

3650 MARINES KILLED, WOUNDED

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Max. (Feb. 20)	39 Min. 25
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream year to date	5.86
Normal	7.98 Last year 4.72
Forecast: Continued clear.	

LEATHERNECKS SLASH AHEAD TO AIRFIELD

Devildogs Hold Third Of Iwo Jima, Make Gains

By AL DOPKING
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 21 (P)—Approximately 3650 marines were killed or wounded in the first 48 hours of the battle for Iwo Jima, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today as he reported the leathernecks made general advances ranging up to 1000 yards on the island's central air field.

Nimitz listed approximately 3500 enlisted men and 150 officers as casualties—killed, wounded and missing. He said 3083 of the wounded have been evacuated, indicating about 600 were killed or missing.

No estimate of Japanese losses.

Tank-led marines, holding firm control of more than a third of the island, began an enveloping drive against the fighter field, known as Motoyama No. 2. The fifth marine division by-passed the southern tip of the field in a flanking move, preparatory to striking at it from the west, while the fourth division pushed directly toward the center of the airfield.

Steady Hail
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News

FRANK JENKINS

battle for Iwo Jima still continues our interest—for it as if it will be one of the spots of the Pacific war, the Pacific war is OUR war, it is a tough and bloody fight.

now have about a third of the tiny island. One air- (the big one, from which (we can operate) is in our (possession, and we are moving (another, about 700 yards (to reach it, our marines had (to climb up steep cliffs through (volcanic sand, exposed all (time to enemy fire FROM (THE SLOPES. Many Jap dead were (seen on the slopes. (any of ours, also.

brief paragraph from a (dispatch today gives us a (picture of what our men are up (to: (Every yard of advance is (made under a steady hail of Jap (machine gun, mortar, rifle and (rocket fire over wet, rocky slopes (crossed by volcanic revelations, (barrages, blockhouses and re- (inforced sniper holes. Mines and (traps are plentiful."

the southern tip of the (island, volcanic rises some 600 (feet above the general level of (the surrounding area. It is a (TRESS MOUNTAIN from (which Japs shoot down on (us from a height of 1000 (yards.)

back them up, our marines (are doing everything our mighty (machine can give them. The (island is surrounded by one (of the greatest fleets in the (history of naval warfare. Our (Japs can and DO reach (square foot of it. The air (provided by the fleet's (planes is so complete that (a single Jap plane has yet (able to get over Iwo.

in the Klamath country, (where in the Modoc lava (beds Indian warriors stood off (months the best the United (States army could send against (us, we have perhaps a better (understanding than anybody else (of the toughness of the Iwo Jima (island.)

little volcanic island is (being attacked again, (and by the best that Jap (military skill, over a per- (iod of 40 years or more, has been (able to do in the way of intricate (planning and preparation.

the battle of Iwo Jima is in (a way a TOKEN battle. If we (take Iwo, we can take ANY- (THING THE JAPS HAVE—in- (cluding the island of Honshu.

the first 48 hours of the Iwo (battle, 3650 marines were (killed or wounded. We are told (this morning that 3083 wounded (had been evacuated—indicating (that 600 killed.

is a better than expected (high tribute to the fighting (ability of the veteran marines (that are doing the job.

Corregidor (in the Philip- (pines) both entrances of the (tunnel have been blocked (explosions, and on the top (we are poking through the (hole for the VENTILATION (pipes. When we find it, the Japs (will be done for.

Klamath Woman Liberated From Santo Tomas

and Mrs. Guy Bellant, (Thompson, were advised (Tuesday afternoon that their (daughter, Esther Bellant Sevick, (had been freed from Santo Tomas (at Manila but that her (physical condition was "poor."

Sevick, whose husband, (and infant son, Alan Laird, (are in prison camps in the Phil- (ippines, has been a prisoner of (war for nearly three (years. Lt. Paul Sevick, Jr. (of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sev- (ick, 424 Adams.

Argentine Issue Delayed Until End of Conference

PARULTEPEC CASTLE, (Mexico, Feb. 21 (P)—Despite (the fact that the Argentine (issue was relegated to the (end of the Inter-American (conference opening here today, (Paraguay demanded that the (issue be given immediate (consideration which would (have meant that the explosive (Argentine case would take pre- (cedence over security, economic (and political issues.

