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Japs Throw Tanks At U.S. Road Block

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Japanese forces on Leyte island, "shouldering the destiny of the Japanese empire," are hurling tanks and suicidal infantry assaults at a strong American road block to aid thousands of comrades trapped in northern Ormoc valley in the Philippines.

The Japanese-controlled Manila radio today exhorted the Nipponese to "death-defying attacks" against reinforced U. S. infantrymen, saying the fate of empire hangs on the result of the battle.

Tanks Break Through
Front line dispatches reported four of seven light and large Japanese tanks managed to break through the road block toward encircled Limon, where well-equipped Nipponese fought stubbornly to gain time for troops consolidating the main defense line. Long motor convoys sped north, defying the incessant tank artillery barrage hammering the narrow valley road.

Imminent new American invasions of other islands of the Philippines or along insular chains stretching northward toward Japan are shaping up, dis-

patches from Washington predicted.
The forecast of new amphibious assaults was predicted on a navy department recapitulation saying the second sea battle of the Philippines "may turn out to be among the decisive battles of modern times," insured continued reinforcements for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, but did not sever the enemy's supply line to Leyte.

May Hit Luzon
Washington predictions suggested American seaborne forces might strike next at Luzon island, on which Manila is situated, to isolate Japanese conquests to the south, or try to cut Nippon's basic reinforcement and supply line to the Philippines.

The 32nd U. S. infantry—the first division to go into action on Leyte—came to the support of the wary 24th division which trapped an augmented regiment of Japanese around Limon at the northern end of Ormoc valley. The 32nd drove a deep wedge into the enemy's northern defenses.

Road Block
The 24th established a strong road block south of Limon, destroyed supply columns trying

to break through from Ormoc and beat off several small suicide charges.

In the south the 7th division advanced another mile toward Ormoc. It drove up the coast road to Tabgas, 11 miles below Ormoc, beating off a strong counterattack.

Fighter planes continued to bomb and strafe small Nipponese reinforcement craft and installations around Ormoc. The Japanese hurled 30 planes at American bases on the east coast, and lost 18 aircraft in the attempt. Altogether 27, or possibly 30, Japanese planes were destroyed in the Philippines as U. S. bombers and fighters ranged from Luzon island in the north to Mindanao.

MacArthur announced his forces in the Manila islands, 150 miles north of New Guinea, had mopped up Japanese on southern Bras Island and pocketed remnants on the northern tip. A delayed dispatch from Associated Press War Correspondent Al Dopping reported residents of Manila were starving. He quoted an escaped student as saying 85 per cent of the population was subsisting on sweet potato leaves.

POWER FUTURE HERE SET FOR DISCUSSIONS

Timber Problem Eyed By Planning Groups

Power and timber questions loomed prominently in the thinking of Klamath's civic workers and planners this week as they cast into the future for indications of local trends in the post-war years.

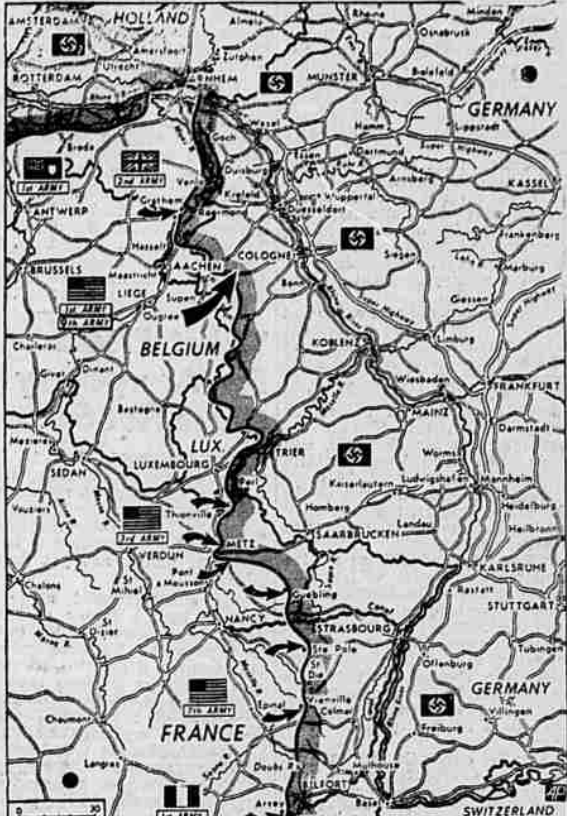
Power will be intensively discussed in the coming week, when three officials of the Bonneville administration will come here to talk about a proposed transmission line from Bonneville into this area.

