

CHEERS HERALD PACIFIC TRIUMPH

Two Yank Forces Meet in Jungle and Exchange Greetings as Jap Resistance is Ended at Guadalcanal After Six Months of Fighting.

(Editor's Note: Robert C. Miller was the only correspondent to cover both the invasion of Guadalcanal by American marines and the conclusive last battle. In the following dispatch, he describes the climactic meeting of the American forces after crushing Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal.)

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WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON GUADALCANAL, S. I., Feb. 9 (Delayed).—Two bearded men, their uniforms caked with mud, advanced cautiously toward each other through an abandoned coconut plantation today, saluted and clasped hands in a reunion that signaled the end of land fighting on Guadalcanal.

It was the union of two American forces which had driven the last vestige of Japanese resistance from the northwestern tip of Guadalcanal in the first all-American victory of the war in the Pacific.

Leading the forces moving from the west, Maj. H. Wirt Butler, 45-year-old Springfield, Ill., national guardman, greeted Lieut. Col. James Dalton, Burlington, Vt., pushing westward with his battle-battered troops.

"I'm damn glad to see you, colonel," said Maj. Butler, wringing his senior's hand. "I'm sure glad to see you, too, major," the colonel replied.

A Reunion in the Jungle

Men from both commands rushed forward through the dense underbrush, waving their rifles and hugging each other, every man of them shouting almost as one: "It's over boys," they cried. "We chased those little yellow (unprintables) back to Japan."

Old friends from the two forces recognized each other despite the dirt and beards on their faces and the camouflaging of their uniforms. They greeted each other up roarously.

One said "Jeez, men, I wish we had a bottle to celebrate this. I'll bet my mom will be glad when she reads this back home."

Exhausted, the men flopped on the ground for the first relaxation since the offensive to drive the Japs from the island was renewed Feb. 1 by landing troops at Verahue, 18 miles beyond Cape Esperance behind the Jap lines and trapping the enemy between two columns rushing along the coast.

First Nippon Retreat

The historic battle for Guadalcanal, which began six months and two days ago, 35 miles to the east down the coast near the mouth of the Tenaru river, ended at 4:25 p.m., about 100 yards west of Cape Esperance behind the Jap lines and had been spent by the county and WPA.

\$483,000 Spent

Records in the hands of the Marion county council, which started the investigation, show that \$483,000 has been spent.

Sherie Denning, county council vice president, estimated that between \$35,000 and \$50,000 more is needed to complete the building unoccupied now.

Mr. Jennings said WPA made two grants for the addition. One was the original grant of \$115,715, and an additional grant of \$29,386. Of the \$144,101 advanced by WPA for labor, a total of \$135,190 actually was spent, Mr. Jennings said.

Prosecutor Blue this morning telephoned Mr. Jennings for a conference relative to the government's figures.

Meat, Milk Probed

Witnesses in the Julietta phase of the county grand jury's investigation will join with witnesses in the probe of meat, milk and egg sales to Sunnyside Sanatorium, Monday when the jury is recalled into session, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Saul Rabb announced.

Approximately 20 witnesses will be called in to testify Monday and Tuesday regarding these contracts, in addition to other contracts let by the county commissioners, Mr. Rabb said.

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U. S. TOUR IS HINTED FOR MME. CHIANG

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (U. P.)—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek will make a series of nation-wide appearances, tentative plans drawn at a meeting of Friends of China are executed, it was understood today.

The plans include a gigantic rally and reception in Madison Square Garden, New York, under auspices of a citizens' committee, on March 2, an appearance before a joint session of congress in Washington on Feb. 18 and public receptions in Chicago and perhaps Los Angeles and San Francisco.

She was expected to leave a hospital where she has been treated for her telephone number.

Inside is a small booklet for her telephone number.

"Apparently the Japs evacuated an injury next Wednesday."

GOP FACTIONAL CLIMAX NEARS

Blue's Raids in Suburbs Makes City Hall and Police Fume.

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to determine who's going to run the G. O. P. show around here.

The Republican regulars broke off relations with Mayor Tyndall three weeks ago over the latter's sweeping patronage coup and his ultimatum that he would handle city jobs without any help from the ward chairmen.

Whereupon the ward bosses booted over and said "well see what's what?" Then the raids came.

Hardly had the ink dried on police blotters recording Mr. Blue's arrests when the fireworks started at city hall and at the police station.

One city hall official close to Mayor Tyndall said:

"Fine thing! Why did Mr. Blue wait until now to make those raids when he's had two years to do it?"

Yesterday a Tyndall supporter made this statement:

"Prosecutor Blue's request for an additional \$15,000 for hiring investigators draws attention to the fact that he has not made any apparent use of the investigators he has now, notwithstanding the inactivity of the police under the previous administration when, as shown by the present cleanup of gambling, there was plenty to be investigated."

Blue's Bill Opposed

"Mr. Blue's assurance that he would not use this money unless conditions made it necessary is not supported by his past record . . . etc."

One Tyndall henchman was known to have been over in the legislature lobbying against the payroll increase sought by the prosecutor.

A member of Mayor Tyndall's safety board complained yesterday that he didn't think the "vice cases were being prosecuted vigorously enough."

He said it is hurting the morale of police officers to see their cases lost out in court.

A deputy prosecutor countered:

"----, you can't prosecute cases without sufficient evidence."

More Heat Promised

And so on the battle has been raging all week and promises to get hotter.

Prosecutor Blue's role in the political skirmishing is clear.

He got into the prosecutor's office with 100 per cent backing of the G. O. P. faction of James L. Bradford, former county chairman, and he was re-elected under the same banner last fall.

Mayor Tyndall forced Mr. Bradford out of the chairmanship in a compromise maneuver that resulted in the election of Henry E. Ostrom as G. O. P. county chairman. Ostrom of Bradford had been a Tyndall primary campaign pledge.

However, a majority of the party's ward chairmen and precinct committeemen hung together under the Bradford banner and played along with the Tyndall forces during the campaign.

When the votes were safely counted Mayor Tyndall took the show in his own hands and openly left the regulars on a limb in all patronage.

The snubbing of Sheriff Pettit apparently was a definite part of the maneuver . . . the sheriff campaigned with the anti-Bradford boys.

Who'll control the county G. O. P. for the 1944 elections? It's anybody's guess right now.

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