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Capture Of Second Airfield Looms On Iwo

Death, Debris Line Bloody Road to Jap Pillbox on Iwo Jima



American marines proved this Jap pillbox on Iwo Jima wasn't impregnable—but they paid heavily with their lives to prove it. Their bodies sprawl in the volcanic sand amidst live marines who have dug in for shelter against heavy Jap artillery, mortar and rocket fire. Packs, clothing, gas masks and toilet articles, many of them ripped by shrapnel, are scattered across the sand. Rifles are blown in half, even letters are strewn among the debris as though the war insisted on prying into a man's personal life.

MORE CHARGES FILED AGAINST FORMER CHIEF

FBI Called In to Aid In Tracking Down Heuvel

Disclosure of additional charges against former Police Chief Earl Heuvel came today as circulars went out to law enforcement officers of three countries and the FBI was asked to help hunt down the ex-police officer.

A circular published by Sheriff Low shows that in addition to the first charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Heuvel is under indictment on one count of rape and two counts of sodomy. The latter indictments were returned secretly and were not disclosed until today. Total of \$21,000 bond has been set.

Two aliases. A reward of \$250 is offered in the circulars sent out by Sheriff Low. Heuvel is pictured in various poses, and it is shown that his real name is Thomas Lester Van den Heuvel, alias Thomas Kane Van Heuvel, alias Earl Heuvel. It is understood Heuvel's parents were named Van den Heuvel.

Sheriff Low said 500 of the (Continued on Page Three)

Skull Fractured In Jail Brawl

Alexander Coplin, 61, Dorris, Calif., is in the Klamath Valley hospital today with a skull fracture as the result of an altercation with Eldon Smith, 45, Indian from Beatty, Ore., in the city jail early Sunday morning.

Both men were arrested by city police on drunk charges. Smith at about 9 p. m. Saturday and Coplin at 12:15 a. m. Sunday. It was thought by police that Smith became angered when Coplin refused to be quiet and struck him in the mouth. Coplin fell, striking his head on the concrete floor.

No charges have been brought as yet by the district attorney's office, pending the outcome of Coplin's condition. Dr. Peter Rozendal, county health officer, reported his condition as "fair" this morning. He is still in a semi-conscious condition.

Lewis Serves Notice of Possible Coal Walkout

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers policy committee served notice today under the Smith-Corley act of the possibility of a bituminous coal strike in 30 days.

The bituminous contract expires March 31 and negotiations with the operators begin Thursday. The policy committee gathered today to formulate demands for a new contract. The strike notice was the first action of the meeting.

Lewis, in a letter to Secretary of Labor Perkins notified her that:

"In order to protect our membership under the terms of this act, this letter is now directed to you as formal notice that a labor dispute exists within the meaning of the act, as interpreted by this committee, between the United Mine Workers of America and the bituminous coal operators of this country.

"This notice is not intended to apply to any bituminous coal mine now under governmental seizure and control.

"To the end and for the purpose of procuring a new basic wage agreement for the industry, we will work diligently and forthrightly for the ensuing 30 days to prevent, if possible, any interruption of coal production so vital to the prosecution of the war in which our country is now engaged, and to which we pledge our full devotion."

Prisoners Slide Down Elevator Shafts to Escape

ATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—Six prisoners, ranging from a 19-year-old youth to a 48-year-old man, escaped from the state penitentiary at Walla Walla today by sliding down their 11-story shafts to the ground.

The other escapees were: William Gibson, 48, under sentence as a habitual criminal and awaiting transfer to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Ray N. Hedrick, 42, held on grand larceny charge.

James Helton, 25, held for trial on second degree burglary charge; also held for army as deserter.

Charles R. Wilson, 16, held for sentencing after pleading guilty to second degree burglary; also held for navy as a deserter.

Larry Thorne, 21, held for sentencing after pleading guilty as accomplice of Wilson and Helton.

B-29S, CARRIER PLANES HIT TOKYO

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Industrial targets in the Tokyo area and elsewhere on Japan's main island of Honshu took a powerful one-two punch from American aerial might yesterday as wave after wave of carrier-based planes roared over, followed by more than 200 Superfortresses—largest B-29 fleet ever assembled.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique today made no further mention of the carrier strike—maintaining the same silence which followed the fifth fleet's two-day carrier smash against Tokyo February 16, 17.

None Lost. Radio Tokyo said 1600 carrier planes and 615 sky giants made the twin aerial attacks Sunday. Subsequently Tokyo trimmed the carrier planes to 600. The war department reported that more than 200 Superfortresses participated. All returned.

The Superfortresses dropped bombs and incendiaries for two hours through a heavy snowfall. Snow has little effect on incendiaries.

