

U. S. FORCES MASS POWER NEAR RYUKYUS

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U. S. air base in north China and reportedly rushed 300,000 Manchurian puppet soldiers into north Manchuria to meet a possible Russian invasion.

Nimitz Breaks Silence

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz broke his silence about fleet action Sunday—the day Tokyo insists the Kerama islands were invaded. He announced that in three days beginning Sunday carrier planes sweeping the length of the 700 mile long Ryukyu islands damaged 17 Japanese ships, wrecked numerous small craft, wiped out 38 planes, battered submarine pens at Unten bay on the west coast of Okinawa, and attacked all types of shore installations including gun positions. "Some of our units" he said, were damaged.

In ten days the Pacific fleet has sunk or damaged 57 ships, 819 aircraft, while three of its ships have been seriously damaged and an unspecified number less seriously hurt.

The enemy's claim that 44 American ships were hit included damage assertedly done by "surface units." This might

This Is the Foe



Yanks who have fought them will tell you that the Japs are tough babies — and the Nip above looks the part. He's one of few captives taken by marines on Iwo Jima.

mean the reluctant Imperial navy had come out to fight, but more likely referred to torpedo boat attacks.

Bombardments Continue
Admiral Nimitz said naval bombardments continued yesterday. The Imperial communique indicated they were still under way today, centered on Okinawa, largest and most strategic island of the chain. Delayed press dispatches said battleships methodically pounded southern beaches of Okinawa, further indication that it was an invasion target.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of army air forces, said Superfort raids would be doubled or tripled within three months. That means flights of between 600 to 1000 B-29s will be hitting Japan this summer.

In the Philippines the American division, fighting its way through the mined streets of Cebu, found the harbor area almost intact although Japanese demolitionists had done a thorough job of destroying the heart of the city. One midget submarine was destroyed in a flotilla that forced U. S. ships to withdraw overnight.

Philippines based bombers destroyed seven and damaged 17 Japanese freighters off the China and Indo-China coasts.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said resistance in southern Luzon was disconnected and sporadic but still strong in the north.

The British reported 30,000 Japanese failed to batter their way through an armored ring south of Mandalay.

COUNT REDUCED IN CONVICTION OF KF MARINE

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the farmer's car. He said he struck Bold when the farmer made improper advances which provoked the attack.

Members of the jury were not polled although Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill was offered that opportunity.

Instructions which took up the greater part of one hour were given the jury by Judge Vandenberg, and the jurors retired at 11 a. m. During late afternoon Wednesday, they sought further instructions as to the penalty, but the court did not grant the request.

ROUTINE JOBS KEEP POLICE HERE BUSY

The police department stated it had a quiet two days, March 27 and 28, outside of the following routine work.

William Davis of 2501 Ward street was arrested at S. 6th and Altamont for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He posted bail at \$100; trial was postponed until a later date.

One drunk and disorderly was bailed out and one drunk appeared in court, March 29.

Henry C. Aton of 1143 Kane posted \$3 bail for making a U-turn on Main street.

Arthur Stallop of Dorris, Calif., posted \$5 bail for failing to stop at a stop sign. He was arrested March 27. Gene Erichs of Pelican City was also arrested March 27 for running a stop sign and posted \$10 bail, for that and violation of the basic rule.

Two drunk and disorderly were bailed out March 28. They were arrested March 27.

Bail was posted on five parking tickets yesterday, and three today.

Paul Jackson of the naval air station reported an auto stolen, but it was later recovered.

B. S. GRIGSBY SERIOUSLY ILL

B. S. "Back" Grigsby, pioneer resident of Klamath county, was reported seriously ill of a kidney infection in Klamath Valley hospital today. Friends said Grigsby was moved from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Grimes, 1434 Canby, at 10:30 o'clock last night by ambulance.

Grigsby observed his 82nd birthday last January 26. He had been active up until a few days ago and had served as foreman of the Klamath county grand jury in session two weeks ago. Cpl. Elizabeth Grigsby Sanders, Wac, flew from Portland south Tuesday to be at the bedside of her father. Grigsby suffered an attack of influenza early this year and had not fully recovered.

Secret Service Man Working Here
William Hatley, member of the United States secret service stationed in Portland, is spending several days in Klamath county on investigation.

Hatley was with Sheriff Lloyd L. Low this morning working on local cases.

Jap Aerial Booby Trap



(NEA Telephone)
American airmen weren't fooled by this Jap aerial booby trap set at Tien Ho airfield, French Indo-China. A decoy B-29 is painted on ground, scaled so that dummy plane appears to be flying at several thousand feet. Viewed from great height, it gives illusion of B-29 in flight with flames streaming from one engine. The Japs intended to give unwary fliers, who dropped down to render assistance to apparently stricken ship, a hot reception from heavy concentration of anti-aircraft guns set up nearby. U. S. Navy photo.