Wales Testifies At Diversion Hearing



William L. Wales, standing, engineer employed by the Klamath county chamber of commerce to make a survey of the proposed Central Valley diversion, testifies at the hearing with the U. S. army engineers held at the American Legion hall yesterday. The meeting was described as being "satisfactory and favorable" to Klamath basin interests. Col. Kenneth Moore, seated far left in uniform, is the head district engineer of the U. S. army engineer corps.

Basin Interests Point Out Diversion Would Cause 'Intolerable Injustice'

Klamath basin interests polished off their anti-diversion representations yesterday afternoon with a barrage of factual information. They literally loaded down the U. S. engineers with statistics and other data designed to show that the Klamath basin has ultimate need for all of its water, and that any diversion that threatens its full use here is an intolerable injustice.

A solid front of anti-diversion sentiment was in evidence at the engineers' hearing, first of three to be held on a report on water use in the Klamath river drainage area and suggesting a scheme for delivering 600 second feet of Klamath water into the Pit or McCloud rivers for power and irrigation use in California's Central valley project at an estimated cost of \$108,000,000.

Colonel Kenneth Moore, district engineer from San Francisco, closed the hearing with a statement that while no conclusions will be reached immediately, the new information offered by Klamath people would be full consideration in a possible revision of estimates on the suggested scheme. The engineers left for Yreka, where they were expected today to encounter down-river sentiment that is frankly hostile over the fact that the engineers are studying any diversion plan.

A hint of fireworks in the California hearing was seen in an incident yesterday in which Colonel Moore stated that Senator Randolph Collier, Yreka, had implied the engineers had ulterior motives in studying the diversion scheme. "Any such implication is false," he said, adding that no one is telling him what to report.

Firm Power Motive
Senator Collier had said earlier that he had reason to believe firm power is the principal motive in the study, and that a

Representing the northern California resources protection committee, he was the first speaker in opposition to the plan before an audience that crowded his courtroom to capacity. Waiting to be heard were State Senator Randolph Carter of Yreka, Assemblyman Paul Denny of Etna and State Senator Oliver Carter of Redding. Col. K. M. Moore, San Francisco district army engineer, said (Continued on Page Two)

Robert Muskrat Reported Missing

First Lt. Harvey Robert Muskrat, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Muskrat of Cheyenne Agency, S. D., formerly of Klamath Agency, is reported missing in action over Germany since January 28, according to word sent here by the youth's parents.

Muskrat was a graduate of Chiloquin high school, class of 1940, where he was outstanding in athletics. He attended Oregon State college for two years, received his commission and called into service June 1, 1942. Stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., Muskrat was later sent to Camp Swift, Tex., and in December, 1943, transferred to the army air corps as navigator, receiving his wings at Ellington Field, Tex., July 1, 1944.

He left for overseas service in October and was stationed in England with the 389th bomb group, flying in a B-24 Liberator bomber from that base. Mr. and Mrs. Muskrat left Klamath Agency for their present home in May, 1943.

Offices Close For Birthday

Banks, both the city hall and Klamath county courthouse, and the Oregon State liquor store, will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, in observance of Washington's birthday, February 22. There will be no carrier delivery from the U. S. postoffice Thursday and no window service, although the lobby will be open. Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins stated. Both county and city libraries will remain open as usual.

60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN RAPED, BEATEN HERE

Merle Crawford Held In County Jail On Charge
A 60-year-old Klamath Falls woman was in a serious condition at Klamath Valley hospital, victim of an attack which officers said occurred at her Mills addition home early Tuesday night.

In the Klamath county jail is Merle Malcolm Crawford, 31, 2027 Eberlein, against whom District Attorney Clarence Humble filed a charge of rape early this morning. Crawford was arraigned at 11:45 o'clock before Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney, was granted time to plead and his cash bond set at \$5000. At a late hour he was in custody in lieu of bond.

Police Called

City police were called by Louis Reed, 2028 1/2 Wantland, at 9:25 o'clock last night, to the (Continued on Page Two)

LIFELINE TO BERLIN CUT BY RUSSIANS

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor
Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first White Russian army "temporarily" has cut the trunk railroad and the main highway connecting Frankfurt on the Oder with Berlin, the German high command announced today. A German broadcast said Frankfurt, on the Oder's west bank, 38 miles from the capital, was hammered constantly by red army artillery and bombers.

