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Three-Way Push Gains On Island

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
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A three-pronged Australian invasion of northwest Borneo overran beach defenses and threw Japanese troops into confusion matching the bewilderment of the Tokyo government in the face of a parliamentary revolt.

American forces carried their most extensive air attack on Japan into the fifth consecutive day, scored a two-day 17-mile advance in the Philippines, and drove frontal assaults through well-organized Nipponese counterattacks and point blank artillery fire on Okinawa while U. S. naval task forces shelled two flanking islands.

Widest allied gains were scored in China. Chinese troops recaptured the fort of Futing, two towns near the Indo-China border and threatened to overrun the key south China cities of Liuchow and Kwellin, both former U. S. air bases.

Two Years More

Despite these gains, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell warned that the war against Japan could easily last another two years.

The invasion of Borneo's jungles was made by three assault forces from the Australian 9th division, veterans of the African desert. They bracketed entrances to Brunei bay, one of the island's oil harbors and a spacious fleet anchorage.

An airfield and the town of Labuan were quickly captured on Labuan island at the northern entrance to the Bay. On the bay's southern arm, landing troops hitting the beach at Brooketon drove two and a half of the 20 miles toward the town of Brunei. The third force landed nearby at Maura, but dispatched did not make clear whether it was the town or island of that name. Both are near Brooketon.

Yanks Join Bombardment

The landings, under cover of combined Australian and American naval and air bombardment, were made with extremely light casualties. Brunei bay is an outlet for north Borneo's petroleum wealth, a former Japanese fleet anchorage and potentially capable of being developed into a base for allied amphibious forces destined to storm the south Asia coast or valuable islands of the Dutch Indies.

Despite the initial Borneo success, General Stilwell noted that the Japanese are more tenacious fighters than the Germans as exemplified by their willingness to die rather than retreat. Newly announced campaign totals show Japanese sacrificed 392,116 men in the Philippines and 67,703 on Okinawa.

The same attitude can be expected when Americans invade the homeland, which will require a force of at least 500,000. After taking Japan, U. S. troops may have to conquer Manchuria, he said.

Japanese Diet Balks

The Japanese diet (parliament) was supposed to take a major step in preparing for defense of the sacred islands. But it balked at rubber stamping an emergency war powers bill which would transfer legislative powers to Premier Kantaro Suzuki's cabinet. The diet session was extended for two more days to give the legislators time to vote themselves virtually out of existence.

Tokyo said intensifying air raids on Japan intended to "disrupt the lives of the Japanese people" were carried on today by 30 Mustangs and two Superforts which strafed two airfields in the Tokyo-Yokohama area for an hour.

This follows up a four-day air war in which at least 98 Japanese planes were destroyed, 10 U. S. planes lost, one small U. S. warship sunk, and Japanese cities and suicide air bases liberally bombed and strafed. Most strikes were concentrated on Nipponese air power.

The sustained blows started last Thursday when 450 B-29s bombed Osaka and Okinawa and Thunderbolt fighters raided Kyushu island airbases.

Hellicats Hit Kyushu

Swarms of carrier Hellicats hit the Kyushu fields in southern Japan Friday. Saturday between 100 and 150 fighter-escorted B-29s heavily damaged three aircraft plants and Thunderbolts raided airbases.

Sunday close to 300 Superforts bombed factories and airbases in the vicinity of Tokyo. They scored 820 direct hits on an airplane engine plant and railway yards at Sukagawa, 115 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Battleships and cruisers bombarded Okino Daito, 300 miles southeast of Okinawa Saturday, and Tokyo reported they shifted to shelling Minami Daito Sunday.

Gains On Okinawa

Naval, field and aerial artillery supported three U. S. divisions cracking in on a three-mile-long escarpment on southern Okinawa. In the center, the 96th division scored gains of 800 to 1000 yards in the face of heavy enemy fire and some elements scaled steep, cave-studded slopes.

The 7th infantry repulsed two major counterattacks and many smaller ones as it pressed toward the eastern end of the escarpment. The first marine division on the west, supported by 75 mm. guns firing from amphibious tractors, moved so fast Japanese supply planes parachuted demolition supplies behind the Yank lines. The marines used them against the enemy.

The sixth marine division took over the task alone of eliminating another pocketed enemy force on Oroku peninsula, and gained 1000 yards driving southeast from Naha airfield.

Marines To Drill On Flag Day Here

The crack Klamath marine drum and bugle corps and drill team will be presented by the city on the streets of Klamath Falls Thursday evening as a feature of the annual flag day exercises, it was announced today.