The special power committee of the chamber of commerce organized this week, and will confer with the Bonneville officials to obtain information to help formulate the chamber's policies on power questions. On Wednesday, the Bonneville visitors will meet with representatives of the chamber, city and county, grange, irrigation districts, labor unions and other groups interested.

Information Sought
Chamber committeemen said they hoped much factual data may be obtained from various sources in the next few months to help determine the best possible power policy for the community. Distribution of power, if brought here from Bonneville, through private or publicly-owned systems, and effects of public power programs upon industry, taxation, agriculture, etc., will be matters on which information will be sought.

The community's timber sub-committee will meet on Page Three.

Offensive East of Aachen



Large arrow indicates area east of Aachen where American first and ninth armies launched a new offensive into the Rhine land. Other arrows indicate numerous additional areas of attack along the western front. (AP wirephoto map).

THIRD ARMY ENTERS METZ, ATTACKS SAAR

1,250,000 Allied Units Battle Nazi Defenders

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON, Nov. 18 (P)—British second army troops have struck the enemy flank in Germany 13 miles above the American sector at Aachen, a front dispatch disclosed tonight, while the U. S. third army fought house-to-house inside formidable fortress Metz.

The British second and the American ninth and first armies, forming a solid assault arc, hammered out slow gains today, against fanatical resistance on the broadening and lengthening Aachen sector.

Disclosure that troops under the British command were fighting in Germany was only one highlight in a series of sensational advances along a 400-mile western front turned into flaming battle by six allied armies of 1,250,000 men.

Strike Into Saar
Besides battling into Metz—never taken by frontal assault in modern history—the third army invaded Germany at a new point near Luxembourg and opened a 15-mile broad attack toward the Reich's northern Saar.

Then French at the lower end of the front punched to within sight of Belfort and the strategic tap to southwestern Germany, North of the French sector, the U. S. seventh army advanced from two to three miles toward Strasbourg along a 30-mile front.

Score Crossings
British second army troops in southeastern Holland scored two major crossings of the Zig canal, last water barrier before the Maas (Meuse) river bend and the Venlo gateway to Germany.

The British attack in Germany, synchronized with the American offensive, virtually isolated Gellenkirchen, 13 miles north of Aachen, by advances past the town on both the north and south. The British cut the road from Gellenkirchen to Hensberg farther north. They also smashed forward nearly two miles in an advance south of the town toward Prumern, two miles north of Gellenkirchen. Three hundred prisoners were taken.

The U. S. ninth army meanwhile reported "slow but steady" gains in the Metz area. (Continued on Page Three)

Munster, Vienna Pounded by Bombs

LONDON, Nov. 18 (P)—Heavy bombers and fighters, flying from bases in both England and Italy, attacked enemy targets at Munster and the Vienna area today and destroyed at least 35 Nazi planes.

Approximately 500 British heavy bombers, escorted by more than 200 fighters, attacked railway yards at Munster while 500 Mustangs and Thunderbolts of the U. S. eighth air force on a long-range strafing mission to Munich shot down at least 15 Nazi planes and destroyed 20 on the ground.

Argentina Sets Defense Program

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 18 (P)—Argentina is preparing to put into effect a new armed forces statute requiring all citizens of both sexes to begin training for national defense at the age of 12.

The program for girls of 12 to 20, presumably will take the form of athletics and improvement of health standards, while organization of an army auxiliary service is contemplated to absorb women.

Reviewing efforts being made to modernize the Argentine army on the basis of wartime experience, Vice President Juan Peron announced yesterday that the new statute divides citizens' military service into pre-conscription, beginning at 12; conscription at 20 with service for two years; and post-conscription membership in the organized reserve.

