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AMERICANS LAND ON CORREGIDOR

EARLY FALL NEAR, SAYS MACARTHUR, JAPS SURPRISED

Land and Sea Operations Gain Vital Points; Enemy Given Ultimatum.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Sunday, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—Veteran American paratroops and amphibious infantry have landed on rocky Corregidor island guarding Manila bay, and its capture is assured, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

"We have landed on Corregidor and seized its decisive points," he said in his daily communiqué. "Its complete capture is now assured with light casualties. . . . The recapture of Bataan and Corregidor clears the entrance to Manila bay and opens this great harbor to our fleets."

The combined air and sea operation took the Japanese by surprise. It was made Saturday—two years, nine months and 11 days after Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright surrendered the island to the Japanese invaders.

MacArthur announced the recapture of nearby Bataan peninsula yesterday. It and Corregidor were the last strongholds of the gallant American and Filipino defenders of the Philippines in 1942.

Thus, 40 days after American troops landed on Luzon, MacArthur was near accomplishment of his three principal objectives in the Philippines—the reconquest of Bataan, Corregidor and Manila. It took the Japanese a little over five months to accomplish the same objectives.

Shortly after paratroops dropped on the top of the rock, taking defenses in the rear, American assault boats dashed across the narrow channel from Bataan, little more than two miles away, and landed on the south shore, "throwing the enemy's garrison into complete dislocation," MacArthur said.

Manila, Feb. 17—(11 a. m.—U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commander of U. S. forces in Manila, called upon Japanese troops holding the Intramuros district of south Manila today to surrender or permit the evacuation of civilians "in the true spirit of the Bushido and the code of the Samurai."

(Bushido is the name given the unwritten laws supposedly governing the conduct of Japanese nobles. The Samurai are Japanese warriors.)

The ultimatum first was sent by public address system and by radio at 3 p. m. Friday and was sent again Saturday morning. The Japanese are believed to have received it. But there was some confusion in establishing radio contact with the enemy and the result of Griswold's action still was doubtful at this hour.

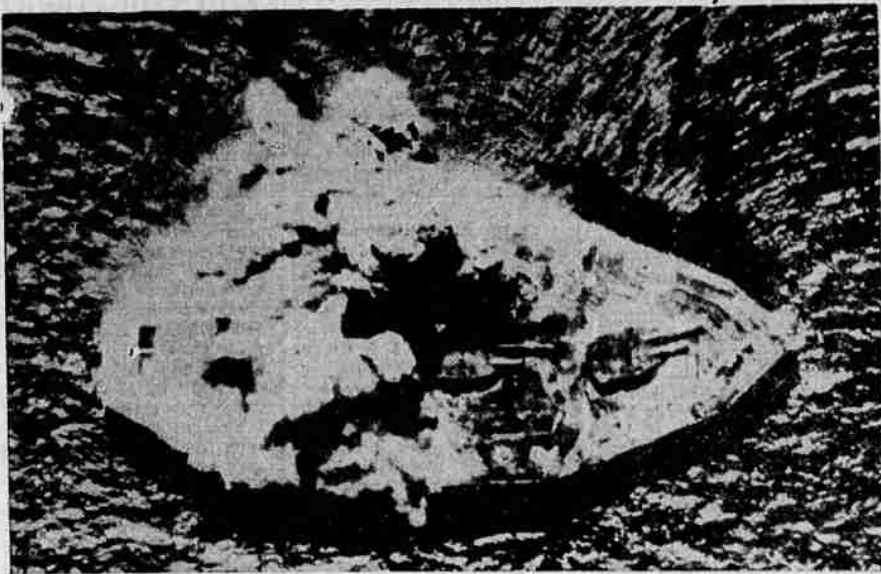
"Your situation is hopeless and your defeat is inevitable," the message said.

"I offer you honorable surrender. If you decide to accept, raise a large Filipino flag over the Red Cross flag now flying, and send an unarmed emissary with a white flag to our lines. This must be done within four hours, or I am coming in. In event you do not accept my offer, I exhort you that in the true spirit of the Bushido and the code of the Samurai, you permit all civilians to evacuate the Intramuros by the Victoria gate without delay, in order that no innocent blood be shed."

