

MARINES ATTACK SECOND FIELD

Hitler's Hideout Bombed



Adolf Hitler's mountain fortress at Berchtesgaden, which was directed mainly against the railway yards in the mountain village, but first reports said rocket-firing Thunder roared across the fortress itself at low level.

Hitler Calls for Suicide Fight to Finish by Nazis

JOHN F. CHESTER
LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Adolf Hitler called on Germany today to fight a "suicide" war, pleading pressure of affairs, and whoever is weak falls and perishes.

WHITE DEFEATS EQUAL PAY BILL

PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The defeated bill to prevent employers from paying women less than men when the work is equal to men's work.

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Marines Are Tough, Even in Stiffest, Bloodiest Battle of Devildog History

(Editor's Note: Bonnie Wiley, first woman war correspondent to accompany the amphibious operation in the Pacific, was aboard a hospital ship at Iwo Jima on D-day plus one. Landing operations still were proceeding and the island was obscured by the smoke of battle when Miss Wiley, Associated Press news-feature writer, wrote her story.)

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Western Drive Smashes Forward

TANK BATTLE RAGES IN NO MAN'S LAND

Reds Beaten Back In Try to Secure Bridgehead

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army engaged the Germans in a large-scale tank battle today in the no man's land region of Goerlitz southeast of Berlin as the Russians assaulted in force the enemy's Neisse and Spree river lines.

Wipe Out Resistance

Clearing their supply lines along the direct-line route to Berlin, Russian troops wiped out (Continued on Page Two)

IKE SEES NO QUICK END TO NAZI FIGHT

By EDWARD KENNEDY
PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower today declared the German might fight on—even with small arms after their war plants are lost—until the western allies and Russians meet "in the center of Germany."

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Last Japs Cleared From Manila Area

By FRED HAMPSON
MANILA, Feb. 24 (AP)—Three regiments of 37th division infantrymen fought from building to building inside the ancient Intramuros today, clearing the last Japanese from Manila amid tragic scenes of Nipponese brutality.

Fierce fighting in this closing phase of the three-week battle for the Philippine capital was announced by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who also disclosed American troops had invaded a second small island, Biri, to complete control of San Bernardino straits between Luzon and Samar.

Half-starved, bayoneted, beaten and raped civilians, held by the doomed Japanese garrison inside the centuries-old Intramuros during the two-week American siege, were treated at field hospitals, but many non-combatant dead remained among the rubble.

The Japanese commander of the old walled city had not replied to an American offer that he and his men would be permitted honorable surrender if the civilians, held as virtual hostages, were released.

The enemy appeared determined to fight and die there. Three days of shelling the 20-foot thick northeast wall came to a thundering climax early yesterday. In one hour 7000 shells thudded into the medieval masonry.

The wall was breached in two places after this most concentrated ground shelling of the Pacific war. An hour after the troops entered, the first of the civilians began to trickle out. In a half hour about 30 civilians were huddled near the wall of Letran university.

The first civilians to reach safety were 11 nuns—three of them on stretchers. Thirty-one other nuns chose to remain behind in a convent.

George Thomas Folster of NBC, terming the Intramuros "a wrecked place of murder," reported finding a large pile of dead Filipinos, hands behind their backs. The Japanese, he said, had tried to burn the bodies but failed.

In the unrelenting air war, U. S. bombers dumped 95 tons of explosives on airfields along northern Borneo, 62 tons on Mindanao airfields and swept the China sea, damaging four freighters.

Land, Sea, Air Attackers Free 2146 Allied Internees

By C. YATES McDANIEL
MANILA, P. I., Feb. 24 (AP)—Striking with quick precision from the sky, by land and over water deep into enemy territory at dawn yesterday, American troops and Filipino guerrillas brought relief and freedom to 2146 allied and co-belligerent captives in the civilian internment camp at Los Baños, 30 miles south of Manila.

In writing the fourth heroic act in the drama of liberation in the Philippines, 1500 men of the 11th airborne division and American-led Filipinos slew the Japanese camp guard to the last man and within a matter of hours carried to safety 1589 Americans, 329 Britons, 56 Canadians, 33 Australians, 89 Dutch, 22 Poles, 10 Norwegians, 16 Italians, 1 Frenchman and 1 Nicaraguan.