Score Injured In Train Crash

WAYCROSS, Ga., Nov. 18 (P)—A score of persons were injured, none fatally, this morning when 15 cars of the Atlantic coast line passenger train No. 61 en route from New York, to Tampa, Fla., were derailed near Hortense, Ga. Fourteen of the cars overturned.

The train, known as the West Coast Champion, was derailed today that the automobile accident November 10 in which French Finance Minister Aime Leger was fatally injured was due to sabotage.

Japs Cooperate in Defeat Of Own Fleet at Surigao

By CHARLES McMURTRY
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 18 (P)—A skipper of one of the United States' elderly battleships blames the Japanese defeat in Surigao straits—when eight enemy vessels came through and eight were sunk—in the incredible cooperation of the Japanese commander in bringing his ships exactly where the Americans thought he would bring them.

The American skipper, Capt. John B. Heffernan, of Washington, Ind., was in command of the old battleship Tennessee, one of the six which sank the enemy fleet, with the aid of smaller vessels, in just 15 minutes.

Japs Trap Seives
The Japanese force in effect trapped itself, he said yesterday in an interview. "If we'd told them just what to do, we couldn't have improved on their disposition. It was as easy as playing a game on a board."

For days, he said the American fleet had been lying east of the straits which separate Leyte from Mindanao and Dinagat islands. The Japanese must have known how big it was and where it was, because their observation planes had been over it almost constantly.

Obliging Nips
Nevertheless, the Japanese commander obligingly brought his fleet in from the Sulu sea, put his two battleships in front as they entered the narrow waters of the strait.

The Americans were waiting. P.T. boats, juking in the van of the American fleet, attacked first, doing some damage in the eerie pre-dawn. They also suffered some.

The Japs still came on at 16 knots. American destroyers were waiting. When the enemy fleet was about 11 miles south of the American battleships, American destroyers fired torpedoes.

Japs Reply
The Japanese replied with star shells, then opened up on the destroyers when the star shells revealed their whereabouts. One destroyer—the only allied ship damaged in the entire action—was hit. It went dead in the water and began drifting toward the enemy ships. (It continued so to drift during the entire engagement, but later made repairs and retired under its own power.)

Rear Adm. Jesse B. Oldendorf's force of cruisers was not far away off to the southwest. At 3:55 a. m., less than four minutes after the opening of the destroyer torpedo attack, the cruiser opened fire.

Important Difference
By then, the opposing battleships were 20,500 yards (roughly 12 miles) apart. But there (Continued on Page Three)

Freedom of News Talks Slated

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Nov. 18 (P)—The United States has decided to open discussions with other nations looking toward international agreements on world freedom of news exchange, it was disclosed today.

Washington thus would make the first move by any government in history toward achieving a working basis for guaranteeing unhindered interchange of independent news in order to promote better understanding among all nations.

Hidden Nazis Spearhead Resistance Inside France

LONDON, Nov. 18 (P)—A of the Interior, were declared to be actively aiding the Germans in espionage and sabotage.

The French source, who cannot be identified by name, said the Germans had parachuted small arms and food in recent days to bands of German saboteurs based in forests.

Although the sabotage in the Paris area has been on a small scale, the thousands of Germans who have evaded capture and discarded their uniforms for civilian clothes offer a great threat to the allies, he said.

"Most of the sabotage," he related, "has been confined to electric cables and pipelines."

French secret service agents were reported to have discovered several German radio transmitters in France.

The German radio declared today that the automobile accident November 10 in which French Finance Minister Aime Leger was fatally injured was due to sabotage.

Plans for Pan-American Confab on Argentine Fade

By FLORA LEWIS
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (P)—Prospects for a Pan-American conference this year to settle the explosive Argentine issue faded today with a disclosure of the United States' position against such a move.

Mexico already had informed the remainder of the American republics of its view that a foreign minister meeting to air its role in hemisphere affairs should not be accepted.

The United States followed with a document distributed to the other governments showing its agreement with the Mexican policy.

Both countries expressed their favor for a hemisphere conference on Dumbarton Oaks world security plans, but without inviting Argentina on an equal status with the other republics.

Doubtless the question of Argentina's role would arise at a meeting of American foreign ministers. The statements left open the possibility that Argentina could present its case subsequently to what they termed the more important question of world peace.

