JAPANESE PUT TORCH TO MANILA

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Weather News

February 6, 1945
Max. (Feb. 5) .....40 Min. 27
Precipitation last 24 hours .....Trace
Stream year to date 5.55
Normal .....6.89 Last year 4.57
Forecast: Cloudy and cold.

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By FRANK JENKINS

NILA is ours, all but the final mopping up. How the mopping up will take what it will cost in lives be predicted with any con- ce from this morning's dis- es.

seem to have the bulk of city EXCEPT the water There are suggestions the Jap force is small but is ing in the usual suicide, last- manner.

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S question still intrigues IF the Japs had large on Luzon, where are they? nearest approach to an we can glean from the tches is that some of them retired into the Bataan aula and others into the tainous northeast corner of land.

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ERE are some curious gies. Bilibid prison, with ptives, was ABANDONED. Santo Tomas, Japs BAR- NED FOR THEIR LIVES. is something new.

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C ARTHUR says today the fall of Manila ends one of the Pacific war and the stage for another. Our for the next phase, he says, On to Tokyo."

adds: "We are ready in veteran and proven COM- ND when CALLED UPON." ere has been loose talk that la will be the end of the for MacArthur—that he be retired or transferred omebody else put in charge. tatement that "this veteran and" is ready when called could easily be interpreted bid for continued leader-

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HAT will the Japs do next? Reading the Jap mind is too job for us home-fronters, know only what we are but dispatches of the past days indicate that they are ing harder for ALL of east a and are stiffening their tance in Burma.

at suggests that they have d their island empire good- and are retiring to the tic continent.

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every sign, the German war approaching a crisis. e Russians are lined up the greater part of the east of the Oder. At some places artillerymen are firing open sights at the Germans e west bank. The Germans the reds have crossed in at three places east and south- of Berlin.

e Russians are silent on that t, but the Moscow radio in- tes that big news may be ng soon.

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ERE are strong hints that e Russians are near Stet- on the Baltic northeast of in, but as to that Moscow is pletely silent today. A Rus- thrust to Stettin would cut the German province of erania, as East Prussia has dy been cut off, presumably ping other large bodies of man troops.

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RLIN says today that we and e British are all set for a ew offensive from the Roer , with Cologne, on the west

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First Convoy On Ledo Road

The initial convoy to move over the new Ledo road, detours around a new causeway along the lifeline into China as trucks advance toward Kunming from the starting point at Ledo, Assam, India. (AP wirephoto from U. S. signal corps).

Wife Seeks Way to Save Husband From Hanging For Refusal to Bear Arms

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 6 (AP)—The 25-year-old wife of an army private sentenced to be hanged for refusal to bear arms, stood staunchly by him today as she sought desperately some way to save him from the gallows.

"It isn't that he doesn't want to serve his country," said Mrs. Grace Weber. "It's just that he has a deep-seated view against killing his fellow men. The army has known that all along."

She expressed amazement that the army had not notified her of the death sentence against her husband, Pvt. Henry P. Weber, 27, at Camp Roberts, Calif.

"I don't know what way to turn," she said, "but I have great faith in Senator Wheeler of Montana. Surely he will succeed in his senate investigation when all the facts are known."

As she stroked the hair of their son, Wayne, 3½, Mrs. Weber explained that her husband's convictions do not stem from religion but from membership in the American socialist labor party, which, she said, teaches that such killing is wrong.

Asks Medical Work

"Can't a man be a conscientious objector on other than religious grounds?" she asked. "I stand by Henry's conviction. He did not ask to go to a conscientious objectors' camp. He asked assignment to a medical unit or

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WHEELER BACKS WILLIAMS FOR JOB

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Aubrey Williams found an unexpected ally in Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) today as he went to bat to win confirmation of his appointment as REA head.

Williams, testifying before the senate agriculture committee, defended his record as former national youth administrator against what he described as "charges that we wasted money."

He also, in response to a question, disclaimed any communist connections or associations.

Constructive Program

Outlining his service in various government capacities since 1933, the nominee drew the

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Assault Charge Filed Against Timber Faller

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was filed Tuesday in justice court against John Hayter, 27-year-old Shevlin timber faller in connection with the shooting of his partner, Claude Powell, February 2 at Shevlin, 55 miles south of Bend.

Hayter has been held in the Klamath county jail pending information from Bend as to Powell's condition. Sheriff Lloyd L. Low called the Lumberman's hospital, where Powell is being treated for gunshot wounds in the groin and arm, and was advised late Monday that some symptom of peritonitis had appeared but that Powell was doing as well as could be expected. Hayter and Powell worked together as a team employed in the woods by Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company.

Klamath Man in Raid on Kuriles

Harry B. Donaldson, radioman, USN, Klamath Falls, took part in a mission from an Aleutian base when fleet air wing four Venturas surprised the Kurile islands' Japanese again Saturday with a successful rocket bombing attack on the radio station at Jurabu Cape airfield on Paramushiro.

