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YANKEE "JETTIES" JOIN ATTACK ON JAPANESE ISLES

500 Carrier Planes Raid Kyushu, Shikoku; Invasion Fleets Near Okinawa

Guam, Friday, March 30—(U.P.)—Tokyo reported today 500 American carrier aircraft including jet planes raided Kyushu and Shikoku Islands of Japan proper yesterday while a fleet of American transports and warships converged "from all directions" on invasion-threatened Okinawa Island, 70-mile-long bastion of the Ryukyus chain.

A great American naval armada of more than 100 vessels built around ten battleships was reported shelling Okinawa again while swarms of planes from at least ten carriers continued the almost-constant aerial battering of the air-and-navy base island, enemy broadcasts indicated.

Claim Kerama Success Tokyo claimed the alleged American invasion of the Kerama Islands south of Okinawa had been partially crushed and the beachhead troops cut off from their offshore supply ships.

Sixty carrier planes, hitting the south flank of Japan's long chain of islands, struck at Formosa in conjunction with B-29s Thursday, Tokyo reported. Starting at noon, according to this unconfirmed enemy version, planes raided Takao, Tainan, Taichu and Shichihku.

An American air field was reported by Japan to be under construction at Changping, Fukien province, China. Changping is only 75 miles inland from Amoy on the China coast, and 200 miles from Formosa.

(Chinese Central News agency reported from the Fukien province coast that "chaos" prevailed in Formosa where Japanese authorities reportedly were expecting an allied offensive. Civilians were reported evacuated from all seacoast areas.)

POINT VALUES ON SOME RED STAMP FOODS INCREASED

Washington, March 29—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today raised point values of pork, lard, margarine, canned peas, and canned asparagus for the month of April. The changes are effective next Sunday.

The OPA left unchanged the present ration values of beef, veal, lamb, butter, and other red stamp foods. But Price Administrator Chester Bowles hinted that all meat points probably would be raised sharply in May and June.

Noting the recent 12 per cent cut in civilian meat supplies for the second quarter of 1945, Bowles said the decrease would be felt "very little" during April.

Here are the major changes effective next Sunday. Center pork chops, up from 10 to 12 points a pound; end chops, from 6 to 7; ham slices, from 10 to 12; loin roasts, from 7 to 8.

Lard, shortening, salad and cooking oil, from 4 to 6 points; margarine, from 5 to 8 points. Canned peas (No. 2 can) from 20 to 30 points; asparagus (No. 2 can) from 10 to 20; sweet cherries, (No. 2 1/2 can) from 60 to 40; plums and prunes (No. 2 1/2 can) from 30 to 20; tomato juice (No. 2 can) from 20 to 10; 46-ounce can, from 40 to 20 points.

Sausages up one point a pound; one to 2 point increases on most sausage products, meats in tin or glass containers, and for many ready-to-eat meats.

Marines Try Ski Sport



The five Marines above are the resident crew of the ski camp maintained near Crater Lake National Park for Pacific war veterans now stationed at the Klamath Falls Marine barracks. The five—a supervisor, two instructors and two cooks—serve as hosts to marines and their families who visit the camp on three-day excursions. Chief instructor at the camp is Cpl. Harold Francis Chavis, of Portland, a veteran of Guadalcanal.

CHURCHES UNITE IN GOOD FRIDAY 3-HOUR SERVICE

The annual Good Friday service presented by the Medford Ministerial Association will be held tomorrow in the Church of the Nazarene, Holly at First street. This traditional service, in commemoration of the three hours during which Christ hung on the cross, will be held from 12 to 3 p. m.

MINERS ACCEPT PEACE PROPOSAL

Washington, Mar. 29—(U.P.)—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said today that the United Mine Workers have accepted her proposal for a new soft coal wage-hour contract. The operators, she indicated, may give their answer later today.

If the operators also accept the proposal—details of which Miss Perkins did not supply—it would end the threat of a nationwide mine stoppage when the old contract expires at midnight Saturday.

All Miss Perkins would say about her proposal was that its terms would not violate the government's wage stabilization program.

Miss Perkins' announcement came dramatically at a time when UMW members were ready to strike, if ordered to do so by the union, after the Saturday deadline.

