

RAIDS ON HONSHU KILLED THOUSANDS JAPANESE REVEAL

Frank Disclosures Made as Tokyo Papers Demand More Adequate Defense.

Guam, Saturday, March 17 (U.P.)—The battle of Iwo Jima ended Friday after 26 days of fighting which cost the United States Marines 19,938 casualties — highest toll of the central Pacific campaign—it was announced today.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that organized Japanese resistance ended at 6 p. m. Friday.

More than 21,000 Japanese were killed by March 14. In contrast, the three marine divisions lost 4,189 officers and men killed, according to reports available at 5 p. m. Friday.

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Philippine Isles Captured



U. S. troops have secured the southern approaches to the main shipping channel through the Philippines with the seizure of two more islands southeast of Luzon. Rombon and Simara Islands in the Sibuyan Sea are the 22nd and 23rd to be seized by General MacArthur's forces. New gains were rolled up on Mindanao and Luzon Islands while U. S. bombers pounded targets in Sulu Archipelago, perhaps preparatory to Borneo invasion.

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FINAL DEBATE ON "HOT" BILLS DUE IN OREGON SENATE

House Coasts Waiting For Upper Chamber to Catch Up; Hope Week-end Finish

Salem, Ore., March 16.—(U.P.)—A fistful of "hot" bills are due for final debate in the Oregon senate today, while the house coasts and waits for the upper assembly to catch up on uncompleted legislation and sent it over for final action.

The senate has on its calendar such major legislation as the proposed county manager bill, state employee pensions and merit system, veterans' loans, fish conservation, rural school districts and school funds from income tax surpluses. Only 22 bills are on the calendar, but a long session, with full-fledged debate, is in store.

Seek Wind-Up The legislature, now in its 68th record-breaking day, hopes for adjournment this week end, and senate and house leaders are pressing for the finish as soon as possible.

Best forecasts put the sine die adjournment Saturday, although some of the optimistic members hope it can be tonight. Others, looking at the work still to be done, predict that the longest session in history may drag over into next week.

(Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., estimated that the cost of the session, up to tonight, would reach \$225,000.)

The house completed its calendar early yesterday and is now virtually through work on house bills. It coasted yesterday afternoon, holding a brief meeting late in the day to form its calendar for today as the senate completed action on nearly 40 measures.

Major action in the senate included final passage of a series of appropriation bills totaling nearly \$20,000,000; the approval of a simplified state income tax form for taxpayers of less than \$5,000; the "milk bill," which provides for the pasteurization of all milk except that from certified disease-free herds, and the bill calling for the revamping of the public health department.

THIEF GIVES UP Chicago, March 15.—(U.P.)—Jack Malinoff, 39, Los Angeles jewelry salesman, surrendered today to face charges of the theft of several government watches. Spencer Drayton, FBI director, said the watches found in Malinoff's possession were part of 1,600 stolen in Los Angeles.

FLIERS MISSING Luke Army Airfield, Ariz., March 16.—(U.P.)—The army disclosed here today that two aviation cadets, Paul D. Summers, 24, Butler, Pa., and Dalton B. Tarver, 19, Dallas, Texas, have been missing more than 24 hours on a routine training mission.

Lost on Sub



London, March 16.—(U.P.)—King George VI was reported today to be pondering a new post for his eldest brother and predecessor on the throne, the Duke of Windsor.

Windsor's resignation as governor and commander in chief of the Bahamas, effective April 30, was announced by the colonial office last night. William L. Murphy, colonial secretary at Bermuda, was named to succeed him.

SOON HEADS CHINESE Chungking, March 16.—(U.P.)—T. V. Soong, acting president of the executive yuan and concurrently foreign minister, will head the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco security conference, it was learned authoritatively today.

BIG RANCH SOLD Oakdale, Calif., March 16.—(U.P.)—Ed Noble, Red Bluff cattleman, and Moffatt & Co. have purchased the historic Frankheimer ranch comprising 7,700 acres ten miles northeast of here for over \$500,000, it was revealed today.