On the western front, Scottish troops have captured Goch, a northern bastion of the Siegfried line. Other empire troops hammered Nazi defenses before besieged Calcar, and to the (Continued on Page Two)

John Lybrand Held by Nazis

BLY — After having twice been reported as missing in action, Pvt. John W. Lybrand, US army infantry, has been listed as a prisoner of war in Germany. Young Lybrand was injured August 27 of last year, returning to duty two weeks after that time. He was first reported missing on October 4, and rejoined his unit on October 16. He was again reported missing October 18, and no further information was available prior to a letter from Lybrand which was received by his parents on February 19.

The letter, dated October 29, said that he hoped to be getting around on crutches in three weeks. Pvt. Lybrand entered the service February 3, 1944. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and has been overseas since July of 1944. His wife, the former Barbara Hall, and their 17-month-old daughter, Sharon, live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lybrand, at Bly. Lybrand's address is: Pvt. John W. Lybrand, Prisoner of War No. 13001, Stalag VI G, Germany.

Tululake Office Razed by Fire

TULELAKE—Fire completely destroyed the real estate office of Charles K. Wiese at 1 p. m. Tuesday and also gutted the interior of a music studio operated by Mrs. Lynn Kelleher and located in the same building. Fire is thought to have started from the explosion of an oil stove, and was discovered by John Kandra Jr., whose truck was parked in front of the building. Wiese's office is located on Main street between Carlisle's barber shop and the Tululake Hardware company. Both buildings were saved by the Tululake fire department. The frame structure housing the Wiese office and Kelleher studio was owned by J. W. Carlisle.

U. S. Ambassador Schedules Conference With De Gaulle

PARIS, Feb. 21 (P)—U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery prepared today to confer with Gen. De Gaulle, who refused to meet with President Roosevelt, on the decisions made by the Big Three in the Crimea. The American embassy deplored as "unfortunate" the wording of a White House statement summarizing Roosevelt's activities after leaving Yalta which said the president invited De Gaulle to meet him in Algiers, French North African port. Roosevelt had planned to hold a quick "business session" with De Gaulle to inform France of the details of the Crimean conference and to obviate lengthy diplomatic correspondence, an embassy official said. It was learned that De Gaulle either wrote or personally edited

Hitler's Hideout Hit By American Planes

By The Associated Press
ROME, Feb. 21 (P)—Rocket-firing Thunderbolts of the U. S. 12th air force made the first attack of the war yesterday on Hitler's private city of Berchtesgaden, the mountain hideout high in the snow-capped Bavarian Alps, it was announced today. The planes, sweeping in from Italian bases, pumped rockets into rail yards at low levels, ripped rail tracks, cars and locomotives and smashed at other targets in and near Berchtesgaden, which may be the most heavily fortified spot in all the Reich. They ran into intense flak and small arms fire.

While there was no official comment on the attack, it was speculated that the surprise strike was directed against the movement of top priority personnel, supplies and Nazi files from Berlin. "It is supposed to be Hitler's hideout," an air force officer said, adding that if the raiders found railway cars there, "one guess is as good as another as to what they might contain."

The assault fit into a pattern with two attacks yesterday and today from British and French bases by the U. S. eighth air force on the packed rail yards and locomotive repair shops at Nuernberg, 90 miles north of Munich, the center of former Nazi propaganda spectacles and an important rail junction. The extraordinarily heavy concentration of traffic at Nuernberg led to speculation that it might be a movement of government offices from Berlin or a buildup for the defense of Vienna.

Hitler's retreat is at Obersalzberg (upper Salt mountain) on the edge of Berchtesgaden. The only previous attack on the immediate vicinity (other top Nazi leaders have homes in the area, too), occurred several months ago when a force of American heavies hit Salzburg, Austrian border town just across from Berchtesgaden.

Atlantic Charter Broken In Big Three Decisions, Says Commons Member

LONDON, Feb. 21 (P)—A cry of "power politics" and a charge that the Atlantic Charter was violated in the Big Three's treatment of the Polish issue were raised in commons today amid reports Prime Minister Churchill would demand a confidence vote next week in connection with the Crimea conference decisions.

