

ACTION FLAMES IN PACIFIC WAR

Two Jima, Corregidor Invaded; Bataan Won; Tokyo Again Blasted

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News

By FRANK JENKINS

news continues to pour in from the Pacific—most of it from Jap sources. We're keeping quiet, as is usually the case when we're doing the at-

landing on Corregidor, the Japs say. According to the enemy account, it is a two-dimensional operation—paratroopers dropping from the air while assault barges come ashore on the sea.

Corregidor's anti-aircraft batteries were silenced more than a day ago and its big guns have been knocked out by combined air and bombardments.

At the same time, we LAND ON BATAAN, under the UNCEDED GUNS of Corregidor which could have blown us out of the water if they hadn't justly been put out of commission.

Bataan landing is being supervised by MacArthur, who says that the Japs there are now being

fairly obvious that we are cleaning up Manila bay as little delay as possible. Our fleet will be able to move as a base for operations in South China sea. What is of Cavite naval base, IN the bay, is already in our hands.

There is an interesting incident. The offer the suicide Japs in Manila's ancient walled city honor surrender and safe conduct for the several thousand civilians penned up there with the death-loving Japs.

The offer is REFUSED—leaving no alternative but to go fighting. It is the kind of enemy we are fighting—both in Asia and in Europe. It is unlike any war of times. For a comparison, we have to go back to the Punic wars between Rome and Carthage. There were three of them—more bitter and hate-inspiring than the one preceding.

It ended with COMPLETE annihilation of Carthage—its ruins were blown down stone by stone. Its survivors scattered throughout the Mediterranean world.

Carrier-based planes that for nine hours yesterday blasted the Tokyo-Yokohama area and returned over and over and back at it again this morning—proof that we are in BUSINESS. If it had only a raid, we would have had what damage we could and returned on Page Three

Missy Bortis reported missing

Missy Bortis trained at Utah, Ellensburg, Wash., and left for his overseas assignment from Topeka, Kan. before Bortis was shot but made his way from England back to his home. Details of his capture were never learned. W. Bortis, father of the missing, is with the government civil service on a Marine job. The Bortis' have a son, Glenn, student at

Reds, Nazis Battle Fiercely 60 Miles From Reich Capital

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor
A violent battle was reported raging some 60 miles southeast of Berlin today between reinforced German divisions and units of two great Russian armies which the Germans said linked up 36 miles northeast of Cottbus, traffic-jammed rail hub on Berlin's Spree river.

A hundred miles southeast of this arena, soviet siege guns poured shells into completely ringed Breslau, biggest nazi city yet to come under direct assault by any allied army. Drachen-

brunn, southeast suburb, had been seized. An enemy broadcast said the decisive battle for the Silesian capital of 630,000 on the Oder had begun.

Allied bombers were reported over western Germany again today, blasting resistance ahead of advancing ground forces, in the fourth straight day of the offensive. Berlin said a formation neared Koblenz on the Rhine.

Move Near Goch
Allied troops, advancing with renewed momentum, moved closer to Goch and Calcar, German bastions southeast of Kleve, while elsewhere on the blazing northern battlefield gains of as much as two miles were rolled up. Goch and Calcar were pounded by allied guns and mortars, and the Goch-Calcar road severed in two places.

Gen. H. P. G. Cremer's forces, disclosed to be 75 per cent British units operating with the Canadian first army, have taken 6000 prisoners since the opening of this offensive nine days ago.

Take Refuge
German civilians were said to be streaming from the battle area to seek haven behind allied lines as elements of some eight nazi divisions were hurled against the British-Canadian drive. The increased nazi resistance and mud churned into quagmires by armored vehicles have limited gains to yards in the push toward the northern entrance to the Ruhr at Wesel, now 17 miles away.

Hundreds of medium bombers and fighterbombers, part of a fleet of more than 3500 allied planes that hit enemy supply lines all along the western front and targets deeper in Germany yesterday, aided the northern offensive.

Capture Heights
On the U. S. third army front American troops captured heights overlooking the Pruem and Enz rivers which protect the

German communications center eight miles to the north. Red and heavy artillery and bombers, a Moscow dispatch said, blasted the Neisse river fortress town of Guben as Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army closed in from three sides on the vital position in the German line 60 miles southeast of Berlin.

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That is the interpretation placed here on the hue and cry which has been raised in London this week over the asserted shortcomings of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration in the situation. Involved are questions of relief for France, Belgium and those sections of the Netherlands from which the enemy has been cleared.

The attacks on UNRRA are puzzling to the agency's international officials here because UNRRA actually is not responsible, under its regulations, for providing supplies to the western European countries.