Two Wounded
Only two of the captives were wounded in the brief battle at the camp and in the running fight with snipers which followed. Two of the rescuing force were killed and two wounded.

The attack was opened when the paratroopers under the command of Col. Robert H. Soule dropped directly on the camp, surprising the Japanese garrison at its morning calisthenics. At the same time, the guerrillas forced which had quietly infiltrated the area surrounding the camp for several days, attacked by land.

Evacuate Prisoners
By the time the Japanese commander, his staff and 243 guards had been killed, amphibious troops reached the nearby beaches of Laguna De Bay and began evacuating the internees in Omtracks.

The internees, lined up for morning roll call, were quickly surrounded by a defense cordon and motor vehicles rolled up to (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Billiards TO CLOSE MARCH 15

The Klamath Billiards, which announced this week it would close its restaurant counter Sunday night, Saturday set the closing date as March 15, it was learned from A. W. Schupp, attorney for the firm. Hersherberger's restaurant will close Monday, February 26.

Both the Klamath Billiards and Hersherberger's are being penalized by the OPA for using meat without the exchange of red points.

Schupp said today he had filed a petition for review and modification of the charge with the OPA hearing commissioner in San Francisco. Late Saturday he had received no response from that office.

The petition has been opposed by the Portland office, Schupp was advised by Cecilia Gallagher, OPA attorney who conducted the hearing here.

Schupp said the restaurants, especially Hersherberger's, had considered operating without the use of red point foods but had decided against such a course.

Nowell Awarded First in Contest

Dick Nowell, manager of the Klamath Falls F. W. Woolworth company store, today was advised that he was winner of first place in the statewide contest sponsored by the United States treasury department during the 4th WPA Loan. Nowell, as winner in the variety store division, qualifies as an entrant in the sectional contest which will include Oregon, Washington and California.

SLOW GAINS MADE AGAINST JAP FANATICS

Devildogs Mop Up On Mt. Suribachi Garrison

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP)—American troops smashed more than four miles beyond the Roer river today and there still were no signs of a German stand against the huge offensive now within 19 miles of Cologne and 12 of Muenchen Gladbach.

General Eisenhower asserted the goal of this two-army push was to destroy the German army west of the Rhine in this northern end of the western front, and that he expected to be able to do it. He termed progress of the first and ninth armies "certainly satisfactory."

Prisoners Bagged
U. S. infantrymen overran 17 towns and the prisoner toll soared above 1400 as they fought forward across the Cologne plain.

"All objectives are being taken ahead of schedule, particularly north of Linlich on the ninth army front where the speed of advance showed a marked increase," AP Correspondent Wes Gallagher wrote tonight from the front. These men were a dozen miles or less from industrial Muenchen Gladbach, and 24 from Duesseldorf.

Bridgeheads had been secured along a 22-mile front, and had been pushed more than four miles beyond the flood-muddied Roer.

Troops crossing between fallen Juellch and besieged Dueren captured Niederzeir, 19 miles short of bomb-riddled Cologne. Farther north the U. S. ninth army's deepest surge toppled Baal, 12 miles from Muenchen Gladbach.

Line Advances
The American battle line was being pressed forward over the trench-slit Cologne plain against an enemy who was stunned by the first shock of the assault.

Indian Charged With Sodomy

Merle Malcolm Crawford, 31-year-old Klamath Indian charged with the rape of a 60-year-old Mills addition white woman last Tuesday night, also faced a sodomy lodged against him by District Attorney Clarence A. Humboldt today.

Crawford, held in the county jail in lieu of \$5000 bond, was brought before Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney at 1:30 o'clock today and again he took time to plead and his second bond placed at \$500. He was returned to the county jail.

In both charges, the complaints were signed by V. L. Wagner, city police officer called to the victim's home by neighbors at the time of the alleged attack. The woman was able to leave Klamath Valley hospital this week after receiving medical care for multiple bruises, abrasions and severe shock.

