

# CARRIER PLANES BLAST TOKYO; FLEET DARES NIP NAVY TO FIGHT

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## Smoke Over City Marks Yank Goals

By AL DOPKING

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Saturday, Feb. 17 (AP)—Smoke columns 7000 feet high plumed over the Tokyo-Yokohama area today marking targets blasted by more than 1500 American carrier planes in yesterday's daring strike at the heart of Japan.

Returning fliers who rode B-29s over the targets while the navy Hellcats and Avengers spit bombs and bullets at the Nipponese capital district said that aside from other damage, scores of enemy planes were caught on the ground.

The raid lasted more than nine hours while the greatest naval armada ever assembled challenged the Japanese fleet within 300 miles of Nippon's shores.

(Carrier attacks of this type usually last for two or three days. The power of the American force indicated this pattern would be followed against Tokyo.)

### Dares Jap Fleet

Protecting Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier forces, battleships, cruisers and destroyers of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's fifth fleet spread out in a 200-mile column in Japanese waters, daring the enemy fleet to come out.

Seven hundred miles to the south another task force, which Tokyo said was comprised of more than 30 warships, including battleships and carriers, shelled Iwo Jima in coordination with land-based bombers which have been attacking the island outpost daily for more than two months.

(A naval spokesman in Washington said "now is the time" for the Japanese fleet to meet the challenge of the American armada which, he added, is more than a match for anything the enemy can bring out. The navy is capable of effecting a landing anywhere, he said, when asked about prospects of an invasion of oft-bombed Iwo Jima.)

A Japanese imperial communique reported that "carrier-based planes of a powerful enemy task force which appeared in the seas adjacent to our shores" attacked air fields in and around Tokyo in successive waves from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. (Japanese time). The enemy Domei news agency added that heaviest blows were rained on bases from which interceptors take off against Superfortresses raiding the Nipponese capital.

### Unprecedented Raid

Tokyo's seven millions, long familiar with Superfortress raids, had never seen anything like today's carrier attack.

London reported that Tokyo radio warned the American task force was still operating in Japan's front yard and carrier borne planes would probably renew the attack Saturday. The broadcast said 10 carriers with at least 1000 planes formed the backbone of the U. S. force.

Tokyo broadcasts intercepted by the federal communications commission in San Francisco predicted an imminent invasion of Iwo Jima island to knock out the Japanese air-raid warning outpost against B-29 attacks. Iwo Jima would be an excellent base from which to initiate frequent land-based bombing raids on Japan, an announced goal of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. Something tremendous is unfolding.

### Japs Menaced

The long-planned and extensive operations threatened the heart of the Japanese empire with:

1. The probability of blockading it into a condition for eventual invasion.
2. Continuous pounding to reduce its airplane factories to ruins.

Rocket and bomb-bearing Hellcats and Helldivers and Avenger torpedo planes, swinging over Tokyo's 214 square miles, tore into air fields and military defense zones at 7 a. m. Japanese time. They tangled over the city with the Japanese air force in fierce sky fights.

Mitscher appeared bent on knocking out the bulk of Japan's home-based air force as his immediate objective. How well he can do that is suggested by the carrier air arm's achievements in January in destroying nearly 800 Nipponese aircraft in sweeps from Saigon, French Indo-China, to Amoy, China. During 1944, carrier planes destroyed 6650 enemy aircraft.

### Long-Planned Operation

"This operation has long been planned and the opportunity to accomplish it (fulfills the) deeply cherished desire of every officer and man of the Pacific fleet," exultantly announced Five Star Adm. Chester W. Nimitz at his new Guam headquarters, within 1500 miles of Tokyo.

To Mitscher, whose carriers began the western sweep in January, 1944, in the Marshalls, went the honor of completing the last mile of the 4000 to Tokyo from Pearl Harbor where Japanese carriers opened the war December 7, 1941.

The close approach to Japan by the largest mass of American warships and carriers ever assembled hung a challenge at the Nipponese fleet. There was no indication it had been accepted.

Tokyo radio, confirming the attack, gave the homeland the shaky assurance that their air force was parrying the assault. By Tokyo's own admission, the Japanese fleet had full opportunity to move out and meet the American armada. Broadcasts acknowledged "enemy surface movements have been observed during the past few days."

## Reclamation Bureau, Power Commission Deny Proposing Klamath River Diversion

The U. S. reclamation bureau and the federal power commission were reported today as stoutly denying parenthood of the Klamath river diversion proposal, which will be the subject of a U. S. engineers' hearing here next Tuesday.

R. S. Calland, assistant regional director of the reclamation bureau, wrote The Herald and News that the bureau is not making an investigation to develop a plan for the diversion, and that it considers the need for the diversion as "extremely remote."

No Connection

Meanwhile the federal power commission, another agency that has been mentioned in the discussion of the scheme, told Congressman Clair Engle of California that it has no connection whatever with the U. S. engineers' activities in this matter.

