

YANKS INVADE THREE NEW ISLES

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Weather News

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Normal 9.35 Last year 5.99
Forecast: Showers Thursday.

Threat Posed To Borneo Oil; Marines Gain

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Leap-frogging 41st division assault forces invaded three islands at the southern tip of the Philippines where they seized a former Japanese naval base and two airfields, posing a new threat today to Borneo, scarcely 30 miles away.

The landing on Tawi Tawi and capture of neighboring Sanga Sanga and Bongao islands appeared to be as easy as the Okinawa campaign at the other end of the Western Pacific front, 325 miles south of Japan.

Marines and the army's 7th infantry division scooped up a 10-square mile area of south central Okinawa, including a score of villages, and advanced toward two more airfields and the first sign of an established enemy defense line.

Some 300 Superforts kept the war blazing over Japan itself with pre-dawn attacks on Tokyo, Shizuoka, Tachikawa and Koizumi, all within a 50-mile radius. Pilots reported no opposition as they attacked through clouds. Some B-29s even swept low enough to strafe ground objectives. Tokyo radio claimed three Superforts were brought down.

Allied bombers and carrier planes destroyed or damaged 48 Japanese ships and small craft and knocked out 33 enemy planes in sweeps ranging from the Ryukyus down the China coast to the Dutch Indies.

Jap Losses

More power for allied naval operations against the Japanese was reported on its way as the office of war information estimated the Nipponese fleet has lost a fifth of its personnel. OVI placed Japanese naval personnel losses at 262,000 with perhaps 850,000 left. American naval casualties were 92,819, including 35,750 dead, with more than 3,000,000 now on duty.

Radio Tokyo said a great British fleet was headed toward the Indian ocean to lead amphibious operations against southern Burma, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies.

Base Won

The ex-Nipponese naval base captured in the Philippines is at Tawi Tawi, at the southern tip of the Sulu archipelago. Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's infantrymen jumped off from Zamboanga on Mindanao, nearly 200 miles to the northeast, in an operation which Gen. Douglas MacArthur said "jeopardized the enemy's main position in the Sulu archipelago at Jolo."

The two airfields captured with guerrilla aid are the closest of approximately a dozen airbases within range of Borneo, source of oil and rubber for the enemy's war machine.

12,584 Idle

SFA offices in Pennsylvania reported that 12,584 still were idle at 46 mines and estimated an additional 9000 still had not reported for work at mines which were operating. This compares, however, with 20,338 absentees at 72 idle mines and 10,000 absentees at working pits yesterday.

Reports from the West Virginia fields said 85 to 90 per cent of the workers turned out today although one mine in McDowell county did not operate when only 49 workers of a payroll of 400 reported.

Swiss-Italian

Frontier Closed

LONDON, April 4 (P)—The Swiss-Italian frontier will be closed beginning today because of anticipated "important events," the Paris and Brussels radios reported in almost simultaneous broadcasts.

The Brussels radio further explained that "very important events are taking shape in northern Italy and new developments must be expected in the very near future."

Agreement on

Poland Expected

WASHINGTON, April 4 (P)—Secretary of State Stettinius wrote Senator Taft (R-Ohio) today that he is confident "a fair solution will be reached" by a three-nation commission on composition of a provisional Polish government.

Taft had written the secretary urging that this government "refuse approval to any provisional government which is predominantly under the influence of the Russian government or is not proportionately representative of the Polish people."

Aircraft Workers

Idle in England

LONDON, April 4 (P)—A strike of 10,000 employees seeking increased wages and an incentive bonus continued to tie up production today at three aircraft factories in northwest England.

Another strike left Sunderland, a city of 190,000, without bus transportation, forcing shipyard and factory employees to walk to work.

In Belgium coal miners in the Liege district have gone on a strike for higher wages, increased food rations and lower rents, a dispatch from Brussels said. The Belgian national mines commission sought to settle the dispute.

Allies Reach Rivers; Strike At North Sea

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, April 4 (P)—Allied armies reached the Weser and Ems rivers today, pouring through bedraggled German lines within 48 miles of the North sea and 38 of the great Prussian stronghold of Hannover.