Others Silent
Most of the other countries have remained officially silent on Argentina's request for a conference.

Chile is understood to favor the Argentine proposal but a Chilean memorandum on the subject stated that the Santiago government would accede to the other republics' decision.

It is not yet clear how the Argentine request to the Pan-American union will be answered.

Proclamation

Mayor John H. Houston in a proclamation issued Saturday, called upon all Klamath county residents to take part to the best of their ability in the 6th War Loan which officially opens November 20.

Special Election On Annexation To Be Discussed

The possibility of a special election for residents of the area involved in the south annexation measure on the November 7 ballot, will be discussed at the regular Monday night meeting of the city council. Mayor John H. Houston said Saturday.

This action will follow the protest filed by three women residents of the area who advised the council Tuesday night that they lost their chance to vote on the measure when they were unable to locate ballots in the precinct in which they were registered. They are, however, legal residents of the area immediately involved. The measure was lost by one vote at the general election.

OPERATORS' STRIKE SPREADS IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 18 (P)—A fast-growing strike of telephone operators in Ohio was referred back to the national labor board "for appropriate action" today as the walkout threatened to spread into Ohio's populous northern belt.

Union operators in 20 cities already were out, 19 of them in support of a strike called by the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers at Dayton early yesterday in opposition to use of out-of-town personnel there by the Ohio Bell Telephone company.

Powerless President
R. G. Pollock, president of the federation, told a regional WLB board at Cleveland that he was powerless to order the operators back to their boards and added he believed the only solution was for Ohio Bell to remove its transferees out of Dayton. Then, he said, the independent union would negotiate.

Pollock was called before the board to show why a "back-to-work" order issued yesterday was not complied with.

Certifies Dispute
Later the regional labor board certified the dispute to the national WLB "for appropriate action."

Demonstrating sympathy for operators at Dayton who quit work early yesterday in protest against employment of out-of-town personnel by the Ohio Bell Telephone company, operators in city after city voted to walk out. (Continued on Page Three)

Kick-Off Meal To Open Drive

A kick-off breakfast at 7 o'clock Monday morning at the Willard will open the 6th War Loan in Klamath county. Every worker is urged to attend and take part in the program. There will be a broadcast over KFJI from 8 to 8:30 a. m.

Guests will include committee heads and Lt. Col. George O. Van Orden of the Marine Barracks and Cmdr. R. R. Darron, Klamath naval air station and their war bond officers. The program will feature Sgt. John Rothschild, holder of the Navy Cross, and Lt. Mitchell Paige, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. T/Sgt. Jack Zamzow and the marine orchestra will furnish music.

Stores will be closed Monday until 10 a. m. to enable employees to attend a special bond sales meeting at 9 a. m. at the Pelican theatre.

Ralph Gustavson Held by Nazis

S/Sgt. Ralph Gustavson, U. S. army air corps, reported missing over Germany since September 11, 1944, is now officially listed as a prisoner of war of Germany, according to word received by the airman's wife, Mrs. Mayme E. Gustavson, 2043 White.

Gustavson was serving as gunner at the time he was reported missing.

Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press

U. S. 3rd Army—Smashes toward Germany's northern Saar on a 15-mile front, invades reich at Perl, five miles northeast of Saar, and storms into French fortress of Metz from two sides.

U. S. 1st and 9th Armies—Deepen wedge east of Aachen to within 25 miles of Rhine against bitter opposition.

British 2nd Army—Battles closer to Roermond and threatens Venlo in southeast Holland after capturing Beringen.

U. S. 7th Army—Surges ahead two to three miles in mountain area south of U. S. 3rd army in France.

French 1st Army—Thrusts within five miles of Belfort gap, historic gateway to Germany.

Canadian 1st Army—No dispatch from this army, last reported in Antwerp area.

Chin in hand, Otto Steve Wilson, 31, stares into space after his arrest in Los Angeles by police who identified him through fingerprints as the slayer of two women whose nude and mutilated bodies were found in downtown hotels. At right is Officer Harry Donlan, who picked Wilson up in a bar near one of the hotels shortly after the second body was found. (AP wirephoto).