FRENCH AIR ACE DIES IN ACTION

Paris, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Commander Marin La Mesle, French ace who shot down 20 German planes in six weeks during the 1940 Battle of France, has been killed in action on the Alsace front, it was announced today. He was 32.

Bombers Blast Fort Drum in Manila Bay



Smoke belches upward from Jap-held Fort Drum in Manila Bay, after "Ken's Men," a B-24 unit of the Fifth Air Force, gave it a devastating pasting. The raid took place as Yank ground forces moved to wipe out last-ditch Jap resistance in Manila and Tokyo radio nervously hinted imminent American landings on Corregidor.

LOCAL MAN IN PRISONER SWAP

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Archer, route 1, box 342, have been notified that their son, Sgt. Ernest T. Archer of the air corps, will dock in New York Tuesday on the exchange liner Gripsholm. Sgt. Archer is among the 463 army officers and enlisted men who were exchanged in Switzerland for German prisoners. He has been a prisoner of the Germans since his plane was shot down on a bombing raid over occupied territory October 6, 1943. He suffered a bullet wound in the leg during the raid, according to a previous announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer received a telegram from him in France a week ago telling of his pending arrival here. It is not known when he expects to arrive in Medford.

ICKES PROPOSES VAST JOBS PLAN

Washington, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes tonight proposed that the government undertake a vast post-war conservation program to provide jobs for millions of ex-servicemen.

Such a program, he added, would make for a more abundant life for the country as a whole.

The recommendations were in Ickes' annual report to President Roosevelt. It reviewed the work accomplished by various units of his department and credited them with having contributed materially to the war effort.

'One World Center' To Honor Willkie

New York, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—The Willkie Memorial fund of Freedom House announced tonight they would purchase and remodel the former New York Club in memory to the late Wendell L. Willkie, republican presidential candidate in 1940.

When remodeled the building will be known as the "one world center" to "perpetuate his memory and his vivifying influence upon American life," the announcement said.

SOLIDARITY SEEN

Mexico City, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla, in a speech broadcast tonight, said the inter-American conference opening here next week would offer an "extraordinary opportunity" to amplify political and economic solidarity in the western hemisphere.

CRASH HURTS 24

Garden City, Kan., Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Twenty-four persons were injured, two critically, when the bus in which they were riding struck a stalled truck-trailer on a four-mile east of Garden City on ice-encrusted pavement early today.

NAZI PRISONERS SOLD AS SLAVES MOSCOW CHARGES

Moscow, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—The Soviet army newspaper Red Star said today that inmates of huge German prison camps in Poland and East Prussia were sold in slave markets and those unfit for work were put to death in gas chambers.

Its account of murder factories, slave markets and prison camps was written by Maj. Alexander Mandrugyn.

"Beginning with Cracow, more and more frequently we run into compounds of black, standardized barracks enclosed within several rows of electrified barbed wire," he wrote. "Practically every industrial community boasted such slave camps with inmates from various countries, including France, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands and Greece."

A group of Russian officers were conducted around the Plaszow camp by a former inmate, Ferdinand Perchak, a Pole who had been interned because he jumped onto a trolley car reserved for Germans. Perchak said that the daily check of inmates often was marked by murder, particularly when Superintendent General Goett was present.

"Goett would walk past rows of prisoners and woe to him whose face did not please the general," Perchak told Mandrugyn.

"In such cases, Goett would pull out his pistol and shoot the victim straight in the face. Often the general would amuse himself by ordering a prisoner to run to the gate—then unleash bloodhounds who tore the victim to pieces while the general laughed."

Mandrugyn said he saw three graves, each containing 800 charred bodies.

GERMANS ALL SET FOR GAS ATTACK

London, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Stockholm reports said today that the Nazi high command had ordered renewed precautions against allied gas attacks because they believed gas might be used in reprisal against a new German "wonder weapon."

The Swedish reports said orders had been given for distribution of new gas masks, examination of old ones, and establishment of gasproof shelters and public havens.