The engineers themselves have repeatedly declared they are not proposing the diversion scheme but are merely studying its feasibility. One U. S. engineer was quoted from California to the effect that if the people

## CANUCKS MOVE MILE DEEPER IN RHINE AREA

Troops Hold 20 Miles Along Bank of Rhine

By The Associated Press

PARIS, Feb. 16—The Canadian first army, aimed toward the heart of the industrial Ruhr, thrust almost a mile deeper into the lower Rhine valley of north-west Germany today through storms of heavy artillery and mortar fire thrown by an ever increasing flood of enemy reserves.

The Canadians held 20 miles of the south bank of the flooded Rhine from the Nijmegen sector to opposite Emmerich but made no threats at crossing the wide waterway. They stormed and captured waterhemmed Huisberden, four miles east of Kleve and 19 from the Ruhr gateway city of Wesel.

Inch Toward Goch

Scots, Britons and Welshmen under Gen. Henry Crerar's command inched toward the defense keystones of Goch and Colcar in the center of the bulging 20-mile front. One front dispatch said the British empire troops spread out south of Moyland, indicating an advance into the area less than two miles from Colcar. Scots swinging down the highway from Kleve moved to within 1000 yards of Moyland.

Other troops closed slowly toward Goch from three directions and were within easy artillery range. Goch and Colcar both are important military highway hubs.

The Germans committed elements (Continued on Page Two)

## GEORGE BILL SENT TO FDR BY HOUSE

By FRANCIS M. LeMay

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The house passed and sent to President Roosevelt today legislation intended to clear the way for Henry A. Wallace to become secretary of a trimmed-down commerce department.

Passage came on a vote of 399 to 2 after democrats narrowly turned back, 204 to 196, a republican effort to send the senate-passed George bill back to the house banking committee.

This would have shelved the bill and Wallace opponents hoped, result in outright rejection of the former vice president, by forcing the senate to vote on his confirmation as not only commerce secretary but head of the reconstruction finance corporation.

The house passed the bill just as it came from the senate. The two negative votes were (Continued on Page Two)

## Californians to Attend Hearing

A California senate committee, investigating the proposal to divert Klamath watershed waters to the Central Valleys watershed, will be here for the U. S. engineers' hearing on the proposal next Tuesday, according to State Senator Randolph Collier of California, chairman of the committee.

Collier has asked State Senator Marshall Cornett, and State Representatives Henry Semon and Rose Poole, of Oregon, to be here for a conference on Monday on the diversion scheme.

The Oregon legislators, however, will be held at Salem by their duties there. California legislators are now in recess.

Klamath chamber of commerce officials said today that the Oregon representatives have indicated their willingness to cooperate in protection of the Klamath watershed, and that the question may be taken up further between the Klamath delegation and the Californians by mail.

## Battle-Scarred Manila Still Aflame



A picture of destruction and desolation in this air view of Manila, capital of the Philippines. Smoke rises from buildings still aflame on both sides of the Pasig river, seen flowing through the city's center. All bridges across river have been destroyed and a huge column of smoke billows upward from dock area. Many blocks have been completely destroyed while the district just beyond seems fairly unharmed. Blibid prison, forming a large cartwheel in foreground, housed more than 1000 prisoners interned by the Japs. A large number of sunken ships can be seen in the harbor.—Signal corps photo.

## Japs Expected to Turn Tide at Manila, Report

MANILA, Feb. 16 (AP)—Documents showing that a large Japanese force expected to turn the tide of the Luzon campaign at Manila came to light today as the cornered remnant of that out-smarted garrison fought with new fury in its blazing south Manila from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing a deeper penetration of Bataan peninsula, a 112-ton bombing of Corregidor and the steady reduction of "the enemy's final pocket" in the rubble of the once-proud capital, disclosed also the seizure of the Nipponese documents.

These indicated that the enemy "contemplated a major and successful defense of Manila."

MacArthur reported the Japanese, prior to his Luzon landing, had a garrison of more than 20,000 men in Manila with great quantities of guns, mines, pillboxes and fortifications, expecting an attack from the south and from Manila bay.

"The enemy apparently tried to hold Manila and Manila bay, thus making this the turning point of the Luzon campaign," MacArthur said.

"These plans were defeated by the rapidity of the envelopment by our forces and the disruption and unbalance caused by our unanticipated advance and the attack from north and east."

Staff officers of the 14th army corps estimated that perhaps 10,000 Japanese originally manned the masterfully-designed defenses of south Manila.

Thousands Left

Several thousand may be left in the Intramuros district, along the bay shore just south of the Purit river mouth, and in the adjacent Kamita and Malate districts.

These Japanese, confined to an area about 5000 yards by 1500 yards, opened up at dawn yesterday with murderous fire and limited American gains to a matter of yards.

