

MASBATE WON; HONG KONG HIT; MARINES GAIN

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forward from three to five miles unopposed. Heavy artillery and mortar fire from well organized Japanese units yesterday put the brakes on the 24th corps drive toward Naha. Limited gains on the southwest coast to 2000 yards, and stopped the 7th division push on the southeast coast after an advance of only 500 yards.

Near Airstrip
The 24th corps units were within 3000 yards of Machinato airstrip and four miles from Naha. The southeast drive reached the vicinity of Nakagusuku after overrunning several entrenchments and fortified points. Marine third amphibious corps forces continued rapid extension of their northern lines for distances of from three to five miles, then took a brief respite to avoid overextension of communications and supplies.

Wage Hearings For Farm Workers Set

Alden E. Orr, Oregon WFA agricultural wage board executive, notified C. A. Henderson, county agent, that agricultural wage hearings will probably be held in the Klamath district April 11 and 12. Hearings may only be held when petitions have been signed by 51 per cent of growers requesting them. Petition forms have already been sent out, and hearings will probably be held for Klamath April 11, and for Tulelake April 12, Henderson stated.

Employe Files Suit To Recover \$695

Suit to recover \$695 was filed in circuit court today by George Hixson vs. Ralph L. Smith Lumber company. U. S. Balentine is attorney for the plaintiff. Hixson charged that while working for the company he received injuries which made it necessary to employ physicians and surgeons' services to the amount of \$695. Date of injury was given as September 27, 1944. He also seeks costs and disbursements.

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DOCTORS NOW CAN PRESCRIBE WOOD

TACOMA, April 4 (P)—You can now buy plywood on a doctor's prescription.

A recent revision of the war production board order limiting the sale of fir plywood says: "Ratings (to purchase panels) will be granted to individuals where the plywood is to be used as a bed support, when specified by a physician's prescription."

Doctors advised patients for years to place a piece of plywood between springs and mattress to prevent back strain from sagging, ill-fitting beds, industry leaders explained. It has been unavailable, however, during the war. But some months ago Dr. Noble W. Jones, of the Portland clinic, urged WPB to permit the purchase of plywood for orthopedic treatment and the new order follows.

Hunted Man to Be Tried For Murder

PORTLAND, April 5 (P)—Harry Edward Lewis, 33, whom police had been hunting since August, 1943, in the shooting of a red-headed divorcee, will be brought here to stand trial. Lewis was arrested on a ranch near Soda Springs, Ida., where he was living with a girl he married after leaving Portland.

W. G. Banister, FBI agent at Pocatello, said Lewis confessed to shooting 25-year-old Virginia D. Gillen, his brother-in-law's ex-wife, on August 18, 1943. The woman's nude body was found in Lewis' apartment here. Shortly afterward a warrant was issued charging Lewis with first degree murder. Both he and Mrs. Gillen were shipyard workers.

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Souvenir Hunter Home on Leave; Wounded Four Times

Motorized reconnaissance trips that took him as far as 200 miles inside technically German-held territory were among the experiences of Lt. Ralph Taylor. Taylor took an allied patrol from Klamath Falls who is home on furlough after receiving four wounds in France and Italy. Lt. Taylor, who described himself as a confirmed souvenir collector, brought home a batch of battlefield souvenirs and has many more which will arrive later.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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touted as Koiso's successor, is described as a "moderate." Back in 1935, when he was lord chamberlain of Japan (whatever that may be) he was badly gashed up in the revolt of the crazy young Jap officers who claimed he was counselling the emperor to maintain a policy of moderation and peace—in fact, he nearly died of his wounds.

He has since been in retirement—apparently very much in disgrace.

If all this is true (it's never very safe to believe anything you hear about a Jap) Suzuki WOULDNT be much of a choice as a win-the-war premier. But he might appeal to the Japs as a get-us-peace premier—now that Russia's impending (sooner or later) entrance into the war knocks out any lingering hope of a Jap victory.

We'll watch with considerable interest to see what Suzuki (if the finger is put on him) does.

If you're wise, you'll be under no delusions as to why the Russians are coming in—if they do. Stalin wants a finger in the PACIFIC pie. If he stays out of the Jap war, he won't have much standing in the Jap peace.