Returning Thursday from appearances in Multnomah stadium at Portland, the marine groups will march from Main and Esplanade to the Elks temple where they will present elaborate drills. This will be at 7 o'clock, and the colorful Elks flag exercises will follow immediately.

Full announcement of plans for the exercises will be announced tomorrow.

Eisenhower Wins Freedom Of City

LONDON, June 11 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower arrived today to win the freedom of the city, highest civic honor London can bestow. At ceremonies tomorrow he will speak and receive temporarily the sword of the Duke of Wellington carried in all his memorable battles. A museum lent it for the occasion because the presentation sword to be given Eisenhower is not finished.

Children Smothered Under Falling Bank

PORTLAND, June 11 (AP)—Two children smothered to death and three playmates escaped injury when a 60-foot bank collapsed here yesterday.

Bodies of Edward Tate, 9, and Victoria Gurrio, 10, were recovered by rescuers after 20 minutes. The other three children were only partially buried.

'Japs' Sighted Near Barracks; Patrols Search Territory

Two men appeared momentarily on the lonely Old Fort Klamath road north of the Marine Barracks yesterday afternoon, and then fled into the brush when they were challenged by a marine combat veteran who declared unreservedly that they were Japanese.

The marine, PFC Wayne Curtis, gave an alarm at the Barracks and marine patrols accompanied by state policemen late yesterday beat the brush in the rugged area in search for the mysterious pair. Barracks officials conferred with Sheriff Lloyd Low today and ordered patrols continued.

Questioned closely by Col. George Van Orden, commanding officer, the marine reported sighting the two men while he was hiking alone on the Old Fort road about two miles north of the Barracks.

He said the men stepped out in the road about 50 yards ahead of him. They did not see him immediately. When he called, "Hey there, you!" they turned, saw him, and dashed into the brush and up the steep ridge to the west of the canyon.

Curtis said he could not be mistaken about their appearance as Japanese. He said he had seen "plenty of Japanese" on Guadalcanal and elsewhere. He was decorated in connection with his Pacific combat service.

Curtis said one man appeared to have an injured arm. One was dressed in khaki trousers and jacket, and the other in gray trousers and a khaki shirt. The timber is scattered but the brush is high and thick in the area, and the men disappeared almost immediately on the hillside. Curtis followed a short distance, and then went to the Marine Barracks and informed the officer of the day.

Patrols Formed

Both mounted and foot patrols were quickly formed and began a systematic search of the area.

Col. Van Orden said that members of the patrols reported finding fresh tracks on the mountainside above the spot where Curtis sighted the strangers. The rocky terrain made it impossible to follow the tracks, which appeared for a short distance across a clearing.

Mounted patrolmen also found a place where someone had cut a sapling, beside an old log skid road.

Rough Country

The area in which the search occurred is about six miles north of Klamath Falls. It is rough country which is not commonly frequented by hikers. The Old Fort road is now virtually abandoned.

PFC Curtis' home is at Jacksonville, Fla. He received the Purple Heart for wound received in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi campaign, and also the presidential unit citation.

A check-up showed that no Japanese are missing from the WRA center at Tulake, and it is understood that no Japanese make their permanent homes in this area.

The possibility that the two men were not Japanese was considered by officials, but the fact they turned fugitive when sighted was regarded as evidence calling for a search.

House To Vote On Poll Taxes

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—The house today took poll tax repeal legislation away from its rules and judiciary committees and ordered a vote on the merits of the issue tomorrow.

The action discharging the committees, which had pigeonholed the legislation, was on a roll call vote of 223 to 95, after only 20 minutes of debate. Immediately afterwards the house adopted a 219 to 94 resolution bringing the legislation up for decision tomorrow.

The action was a victory for northern democrats and republicans who contended the taxes violate the constitutional right of citizens to vote.

Ceiling For Farm Wages In Basin Listed By WFA

A ceiling in wages for farm workers in this area, following generally the recommendations by growers at a recent hearing, were announced today by the war food administration. The rates apply to all farming operations in Klamath, north Modoc and Siskiyou counties.

Maximum wage rates for general farm labor are \$1 per hour without housing or \$200 per month plus housing.

Potato harvest wages will be 5 cents a half sack of 60 pounds, for picking. Wage rates for all other potato harvest labor are \$1.25 per hour.

The pay for hay harvest is \$1.25 per hour for hay stackers, and \$1 per hour for other labor.

Grain Rates

Here are the wage rates for grain harvest:

A. Header tender, \$8 per day and board.

B. Jigger and cartman, \$9 per day and board.

C. Sack sewers, \$10 per day and board.

D. Truck drivers, \$10 per day and board.

E. Machine man (combine or separator) operator, \$12 per day and board.

F. Caterpillar drivers (single combine), \$9 per day and board.

G. Caterpillar drivers (two or more combines), \$10 per day and board.

H. Bucking sacks, \$10 per day and board.

In the event board is not furnished, the rates above set forth may be increased \$1 per day.