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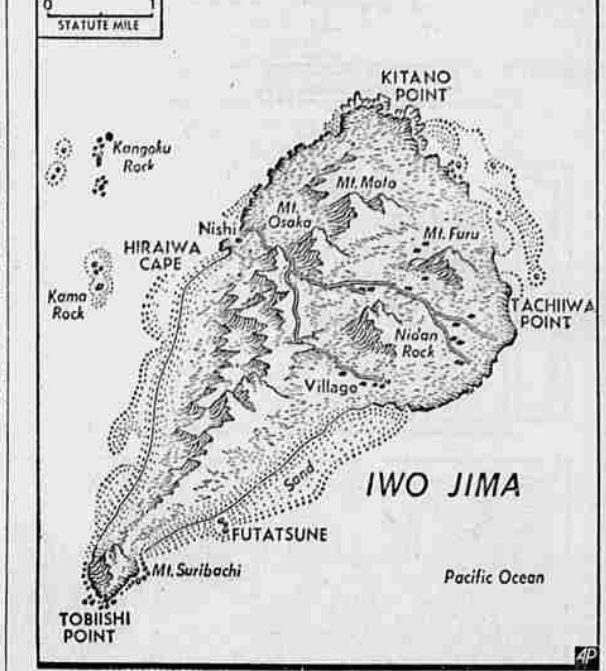
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Japs Report Newest Invasion



Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo, has been invaded by Yank forces, Tokyo radio reported today. The Japs say that landing waves were repulsed and American warships sunk, but none of these reports has been confirmed by U. S. sources.

Directors Approve Brief On Water Diversion Plan

Chamber of commerce directors at a special meeting Saturday noon approved the report prepared by the land use committee in opposition to the Central Valley diversion project, subject of a hearing to be held here Tuesday.

HOUSE EXTENDS WAR TIME TRUCK LIMITS

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Feb. 17 (AP)—The house passed unanimously today and sent to the governor the bill to extend the wartime length and weight limits on trucks operating on state highways for two years, ending July 1, 1947.

The statutory limits are 50 feet and 54,000 pounds, but the emergency wartime limits are 60 feet and 71,250 pounds.

There was no opposition in the house because the senate already had settled the issue of whether there should be no extension, two years, four years, or permanent.

The house sent to the senate a bill to allow refunds for erroneous payments of taxes.

The bill to create a state veterans bureau will be considered by the house Monday, when it also will take up the firemen's pension bill.

To Study Laws
The house judiciary committee introduced a resolution for a legislative interim committee to study whether the state's laws need a thorough overhauling.

The legislature, having finished its 41st day today, is far behind schedule. A total of 106 bills have passed both houses, compared with 185 at the same time two years ago. Still unconsidered by either house is legislation on veterans, milk pasteurization, education, unemployment (Continued on Page Three)

Fierce Fight Rages on Rock's Southern Shore

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
American assault forces landed simultaneously today on Corregidor at the entrance to Manila bay and on Iwo island, 750 miles south of Tokyo, Japanese broadcasts reported, while 1500 U. S. carrier planes pummeled the Tokyo metropolitan area for the second successive day.

Paratroopers drifted down from the skies on Corregidor while waves of landing barges poured troops on the beach, radio Tokyo said.

Unconfirmed Japanese broadcasts said "fierce battles are now raging on the southern shores" of the rock, opposite Bataan which Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced was recaptured in a combined amphibious and land operation.

The reported invasion of Iwo, watchdog island in Japan's inner defenses, came on the heels of a two-day naval bombardment that Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said had silenced all coastal batteries.

A Japanese imperial communique telling of the invasion asserted the first two assault waves were repulsed. It claimed five American warships—a battleship, two cruisers and two unidentified—were sunk in the "furious naval gun" bombardment of Iwo, largest of the Volcano Islands.

Reports Lack Confirmation
All of the Japanese reports of invasion and extension of assaults lacked confirmation. But Tokyo is usually first to report these developments.

The invasion of Bataan peninsula, 2000 miles to the south, was supported by Vice Adm. Thomas C. Kinkaid's seventh fleet without the loss of a ship and only "light losses" for the assault forces.

Eleventh corps troops landed Thursday along the southern shores, centering on Mariveles, and pushed rapidly inland over unmanned Japanese defenses. The action was accomplished under the very muzzles of Corregidor's guns, but they previously had been knocked out by naval and air bombardment.

Other forces of the same corps swept 11 miles down the Manila bay side of the peninsula to Lamao toward a junction with the amphibious troops.