WERE still doing all right on Okinawa—although we're meeting stiffer resistance as we approach Naha. A hundred and sixty miles to the north of Okinawa, we smack the Amami islands with a naval task force, sinking a number of ships. It's just possible that the Japs may have been assembling reinforcements there and we struck before they could get started.

WE take Masbate island, in the Philippines. Again the going seems fairly easy. (Be careful when you say "easy" fighting—it doesn't go well with the GIs who are doing it. What is meant is COMPARATIVELY easy—compared with Iwo, say.)

EISENHOWER in a letter to the FDR says today that a "clean-cut military surrender" by the Nazis is improbable. He thinks a "E-day" will come about only by a proclamation on our part whenever we think we have the situation in hand.

He adds that he is "hopeful of launching operations at the proper time that should partially prevent a guerrilla control of any large area, such as the southern mountain bastion (Hitler's hideout)."

IN the north, the Germans appear unable to make a stand at the Weser river and are reported by our air scouts in full flight for the Elbe.

Patton is out in the open in the Thuringian plain and is moving toward the Russians 170 miles away to the east. (He may be heading down to Plaven to cut the last railroad but one from the north into Hitler's hideout.)

The Russians are flowing around Vienna slowly. There is every indication that the nazis plan there the same kind of last-stand battle they tried in Budapest. They are rushing in big King Tiger tanks, self-propelled guns, etc., and are fighting fanatically inside the city.

Nothing new has happened in Italy yet.

Swedish reports today assert that German workers are staying away from their benches by thousands—a sort of sit-down strike against the war, if true.

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TWO LARGE DAMAGE SUITS FILED HERE

Damage suits of \$25,000 each were filed in circuit court today, one by John A. Martin vs. the Southern Pacific company, the other by E. R. Welker vs. Great Northern Railway company. Both suits were for injuries received by the plaintiffs while employed by the railroad companies.

Martin charged that on November 16, 1944, while working as a section hand with the Southern Pacific, he struck a guard rail with his pick and caused a piece of steel to strike his left eye, causing permanent injury.

The plaintiff set forth that he was 23 years of age at the time and inexperienced and that he should have been instructed in the proper methods of working with a pick on frozen gravel. His attorney is U. S. Balentine.

Welker, in his suit against the Great Northern, charged that in late June of 1944, he was employed as a fireman at the Klamath Falls terminal. At that time he was working inside a cab of a diesel engine while switching operations were under way and that the locomotive was defective and leaking carbon monoxide gas into the cab.

This caused Welker to inhale the gas, he charged, and he became ill and the red corpuscles of his blood died as a result of the gas.

He suffered permanent enfeeblement, the complaint stated, as well as loss of time on the job. William P. Lord and Ben Anderson, Portland attorneys, represent the plaintiff.

King Advocates U. S. Fleet, Overseas Bases

NEW YORK, April 5 (P)—Adm. Ernest J. King, fleet commander-in-chief, says that the United States should maintain overseas bases after the war "implemented by an appropriate fleet ready for action."

King, who spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Academy of Political Science and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said: "How long can the United States afford to continue a cycle of fighting and building and winning and giving away—only to fight and build and win and give away again?"

Spain Forbids Nazi Planes to Land

MADRID, April 5 (P)—German commercial planes have been forbidden to land in Spain, effective immediately, thus severing Germany's last authorized transportation link with this neutral country, German quarters said.

German Lufthansa transports had been maintaining nightly service between Berlin and Madrid.

Maybe He Reads?

LOS ANGELES, April 5 (P)—While taking a walk with his mistress, Mrs. E. H. Jones, a dog, named Toby, ran into a vacant lot and began digging furiously.

After awhile, Toby uncovered a jewel box, which was found to contain 14 slim platinum tubes. Mrs. Jones' husband, having read of the theft of \$3200 worth of radium from the offices of Dr. Wilmot F. Robinson, telephoned the physician, who identified Toby's find as the missing element.

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The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The Western Front: British and Americans smashed up to the Weser river on a solid 40-mile front; Canadians drove northeastward in Holland; third army advanced on open Thuringian plain, 55 miles from bisecting German city; pressure on Ruhr pocket continued; seventh mopped up in Wuertzburg.