Warmer Weather Spurs Blossoms

Warm weather of Tuesday and Wednesday brought out the first pear blossoms of the season, orchardists report. Some peach trees are also blossoming. A few days of sunshine will bring out the bloom at a rapid rate, according to Frost Observer Roy J. Rogers. The trees are about a week behind last year. Sunshine will also cause a spurt in farm work which has been delayed by wet ground.

OWNERS CAUTIONED ON DOGS RUNNING LOOSE

City police called to the attention of dog owners today the ordinance prohibiting dogs from running loose during gardening season through the months of April, May and June. Any dogs found loose during that time will be picked up by the pound master.

Radio Highlights

Sen. Tom Connally, D., Texas, will address the League of Women Voters tonight at 7:30 over the blue network. Subject of the address to be "The Road to Permanent Peace."

FEDERAL COURT WINDS UP HERE; IN KLAMATH NEXT

Grants Pass Plaintiff Awarded \$3,800 Attorney Fees; Davis Case Pondered.

Spring term of federal court was expected to recess here this afternoon to re-open April 5 in Klamath Falls in the circuit court rooms at 10 a. m. Only two civil actions came to trial during the sessions here.

Jurors who heard the action of C. P. Preuss, Grants Pass, against Fred C. Hetschel, Inwood, Calif., returned a verdict yesterday afternoon allowing the plaintiff \$3,800 attorney's fees for legal services performed for the defendant. Preuss had sued for \$12,000.

Davis Case Pondered Judge James Alger Fee heard final testimony in the action of Ruth Davis against the Medford corporation this morning and will render a decision later. The plaintiff seeks to collect damages from the corporation because of the death of David A. Davis while in the firm's employ.

Judge Fee will leave this evening for Portland by plane, but Mrs. Fee is remaining to visit friends and relatives until the first of the week when she will join the judge in Klamath Falls. Walter Hadlock, chief deputy, and his secretary, Miss Dorothy Adler, returned to Portland last night.

Ross DeMott and Verne Bishop, deputy clerks, and William Richard and Al. Price, bailiffs, left for Portland by car this afternoon. Leaving later are Cloyd Rauch, court reporter, Mrs. Rauch and Miss Esther Davis, secretary to Judge Fee.

NEWSPRINT COST HIKE THIRD TIME

Washington, March 29—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today authorized an increase of \$3 a ton in the manufacturers' ceiling price for newsprint, effective immediately. It was the third ceiling price increase for newsprint since the commodity came under price control in March, 1942.

OPA estimated that its action today would cost American newspaper publishers about \$10,000,000 a year. OPA pointed out that prices of newspapers are exempt from price control.

The higher newsprint price, OPA explained, was necessitated by increased production costs for pulpwood.

TOUGH HEAD

Los Angeles, March 29—(U.P.)—A .32 caliber bullet went thru Joseph Klepl's head yesterday but, except for a "slight headache," he suffered no ill effects. "My wife and I had a scuffle," Klepl said, in explanation.

872,862 American Casualties

Washington, March 29—(U.P.)—U. S. combat casualties officially compiled here reached 872,862 today, an increase of 13,275 in a week.

The total included 780,043 army and 92,819 navy, marine corps, and coast guard casualties.

The figures: Army 780,043 Navy 92,819 Total 872,862

Of the army wounded, 243,508 have returned to duty. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson estimated at his news conference today that more than 300,000 Japanese have been killed, wounded or taken prisoner in the campaign for recapture of the Philippines.

Carbarn Casanova Legally Sane, Is Alienist's Word

San Francisco, March 29—(U.P.)—A second alienist today told a superior court jury that Francis Van Wie, 58-year-old "ding dong daddy of the carlines" who married 13 wives but neglected to divorce any, as "legally and mentally sane."

The sanity trial of the romantic trolley conductor, already convicted of three counts of bigamy, went into its third day with some prospects of the jury receiving the case before nightfall.

Dr. George Johnson, professor of neuro-psychiatry at Stanford Medical school, joined Dr. E. W. Mullen of Agnew State Hospital in testifying that Van Wie is not legally or mentally insane although he has "considerable hysterical elements in his make-up."