Within Manila Yank infantrymen cut suicide Japanese troops down to a small triangle south of the Pasig while other forces turned southward to strike at the rear of carefully prepared enemy defenses fanning out from Fort McKinley.

American bombers operating out of the Philippines and other Pacific bases wrecked five Japanese freighters from the Ryukyu islands to the Dutch East Indies while allied planes blasted enemy communications and transport in Burma and China.

Tokyo asserted today's carrier strike at the Tokyo areas lasted for six hours, in contrast with nine yesterday, and the number of raiders dwindled to 600. The Japanese said bombing, strafing and rocket-firing American planes concentrated on coastal areas after sweeping airdromes Friday.

In Manila itself, Maj. Gen. Oscar Griswold tried to get the Japanese suicide garrison to surrender, or at least permit civilians to escape from behind their lines. "Your situation is hopeless," he said, "your defeat inevitable." The Japanese commander made no reply.

Japs Troops Hemmed In
The dotted line, the request to buy only what is needed for the purchasers' own needs, is being well accepted.

Little Hope Offered Fag Smokers Throughout Nation

By LOIS STEWART
Smoke signals were far from favorable for the users of The Big Three and lesser brands with announcement by the federal trade commission that the cigarette shortage would "be a lot worse before it gets any better."

The shortage, according to the commission replying to inquiry from the senate interstate commerce committee, is directly traceable to the huge numbers of cigarettes going to the armed forces and to America's allies.

This big drain on supplies was magnified by increased smoking here at home due to bigger incomes, to overbuying by people afraid of getting caught short, and to increased nervous tension.

There are three methods of obtaining fags in this particular part of Oregon. There is the honor system, the ration system, and the "I got there first" system.

At the Klamath naval air station personnel at that base obtain their smoking pleasure at the ship's service and although they are not asked to sign on

the dotted line, the request to buy only what is needed for the purchasers' own needs, is being well accepted.

Alleged Bigamist Freed on Bail

PORTLAND, Feb. 17 (AP)—Vilma Suberly, 26-year-old Texas woman accused of eight marriages without divorce, was free today on \$2000 bail—but only until next Friday.

On that day she is to appear before the federal commissioner here and explain why she should not be taken to Sacramento for trial on a mail fraud charge. Her attorney, William Langley, asserted yesterday the indictment accusing her of illegally obtaining \$4000 in servicemen's allotments was based on flimsy evidence.

Three Killed, 12 Missing In Apartment House Fire

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 17 (AP)—Fire Chief C. J. Eisenbacher this afternoon set the toll in the spectacular Maefair apartments fire at three known dead and 12 known missing, with the check still incomplete. One of the dead was identified as Mrs. Jack Schonberg.

LITTLE HOLDS WALLACE FROM COMMERCE JOB

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Only time, a stroke of the president's pen and some debate in the senate today appeared to separate Henry A. Wallace from a coveted cabinet post.

Congress let down the last practical bar to his confirmation as secretary of commerce when the house passed and sent to the White House the George bill shearing the multi-billion dollar lending agencies from the commerce department.

President Roosevelt has promised to let the bill become law—an action without which the former vice president admittedly could not be confirmed. With that accomplished, effective senate opposition appeared almost certain to collapse.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), head man of the Wallace forces, predicted substantial approval of the nomination. He said he could see no reason why a vote shouldn't be taken at once, since the president had agreed to sign the bill.

Still Opposed
But Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the republican steering committee, said the passage of the George bill "makes no difference in my position."

"I am just as much opposed to confirmation of Mr. Wallace as I was before."

OPA to Balance Beef Point Value
PORTLAND, Feb. 17 (AP)—The secretary of the Oregon Independent Meat Dealers' association reported today the OPA has notified the national association that hind-quarter and front-quarter beef point values will be balanced in March.

H. E. Carlson said OPA explained the ration change was delayed until March to allow time to inform all dealers.

Merchants here want point values lowered on hind-quarter cuts and raised on front-quarter cuts, M. H. Wolf, Portland, Oregon association president, said in reply to OPA's request for suggestions.

Missing



S/Sgt. Rodney Bortis

Welders Stand Fast on Strike

SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—Seattle's shipyard welders, ordered back to work yesterday by the national war labor board, were standing fast officially in their refusal to comply today, but officials at the Todd Pacific shipyards and Todd drydocks said 36 additional welders had reported for work.

Three hundred of the 1031 on the payrolls had gone back to their jobs yesterday while the United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers (U. B. W. C. H.) were voting to remain on strike in defiance of the WLB order. The men seek a bargaining election at the plant, disputing the right of the AFL welders' union to represent them.