In the center, the third army burst out into the rolling Thuringian plain in the heart of Germany and the battleground of middle Europe, 140 miles from Berlin and 58 from Czechoslovakia.

The French first army captured Kerlsruhe, capital of Baden and a major industrial and traffic center of 189,000 six miles east of the Rhine. It was heavily fortified and once a pivot of the Siegfried line.

The American seventh army, flanking the Black forest, fought to within 34 miles of Nuernberg and into the heart of Wuersburg, Bavarian capital of lower Franconia.

The cities of Muenster, Osnabrueck, Fulda, Aschaffenburg, Kassel, Gotha, Siegen and Bruchsal were captured. Wuersburg, Hamm, Wuerzburg, Engelo and Zutphen were stormed and falling. All North sea ports and naval bases were menaced.

Race Toward Sea

The British second army, strong in armor, was racing toward the North sea so swiftly that Field Marshal Montgomery again imposed a partial security blackout, to confuse 90,000 or less Germans he hopes to trap in Holland. The Canadians directly menaced Arnheim and moved within less than 20 miles of the Zuider Zee, forming a trap within the larger trap and threatening hourly to interdict the V-bomb coast from which the Nazis bombard England.

Reich Wesser

The American ninth army reached the Weser and imposed the threat to Hannover, tied to all north Germany by railroads. The Weser and Elbe are the last large streams on the high road to Berlin.

With the first army, the ninth compressed the annihilation pocket in the Ruhr to a perimeter of 190 miles. Field Marshal Albert Kesselring and up to 150,000 doomed German troops were reported caught in the encirclement. All German efforts to break the ring were frustrated.

Figures Listed

He presented these figures on estimated sugar requirements for 1945:

United States—Per capita consumption of 83 pounds for civilians, a reduction of 7 per cent from 1944 and 14 per cent below 1935-39.

United Kingdom—Per capita consumption of 86 pounds, an increase of 23 per cent over 1944 but 17 per cent below 1934-38.

Canada—Per capita consumption of about 83 pounds, a reduction of 4 per cent from 1944 and 12 per cent below 1935-39.

Estimates Not Firm

Olmstead emphasized that supply estimates "are by no means firm," leaving open the question whether actual deliveries may not fall still shorter.

It was brought out that the British can take from storage about half their estimated requirements and still have stocks of about pre-war level.

As to meat, Olmstead testified that the present world deficit is 6,200,000,000 pounds, or 15 per cent of estimated requirements.

Civil War Breaks Out in Vienna

By The Associated Press

The Stockholm newspaper Morgentindningen said today that civil war was reported to have broken out in Vienna.

"Native workers, together with foreign workers and deserters, have started action and fights are taking place, both in central Vienna and in the outer fortifications on which the Russians are advancing," said the dispatch as reported to OWI.

Barricades are being hurriedly built by the Germans in the city's streets, it added, but they are "probably too late."

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Bad Brakes Dangerous



Adam LeFor of the state traffic safety division is here shown checking a reaction detonator on a car used in a brake demonstration held at the courthouse Tuesday under sponsorship of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The tests showed that cars with inadequate brakes cannot stop in safe distances. The demonstration was held to emphasize the importance of properly adjusted brakes, and a brake emphasis program will be carried on in the state from April 1 to June 1. In the picture, left to right: Acting Police Chief Orville Hamilton, LeFor and Sheriff Lloyd L. Low.

Navy Cuts May Draft Call; June Reduction May Follow

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON, April 4 (P)—The navy has halved its May draft call and may ask for still fewer men in June.

This will reduce overall selective service calls 12 per cent or more from the current rate of about 132,000 men a month. They had been scheduled to continue at that pace through June.

Halving of the navy's requirements will put its May call at roughly 16,000 registrants.

Officials who know these things in advance of public announcements but who cannot be quoted by name, added that this quota may be cut further in June and even more sharply thereafter, because the navy expects to reach peak strength of about 3,600,000 men by July 1.

Only Replacements

After that calls will be solely on a replacement basis. An official navy statement disclosed the impending cut, but gave no details. It said:

"The navy's calls on selective service have been and are being gradually reduced in order to conform to authorized strength, which is expected by July 1."