Damage was done to airfields, military installations and transport.

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Manila Battle Officially Over; Yanks Blast Japs

MANILA, Feb. 26 (AP)—Officially the battle is over, but Manila rumbled today as American artillery blasted Japanese who used a surrender period to improve their positions in the two buildings they still hold.

And at the entrance of Manila bay, Corregidor fortress was shaken anew by underground explosions touched off by enemy marines committing mass suicide.

Last night loud speakers blared a final warning from Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler to Japanese in Manila's agricultural and finance buildings to "surrender, commit suicide or be killed."

The Japanese answered with sniper fire in the direction of the loud speakers. When the warning voice gave the enemy 30 minutes to evacuate, some Japanese dashed from the building and dove into defense positions at its base, using the immunity period to improve their position.

Main fighting was east of Manila along the Takahashi line where Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, 14th corps commander, predicted heavy battling.

There was no mention in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today of action in Manila. He announced Saturday that doughboys of the 37th infantry and first cavalry divisions overwhelmed the enemy's final positions in south Manila's ancient Intramuros and destroyed the trapped garrison.

More than 12,000 Japanese bodies already had been counted.

On Corregidor two hundred survivors tried to make a run for it from the Malinta tunnel mouth after a tremendous blast but were cut down by enfilading fire of the 502nd paratroopers and the 34th regiment's third battalion.

LEGISLATORS DUE FOR UNPAID WORK

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Oregon legislators, with 14 to 21 days of hard work ahead, enjoyed getting their \$3 a day wages today for the last time, since tomorrow they begin working for nothing.

Today was the 50th day of the session, and the lawmakers still face the biggest issues, such as unemployment compensation, old age pensions, workmen's compensation, appropriations, state aid for schools, and the building programs for the state institutions and the state board of higher education.

The house is expected to celebrate its first payless day Tuesday with a row over the resolution to create a 15-man interim committee to study the state's tax structure, and allowing the committee to hire nationally recognized tax experts.

This resolution at first was killed by the senate, and then passed after Governor Earl Snel persuaded the senate it was necessary. But the governor got another disappointment today when the house taxation and revenue committee took away the proposed committee's power to hire tax experts.

Mayor Asks Cooperation In New Amusement Curfew

Mayor Ed Ostendorf today requested the cooperation of residents of this community in their new midnight closure ruling for amusement establishments.

Ostendorf stated he thought the new ruling a "good thing."

The new shutdown ordered by the war manpower commission is effective commencing midnight tonight.

The rule affects bars, pool halls, lodges, dances, theatres, bowling alleys, billiard parlors, amusement parks, carnivals, circuses, coin-operated amusement device parlors, ice and roller skating rinks, clubs, dance schools and gambling establishments.

Exempt. All night restaurants which have heretofore kept open past midnight and served food exclusively are exempt from the ruling. Restaurants which serve beer or liquor as a sideline must close those departments if they wish to remain open.

Acting Chief of Police Orville Hamilton states that the regular night police force on the streets will see that the closing law is obeyed.

Sheriff's officers and state police are checking on compliance in outlying areas.

Penalties. In cases of willful violation WMC will impose "zero" employment ceilings calling for the lay-off of all but maintenance workers. Where this order is not observed other government agencies may withdraw power and fuel rationed commodities and delivery service.

Military police and shore patrol indicated they would cooperate.

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OUTPUT DRIVE HIT BY TRIPLE THREAT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The government's drive for peak war production by June faces a potent triple threat of new draft demands, floods and the biennial issue of wages for the John L. Lewis coal miners.

The call for more fighting men already is at hand. Local selective service boards have received notice to move into the next age group of industrial workers, the men 30 through 33.

To be eligible for occupational deferment, Washington headquarters ruled, such men must not only be regularly engaged in essential work, as in the past, but now must "be necessary" to it.

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey's recent forecast that men 30 and over will make up 30 per cent of army and navy calls may become a fact within the next four months, a spokesman said.

Three million men between 30 and 38 now hold deferments in industry.

Girl Hit by Car Asks Damages

Ruth Howe, 15-year-old Malin girl, through her guardian ad litem, Henry Howe, has filed suit against Willis Hodge, also of Malin, seeking \$25,000 damages for injuries allegedly sustained on January 14, 1945.

The complaint stated that Miss Howe was riding on a horse south of Malin at 11 o'clock of the night stated, when Hodge's Ford truck, going north, struck the horse, injuring the rider. Miss Howe is said to have suffered the loss of the great toe on the right foot, severance of the bone adjacent to the great toe, fracture of the right foot and laceration of the right knee.

Through her guardian she charges she will be incapacitated from performing services for herself on arriving at her majority.

