

JAPS COLLAPSE ON TWO FRONTS

Admiralties, Hukawng Area

In Burma Now Are Ruled by Allies.

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base for allied air blows in that area.

Army Liberators hit the Japanese base at Maisuwa island in the central Kuriles islands for the first time today in what probably was the longest over-water combat mission of the war.

Eleventh air force headquarters announced the Japanese apparently were taken by surprise as the planes swept in from the ocean just before dawn to unload heavy demolition bombs on enemy air installations. The planes, all of which returned safely to their Aleutians base, encountered no anti-aircraft fire and no interceptors came up to offer resistance.

610 Miles From Truk

Lyng at the northwestern tip of the Bismarck archipelago, the Admiralty airbases at Lorengau and Monote on Los Negros, brought the allies within 240 miles of the northern New Guinea coast and 610 miles of Truk, completing the southern prong of a pincers attack on the Japanese mystery base in the Carolines. American airmen, striking from bases in the Marshalls, have bombed the Carolines 34 times in the past month.

The capture of Lorengau was effected Saturday by dismounted troops of the 1st cavalry division. With the aid of tanks and a bombardment from American destroyers, the troops routed the Japanese, destroyed 75 enemy bunkers and captured quantities of arms and equipment.

"This completes the occupation of all vital areas in the Admiralties," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communiqué said. "The remnants of the enemy garrison were driven into the hills to the south, abandoning many hundreds of dead."

Ground fighting continued on Bougainville in the Solomons, with allied troops repelling a new Japanese attack on the beachhead lines at Empress Augusta bay, and killing at least 185 enemy soldiers.

The increasing aerial offensive took allied pilots over enemy positions from New Guinea and Java, through the central Pacific to Paramushiro, 1000 miles north of Tokyo, which navy Ventura bombers raided Saturday for the third time in three days.

Bombers Fly 2000 Miles

One of the longest flights was made by allied airmen who made a 2000-mile round trip to bomb Soerabaja, Java, Friday for the second time in three days without loss. Tokoyo radio said the Americans also bombed the naval base again on Saturday.

Along the New Guinea coast, the allied planes struck at Hollandia, sinking a 3000-ton freighter, and seriously damaging a destroyer and a 5000-ton cargo ship, and then bombed Wewak, 200 miles to the east, for the eighth straight day Saturday.

American planes also bombed three enemy bases in the eastern Marshalls, now isolated behind the American front line, but lost one dive-bomber in the operation.

Willkie's 1944 Campaign Is On a 'Small Time' Scale

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is his charming wife, Nina, who helps with all the little details as she did in 1940.

'Middle Group' Absent

And there's a newcomer, a gal from Texas, who has the inappropriately fragile name of Mimi Calley. She's a Texas lady, but not at all fragile. She can order things done with that rugged and effective initiative of her country, and, what's more, get them done.

But it's all in miniature—1940 on a greatly reduced scale.

The towns are smaller, the crowds are smaller, and the enthusiasm is tempered with the restraint of old folks who sit placidly and boys and girls in their very early teens who gape and whisper and giggle, but don't make hilarious noises.

That vigorous middle group of the electorate is no longer here. It is off somewhere in the war's industry.

Willkie Has Doubts

But the big shaggy fellow is working at his electioneering job here with only 24 convention votes as the prize as if the whole thousand odd were at stake.

As he sees it, that is the stake. He is here trying to prove that he's popular with the plain folks, despite the politicians.

He wants so much to be President, very much.

You can see he has doubts now that he didn't profess a few months back. He's a sobered man, but still determined.

Gymnasium Was Full

We watched him perform for the small circuit.

The high school gymnasium was full—the largest crowd it has ever had except for the county fair when the governor is a guest. It was a quiet, orderly crowd, until at 8:15, the high school band struck up "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Everybody stood up and applauded as he made a grand entrance with Mrs. Willkie. He came smiling down the main aisle, waving now this way, now that, just as if there were 30 or 40 thousand present. There were about 2500.

He Shook Hands

When the mayor got up, he addressed the crowd as "Republicans, Democrats, New Dealers, Pro-

George Hofmann Seeks Judgeship

GEORGE A. HOFMANN, Indianapolis attorney, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination of circuit court judge.

Mr. Hofmann, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, is 37, married and lives at 307 E. North St. He has practiced law since being admitted to the bar 28 years ago.

He is a past Mr. Hofmann chancellor commander of Capitol City Lodge 97, Knights of Pythias; a member of the past chancellors association; the present royal vizier of Shambhal temple 139, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, and a member of the Indianapolis and state bar associations.

In his announcement, Mr. Hofmann said that he was not affiliated with any faction or group within the party "as I am a lawyer, and not a politician."

Royal Pair Wed In Simple Rites

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heads since the coronation of King George VI of Great Britain.

Queen Mother Marie of Yugoslavia. Peter's mother, was unable to attend because of illness.

The bride arrived first, wearing a dark-green coat and a skull cap so small she appeared bareheaded. Peter was accompanied by his brothers, Prince Tomislav, who was wearing a Jugoslav midshipman's uniform, and Prince Andre, a student in an English school.

A small crowd gathered at the Greek Orthodox church at Baywater, but dispersed when told the wedding would not take place there.

The ceremony was witnessed by King George II of Greece, the bride's uncle; King Haakon of Norway; Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands; Princess Aspasia, mother of the bride; Crown Prince Olaf of Norway; Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands; the Duchess of Kent, and various members of other royal families.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain headed the distinguished official guests. King George of Greece gave the bride away.