8th Air Force Blasts Germany

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—More than 1100 U. S. eighth air force bombers swarmed over northwestern Germany today in a series of flaming attacks on rail yards, oil refineries and submarine bases, as the record allied aerial offensive against the reich continued unabated into its twelfth straight day.

In support of Gen. Eisenhower's mighty new offensive, rail targets behind the western front were attacked heavily, as the airmen kept up their knockout effort against the Nazi transportation network launched two days ago.

Celebration Eyed in Honor of First Party to Enter Klamath Basin Area

It will be exactly 100 years ago on July 4, 1846, since members of the famed Applegate party crossed the Klamath river just below Keno and entered into what is now termed the Klamath basin area.

The germ of an idea, to celebrate this momentous occasion in Klamath history, was planted today by Don C. Fisher, custodian of Lava Beds national monument and long interested in data of this period, when he called on Charles Stark, secretary of the Klamath County chamber of commerce and suggested "some sort of a celebration."

The idea was favorably received by Stark, who said he would refer the matter to the Klamath County chamber of commerce community advertising committee.

Travels Recorded
History records the travels of the Applegate party and at

TROOPS PUSH BEYOND ROER NEAR COLOGNE

No Signs of German Stand Against Drive

By ELMONT WAITE
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 24 (AP)

Backed by a terrific bombardment from heavy artillery, aircraft and naval guns of fleet units standing offshore, marines on Iwo Island opened their most concentrated attack of the day today but were only inching forward against virtually unyielding enemy opposition.

The tank-supported attack was launched from the southwestern tip of the airfield in the morning and by noon was making slow progress, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported.

Costly Battle
Terrific resistance from Japanese artillery, small arms and automatic weapons made every inch of ground gained a bitter, costly affair.

The marines appeared, however, to have reached the turning point in their conquest of the island, having taken Mt. Suribachi at the southern end of the island and now being engaged in mopping up operations against remnants of the garrison at that one-time enemy stronghold.

Unloading Underway
Conditions on the beaches are generally improving and unloading of cargo is proceeding.

At the island's southern tip, after scaling Mt. Suribachi to secure their rear, the marines systematically dug out Japanese from pillboxes and blockhouses extending even inside the crater of the volcano. More than 700 already have been killed.

BLIND INDIAN DIES IN BURNING CABIN

Ell George, 66-year-old Modoc Indian, was burned to death late Friday afternoon when fire consumed a four-room cabin on the Dice Crane ranch four miles south of Beatty. George had been employed at the Crane place feeding cattle.

George's body, burned beyond recognition, was found in the charred timbers of the ranch house just 10 feet from where the rear door had stood. The Indian, who was totally blind, was last seen lying on a cot in the living room and it is thought he fell asleep while smoking a cigarette. The flames were noticed at 5:40 p. m. by Jim Chocktoot but he was unable to enter the burning structure.

The Indian was a member of a well-known Modoc family. His father, listed on agency records as Doctor George, was a medicine man. Ell George's wife died a number of years ago. They had no children. His only surviving relative is a sister, Rosella Gowdow.

Final rites will be held from Ward's Klamath Funeral home at 10 a. m. Tuesday with burial services at 2 p. m. in the Chief Schonchin cemetery near Beatty.

Superforts Hit Singapore Base

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Superfortresses from India struck in force again today at Singapore, huge naval base the Japanese seized from the British three years ago.

Results of the bombing by the upwards of 150 B-29s were not disclosed immediately by headquarters of the 20th air force here, which announced the raid.

Celebrate Fourth In the History of Klamath County

In the History of Klamath County, there is a story which tells of the "whooping and hollering" of the pioneers in celebration of Independence Day.

From Klamath river, the party crossed over and continued on to Hot creek where it empties into Lower Klamath lake. There the men spent the night and the next morning proceeded along the ridge to the east and from there the pioneers saw a timbered mountain which is now thought to be Blue mountain.

Going Too Rough
Using Blue mountain as a guide, the Applegate party went on to the vicinity of Lava Beds national monument where they found the going too rough for the horses. They turned back to the ridge and followed that

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