Churchill told commons that the Atlantic Charter "is a guide, not a rule." Queried He made the statement in reply to a query from Maurice

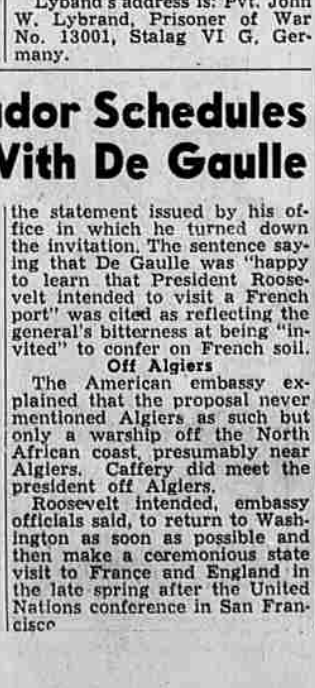
Director of Vets' Affairs Created

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Feb. 21 (P)—The Oregon house of representatives, which had been almost at a standstill for two days, was back to normal today after democratic demands that bills on final passage be read in full were discontinued.

In short order, the house then passed unanimously and sent to the senate two bills to create the office of state director of veterans' affairs, and to establish a \$100,000 revolving fund to buy and exchange lands for reforestation. Both were requested by the governor.

Rep. M. James Gleason, Portland, one of a small group of democrats who was attempting to force reconsideration of the house-approved bill providing for the office of election registrar for Multnomah county, had made it almost impossible for the house to transact business for two days by demanding that bills be read in full accord- (Continued on Page Two)

Leathernecks Charge Ahead At Iwo



Marines charge over a rise on the beach at Iwo Jima where Japanese defenders are giving the leathernecks their toughest fight in 168 years. This picture, by Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer with the still picture pool, was radioed from Guam to San Francisco by the navy. (AP wirephoto).

Pro-Jap Officials Serve Sentences

NEWELL—The presidents of Tulelake center's two pro-Japan societies, Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan, and Hokoku Seinen Dan, today began serving sentences of 30 days confinement in the war relocation authority project jail for involvement in unlawful assembly.

For 60 days after their release from jail, they will be on probation. The men, Shigeyoshi Kawabata and Minoru Hinoki, were sentenced by a project hearing officer after a trial following a raid by center police on a meeting of leaders of the two societies.

The men arrested, who were in charge of the meetings, had been presidents of the societies only since February 11, when all of the officers of the two groups were included in a contingent of 850 men sent to the department of justice enemy alien internment camp at Bismark, N. D.

The week before the arrest, the headquarters used by the two societies had been raided by center police, its contents impounded by the government and the societies warned to dissolve.

Ringling Heads Given Jail Terms

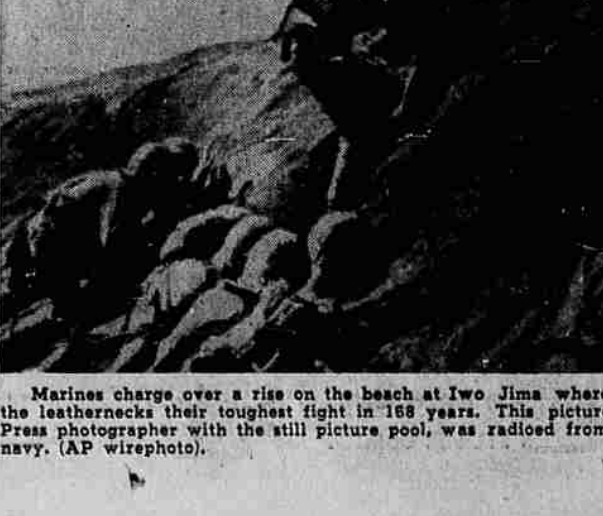
HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 21 (P)—Six officers or key men of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus were sentenced to terms, three of them in state prison, today on charges of involuntary manslaughter for the big top fire which cost the lives of 168 persons here last July, but the court stayed execution of sentence for all but one to permit them to get the '45 show started.

Execution was stayed until noon on April 6, two days after the circus is due to open in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Oregon May Draft Men Over 30

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (P)—The state selective service director warned today that Oregon might be forced to draft men over 30 years of age. Col. Elmer V. Wooten told a conference of transportation representatives here that the national armed forces demand might not continue to be filled with only the pool of young men.

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