PRISONERS FROM JAPANESE CAMP HOME ON LEAVE

Sgt. Lorne B. Cox and M. Sgt. George Distell, both of whom were among the prisoners-of-war released from Cabantuan prison in the Philippine Islands Feb. 2, arrived in Medford this morning from Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, where they have been receiving medical care since arriving in this country March 8. Both will spend 10 days here at the home of Sgt. Cox' father, John B. Cox, 615 West Jackson boulevard, before reporting to other army hospitals for additional treatment.

Relatives stated this morning that both men were in "fair" physical condition, but quite tired from the trip and in need of rest. They were said to be cheerful and deeply grateful to be home again. The two men became friends during their stay in Cabantuan prison. At the end of the 10-day furlough period Sgt. Cox reports to Barnes hospital in Vancouver, Wash., and Sgt. Distell to an army hospital in New Orleans, La.

Sgt. Cox and Sgt. Distell were accompanied north by Sgt. Cox' sister, Mrs. D. M. Wright of San Diego. They were met at Dunsmuir by Mr. Cox, his daughter, Miss Joan Cox, and Larry Neeley.

THREE JACKSON COUNTY SOLDIERS ARE WOUNDED

Cpl. Vaughn L. Groves, friend of Mrs. Alice Antinone, 2300 Western street, Medford, and Pfc. Arleigh J. Kenyon, husband of Mrs. Helen M. Kenyon, Star Route Box 82, Ashland, have been wounded in action with the army in the Pacific war theater according to a release of the Office of War Information.

Cpl. Robert Gale, son of Mrs. Gladys M. Gale, 875 East Main street, Ashland, has been wounded while on duty in the European theater, according to OWI.

RUSSIANS SWEEP INTO AUSTRIA ON WAY TO VIENNA

Several Villages Liberated in Breakthrough 40 Miles East; Nazis Quit Zehden.

London, March 29—(U.P.)—Marshal Stalin tonight announced in an order of the day that the red army has completed the liquidation of the Germans encircled southwest of Koenigsberg, killing more than 80,000 and capturing 50,000 since March 13.

London, March 29—(U.P.)—The "free Austrian radio" said today that the Red Army has swept into Austria at a point 40-odd miles southeast of Vienna and liberated several villages.

A further breakthrough in the direction of Vienna is imminent, the station, presumably Soviet-controlled, said. It appealed to Austrians to desert the German army and Volksturm (home guard).

"The hour of liberation is dawning," the broadcast proclaimed.

Nazis Quit Zehden Radio Berlin, meantime, said the Germans had evacuated their pocket in the big bend of the Oder river at Zehden, 31 miles northeast of Berlin.

The evacuation was carried out in "stubborn fighting," the broadcast said. "Weak" Russian attempts to force the Oder in pursuit were frustrated, Berlin said.

The Russians presumably advanced southeast from Zehden to the Oder itself, 28 miles from Berlin's city limits. The Zehden pocket was the last enemy foothold on the right bank of the Oder between the eastern approaches of Berlin and the Baltic.

VIENNA ALERTED

The free Austrian radio said the villages captured by the Russians southeast of Vienna were in Burgenland, Austria's easternmost province. (The OWI said a dispatch in the Swedish Svenska Dagbladet reported that a state of emergency had been declared in Vienna and the city's outer fortifications alerted.)

Far to the north, medieval Danzig on the Baltic appeared about to fall to another Soviet army group, the second White Russian. The second army group cleared all western Danzig yesterday and captured the modern Polish port of Gdynia, nine miles to the north.

GERMANS BEATEN BEYOND RECOVERY ASSERTS STIMSON

Washington, March 29—(U.P.)—The German army on the Rhine is beaten beyond hope of anything save unconditional surrender or piecemeal collapse, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today.

However, he said, the Nazis might find some temporary line for an inner core of resistance when allied armies reach the end of their supply lines.

"If the allied armies are forced to fight from village to village to the destruction of all Germany, the German people must know also that their present leadership and they who tolerate it will bear the responsibility," Stimson told a press conference.

Stimson said one reason why the allied armies had little difficulty in crossing the Rhine was the fact that from D-day last June 6 to March 23, allied forces captured 1,120,503 German prisoners in western Europe. This, he said, was in addition to German troops killed and wounded.

WEATHER Northern California—Scattered clouds today, tonight and Friday. Warmer today.

Tank Forces Reel Off Mile-An-Hour Advance Through Broken Lines

London, March 29—(U.P.)—The German radio tonight broadcast to the German people not to believe sensational rumors that allied tanks have by-passed Nuernberg, 128 miles southwest of Berlin, and are driving on Leipzig, 74 miles from the reich capital.