George Chastain and U. S. Balentine are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Hayter Pleads Innocence Here

A plea of innocence was entered before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg at 10 o'clock this morning by John Hayter, Shevlin logger, indicted by the Klamath county grand jury on a charge of assault armed with a dangerous weapon.

Judge Vandenberg said he would set date of trial at the March calendar call next Monday. A. C. Yaden, representative of the logging industry, said Hayter's client would be able to post \$3500 bond today. Time for accepting Hayter's plea was originally set for Wednesday.

Hayter is said to have fired a shotgun which wounded his timber faller partner, John Powell, while the two were living at the small logging town of Shevlin.

Housing Problem Causes Trouble Leaving

Almost every day, instances concerning the problem of housing are coming before the homes registration division of the chamber of commerce.

Last week a woman, mother of two small children, applied for some type of housing, preferably in the suburban area of Klamath Falls. Her husband is going into the service, and the family has been living in a house which is owned by a lumber company by which the husband is employed.

When he leaves, the family must give the home up to the man who will replace him in his job. All the friends and relatives of the woman live in or around Klamath Falls, and she is particularly anxious for a home in the suburban area, because she wishes to keep a cow and chickens in order to supply food to her family.

MARINE PUSH TO NORTHWARD INTENSIFIED

Nearly Half of Isle Controlled by Devildogs

By ELMONT WAITE
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Capture of Iwo Jima's second airfield, in the center of the strategic little island, was imminent today as three marine divisions drove north with considerable air support in an intensified push.

This stiffest fight of the Pacific war went into its second week with the Yanks grimly holding almost half the island, 750 miles south of Tokyo, and making inexorable progress northward.

Win Two-Thirds. The devildogs, already on the main airfield in the southern part of Iwo, captured the east-west runway of the central two fighter field (Motoyama No. 2) late yesterday and enveloped two-thirds of the north-south runway after a full day of heavy fighting.

Tokyo radio today claimed Japanese troops had recaptured the summit of Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima—a position which previous enemy broadcasts had never admitted losing.

The claim, based on a Domei news agency dispatch and recorded by the federal communications commission, said the Suribachi summit was retaken Saturday "after a terrific counter-attack."

American reports have told of mopping up operations on Suribachi since the capture of the summit Friday. There was (Continued on Page Three)

Cornett Proposes Senatorial District Here

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Klamath county's reapportionment bill was introduced in the senate today, with a provision to give the county a state senator all its own.

It was introduced by Sen. Marshall Cornett, republican, and Rep. Henry Semon, democrat, both of Klamath Falls.

The bill would eliminate the 19th district (Morrow, Umatilla, Union) of Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, republican, and split Cornett's 17th district (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake).

Klamath county would become a district by itself, leaving the other four counties in one district.

As announced by Cornett last week, he had planned to have Klamath and Lake counties form a district, with the other three counties in one district.

The bill would add Morrow county to the 18th district (Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler). Umatilla and Union counties, the other two in Ellis' district, already are represented in other districts.

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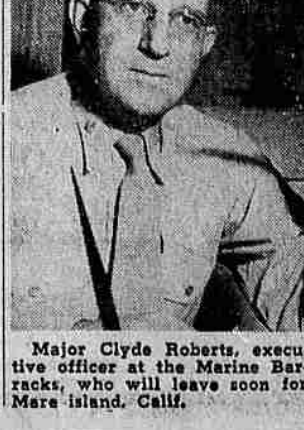
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1200 BOMBERS GOUGE BERLIN RAIL TARGETS

Two-Army Lunge Toward Rhine Nears Erft River

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press War Editor

U. S. troops, widening their trans-Roer front to 40 miles with a steady stream of men and supplies, struck to within 12 miles of Cologne and 19 of Duesseldorf today, while 1200 American heavy bombers gouged Berlin.

The U. S. ninth army was but six miles from Muenchen Gladbach, on the edge of the Ruhr, and the first army struck on to within sight of Cologne from fallen Duren.

Towns Taken. Tanks were operating in force now in the two-army lunge toward the Rhine. Americans were but three miles from the Erft river, last natural barrier on the Cologne plain before the Rhine. Twenty-five more towns were taken against light to moderate Nazi resistance.

The Germans said 600,000 U. S. troops were attacking on this sector.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators staged the greatest obliteration raid against Berlin, aiming through overcast against railway targets. Seven hundred escorts guarded the bombers.

Many prisoners were swept up in the drive toward Cologne.

Sixty miles farther south, the U. S. third army shot forward seven miles in three crossings of the Pruem river, seized 1000 prisoners and fought near the strategic center of Bittburg. German opposition was described as disorganized.

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