Two of the planes heavily strafed two groups of Japanese soldiers, one a band of 50 marching in formation, and the second group of 10 sighted in a whaling boat off-shore.

It was the second rocket bombing in the North Pacific operations by navy planes. The first was January 24, when the radio station and lighthouse at Kokutan Point, on the extreme northern portion of Shimushu was bombed.

pars Walk Home From Hot ruise With Canadian Navy

ANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6 —The Royal Canadian navy ic relations office here an- ced today that Capt. F. G. , naval chief of staff of Paci- ommand, had ordered an in- y into allegations that girl bers of a United States guard show were molested Canadian naval ratings dur- e pleasure cruise in Vancou- harbor Sunday.

e announcement said all able witnesses will be gath- and a complete investiga- made before any statement leased.

o far we have only allega- , said the naval statement. know only that the cruise cut short."

eut. Elmer Cook, officer manding the Tars and s show company, said be- leaving with the cast today Seattle that "the incident is d as far as I am concerned, mander J. M. Smith (naval er in charge) has apologized I have accepted his apol-

Spars Complain

e Vancouver News-Herald news-page story today said the Spars complained that ratings on the tug were "unfit for duty" and were molesting them and demanded to be put ashore after only 40 minutes of what was planned as a three-hour cruise."

The News-Herald said:

"Lieut. Elmer Cook, officer commanding the Tars and Spars company, which leaves by train this morning for Seattle, admitted that there has been 'an unfortunate incident' on the tug but declined to comment further.

Rum, Whiskey Seen

"One witness declared that a crock which he believed contained rum was in plain view in the vessel's engine room. There were also reports of whiskey bottles being flourished by Canadian naval ratings. . .

"Almost as soon as the tug left the wharf, it is reported, the Canadian ratings began molesting the girls. . . After four complaints to a sub-lieutenant commanding the vessel . . . he ordered the vessel back to the wharf and the entire party came ashore. . . .

"Indignant civilian members of the party say that the girls were in no way to blame for the situation but had accepted an official invitation from the Canadian navy to take the cruise."

Soviets Cross Oder; Allies Prepare New Drive on Fatherland

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army has captured Steinau, key city on the west bank of the Oder 32 miles northwest of Breslau, Berlin announced today, as soviets surged across the smoke-shrouded river along a 50-mile line across the last water barrier before Berlin.

In the west, Berlin said, the allies prepared for a new offensive while some 1300 Fortresses and Liberators with 850 escorts, staged one of the greatest mass raids on the reich, smashing at Leipzig, Magdeburg and Chemnitz, the latter less than 30 miles from the Czechoslovak border.

Curtains of Russian artillery fire were laid on Frankfurt by first White Russian army artillerymen firing over open sights. Frankfurt is 38 miles from Berlin, already proclaimed by the Germans "a front line city."

Capture of Steinau, 140 miles southeast of Berlin, gave Konev a springboard for a sweep awainst the German capital on the first White Russian army's left flank.

Moscow indicated Germany was being set up for the final power-blows both from east and west as Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's forces reached the Oder in strength. Zellin, 15 miles northwest of Kustrin and 32 miles northeast of Berlin, has been captured, the Russians said, and nazi broadcasts indicated the red army might be less than 30 miles from the capital.

The Germans reported three

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BRITON SAYS BIG 3 CONFAB NOW UNDERWAY

By JOHN A. PARRIS, JR.

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Sir Walter Citrine, British trade union leader, announced today that Prime Minister Churchill was meeting with President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin "at this very moment."

It was the first concrete disclosure from allied quarters that they were in session. Citrine made the statement at the opening session of the British Trades Union congress.

He did not give any hint as to where the meeting was being held. The French telegraph agency, however, said the three leaders were conferring at Sochi, a Russian Black sea port 20 miles above the border of Stalin's home province of Georgia.

Held Near Black Sea

The German radio declared the meeting was being held either on a warship in the Black sea, or at a Black sea port.

"Arrangement had been made for Mr. Churchill to address this

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American Action Needed for Unity, Says Vandenberg

DETROIT, Feb. 6 (AP)—Some of the United Nations "will continue to go their way," says Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), "unless and until they know that they can depend upon America to join effectively in keeping Germany and Japan demilitarized."

In what was described as the "second chapter" of a foreign policy address in the senate last month, Vandenberg told a home state audience here last night he would continue to urge that America "sign up now with all her major allies to join in a hard-and-fast treaty."

Fear of future axis aggression, he said, has been responsible "for much of the resurgent movements toward alliances and toward the old 'power politics' which has been the world's prime curse." Among the "disunifying steps" taken by allied nations, he listed the partitioning of Poland, the Anglo-Soviet agreement of 1942, the Soviet-Czechoslovak agreement of 1943 and the Franco-Soviet treaty of 1944.

