

ALLIED NAVAL FORCES BLAST RYUKYU ISLES

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veteran American division invaded tiny Caut island, former seaplane base, and Macian where the Japanese put the torch to the largest coconut oil refinery in the archipelago. Thirty Philippine islands have now been re-occupied. The invasion force jumped off from nearby Cebu where other American units captured two airfields.

United States air forces lost their most advanced airbase in northern China. A Chungking announcement said the 14th air force pulled out of Luochow, 200 miles northwest of Hankow, Monday in the face of a fast drive by 80,000 Japanese who apparently also enveloped Nanyang, important Chinese bastion in Honan province.

Most of the Japanese shipping losses were off the China coast in land-based actions coordinated with the Ryukyu bombardment. Four freighters were sunk off Hainan island, five off Formosa, two by navy search planes in the Bonin islands south of Tokyo, and one by British carrier planes in the Sakishima group of the southern Ryukyus. The British also destroyed 20 planes and left a town in flames.

British Force Strong
The British task force was described as a powerful, self-sustaining unit including the 35,000-ton battleship King George V, and the 25,000-ton carrier Illustrious, both famed for their operations in the Atlantic. The force has been converted into a fast, self-sustaining long range unit. The strike was made by only a part of the British Pacific fleet, operating under control of Adm. R. A. Spruance, commander of the U. S. fifth fleet.

Japanese claimed five more allied ships were sunk or damaged in the Ryukyu-Japan operation, making a total of 35. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced a strong Japanese air and PT boat attack was beaten off.

The navy announced loss of two U. S. craft in other actions, making a total of 277 of all types for the war. Unofficial reports said 300 Americans were lost when the escort carrier Bismarck Sea was sunk during the recent conquest of Iwo Jima. Yanks in central Luzon counted 1338 more Japanese dead bringing Gen. Douglas MacArthur's total estimate of enemy casualties in the Philippines to 288,462.

French communists said French soldiers were still resisting the Japanese in Indo-China. The 20th air force confirmed a Japanese report that about 40 India-based Superforts bombed Singapore yesterday.

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and disintegration of the Nazi structure.

THERE are wild stories—wild-er than usual, that is—of new Nazi secret weapons of a more terrifying nature than anything yet hinted at.

Listen to them. Keep your fingers crossed. Remember that in dealing with insane criminals who have forfeited every right to human consideration, who are now ravening cornered wolves, killing their own people as readily as they kill enemies, whose sole remaining purpose is to kill and smash and destroy in the hope of prolonging their own miserable lives as long as may be, ANYTHING is possible.

But save this thought: IF these now-being-cornered Nazis HAD such a secret weapon as they boast of and spread rumors about, they'd BE USING IT NOW, in this last desperate extremity, instead of merely talking about it.

ACROSS the world, something bigger than anything we've known yet in the Pacific is building up in the Ryukyus.

A British naval task force has joined us there, adding its weight of battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers and necessary auxiliary craft to the mighty fleet we already had assembled. The Jap radio tells today of a fleet of more than 100 warships with about ten battleships as its mainstay, cruising around Okinawa and screening ANOTHER task force that includes "more than ten" big aircraft carriers. A force of such magnitude HAS AN OBJECT. Its object in this case is undoubtedly the Ryukyus.

THE Ryukyus screen the East China sea. The East China sea is the entrance to all of interior China, by way of the valleys of China's great rivers and their related rail and highway routes. It is by these entrances that the Japanese must get their forces into interior China and MAINTAIN THEM THERE. With the East China sea closed to them, they would be in a rather bad way.

So look for them to defend the Ryukyus as they defended Iwo Jima—with this difference: They will have bigger forces to start with than they had on Iwo.

U. S. Balloting Power Demanded

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would have six seats for the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, India, New Zealand and South Africa, Bloom said it would be "unfair" for the United States to have only three.

"By the same reasoning," he said, "we should have six." While there was some disposition to discount the controversy over voting strength in an assembly that, in fact will have little more than debating powers, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) indicated he would champion the cause of the little nations.

"I deeply disagree with any voting proposal which would destroy the 'sovereign equality of nations' in the peace league's assembly, as previously proposed at Dumbarton Oaks."

ALLIED AIR MIGHT HITS NAZI PORTS

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ships were believed to have been in the target area. Recent reconnaissance showed a large number of two-man submarines in Wilhelmshaven harbor.

U. S. 15th air force heavy bombers, flying from Italy, attacked rail yards at Vienna and Graz.

Fast RAF Mosquito bombers struck ravaged Berlin last night for the 37th time in 38 nights.

The Mosquitos, which laid two-ton blockbuster bombs on Berlin, also attacked other undisclosed objectives in northwest Germany. From these raids and yesterday afternoon's heavy bomber attack on a benzol plant near Brunswick, one escorting fighter plane was missing, the air ministry said.