'Tree' Star Weds



Jimmy Dunn, veteran screen actor and current star of the film "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," is pictured above after his recent marriage in Philadelphia to songstress Edna Rush, right, above. Bridesmaid was Betty Smith, left, author of the best-seller from which the screen play was made.

Courthouse Records

Marriage Licenses
OWENS-OWENS, John Martin Owens, 23, electrician. Native of Mississippi. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Sheila Mae Owens, 25, housewife. Native of Caswell, Ill. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

WALK-SIMMONS, Vernon Robert Walk, 21, USMC. Native of Wisconsin. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Elma June Simmons, 18, clerk. Native of California. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Justice Court
John Joseph Connelley operating automobile without one red light. Fine, \$5.50.
Battista Regnato, violation of basic rule. Fine, \$25; 10 suspended.
John Wesley Mitchell, permitting four people to ride in front seat of an automobile. Fine, \$5.50.
Fred Sankey Merritt, being drunk on a public highway. Fine, \$25.

Approximately 95 per cent of the world's population is located north of the equator.

Natives along the Orinoco river, in Venezuela, use mud as their favorite meal.

WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Eugene	57	32	.03
Klamath Falls	44	23	.00
Sacramento	45	45	.00
North Bend	50	30	.00
Portland	56	34	.00
Reeno	52	28	.00
San Francisco	58	48	.00
Seattle	55	30	Trace
Medford	33	33	Trace

Oregon—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Friday; slightly warmer. Few light showers along north coast.

Northern California—Scattered clouds today, tonight and Friday. Warmer today.

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RUSSIANS REACH AUSTRIAN BORDER

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southeast of Bratislava, Moscow dispatches said.

"Whether the units which fought their way to the frontier planned to remain or whether these were scouting groups feeling out the strength of the much-heralded fortified zone is not known," said a dispatch from AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore.

"There are no indications that any of these tanks and armored cars actually crossed the frontier into Austria."

The German communique announced a withdrawal north of the Danube to the Nitra river and a 25-mile advance by the Russians from the broken Iron river line.

This push in Slovakia, dovetailing with the assault below the great river of southeastern Europe, apparently placed the Russians close to the city of Nitra, 40 miles east of Bratislava, capital of the puppet government of Slovakia, and possibly as close as 30 miles to the border of Moravia.

There was no word of the coordinated offensive of Marshal Ivan Konev from Silesia toward Vienna and Prague from the northeast, but the Russians heavily bombed Mairisch Ostrau in the Moravian gap in their approach from that direction.

Germans Evacuate
In the north the German communique announced the evacuation of Kahlholz cape, their last toehold on the East Prussian mainland except north of Koenigsberg, and said they had withdrawn to the Frische Nuh-rung, a narrow sandspit extending from Danzig almost to Koenigsberg between the sea and the Frisches lagoon.

The Russians reached the center of Danzig, left alone by the fall of the rival Polish port of Gdynia nearby, and the Germans were giving up in large numbers in the city's main streets and squares.

The Germans said the great city's port and harbor installations were destroyed and only the old fortress area was being held. Moscow dispatches said most of the commanders had abandoned their troops, escaping by sea, and a few submarines were still lurking about hoping to rescue more of the officers. Fall of the city seemed likely to come abruptly.

A German plan to evacuate Gdynia was broken up yesterday when the Russians rushed in and captured 9000 Germans standing at the docks.

Damage Suit Continued
The damage suit of Hannon vs. Larkey et al, to have been heard by Circuit Judge Charles Combs of Lakeview in circuit court here Wednesday, has been continued it was learned today.

Judge Combs has returned to Lakeview.

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Allies Race To Cut Off Ruhr

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and Hannover all were threatened by the sweeping gains outflanking the Ruhr to the north. Several defensible rivers were crossed easily. Hannover, 112 miles from last publishable British positions on the approaches to Muenster, capital of Westphalia.

The nearest first army approach to Berlin was at Amoenburg, 85 miles beyond the Rhine and 235 miles from the Rhine in the east. The first and third armies scored advances of 20 miles or more overnight, capturing the important Lahn river traffic center of Marburg, without opposition.

The seventh army, fighting 38 miles east of the Rhine on a solid front with the third and first armies, virtually encircled the last defenders of Mannheim by crossing the Neckar river near that chemical center. The seventh also crossed the Main south of Aschaffenburg at points east of Schweinheim and Niedernberg.

Germans Blow Bridge
The enemy was concerned about operations on the Neck-

war, which flows behind the ally-defended Black forest to the south. The German army bridges east of Mannheim. Numerous cities were grasped of the charging army. Among these were Kassel (885), 43 miles from the army; Essen (680,000), 82 miles from the ninth, and Heilbronn (48,650), six miles from the seventh army.

Armies in the north were these positions before the line was imposed: Hamm (100,000), eastern exit of the Ruhr; 24 miles away; Muenster (180,500); Gelsenkirchen (112,000); Bochum (303,000); Dortmund (191,300); Essen (483,000); and Cologne (337,000), 12 miles from Mannheim, a winding stream nearly 150 miles, was in the hands.

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