NAVY TO CHECK FITNESS Washington, March 16.—(U.P.)—The navy has taken steps to prevent physically unfit sailors from being sent overseas. Two navy bureaus said they had received numerous reports of men sent overseas with ailments or defects that prevented them from performing all their duties.

Porter Admits Own Crucifixion to Be Of Aid to Country

Chicago, March 16.—(U.P.)—Fred Walcher, the 44-year-old tavern porter who police believe planned his own crucifixion, admitted it today.

When Walcher appeared in municipal court, Judge Victor Kula asked why he submitted to the ordeal.

"So many of the boys were dying overseas that I thought I would do something for my country," the seedy-looking defendant replied. He gestured with banded hands, now healing from the holes made by the nails with which he was hung to a cross Friday.

Judge Kula continued the disorderly conduct charge until March 28 and placed Walcher in the custody of David Rotman, court psychiatrist.

MINE OPERATORS REJECT DEMANDS

Washington, March 16.—(U.P.)—Soft coal mine operators today formally rejected the 18 wage contract demands of the United Mine Workers. But they offered counter-proposals on six of the demands which they said would add \$1.69 a week to miners' basic earnings.

The operators presented their answer to the union demands at a morning session of the joint wage conference which is seeking to draft a new contract to replace the one which expires March 31.

The operators flatly rejected the union's demand for a 10-cent a ton royalty which would be used for an insurance and hospitalization fund under the union's jurisdiction.

The operators charged that this proposal presented an entirely "new social theory and philosophy," which would affect every industry in America.

CUBAN UPRISING IS SUPPRESSED Havana, March 16.—(U.P.)—A conspiracy against the Cuban government has been put down and 80 persons have been arrested, the presidential palace announced today.

Col. Jose Eleuterio Pedraza, who was chief of the national police during President Fulgenio Batista's government, was among those arrested, the palace announcement said.

There were no immediate details on the uprising, but a brief statement from President Armon Grau San Martin's office said the revolt had been "broken."

(Batista, who was replaced by Grau as president last December was reported en route to San Francisco today after completing a tour of Latin America.)

CHECK PASSER HELD Chicago, March 16.—(U.P.)—FBI officials said today Reno, Nev., authorities were holding Allen Dubchinsky, 32, accused of passing worthless checks totaling \$3,500 in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Detroit.

AIDE TO PRESIDENT Washington, March 16.—(U.P.)—Col. Richard Park, Jr., 33-year-old native Washingtonian, has been named to succeed the late Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson as military aide to the president, the White House announced today. Park has been assistant aide for a year.

'Going My Way', Crosby and Ingrid Bergman Cop Oscars Hollywood, March 16.—(U.P.)—Ingrid Bergman, all choked up, Bing Crosby, all grins, and "Going My Way" all powerful, early today walked off with almost every major "Oscar" at the movie makers' 17th annual award presentation.

"Going My Way," Paramount's picture about two Catholic priests, dragged down seven awards—including four of the six top honors. "Wilson," 20th Century Fox studio's story of the World War I president, followed with six—all technical citations.

Miss Bergman took top honors for her work in "Gaslight," opposite Charles Boyer. Crosby's award was for his role in "Going My Way."

SUPPLIES TO GRY NATIONS DEFENDED BY F.R.

President Outspoken in Belief of Policy—Attitude of Critics Said Indecent.

Washington, March 16.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today vigorously defended the administration's policy of having this country help feed other less fortunate nations.

He told a news conference he was aware of some opposition to reducing American consumption of certain items so that people in other nations do not starve.

Matter of Decency But it is a matter of national decency that this nation help feed those who do not have enough to eat, he said.

Mr. Roosevelt said he could not bring himself to think that this country had suffered greatly or was going to when the American standard of living is compared with that of other countries.

He added that he thought his feeling reflected not only the attitude of the administration but that of a large majority of the American population.