I. All other harvest labor at the rate for general farm labor (subsection (b) (1) above).

Onion Rates

Maximum wage rates set for harvesting all varieties of onions were:

A. Hand topping and sacking,

A Village In New Guinea's 'Hidden Valley'



A typical village in the "Hidden Valley of Shangri-la," Dutch New Guinea, where efforts are being made to rescue a Wac and two army airmen, only survivors of 24 service people who crashed in a transport plane in the jungle-surrounded area 24 days ago. —AP wirephoto from air forces.

Arrest Of Juveniles May Solve Series Of Burglaries

With the arrest of two juvenile boys, one clad from head to toe in GI clothes, by city police and juvenile officers Saturday, a series of burglaries and break-ins and entering incidents was thought solved today by juvenile authorities. One boy involved was said to be 16 years old while the other is 14.

No less than half-a-dozen local business establishments were looted by the young thieves, some of these more than once. Business places broken into included the Polly Ann bakery, old USO club, Louie Polin's Raymond Dairy, Montgomery Ward's, and the old Victory lunch stand. The Polly Ann bakery was entered three times, Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson said.

Apparently the older boy was responsible for most of the crimes as the younger boy has only been connected with the robbery of the old USO. The case is being investigated further, however.

Varied Loot

The older lad reportedly stole from various business houses articles including wearing apparel, jewelry, a radio, candy, gum, cigarettes and other miscellaneous items, including \$54 in currency.

It was also revealed that he raided the army trucks belonging to "This Is Your Infantry" show when they were parked behind the armory and made off with 75 pounds of nitroglycerine, some 30-06 rifle shells, and a bazooka rocket. The boy was reported to have played with the bazooka rocket not aware that it was set to go off.

Patriotic Thief

Out of his loot the older boy purchased a \$25 war bond for his mother and made a down payment of \$15.25 on a ring for his father, Hendrickson stated. The boy had run away from home because somebody had lifted the stolen money he had cached at home, Hendrickson declared, and was living in a small shack that he had neatly fixed up near the city fire station.

The older boy was arrested in the Pine Tree theatre Saturday evening and the 14-year-old boy was apprehended at a service station where he was working at about 10 p. m. Saturday. Both boys are held in custody by juvenile officers.

Reduction Seen

The total program, a White House statement said, represents a reduction from a preliminary estimate of \$45,500,000,000 which was included in the regular budget submitted by former President Roosevelt last January, contemplating continuation of the war on the European front.

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CUT IN MILITARY BUDGET EFFECTED

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today to provide the army with \$39,019,790,474 to finance the accelerated attack on Japan.

He transmitted the military budget for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, calling for new appropriations of \$21,963,093,400, the reappropriation of unobligated balances from prior appropriations totaling \$8,818,195,574, and estimated recoveries from contract cutbacks and terminations totaling \$8,238,501,500.

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POWER TO HIT SOCIAL ILLS GIVEN LEAGUE

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
SAN FRANCISCO, June 11 (AP)—A United Nations conference commission voted by acclamation today to bulwark a world league with powers to attack economic and social ills which have helped generate war.

Amid predictions that it will "carry a message of hope to scores of millions of people," the commission adopted a pattern for an international social and economic council—the first section of a world charter to be drafted in final form.

Another commission assembles tomorrow to set in place in a committee's words, "the keystone of the peace structure which we are in the process of building." That is the section of a world charter setting up the measures a security council will take to halt conflict in the future by persuasion, economic or diplomatic sanctions, or even the use of armed force.

To Okay Report

This second commission session of the week will be asked to approve a report from one of its committees drafted by Joseph Paul-Boncour of France. This report, it was learned today, says the peace-enforcement mechanism of the new United Nations organization will be a "definite" improvement over

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Morse Invites Bowles To Quit

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) disclosed today in the senate that he had written Price Administrator Chester Bowles suggesting his resignation.

As senate debate opened on the question of continuing the price control program for another year, Morse read a letter to Bowles advising him that it "would be in the public interest for you to resign."

Senator Chavez (D-N.M.) rose to say that other congressional invitations to administrative officers to resign never have been heeded.

"The only way to get rid of them is to fire them or stop their appropriations," Chavez declared.

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This Is Berlin--Rubble-Filled Heap Of Destruction, Residents Lining Up For Food, Women Clearing Debris

By EDDY GILMORE
BERLIN, June 11 (AP)—The capital of the third reich is a heap of gaunt, burned-out, flame-scared buildings, with miles after miles of destruction. It is a hot desert of a hundred thousand dunes made up of brick, stone and powdered masonry.