With the Sixth U. S. Armored Division, Third U. S. Army, March 29—(U.P.)—A high ranking 3rd army officer said today that "there is no doubt" that German defenses in the 3rd army area have now collapsed.

The sixth armored estimated it took between 5,000 and 6,000 prisoners today and believed the fourth armored division took another 8,000 for a total of 13,000 to 14,000.

Paris, March 29—(U.P.)—American first and third army tanks converged on the Hessian capital of Kassel, 166 miles from Berlin, at a mile-an-hour pace today. And in the north, British armored columns plunged 20 miles through the broken German lines before Muenster.

Armored task forces of the two American armies were riding deep into central Germany less than 30 miles from Kassel and 200 miles southwest of Berlin at a clip more reminiscent of peacetime maneuvers than an advance through hostile territory.

BRITISH ALSO FIND RESISTANCE WEAK The British second army's flying tank columns in the north were meeting equally weak resistance. Field dispatches said the Tommies swept 20 miles or more beyond their last reported positions in the broken area to an undisclosed point about 20 miles east of the Rhine.

Racing through dozens of German villages festooned with white flags, the British were closing swiftly on the Westphalian capital of Muenster, 227 miles due west of Berlin.

A military security blackout cloaked the exact whereabouts of the favored British columns, but it was indicated they were a dozen miles or less southwest of Muenster in the Bulden area.

Heavily-censored reports from the wide-open American first and third army fronts indicated that sensational advances were being marked up behind the blackout.

VANGUARDS LINK UP FOR LEIPZIG DRIVE Vanguards of the two armies linked up almost 100 road miles beyond the middle Rhine and wheeled northward in what appeared to be a full-scale thrust toward Leipzig, 124 miles east of Kassel, and a juncture with the red army.

Behind the tank spearheads, Wiesbaden, 15 miles west of Frankfurt, was cleared of Germans by combined units of the first and third armies. Frankfurt itself was outflanked and militarily untenable. Its small but tough Nazi garrison was being mopped up in a narrow corner in the northwestern corner of the city.

The U. S. seventh army drew abreast of the first and third groups farther south with a powerful armored surge that carried almost 40 miles east of the Rhine at a point about 25 miles southeast of Frankfurt.

The Yanks in that sector broke across the Main river on a 2 1/2 mile front between Nidderberg and Schweinheim and advanced three miles farther to Liederbach.

MANNHEIM TAKEN WITHOUT BATTLE The big Rhine industrial city of Mannheim on the seventh's southwestern flank, was reported to have been occupied without a fight early today. If confirmed, it would be the first major German city abandoned by the Nazis without a struggle.

On the first army front, the great German quartermaster depot of Glissen, 60 miles southwest of Kassel, was swept up late yesterday. The Yanks pushed ahead another 16 miles early today, taking Marburg, and were moving in on Rauschenberg, eight miles farther north and 198 miles southwest of Berlin.

Thousands of stunned German prisoners were rounded up by the American tank columns and waved back to the rear without guards. The first army rounded up 13,000 prisoners yesterday alone.



The seven Allied Armies of the west strike with their full armored power along the German 200-mile battle line east of the Rhine in series of breakthroughs that sent American tank columns to within 230 miles of Berlin. The U. S. Third spearheads tore ahead so rapidly, under security blackout, that even Berlin "didn't know where the front was."

Tokyo Newspaper Says U.S. Would Finish Pacific War During April

By United Press A Tokyo newspaper professed to believe Wednesday that the United States was attempting to bring the Pacific war to a decision within the next month, as other Japanese editorials urged a speedy Nipponese counter-offensive against the Americans.

Apparently referring to the enemy-reported American landing in the Ryukyus, still unconfirmed by allied sources, Asahi Shimbun said:

"The enemy is taking the risk of crossing a point between our mainland and Formosa at the expense of bringing about an early decision to the war. The San Francisco conference (April 25) can be regarded as one of the reasons for the American haste for a showdown battle."

"We cannot idly refer to the current war in two phases," said the Yomiuri Hochi Shimbun, "namely the period before the enemy's landing and the period after the enemy's landing. The time has come to inflict the winning blow."