STETTINIUS IN RIO

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—United States Secretary of State Edward Stettinius Jr., arrived today by plane from the Crimea where he was a member of the American delegation to the Yalta "Big Three" conference.

BOMBERS IN FOG BLAST FRANKFURT

London, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—American Heavy Bombers blasted Germany for the fourth consecutive day today when a force of 500 Eighth Air Force planes flew through heavy fog to drop 1000 tons of bombs on the German western front rail centers of Frankfurt and Giessen.

Bombing by instrument, returning pilots from some of the 350 Fortresses and 150 Mustang fighters reported they could see fires break out in the rail yards at Frankfurt, hub for four main lines leading from central Germany to the front. Giessen is 30 miles north of Frankfurt.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense, but the Luftwaffe failed to offer opposition. The fighters swept over a wide area from north of Frankfurt to as far south as Munich and Ulm, setting fire to trains loaded with military vehicles. Two bombers were lost and two fighters were reported missing.

SEEK INJUNCTION FOR DOOMED DOG

Los Angeles, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Wool, a 5-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier, tonight was promised another day in court after the dog lost the first round of a court fight to save her from a death sentence.

Superior Judge Walter Gates denied a writ of habeas corpus for Wool, condemned to die in the lethal gas chamber next week for fatally biting 21-month-old Marguerite Derenger Tuesday night.

Cafe Owner Grady C. Terry, who says common law gives every dog his day in court, sought the habeas corpus writ. But Judge Gates held that a dog was personal property, and, as such, is not subject to action under a writ of habeas corpus.

Undismayed by his court failure today Terry said he would return to court Monday for an injunction to stay the execution.

GERMANS REPORT U-BOATS SINK 7

London, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—A German communiqué said today that Nazi U-boats, tracking an Allied convoy bound for Murmansk, sank seven fully laden ships, one destroyer and one escort vessel off the Russian coast. Torpedo-carrying planes previously had sunk four ships and five destroyers in the heavily-guarded convoy, Berlin said.

LONG STRIKE ENDS

Minneapolis, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—The 11 months old labor dispute at the Minneapolis studios of radio station KSTP was at an end today following confirmation of settlement.

CANADIAN DRIVE FLANKS GOCH AND CALCAR BASTIONS

Four Mile Break-thru May Force German Retreat to New Line.

Paris, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Field Marshal Sir B. L. Montgomery's Canadian 1st army flanked the twin Siegfried bastions of Goch and Calcar today. It paralyzed the entire German position south of Kleve with a four-mile breakthrough that cut the Goch-Calcar highway.

Both Goch and Calcar were made valueless as defensive anchors by the sudden plunge through the German line two and one-half miles northeast of Goch along the Kleve-Uedem highway. The breakthrough may force the enemy to fall back seven miles to his next line, between Kevelaar and Xanten.

A British column spearing down from Kleve found a weak spot in the Goch-Calcar line and crashed through Friday afternoon, breaking in behind the Nazi 116th panzer division. They cut the Germans to shreds and swept up nearly 1,000 bombarded prisoners, raising the total captured in the 10-day offensive to 8,900.

Other British columns were closing in on Goch from four directions and on Calcar from two under a hail of artillery and mortar fire. Front dispatches said the fall of both bastions was imminent.

Goch was all but encircled by steady British advances north, east and west of the town and the nearest column was only one mile away from the northwest where Welsh and Scottish fighters captured Asperden and Herborst, and fought into Kessel.

LONG, LONG WAIT FOR QUONG CHIN

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Hing Quong Chin, 75, Portland Chinese, found today that he will have to wait two more years before he can achieve the goal on which his heart has been set for 56 years.

Tears welled in his eyes when U. S. naturalization officials here told him he would have to wait at least that long after Chin had filed his declaration of intention to become an American citizen.

During more than half a century Chin had been waiting at the "gates of citizenship" barred by the Exclusion Act. Only recently the law was changed to admit persons born in China.

Chin's wife, Zuan Gue Chin, 64, also filed her declaration. The Chins have a married daughter and a son in California.