SOLDIER VOTE BILL PASSED BY SENATE

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—The soldier vote bill, already house-approved, was passed 22 to 7 today by the senate.

The bill gives service men 70 days, instead of the 45 they now get, to vote in primary and general elections. It also provides that unopposed candidates can't get space in the voters' pamphlet, and restricts pictures in the pamphlets to portraits.

Amendment Eyed

The bill goes back to the house for approval of a senate amendment forcing independent candidates to file at least 150 days before the general election, instead of 45 days as now is the law.

The opposition to the bill in the senate was based largely on this provision.

Memorial Fails

The senate reconsidered its vote by which it approved yesterday a memorial asking congress to abolish the OPA and other war agencies as soon as the war ends, but the memorial failed again, 15 to 14.

Senator Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, said the OPA will be the "salvation of the country when the war ends, because it will prevent inflation." Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland, sponsor of the memorial, said OPA "is diametrically opposed to American principles.

Post Refuses to Restore Names

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP) The membership of Hood River American Legion post today had rejected the recommendation of the legion's national commander that it restore the names of Japanese-American service men erased from the county's honor roll.

PROTESTS MAY END DIVERSION PLAN, REPORT

Engineer Says Will Of People to Prevail

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6 (AP) A California legislative committee was told today that diversion of Klamath river waters would not be carried through against the will of the people.

Col. K. M. Moore, U. S. district army engineer, said the engineers reopened the question at the request of the national resources planning committee to include power development, fish, game and recreation, as well as flood control.

The federal power commission, department of agriculture, and department of interior are cooperating, Moore said.

State Senator Randolph Collier, Yreka, chairman of the joint legislative committee, won an acknowledgement from Col. Moore that the deputy chief of army engineers had promised "if you don't want this project you don't have to have it."

Informal Statement

The statement was made informally in Sacramento yesterday by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Robbins, deputy chief of army engineers and Moore's superior. Moore said he personally could only carry out his orders to proceed with the survey.

The engineers plan public hearings on the project at Klamath Falls February 20, at Yreka February 21, and at Eureka February 23.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6 (AP)—There will be no diversion of the Klamath river waters into other

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CANUCK PARLIAMENT MAY DISSOLVE SOON

By HARRY T. MONTGOMERY

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Feb. 6 (AP)—Early dissolution of parliament was in prospect for Canada today as a result of the defeat of Defense Minister Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton in yesterday's Grey North by-election and its implied rejection of Prime Minister W. L. King's compromise conscription policy.

Gen. McNaughton was defeated in his bid for a seat in the house of commons by Garfield Case, former mayor of Owen Sound, running on the ticket of the official opposition party, the progressive conservatives. Case received 7338 votes against 6099 for McNaughton and 3136 for the candidate of the socialistic CCF (cooperative commonwealth federation).

The government arranged the by-election ostensibly simply to provide a seat in parliament for McNaughton, who had been appointed to the cabinet from civilian life last November at the height of the conscription crisis.

The two opposition parties decided to contest the seat, and the government's conscription and general manpower policies were made the principal issue in one of the bitterest campaigns in recent dominion history.

Double Blows Rain On Reich

Soviet army troops crossed the Oder river, last water barrier before Berlin, as German reports said American troops to the west prepared a great offensive on the reich. First army troops closed in on Schleiden after smashing into the second concrete belt of the Siegfried line.

Business Area Set Aflame by Trapped Enemy

By C. YATES McDANIEL

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 6 (AP)—The business district of Manila was in flames Monday night as trapped Japanese soldiers put the torch to the Escolta district.

The Manila fire department was doing its best to halt spread of the fires, but there was no water pressure and the firemen were about helpless. The Japanese blew up water pumping stations several days ago.

The Escolta, Manila's main business street, is on the north shore of the Pasig river. In prewar days it had such fine structures as the Heacock department store, Hamilton-Browns store and many other imposing buildings.

The trapped Japanese "token" garrison left in the city was fighting with savage futility to break the tighening American cordon. They left fires and explosions behind them as they fell back into a steadily constricting death trap.

American doughboys, supported by armor, were bearing relentlessly down upon the enemy.

The second Japanese suicide units began to destroy the Escolta region Monday night. The district also includes many banks and office buildings, among them the National City bank of New York.

Flames Spread Northward

Fanned by a breeze off Manila bay to the south the flames spread northward toward Bilibid penitentiary where 800 American military prisoners and 550 civilian internees were liberated by 37th division infantrymen the day before.

Laboring throughout the night, soldiers and the newly-freed captives who were strong enough to help removed every man, woman and child from the old prison.

The Santo Tomas prison camp, where 3700 civilians were liberated, is set apart from the business district and is an island of safety from the flames.