No Pain—Astonished

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As I sat cowering in the corner, I remember fretting because my steel hat had blown off with the first blast and I couldn't find it. Later I found it right beside me.

I was astonished at feeling no pain, for debris went tearing around every inch of the room and I couldn't believe I hadn't been hit.

But the only wound I got was a tiny cut on my right cheek from flying glass, and I didn't even know when that happened.

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'I ALMOST GOT IT THIS TIME'

Pyle Tells How It Feels To Think It 'Definitely Is The End.'

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was just lying there for a few minutes before getting up. It was just 7 and the sun was out bright.

Suddenly the anti-aircraft guns let loose. Ordinarily I don't get out of bed during a raid, but I did get up this one morning. I was sleeping in long underwear and shirt so I just put on my steel helmet, slipped on some wool-lined slippers and went to the window for a look at the shooting.

I had just reached the window when terrible blast swirled me around and threw me into the middle of the room. I don't remember whether I heard any noise or not. The half of the window that was shut was ripped out and hurled across the room. The glass was blown into thousands of little pieces. Why the splinters or the window frame itself didn't hit me I don't know.

From the moment of the first blast until it was over probably not more than 15 seconds passed. Those 15 seconds were so fast and confusing that I truly can't say what took place and the other correspondents reported the same.

I Thought It Was The End'

There was debris flying back and forth all over the room. One gigantic explosion came after another. The concussion was terrific. It was like a great blast of air in which your body felt as light and as helpless as a leaf tossed in a whirlwind.

I jumped into one corner of the room and crouched down and just cowered there. I definitely thought it was the end. Outside of that I don't remember what my emotions were.

Suddenly one whole wall of my room flew in, burying the bed where I'd been a few seconds before under hundreds of pounds of brick, stone and mortar.

Later when we dug out my sleeping bag we found the steel frame of the bed broken and twisted.

If I hadn't gone to the window I would have two broken legs and crushed chest today.

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Glad to Be Alive'

I had several unfinished columns lying on my table and the continuing blasts scattered them helter-skelter over the room and holes were punched in the paper.

I remember thinking, "Well, it won't make any difference now anyhow."

Finally, the terrible nearby explosions ceased and gradually the ack-ack died down and at last I began to have some feeling of relief that it was over and I was still alive.

But I stayed crouched in the corner until the last shot was fired.

RATION CALENDAR

MEAT—Brown Y & Z expire today. Red stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, E8 and F8 in Book 4 good for 10 points each through May 20. G8, H8 and J8 become good Sunday and expire June 18.

CANNED GOODS—Green stamps K, L and M expire today. Blue stamps A8, B8, C8, D8 and E8 in Book 4 good for 10 points each through May 20. Stamps F8, G8, H8, J8 and K8 become good April 1 and expire June 20.

SUGAR—Stamp 30 in Book 4 is good indefinitely for 5 pounds. Stamp 40 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds of canning sugar. Stamp 31 in Book 4 becomes valid for 5 pounds April 1.

FULL STAMPS OF WILLKIE DELEGATES ARE ENTERED IN THE APRIL 9 WISCONSIN PRIMARY AND THE APRIL 11 NEBRASKA PRIMARY. WISCONSIN WILL HAVE 24 AND NEBRASKA 15 DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

GASOLINE—Stamp A-10 is good for 3 gallons through tomorrow. B-1 and C-1 good now for 2 gallons each; B-2, C-2, B-3 and C-3 good for 5 gallons until further notice. T good for 5 gallons; E-1 good for 1 gallon; R-1 good for 5 gallons. A, B, C and D coupons are not valid until they have been indorsed in ink with automobile registration number and state. Motorists should write both 1944 and 1942 numbers on book and on coupons.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons valid through Sept. 30. All chancemaking coupons and reserve coupons are now good. Consumers should have used not more than 80 per cent of their rations as of March 12.

TIRES—Next inspection due, A's by March 31, B's on or before June 30 and C's by May 31; commercial vehicles, every six months or every 5000 miles, whichever is first.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Lamour Name Brings Service

THE MAGIC NAME of Dorothy Lamour probably was the only reason singing star Grace Moore got to her concert at the English theater on time yesterday.

Miss Moore was having her troubles at the Lincoln hotel a few minutes before the concert was scheduled to start. With the weather tying up the transportation system, she couldn't get a taxicab by her own efforts.

A bellboy offered to call the cab company direct.

"It's for a movie star. Her name is Miss Moore," he said.

The cabby got there in a hurry.

"Pretty cold day for a sargan, eh?" he genially remarked with a gleam in his eye; as he mistook the singer for the actress.

Miss Moore told her audience later at English's:

"That Lamour name was the only reason I got here in time."

SEVITZKY TO SERVE AS GUEST DIRECTOR

Fabien Sevitzky, director of the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra, today announced his acceptance of five guest conductor appearances for next season.

He will conduct the Detroit

Symphony orchestra in four Sunday evening radio broadcasts—July 9, 16, 23 and 30—and will be guest conductor of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Symphony orchestra on Oct. 1. He was guest conductor of the Vancouver orchestra once this season.

Vesuvius' Lava Threatens Towns

NAPLES, March 20 (U. P.)—

Allied military government officials prepared today to evacuate towns in the path of lava flows from an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius unless the disturbance abates by nightfall.

The eruptions began Saturday, sending four streams of flaming lava down the mountainside. The main stream, estimated at a quarter of a mile wide and seven feet deep sizzled toward Torre Del Greco and Torre Annunziata, both near Pompeii.

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