American First Army Tank Columns Smash Ahead to Paderborn

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tact with headquarters. The Germans said one armored column had reached Bad Wundingen, 20 miles southwest of the great rail center of Kassel, 170 miles from Berlin.

The ninth army broke loose overnight in a race along the northern rim of the Ruhr, bypassing most of the great industrial cities of the valley.

The British second army appeared to be veering northeastward toward the great ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven. The whole onrush on the 21st army group front in the north was in high gear from the Muenster plain to the Odewald. Infantry alone tramped 18 miles forward in a day, and tanks still were running unchecked along clear roads.

On every sector, supreme headquarters said officially that advances were going well.

In 48 hours, more than 60,000 Germans have surrendered. The prized old cities of Frankfurt on the Main, Mannheim and Heidelberg have fallen with little opposition. Hundreds of lesser places have fallen.

Actual positions of vanguards of the American first, ninth and third armies were obscured by the news blackout which also covered the British second and Canadian first armies. The Canadians, however, cleared the Rhine fortress town of Emmerich safe for snipers.

The first army's armored drive curling around the east end of the Ruhr—the tanks clanked 55 miles over open roads from dawn to dusk yesterday—was the fastest of the war.

At supreme headquarters, officers said the British drive north of the Ruhr had penetrated 40 miles beyond the Rhine. Security barred disclosure of advances in other directions.

Vandenberg said in a statement. He, too, is a delegate.

"This applies just as much to extra votes for us as well as any other nation," Vandenberg said. "This assembly must come to be tomorrow's free and untrammelled town meeting of the world. The voice of the great powers will be amply protected in the council."

Daniel Wann Killed on Iwo

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wann of Roseburg, formerly of Sprague River, were notified by the war department this week that their son, Sgt. Daniel M. Wann, was killed on Iwo Jima March 1.

Sgt. Wann, serving with the United States marine corps, enlisted June, 1940. Until that time he made his home in Sprague River. His father was a member of Wolford and Wann, operators of a pioneer Sprague River store. Sgt. Wann was born in Klamath Falls on July 15, 1920.

NAVY CHAPLAIN ROTARY SPEAKER

Chaplain Oliver Jones of the naval air station spoke at an Easter program of the Rotary club at the Willard Friday noon, taking as his theme the outlook of the two robbers who were crucified on either side of Jesus.

He portrayed them as guerilla revolutionists rather than robbers, and one as talking the short-sighted, material view that all was lost, in comparison to his fellow who could visualize the spiritual life and who asked Christ to remember him in His world.

Ph M 3/c Lynn Bauman of the Marine Barracks sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Betty O'Connor. Rev. Victor Phillips arranged the Rotary program.

Double Services Planned Sunday

Two identical services will be presented at the First Presbyterian church, 6th and Pine, on Easter Sunday, with the first at 9 a. m. and the second at 11 o'clock.

The ministry of music at the morning services will be furnished by the adult choir, and will be taken from Handel's "Messiah."

Music for the evening vesper service at 5 o'clock will be furnished by the youth choir.

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COLLINS GIRLS FREED FROM JAIL

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Humble presented a motion in court this morning in connection with the release on grounds that the girls had been held as "long as good conscience, justice and fair dealing would require they remain in jail."

The order, signed by the court, also provides that the girls be paid \$1.50 per day for each day they have been held as material witnesses.

District Attorney Humble said that he had the promise of the two girls that they would be available at such a time as Heuvel was found and brought to trial. Since the original indictment, the former chief has also been indicted on charges of rape and sodomy involving two other women.

PAIR RELEASED IN LARCENY CASE HERE

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg this morning signed orders releasing Robert James Baker and Clarence Thompson from custody. The motion was made by District Attorney Clarence Humble.

Both Baker and Thompson were indicted by the Klamath county grand jury January 31, 1945. Baker was charged with larceny by embezzlement, Thompson with being accessory to a felony. Both cases concerned the alleged theft of money from the property of Thomas B. Beam of Merrill.

District Attorney Humble advised the court that Beam has left the state, was last heard from in the state of Washington, but efforts to locate him have been futile. Thompson and Baker have been in the county jail since prior to the indictment, both held in lieu of bail.

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Sammons Named Bank President

PORTLAND, March 30 (AP)—Edward C. Sammons was named president of the United States National Bank of Portland today, succeeding Paul S. Dick, long-time president who becomes chairman of the board of directors.

Alexander M. Wright retires as first vice president and will be succeeded by Abbot L. Mills Jr., now a vice president and director. Wright will remain a director.

Wac C. O. Here—Capt. Robert L. Gantenbein, commanding officer of the Wac in Portland, visited Klamath Falls Thursday. He remained in town overnight, leaving for Medford Friday morning continuing an official inspection tour of Wac recruiting stations.

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Linda DARNELL Lynn BARI Jack OAKIE James CARSWELL Benny GOODMAN and His Band

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