The Russian Front: Red army troops captured suburb 14 miles from Vienna city limits, breaking strongest anti-tank line; other troops surged north and west of captured Bratislava; last Germans driven from Hungary.

The Italian Front: Front generally quiet. Opposition reports rising in Valli di Comacchio sector.

The Pacific Front: Americans driving on Naha, Okinawa capital, slowed by stiffening resistance; marines on northern flank gained three to five miles, virtually unopposed; Tokyo announced Koiso cabinet resigned en bloc; Masbate island in central Philippines reported overrun; new American invasion; MacArthur said enemy lifeline to East Indies was completely cut by chain of U. S. air bases.

NEW ELKS OFFICERS TO ASSUME DUTIES

With Past Exalted Ruler L. Orth Sisemore as installing officer, new officers of Klamath Falls lodge of Elks will take over their duties in ceremonies tonight. Past Exalted rulers will occupy the chairs for the installation event.

Ray Ruger will head the new officers, taking over as exalted ruler, succeeding Jack Linman. A "birthday dinner" will precede the business meeting.

Farm Groups Ask For Wheat Price Ceilings

WALLA WALLA, April 5 (P)—Representatives of eight Pacific northwest farm organizations concluding a two-day meeting here yesterday, recommended that state war food administration wage stabilization boards hold hearings in wheat areas of Washington, Oregon and Idaho "to try to establish ceilings in the wheat areas so that a fair wage will be paid and the corps of the areas shall be harvested."

The meeting also set up a committee, composed of two representatives of each organization, to formulate recommendations for postwar farm commodity price stabilization.

This committee, headed by Charles Nish of Mikkalo, Ore., of the eastern Oregon wheat league, will meet here later this month and report at a general meeting within 90 days.

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ICKES HOPES FOR SEIZURE OF MINES

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As Ickes spoke, reports from the soft coal areas indicated that at least 40,000 of the miners still remained away from their jobs despite United Mine Workers' President John L. Lewis' request that they continue work at least until May 1 while a new contract is being negotiated. The SFA has estimated the absenteeism is costing production of from 800,000 to 900,000 tons of bituminous coal daily.

Ickes said that he could not fix the blame upon the miners or operators independent of each other, but he added: "I don't think that the country will be very patient with an interruption in the coal mines. I think the operators ought to do all they can to ameliorate these disturbances. I don't think any miner has the right to lay down his tools when all we have to do is to continue to win through to victory in Europe. Every operator and every miner ought to conduct himself like a loyal American citizen."

DISEASED WOMEN

PORTLAND, April 5 (P)—A fourth of women arrested here on morals charges are found to be generally diseased, the city health bureau reported today. Statistics were based on 1254 arrests last year.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

CITY BRIEFS

Visitor—Mrs. Ruth Meadows of Pasadena, Calif., is here visiting her two sons, James and William H. Meadows, stationed at the Marine Barracks. Mrs. Meadows is a former resident of Watertown, S. D., and is here to attend the marriage of her son William, and Dorraine Rosa Van Lue of this city. A third son is with the marines on Okinawa.

Expected Here—Phillip Brown of Eureka, Calif., is expected here tonight to spend a short time with his sister, Mrs. Albert O. Roenicke of Portland street. Mrs. Roenicke is a patient at Klamath Valley hospital but is expected to return home Friday.

From Reno—Mr. and Mrs. Louie Pollin, former Klamath merchants, are here for a short time from Reno to dispose of property interests. Pollin has purchased a motel on the outskirts of Reno, he has advised friends.

Hospitalized—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Myers of 2026 Appleton, have just received word from their son, Pvt. William C. (Bill) Myers, that he is in a hospital somewhere in France. No further details were sent.

SPOKANE, April 5 (P)—The line of testimony in a divorce case led Superior Judge Louis F. Bunge to wonder: "Is income tax now grounds for divorce?" The plaintiff said that when she told her husband she wanted a divorce, he said: "He wanted me to stay married to him at least a year so he could take exemption for me on his income tax. The only reason he married me was to have his income tax reduced."

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