadily to the north. They captured three vital towns and assaulted a fourth, widened their front to 17 miles and smashed through the Germans' first line of Siegfried defenses guarding the west wall anchor fortresses of Kleve and Goch.

A fourth vital Siegfried bastion appeared about to fall as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army drove within a half mile of Pruem in a double envelopment and spread the allies' widest breach in the west wall to a 10-mile gap.

The battle of the dams was won with a thunderous artillery barrage that drove the defenders of Schwanenauel into retreat, but the roar of the guns was accompanied by the din of German demolitions.

In the last minutes of their hold on Schwanenauel, the Germans blew the gates of the giant dam loosing a flood that raised the level of the Roer three feet within 24 hours and inundated a 375-foot wide area on the Roer valley north of Duren.

The rise may delay slightly any allied plans for a full-scale assault along the Roer river north to Roermond, but it cannot long hold the impending blow. The allies now know the problem they face and can plan to meet it without the threat of a tidal wave hanging over their movements.

MOST STORES TO BE OPEN MONDAY

Downtown stores and businesses will stay open on Lincoln's birthday Monday, as on any other day, they announced today. City and County offices and banks will be closed all day Monday, however, in keeping with past tradition. Grocery stores plan to remain open Monday also.

All federal offices will transact business as usual on Monday in keeping with the president's proclamation that Christmas day be the only legal holiday for such workers for the duration. These offices include both selective Service Draft boards, the OPA Ration board, and U. S. Employment Service.

Brundage Predicts Lumber Prosperity

Portland, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Fred H. Brundage, WPB western log and lumber administrator, today predicted there would be no let-up in production or employment in the lumber industries of the northwest "with the end of the European war, nor even when the war with Japan is over."

COOS MINE TO START
Coos Bay, Ore., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Full production of coal from the Coos Fuel Corporation's operation in Coos county, near Southport, is expected to be reached within a few weeks, T. O. Toon, president of the concern, announced tonight.

WAR BULLETINS

By United Press
The first trainloads of food have arrived in Warsaw for those starving civilians still left in the devastated Polish capital, the London radio, recorded by the United Press in New York, disclosed Saturday. The food was brought from Moscow, the broadcast said.

VICIOUS WEATHER FAILS TO HINDER NAZI FUEL RAIDS

Downtown Berlin Wrecked,
and Gestapo Headquarters Blasted.

London, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Fortresses of the U. S. Eighth air force braved "vicious" weather today to bomb a motor fuel depot at Duellman in northwest Germany where main highway and railroads lead to German forces facing Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's offensive on the northern end of the Siegfried line.

More than 150 Britain-based heavies carried the current round-the-clock aerial offensive into its third day. Part of them hit Duellman by instrument and the remainder struck submarine pens on the Dutch coast at IJmuiden through a heavy overcast.

The Fortresses were screened by more than 130 Mustang fighters. But the extreme weather eliminated German fighter planes in contrast to yesterday's fierce opposition to the 1,300 bombers which hit western Germany.

Two American bombers were reported missing from the day's operations.

Reconnaissance photographs taken over Berlin on Thursday showed the downtown section had been wrecked by last Saturday's massive assault.

Some sections were still burning, five days after the 1,000-bomber raid. Government and residential buildings were gutted, deroofed and leveled in almost continuous smudges along an area of 15 to 20 blocks.

STATERS UPSETS OREGON 55 TO 51, GAME TIED OFTEN

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Oregon State's rangy Beavers halted the University of Oregon's rush for the northern division Pacific Coast Conference Basketball championship Saturday night by handing the Webfoots a surprising 55 to 51 defeat.

A huge crowd—7,000 spectators—who packed McArthur Court saw the Beavers take a commanding 35 to 24 lead at the half and never relinquish the lead, although Oregon closed the gap to the final four points with two minutes remaining but lacked another spurt to draw closer.

Dick Wilkins, Oregon forward, faced the pointmakers with 19—nine baskets and one free throw, while Red Rocha, Beaver center, accounted for 18. Both high scorers were ejected from the game on personal fouls in the closing minutes.

GEN. RILEY IN HOSPITAL
Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Brigadier General Thomas Riley, former deputy commander of the famous 41st "Sunset" division, is hospitalized at Barnes General Hospital here for observation, after he suffered another series of attacks of tropical diseases.

BREMEN SAILORS BATTLE GESTAPO MOSCOW REPORTS

Berlin Panicky with Food
Low—Swiss Report Rioting
at Kassel.

London, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—The Moscow radio reported tonight that German naval personnel had revolted at the Port of Bremen, the site of Communist-inspired uprisings which preceded conclusion of the First World War.

A German-language broadcast by the Soviet radio claimed that sailors who had been "dragged" from ships for army duty had barricaded themselves in barracks and refused to go to the front.

German SS (Elite Guard) troops were dispatched to Bremen, Moscow said, and their attempts to quell the revolt resulted in a pitched battle with a number of casualties on both sides.

During the political and social upheaval in Germany in the last days of World War I, there were desertions by German sailors and street-fighting. The Moscow radio also quoted Stockholm dispatches that Berlin was growing increasingly panicky and that a three weeks' supply of food was available. All activity in the capital was reported limited to indispensable jobs and other workers and civil servants mobilized in the Volkstruppen.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet asserted that the suburbs of eastern Berlin had been declared zones of "military preparation" with the inhabitants evacuated and houses fortified.

Gloomy Broadcast

A Nazi radio commentator, in one of the gloomiest broadcasts in recent weeks, admitted that Germany was "by no means keen" to continue the war. Swiss dispatches reported rioting in the industrial city of Kassel, west of Berlin.

Indicating the chaos sweeping Nazi officialdom, the Swiss newspaper Basel Arbeiter Zeitung reported that a number of German industrialists and high-ranking Nazis arrived in northern Italy recently in an effort to obtain falsified Italian papers for a possible flight to Switzerland.

The Exchange Telegraph agency reported from Zurich that Kassel, 175 miles west of Berlin, had been under martial law since Wednesday and that a majority of the city's administrative officials and police had abandoned their posts.

Indicating the almost complete breakdown of law and order in one of the Reich's largest cities, the report said police and civil officials faced the wrath of the Gestapo and SS (Elite Guard) troops rather than take action against strikers. Bloody clashes were reported in the Wolfgang Power factory where war workers refused to work overtime without supplementary rations.

GOV. SNELL DUCKS JAP ISSUE, CLAIM

Portland, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Declaring that the Japanese problem in the northwest is far from being solved, Former Governor Walter M. Pierce last night told over 1000 persons attending a Gresham meeting that the solution lies with Gov. Earl Snell and the Oregon state legislature. The former governor and congressional representative accused Gov. Snell of evading the issue and cited Gov. Mon C. Wallgren's statement on the Japanese problem recently.

1945 WATER ASSURED
Sacramento, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—With a "normal" snow pack in the mountains, California apparently is assured of an ample supply of water during the 1945 summer months, the division of water resources said today.