CASSINO RUINS TO BE WAR SHRINE

Rome, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Two-thirds of bomb-battered Cassino, scene of fierce fighting last spring, will be left in ruins as a war shrine, it was announced today.

One-third of the town, at the foot of the Abbey of Mount Cassino, will be rebuilt by the Italian government.

PACIFIC LUXURY PLANES

Washington, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Pan-American Airways said tonight that it is ready to buy \$30,000,000 worth of giant new luxury planes for service over the Pacific after the war if the government is willing.

ZURITA BOUT SIGNED

Philadelphia, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Juan Zurita of Mexico will defend his NBA light-weight championship against Ike Williams of Trenton, N. J., in a 15 round bout at Philadelphia's Convention Hall April 9, it was announced today.

RUSSIANS CHALK UP NEW GAINS ON EASTERN SECTOR

Red Planes Hit Berlin Suburbs — Oder Dams Are Blasted.

London, Sunday, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Russian troops, smashing across the enemy's Queis river defense line, yesterday drove to within 60 miles of Dresden, capital of Saxony, while Berlin reported that the medieval fortress town of Sagan, southeast of Berlin, had fallen.

While Moscow reported that sky-filling fleets of Russian planes, flying 10,000 sorties a day, were lashing the outskirts of Berlin ahead of Soviet spearheads, the Red army chalked up important new gains all along the front.

Soviet assault forces broke into the encircled lower Silesian capital of Breslau, encircled and wiped out a huge enemy group in Pomerania, and all but the last escape route for enemy troops in the Vistula fortress of Gruzdzadz.

Russian columns drove to within 50 miles southwest of the port of Danzig, and in East Prussia toppled the Nazi strongholds of Wormditt and Mehlsack. The enemy's hold on East Prussia's 14,000 square miles of territory was reduced to a mere 600 square miles.

In Poland the Russians won almost complete control of the encircled city of Poznan, on the Warsaw-Berlin railroad. Enemy troops were cleared from the east bank of the Warta river and were held holding only the area of the "citadel" on the west bank.

At the north and south of the Red army's vast eastern front, the Germans, however, launched violent attacks. Southeast of the Baltic port of Stettin, the Red army hurled back vicious enemy blows in the area of Stargard, 19 miles from Stettin.

In this area, Berlin reported that the Oder dams between Fiddichow, 20 miles south of Stettin, and Zehden, 34 miles northeast of Berlin, had been blown up. No explanation was offered.

INCOME TAX CUT ARGUMENTS EYED

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17—(U.P.)—The argument that lowered federal income taxes would increase national income and curb federal spending today was contrasted with labor's claim that the working man would be harmed under such a system as the proposed 22nd amendment to the constitution came before the Oregon legislature.

The house committee on taxation and revenue took under argument pro and con hearing arguments last night on whether Oregon should join 18 other states which have petitioned congress within the past six years to call a constitutional convention and submit to the people a 25 per cent ceiling on federal income, gift and inheritance taxes.

Rep. John Hall, Portland, sponsor of the resolution (HJR 5) said all groups would benefit under a 25 per cent limitation because there would be more income in the hands of the taxpayers, production and investment would be encouraged, more jobs would be created, and a lower tax rate would curtail "wasteful government expenditures."

A state committee meeting will be called soon to consider various suggestions. Included in the committee named by Snell are eight members from Portland and one each from Eugene, Baker, Salem, LaGrande, Hood River, Grants Pass, Corvallis and Pendleton.

TRAFFIC DEATHS IN STATE HIGHER

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17—(U.P.)—The traffic death rate in Oregon was slightly higher in 1944 than in the previous year, although there was a reduction of 8 per cent in the pedestrian fatality rate, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell reported today.

WAR BULLETINS

By United Press
Lt. Gen. Harushige Nimitz, 67, who was relieved recently of his post as minister of education in Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso's Japanese cabinet, died in Tokyo Saturday, the Tokyo radio said in a broadcast heard by the FCC.

By United Press
Isolated Chinese troops in eastern China have won control of a 25 mile strip of the Canton-Hankow railway from the Japanese and are blocking enemy attempts in several places east of the railway to open up another land route, a Chinese communiqué said Saturday.

London, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Here's the latest version of the old one about the farmer's daughter. It's true, too.

When Flying Officer J. P. Crisp parachuted from his night bomber, he fell halfway through the roof of a Belgian farmhouse. He wriggled through the roof into a room below.

"There was a scream from a young woman," Crisp said. "I had bailed out into the bedroom of the farmer's daughter."

GERMANS TO GET HARD SCHOOLING MOSCOW REPORTS

London, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Russian Commentator David Zaslavski said tonight that occupation of the German Reich will be a "rough but beneficial schooling for the German people."

Broadcasting from Moscow by radio, Zaslavski said that the Yalta conference passed the death sentence on German fascism and militarism.

He said "old Germany" is dead and will never reappear in Europe.

"Never again will the Germans succeed in repeating their felony of the post-Versailles period and control their wolf ears under grandmother's nightcap—the social democratic hood," he said. "Annihilation of the German general staff implies annihilation of all possibility of forming new fighting units."

"Old Berlin will be liquidated. New Berlin will not be the center of military designs. It will not be a bandits' nest, feeder of crime and larder of the cannibals."

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RICHARDSON HEADS MEMORIAL BOARD

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TOKYO CLAIMS 24 YANK SHIPS SUNK

By United Press
Tokyo radio claimed Saturday night that 23 U. S. warships and transports had been sunk in the waters around Iwo Jima in the Volcanoes.

The Japanese broadcast, recorded by United Press in San Francisco, asserted that ships instantaneously sunk were: one battleship, three cruisers, three warships "of unidentified type."

Other sunken vessels included a cruiser, four transports and two mine sweepers while one cruiser and eight landing transports were damaged, the enemy broadcast said.

71 NURSES HONORED

Allied Headquarters, Luzon, Feb. 17—(U.P.)—Bronze stars today were given to 71 army nurses for their valiant work in the Santo Tomas prison hospital during the Japanese occupation, it was announced.

POWERFUL FLEET POUNDS DOORSTEP ISLES TO JAPAN

Tokyo Reports Iwo Invasion Opens — Details of Air Raid Lacking.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam, Sunday, Feb. 18—(U.P.)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today that a powerful American battle fleet had carried the bombardment of Iwo Island into a third day, and Tokyo claimed American troops had begun invading that "doorstep" island to Japan, 750 miles south of the Nipponese capital.

A bulletin issued at 10:30 a. m. (7:30 p. m. Saturday WET) reported that one ship in a task force of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's U. S. 5th fleet had been damaged by "intense" Japanese fire from Iwo, which was being blasted by naval artillery shells or airplane bombs for the 74th consecutive day.

Carrier planes of the attacking force strafed the Bonin islands of Chichi and Haha north of Iwo, damaging 23 grounded planes and exploding an ammunition barge. Warship anti-aircraft batteries shot down two Japanese planes attacking the mighty warship armada in what was the first announced enemy attack to strike back.

Tokyo claimed the Americans had attempted to land on the southeastern coast of Iwo at 10:30 a. m. Japanese time Saturday morning but were repulsed. Ten minutes later another force battled ashore at a point two miles to the northeast, the enemy said, without adding any claim to having repulsed it.

None of Tokyo's claims were confirmed by Adm. Nimitz, although from the scope of the three-day operation it appeared momentous developments were at hand in the Battle of the Pacific.

Nimitz' bulletin did not say whether attacks by some 1,200 carrier planes on the Tokyo-Yokohama area of Tokyo were continuing into the third day.

"Further reports on the attacks on Tokyo by aircraft are unavailable," Nimitz said.

But Tokyo reported that the carrier planes attacked Japan for six hours yesterday—second day of the attack. A high officer here said a radio silence which had blacked out details of the Tokyo assault was "beautiful" meaning that as long as the Japanese did not attack the carriers and escorting warships the American commanders would not break silence.

(The FCC reported that a high Japanese air defense official admitted Saturday that many residents of Tokyo spent almost the entire day in underground shelters, seeking refuge from the American attacks. He warned that civilians may have to spend most of our lives underground in the future.)