

YANKS SEAL BIG FORCE ON LUZON

Rosario Conquest Near as Fresh Forces Poise for Manila Drive.

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before resuming their frontal smash toward Manila.

(A Japanese communiqué recorded by the FCC conceded that the Americans had advanced as far as the Agno river, 20 miles south of the Lingayen gulf.

Tokyo claimed counter-attacks had halted an American advance two and a half miles inland from San Fabian in the northeastern sector.

The capture of Rosario would effectively block the only practical highway along which Japanese troops in the Baguio area could mount a counter-attack against the eastern flank of the American beachhead.

A counter-drive would endanger the rear of spearheads pointed toward Manila.

Supported by the big guns of warships, doughboys broke into the outskirts of Rosario Wednesday. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communiqué described "strong enemy resistance."

Field reports said the opposition came principally from artillery and mortar batteries.

Little hand-to-hand skirmishing was reported.

Only a few miles east of Rosario lies an excellent airstrip.

Tickets for Inauguration Ceremony Tomorrow Scarce

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Invited guests will include top officials of the federal government, members of congress, party leaders, electors, diplomats, high army and navy officers, members of the Roosevelt, Truman and Wallace families, sundry friends of the principals, and governors of the states.

Not all of the 48 governors, however, will be present. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York was among those who sent regrets. The Roosevelt family—consisting mostly of grandchildren ranging in age from two to 16—had begun to gather for the inauguration.

German losses for the period were set at 158,301 captured and at least 6156 dead buried by the allies.

A breakdown of the allied casualty figures showed:

Killed: 6472 Americans, 5667 French.

Wounded: 30,308 Americans, 24,287 French.

Captured or missing: 3633 Americans, 1590 French.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

PLANES PROTECTED FROM BATTERY ACID

By Science Service

TOLEDO, Jan. 19.—Corrosive acids from electric batteries cannot spill out and cause battery failure or damage to the plane on batteries equipped with a new valve vent. In combat flying, pilots frequently have to turn their planes upside down, causing battery acids to spill out.

The new valve vent, developed by the Auto-Lite battery corporation, seals the cells of the batteries in military aircraft when the plane is in any position but normal, as in a steep bank or upside-down flying. At the same time, it allows for perfect functioning by automatically opening the instant the plane returns to normal position.

Hydrogen and oxygen gases that accumulate while the battery is charging are thus allowed to exhaust without loss of vital battery acid.

NAZIS TAKE DUTCH TRAILERS

LONDON.—The Nazis have taken practically all automobile trailers found in the Netherlands to increase transportation facilities in Germany.

OPA Price Board Chairman Resigns Here

In a reorganization of the local volunteers weren't effective for practical reasons. He has been of the opinion, well-informed sources say, that too much time was involved in training persons who worked perhaps only one day every two weeks.

Moreover, complexity of regulations required considerable training if volunteers were to advise merchants properly.

On the other hand, OPA officials feel that volunteers should do nothing more than observe if grocers are displaying posters, for example, or inquire if merchants are following regulations. No attempt should be made to explain any but the simplest regulations, government officials believe.

Panel System Favored

Explanation of regulations should rest with members of panels, the OPA thinks.

Along this line, James D. Strickland, Indiana district OPA director, disclosed that Mr. Overley's resignation will be followed by a "partial reorganization" of the price board to follow the "panel system."

Approximately eight panels in various industries will be organized.

of volunteers each of whom will devote about a half-day weekly to consideration of OPA matters. It was expected that merchants found in violation would be asked to appear before these panels to learn how they were in violation. An explanation of the regulations violated also would be made at the time, it was believed.

Additional plans of the district OPA office provide for the organization of hundreds of volunteer workers to check retail and service establishments.

Mr. Strickland said the reorganization would mean intensified price control activity in Marion county. It is known that larger quarters for the price board are under consideration. The former Republican county committee offices at New York and Pennsylvania st. has been mentioned. The war price board offices now are in the Lemcke building.

The district OPA head paid tribute to Mr. Overley, declaring:

"OPA is highly appreciative of Mr. Overley's services during the many months he headed the program here."

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 1945

PUPILS TO PRESENT PROGRAM OF VERSES

A program of choral verse by pupils of Washington high school speech I and II classes will be broadcast over station WIBC at 2:45 p.m. Monday.

Participating in the program will be Dorothy Bennett, Doris Berman, Joann Brandt, Nadeida Checkoff, Virginia Cox, Joan Ellis, Theima Burbanks, Jeanne Gatzon, Vivian Grosselose, Mary Gunnels, Aileen Hart, Joanne Jennings, Constance Kakavacos, Jacqueline Leek, Shirley Lines, Patricia Main and Anna Mae Mohr.

Shirley Overman, Nada Petranoff, Paul Pierson, Pauline Poulos, Dorothy Shaddy, Frances Shock, Leona Short, Jacqueline Smith, Shirley Smotherman, Lucille Swick, LaVena Valant, Lettie Webb, and Paul Yanich.

FOREST DRAIN IS HUGE
WASHINGTON.—The United States forest service estimates that the drain on the forests of the nation in 1943 amounted to nearly 17 billion cubic feet and exceeded total growth by 50 per cent.

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