It was learned, however, that the first substantial cut is due next month.

Reasons Cited

Two reasons are given for the reductions:

1. Enlistment of 17-year-olds in the navy has been at a higher rate than expected.

2. Peak strength is being achieved more rapidly than anticipated, indicating casualties may not have been as numerous as calculated.

Although there has been some pressure on the army to reduce its calls to salvage more men for industry, officials of that service thus far have stood firm in summoning 100,000 registrants a month through June. Calls beyond that time have not been announced by either service.

Custom Planing Operation To Be Opened on Lamm Site

Fleishman Lumber company of Portland will establish a custom planing mill operation on the site formerly occupied by the Lamm Lumber company at Modoc Point, it was announced today.

James Fleishman, head of the company, said that it is hoped to have the milling-in-transit operation going in 30 days. Carl Huson, former Klamath man, is returning here to become manager of the new lumber plant, which will utilize buildings already standing on the Lamm site.

It was indicated that the plant may be expanded in the re-manufacturing field as conditions justify and permit. At present it will offer a complete custom planing service, including sorting, grading and finishing, and (Continued on Page Two)

John Everhart Held Prisoner

Second Lt. John E. Everhart, who was reported as missing in action over the European theater of war on January 2, was listed as a prisoner of war of the German government in a telegram received by his wife, Betty, of Roswell, New Mexico, on March 1.

A previous letter was received by Mrs. Everhart on March 3, stating that nothing further had been heard from her husband since his plane was seen to go down at Ehrang, Germany.

Everhart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everhart, former Klamath Falls residents now of Ashland. He attended school in Klamath Falls and was a graduate of Keno high school in 1940. He was married in Roswell, N. Mex., on March 23, 1944, while in training there.

But, Doc, Where Do You Get It?

LONDON, April 4 (P)—Dr. Josiah Oldfield, British surgeon writing in the current Medical Press and Circular, says "I see no reason at all from the medical point of view" why a man should not get roaring drunk once a month.

He said he had no "fault to find with the medical profession for pandering, with certain limits, to human pleasures and human sensations of delight."

FLOODWAY OPENING MAY PREVENT FLOOD

NEW ORLEANS, April 4 (P)—Army engineers depended today on the opening of the huge Morganza floodway to save the lower Mississippi valley from a flood comparable to the disaster of 1927.

The plan was to open the floodway for the first time as soon as possible within the next 10 days. Families must move out of the area. Railroads and utility companies have to make their arrangements.

The floodway covers 630,000 acres through its 100-mile course. To open it, engineers will blast out a six-mile section of main river levee at the spillway head.

Leave Homes

Along the Mississippi's tributaries, hundreds of families were driven from their homes as the streams headed toward record crests.

U. S. engineers at Memphis reported several breaks today in the Jackson bayou levee on the White river in Arkansas, but said it was too early to estimate the area which would be flooded. One break of 200-feet was recorded. Other breaks were expected since the water was lapping at the tops of sandbags in Woodruff, Prairie and Monroe counties.

The coast guard evacuated families from the lower St. Francis river in Arkansas. Rescue squads were sent to Madison and Forest City. In Wynne, the Red Cross erected 50 tents to care for refugees.

In Natchitoches parish, Louisiana, 90 families were driven from their homes by backwaters from the Red and Cane rivers. More than 30,000 acres were inundated.

Argentina Signs

Conference Acts

MEXICO CITY, April 4 (P)—Argentina signed today the acts of the Inter-American conference and thereby rejoined the Pan-American family.

Argentine Charge d'Affaires Adolfo N. Calvo signed the original document in the presence of diplomats of the 21 American republics.

Canada to Send Cruisers To Pacific After V-E Day

HARRY T. MONTGOMERY

OTTAWA, April 4 (P)—The plan to be played by Canada in the Pacific war grew clearer today with disclosure that the Dominion intends to send two cruisers, two aircraft carriers and a number of destroyers and submarines against Japan after the war with Germany has ended.

The Canadian units will comprise a good deal more than a token force," Navy Minister Angus MacDonald told the House of Commons last night in outlining the plans.

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