He belabored critics who oppose reducing our consumption even though some other people might starve. Such an attitude, he said, is not decent and actually the American people are a decent people.

BOYS, 16, HELD FOR CAR THEFT

Two 16-year-old Medford youths are held in the county jail pending court action Tuesday before Judge H. K. Hanna, who is handling juvenile cases in the absence of Judge J. B. Coleman.

The boys are charged with stealing an automobile belonging to Mrs. Meri Mitchell, 21 1/2 So. Orange street, about 9:30 p. m. Monday. According to the state police, the youths drove the car around town nights, later turning it over three times four miles east of Gold Hill on the Sams Valley road. They also broke into a cigarette salesman's truck in Medford, where they stole cigarettes and whiskey, state police and juvenile officers said.

ELZIE LEMMONS HOME FROM PACIFIC SERVICE Elzie Lemmons, former private with an infantry unit, has returned to Medford to live after having been given an honorable discharge from the army March 8. Lemmons served four years, nine months of that time being spent in the South Pacific. He was formerly with both the 91st and 70th Infantry Divisions.

Lemmons was hospitalized for a time before his discharge. He is at the family home, 1211 West Main street, with his wife and children.

CALIFORNIA STUDIES MAXIMUM VET LOANS Sacramento, March 16.—(U.P.)—The state senate today was studying a bill recommended by the Military Affairs committee authorizing maximum state loans of \$12,500 to World War II veterans for farm purchases.

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NBC CUTS COMMERCIALS FROM MIDDLE OF NEWS New York, March 16.—(U.P.)—Commercial announcements in the middle of news broadcasts were ended today on all radio stations owned and operated by the National Broadcasting company.

It was said the step was taken because "news today is the number one public service obligation."

GENERAL KILLED Manila, March 16.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick, 50-year-old commander of the U.S. Sixth Infantry Division, died yesterday of wounds received during an inspection of the front lines east of Manila, it was disclosed today.

Lamar Trotti took top honors for the best original screen play with "Wilson" and Frank Butler and Frank Cavett for the best written screen play with "Going My Way."

Yankee Breakthrough Splits Nazi Defenses On Rhine East Bank

Paris, March 16.—(U.P.)—American troops split the German defenses on the east bank of the Rhine today with a breakthrough across the Rhine-Ruhr-Berlin superhighway in two places seven miles northeast of the Remagen bridgehead.

The breaks, opening the way for an American armored sweep down the six-lane highway into the exposed southern flank of the Ruhr valley, came as the U. S. third and seventh armies to the south started a nut-cracker offensive against the industrial Saar basin.

THIRD ARMY ACROSS MOSELLE Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army columns on the Saar front were across the Moselle in force south of Coblenz and racing ahead at a mile-an-hour clip in a bid to envelop and destroy Germany's last two field armies west of the Rhine.

Doughboys of an unidentified American infantry division severed the Rhine-Ruhr-Berlin superhighway with a rapid-fire advance into and through the village of Hovel, seven miles northeast of Remagen.

The Yanks swept out of the woods north and south of Hovel and across the roadway into the shelter of another wooded cluster on the east side of the highway.

Nazi rear guards fell back before the American attack, and field dispatches said German villages east of the Yank battle lines were festooned with white flags.

VILLAGERS URGE WEHRMACHT TO FLEE Rhineland villages everywhere in the battle area were said to have appealed to the Wehrmacht to retreat in order to save their homes from destruction.

American pressure all around the bridgehead perimeter was beginning to tell on the German defenders after 10 days of close-in fighting.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL CHESTS SET NEW RECORD Washington, March 16.—(U.P.)—The American people contributed more money to political war chests in the 1944 national elections than in any other campaign in history.

The senate campaign expenditures committee reported today that 1944 contributions to various political organizations totaled at least \$25,298,384, of which at least \$23,021,878 was actually spent. It emphasized that additional millions were spent by county and local organizations which did not file reports.

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