This renewed Japanese vigor blunted the 37th infantry division spearhead which had pushed through the University of the Philippines campus toward the bay shore.

Chemult to Get Power System

The little village of Chemult, 80 miles north of Klamath Falls on the Dalles-California highway, will have lights of its own with completion of a power plant to be installed by Arthur Faria.

The county court, at the Friday morning session, approved Faria's request to establish a power plant which will give light to the community. At this time homes and stores in the village use either lamps or small generators. Permission was obtained through the court in view of the fact that Chemult is not an incorporated town. Faria told County Judge U. E. Reeder he planned to install the plant immediately.

## BRESLAU HELD IN NOOSE BY SOVIET ARMY

Crossen Captured by Red Troops in Advance

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Russian troops have completely surrounded Breslau, Moscow announced tonight.

The Germans previously had announced encirclement of the city, which Marshal Ivan Konev's vanguards already had left far behind.

The broadcast soviet communique said red army forces in this area captured more than 200 populated places today.

The Russians have captured Crossen, German hinge-point on the south bank of the Oder 67 miles southeast of Berlin, a German commentator announced tonight.

Bears Down on Sprea

An armored mass of Marshal Konev's first Ukrainian army bore down on Berlin's Sprea river defenses from the southeast today, smashing toward (Continued on Page Two)

## UMW FAILS TO GET AFL REAFFILIATION

By HAROLD WARD

Associated Press Labor Writer MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP)—John L. Lewis was still outside the American Federation of Labor today but he couldn't miss the main entrance if he followed the signs.

The AFL executive council adjourned its mid-winter sessions last night with the declaration by President William Green that negotiations toward bringing the United Mine Workers back to the federation had failed for the time being.

The council unanimously voted to bring the miners back into the fold "with all the rights and privileges of affiliation enjoyed by all organizations," but it added gratuitously that "such reaffiliation carries with it assumption of the obligations or (Continued on Page Two)

## Plans for USO Now Underway

Plans for the new USO headquarters to be located in the old Arcade garage at 11th and Walnut were begun Tuesday, according to Howard Perrin, architect in charge of the project. It was hoped that the plans would all be drawn by the latter part of next week.

After the plans are completed they must be submitted to USO officials for final approval. No actual construction work has begun as yet, but it was thought that building would get underway the second week in March.

## Move to Legalize Gambling Underway in Legislature

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM, Feb. 16 (AP)—A move to legalize gambling was begun in the legislature today when Rep. Gilles L. French, Moro republican, chairman of the house tax committee, introduced a proposed constitutional amendment to give the legislature authority to make gambling legal.

The amendment, which would be considered by the people at the general election in November, 1946, if it passes the legislature, would allow the legislature to legalize any form of gambling, including slot machines. The legislature could license devices which now are illegal, and thus raise additional revenue.

Fish Fight Looms

The legislature's biennial fish fight was in prospect today when Rep. William Niskanen,

## ay's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE IS TREMENDOUS news today.

U. S. carrier planes hit Tokyo-Yokohama area (heart of Japan's aircraft industry in Japan's greatest armada, from Tokyo's greatest planes came, only 300 miles off the Jap coast) DARING THE JAP TO COME OUT AND FIGHT.

Meanwhile, ANOTHER American fleet, hundreds of miles to south, shells the Jap air-ports on Iwo Jima to keep planes at home.

The Jap fleet is supposedly being held for the defense of the homeland.

Now, THE TIME. The Jap homeland is under attack and direct attack!

Not just high-level, precision member attack. This job is being done by Hellcats and Avengers—the same of planes we see in the sky every day.

They're getting right down ON targets.

According to the Jap account, we seem to be hitting the airfields from the Jap interceptors take off from B-29s. Our own planes intimate that our objective appears to be knocking out of Japan's home-based air

TREMENDOUS possibilities are unfolding—among them: (1) The final invasion of Japan by our planes until they are air-ruined.

(2) The TIMING of the blow. The little yellow men are supposed to be getting ready to move their aircraft industry to Manila. We hit in all-out attack BEFORE they can get away.

Another point: While the Japs are fighting their typical suicide defense actions on Luzon we leave behind to be mopped up GO ON AND HIT TOKYO.

On the Jap mainland—thus being unless their bloody field of delay.

That's POWER!

CAPTURED enemy plans indicate that the Japs intend to make an all-out defense of Luzon and its great bay but OVERWHELMED TOO MUCHLY where they didn't have it.

Heavy concentration of their artillery around Manila field indicates that they intend to come from the north.

OUT-THOUGHT them and we're out-thinking them again hitting the Jap homeland.

Useless in a hopeless delay.

As this is written, we have little in the way of direct news, but we can safely take it that when 1500 carrier planes attack FOR (Continued on Page Three)

PA to Work Out

ate Penalties

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