Over this hangs the pungent stench of death. Berlin unquestionably is living proof of the most awful vengeance which a modern people have brought upon themselves. It is a city more ruined than London after the fire raids, and Stalingrad after one of history's most furious battles. I saw the ruins of those cities and now, in company with other allied correspondents brought here from Moscow, I have seen Berlin.

The red army commander of Berlin, Col. Gen. Nikolai E. Berazin, said 45 per cent of the buildings and houses in greater Berlin are destroyed beyond repair. Downtown Berlin has

been bombed and shelled into oblivion.

Song Of Berlin

Yet the song of Berlin today—and they are singing in its cabarets and night clubs—is called "Berlin Will Rise Again."

It is practically impossible to exaggerate in describing the destruction of Berlin. Berazin said allied aviation dropped 65,000 tons of bombs on it and that the red army in eight days concentrated 40,000 tons of artillery shells on it.

Thirty-five per cent of all the buildings in greater Berlin are half destroyed, General Berazin said, leaving only 20 per cent of the most that may be said to be intact.

Berlin the population was on the verge of starvation. The situation has been met by hurrying in food from outlying districts, from beyond the borders of Germany, and even from the soviet union itself.

The ration set-up is on rigid lines. There are four general categories and an additional one for children. Heavy workers came first. Then came light manual workers, white collar workers, and then dependents such as housewives and invalids.

Bread and potatoes are the mainstay of the ration, which is: Potatoes, 400 grams (18 ounces) daily to all.

Bread, 300 to 600 grams daily (13.6 to 27.2 ounces).

City Of Flags

Berlin is a city of flags—allied flags. They hang from every house and building. They are Russian, American, British and French, and I've seen a few Canadian and Chinese flags.

Most of the streets are now open, but some are nothing but twisting lanes through the rubble.

Downtown Berlin looks like nothing man could have contrived. Riding down the famous Frankfurter Allee, I did not see a single building for two miles where you could have set up a business even of selling apples.

Smoke was beginning to rise from what was left of Berlin's factory chimneys, but the vast majority of the stacks are still smokeless.

Women Clear Debris

The most familiar scene downtown was lines of women working to clear up the debris. Most of the women look between 18 and 40. They are generally, fairly well-dressed and certainly more of them have on silk stockings or ersatz silk than the women of London when I last saw them.

No Russian soldier was standing over these people. They are assigned their task by a German foreman and go about the work with a ut Russian supervision. (Continued on Page Two)

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Four straight days of bombing over the weekend, we destroyed 98 Jap planes at a cost of our own. Throughout four days, we smashed at plane factories (destroying nests from which the Jap birds are hatched).

may be taken for granted the job we'll complete first the destruction of Jap force. The lesson of Ger tells us that.

GENERAL STILWELL (our former commander in China; commander of U. S. ground forces) is on Okinawa from an action of the fighting at first

says the Jap war COULD two years more. He thinks Japs are stubborn than the Japs in either world war, odds that he can't see how they are so tenacious in usually, we can expect their morale to crack.

doubts if bombing will do whole job, and adds that we have to fight in Manchuria.

AT is what the commander our ground forces WOULD think. No mistake be greater than OFFICIAL estimation of Jap ability on fighting. It will be far, and less costly, to expect worst and find it wasn't as we thought it might be to expect the best and that it is WORSE than we planned for.

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we have to fight the war through THE JAP WAY every Jap out of every it will last a long time and a lot. We home fronters E (without the definite ledge on which to base any more tangible) that we are able to fight the war singly our way.

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all up to the Japs.

new Borneo landing is apparently an exclusive Australian show, except for the air and air cover under which was made. The veteran Australian 9th division, which

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4,209 Sold Bond Drive

A total of "E" bonds sold 7th War Loan drive, in all of the communities Klamath county with the exception of Malin, amounted to 4,209.75. Bond headquarters reported that this total was purchased through

was also announced that the of the saddle horse, was donated by George at his auction at the county fairgrounds on to the lucky buyer of a bond, was Claude J. Rawlin, 4510 Winter in Klamath. The total amount of bonds sold at the auction was 75.

Road Through Park Opened

Road through Crater Lake national park by Annie springs, facing the south and west, was open to travel

plows broke through yesterday, and the barriers were down. Travelers can now through the park from Fort on the east to Union on the west without fee.

will now start work on the road from Annie Springs to park headquarters, then on to Crater Lake rim. It is about three feet deep in places and motorists advised to drive carefully.