Throughout Monday night the buildings of Santos Tomas were shaken as American guns pounded the district to the south, where the Japanese were fighting from house to house.

Battle Desperately

The enemy force trapped in the city was not believed to be large. It was fighting with resigned desperation, however.

While the 37th infantry and first (dismounted) cavalry division were mopping up street by street north of the Pasig river, the 11th airborne division troops yesterday met stiff resistance around Nichols field, at the extreme south edge of the city.

Liberation of Manila and more than 5000 prisoners from three years of Japanese subjugation was proclaimed today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who immediately took up the new war cry, "On to Tokyo!"

Deliver Knockout Blow

The knockout blow was delivered by paratroopers of the 11th airborne division, who drove into Manila from the south in a 35-mile overnight dash as first cavalry and 37th division Yanks smashed across the Pasig river barrier in the city's heart.

Destruction of the Japanese defenders "is imminent," MacArthur announced. Caught in a three-way trap, the enemy can only go toward Manila bay, which is constantly under American bombsights.

Corregidor fortress at the harbor entrance and the nearby Bataan peninsula could serve as temporary refuge. Bataan now is under American control, all its roads sealed off at the north.

MacArthur proclaimed "The fall of Manila was the end of one great phase of the Pacific struggle, and set the stage for another." He added:

"We shall not rest until the enemy is completely overthrown . . . We are well on the way, but Japan itself is our final goal . . . Our motto becomes 'On to Tokyo!' "

The wording could be interpreted as a bid for continuing command in the campaign against Japan proper and a move to put down rumors that the Philippines would be the end of the road for the five-star general.

MacArthur made it clear a quick cleanup of Manila's remaining Japanese could be expected, announcing that his men were "rapidly clearing the enemy from Manila after surrounding the Japanese garrison with the noose formed by the first cavalry, the 37th and the 11th airborne divisions.

Membership Campaign Set By Chamber of Commerce

A membership campaign for the Klamath county chamber of commerce developed out of a members' dinner held at the Willard hotel Monday night at which committee work of the civic organization was revised.

Under the direction of Alice Vitus, membership chairman, and Vern Owens, director in charge, the campaign was mapped with all persons present being given the names of several non-members to contact in the next few days.

Record Membership

Owens said it is hoped to increase the chamber membership by at least 100. It is now 416, highest in its history, but it was pointed out that the memberships of comparable chambers are higher.

First report by a solicitor in the drive was made Tuesday by C. M. Gilmore, captain of one of three competing teams, who signed up Robert D. Porter, heating contractor; Ken. H. Samson, Samson Implement company; and Fred Hubler, Oregon State hatchery.

First to join by mail was Louis Kandra, Merrill, who was contacted under the mail solicitation program set for persons living outside Klamath Falls.

Committee chairmen of the chamber gave reports showing the wide range of work the organization is doing this year.

Richard Henzel, director in charge of land use, reported that the chamber is preparing a brief for presentation to the army engineers when they hold a hearing on the Klamath river diversion February 20. He also told of the chamber's work in connection with increasing the scope of agricultural experimentation in this area.

Lists Holidays

Walt Wiesendanger, chairman of the retail trade committee, listed the business holidays decided upon for this year and outlined the efforts made by the committee to eliminate rackets and unworthy solicitations here.

Factors affecting the industrial development of the community were discussed by Nick Long, industrial development chairman. He emphasized that the committee is interested in suggestions for industries, large or small.

Vernon Moore reported that the chamber's finances are in good shape, and said he believed money will be available for special purposes at any time such needs actually develop.

Information Slated

Lee Holliday, chairman of the agriculture committee, told how the committee is working for the release of informative material over press and radio for the benefit of farmers.

What has been done to alleviate the city's worst 1945 headache — the housing and fuel shortage—was described by Leo Lombard, chairman of the joint housing and fuel committee. He said that recent developments have been promising in both fields.

Phil Hitchcock, chairman of aviation, gave a short talk on aviation after the war, and told what has been done here toward acquisition of secondary airports. The big Klamath main field, now used as a naval air station, promises to put this city in a prominent place on the aviation map, he said.

Hope For Highway

Tom Watters, chairman of the roads and highways committee, reported that there is new hope for getting the Klamath-Hatfield highway on the federal aid system, and told of recent developments in the field of highway legislation.

George Davis, reporting for the rates committee, predicted that Klamath Falls will gain in

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Charles Foulon Hurt in Action

PFC Charles Fredric Foulon, former KUHS football player, was wounded in action, January 4, in Belgium, according to word received here from the paratrooper's mother, Mrs. Ed P. Foulon.

Foulon received shrapnel wounds in the left leg and right arm, breaking his arm. He is recovering in a hospital in France. Friends may write to Foulon at the following address, Co. "C," 513 Parachute infantry, 17 division, APO 452, care PM, New York.