

MARINES GIVEN TRIBUTE

NEW YORK, March 18—Newspapers all over the country paid tribute to the heroic marines who made history on the tiny Iwo Island. Excerpts from the New York Sun said, "Although news of the final victory on Iwo Jima had been expected for days it was with mingled feelings of gratitude and relief that the nation learned fighting there was virtually over. It was a tremendous task for the Leathernecks, but every American knew from the beginning it was only a question of time before they should make famous report, "Situation in Hand". The Washington Evening Star said the "Formal raising of the Stars and Stripes over Iwo Jima officially signifies the conquest of that incredibly tough little island. Iwo should be visualized as one more step in the process which began long ago at Guadalcanal and whose end is the victory parade down Ginza Ginza, main street of Tokyo--after debris of that ruined enemy capital has been sufficiently cleared away".

Meanwhile, the Marines on Iwo continued mopping up operations. Only small bands of the enemy still remain active; yesterday at noon a group of 150 of the enemy were observed attempting to organize in the northern part of the island. They were quickly dispersed by mortar fire.

NAVY ATTACKS KURILES

GUAM, March 18—Surface units of the Pacific Fleet bombarded Mathuwa island in the Kuriles last Friday according to a fleet communique. Naval gun fire caused a large explosion and several large fires. Shore based batteries answered the fire.

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suggests that the Allies are anything but firmly determined to destroy the Nazi regime. The idea that Field Marshal Von Runstedt's reported armistice offer to General Eisenhower had any chance is just as fantastic because his leading opponents have never been more united on the question of unconditional surrender than they are now."

Observers in Washington declared today that German intermediaries in Stockholm had been rebuffed with the information that Allied demands for unconditional surrender would undergo no modification. One Washington observer said, "If the German government really wants peace, it has a direct means of seeking it through the person of the Nazi foreign minister in Berlin who will transmit any note directly to the Allies when asked to do so by the German government."

RUSSIANS CLOSE IN ON STETTIN

MOSCOW, March 18--Narrowing the German bridgehead across the mouth of the Oder southeast of the prize Baltic port of Stettin, troops of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army captured Frauenhof and a half mile south of the Pomeranian capital. Two thousand more German prisoners were taken. Bearing down on Stettin, Zhukov's troops also captured Bergland and Wilhelmsdef five miles north-east of the port.

Moscow radio reported that the Red Army had killed more than 20,000 Germans and destroyed more than six hundred tanks in repelling German counter-attacks in a 13-day battle near Lake Balaton, Budapest.

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UNREST IN GERMANY

YANES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE ON LUZON

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQS, March 18--Fighting steadily up the coast of Luzon, the 150th Regimental Combat Team captured the town of Mabini and Lt. Muntingutbig on the Calumpan Peninsula between Balayan and Batangas Bays. Continuing their converging drives, the 25th Infantry and the 32nd Infantry Division, were encountering increasing Japanese resistance. In the 14th Corps sector, the 43rd Infantry Division occupied Terisa and extended their positions to the northeast.

U. S. army forces landed on Basilan, the northernmost island in the Sulu archipelago which guards the southern approaches to Zamboanga. Meanwhile, the 41st Inf Division fighting on the mainland, continued the steady reduction of enemy positions and its general advance. Our air force pilots gave close support to the advancing doughboys. Our air forces are using the airfields already.

The terrific amount of Japanese casualties in the second Philippine campaign were revealed today by General MacArthur's headquarters. In the two months and one week of the Luzon campaign, the enemy's losses were approximately 145,000. His losses in the Visayan campaign have now reached approximately 137,000 making a total of 282,000 in the operations covering the past five months. This is equivalent to 11 Japanese divisions with supply and other auxiliary troops. Our own losses in the Luzon campaign are 3,813 killed, 196 missing, and 14,750 wounded, totalling 18,779.

LONDON, March 18--New York Times correspondent George Axileson in a dispatch from Stockholm said reports from travelers just arrived from Bremen indicated the city was in a state of unrest and turmoil after strikes and demonstrations by German and foreign workers. Crowds of strikers were marching through Bremen's streets this week noisily demonstrating for an early end to the war and shouting, "Down with Hitler." "Down with the Nazis."

Nazi home radio broadcast recorded by Reuters said 1,000 officers and men of the German Army have been executed by mobile court martials created at key centers to deal with cases of desertion and "other grave military offenses."

James MacDonald, New York Times correspondent with the British Second Army in a delayed dispatch described a camp for 200 men and women from Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Italy recently freed from forced labor in German factories and farms. MacDonald said, "Regardless of their nationality and political differences, everyone had the comradeship that arises from common hardships."

A Berlin broadcast picked up in London told the home front that because of shortages of materials, women must do without black stockings and men without black ties even in cases of mourning.

NAZIS FEELING FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON, March 18--An Associated Press dispatch from London reported responsible (Cont'd on Page Two)

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I overhear Keiff saying to a guy the other day, "Does this package belong to you? The name is obliterated." The guy answered, "Can't be mine - my name is ... "Mac Cor Vich."

According to the latest rumors, our pal Wasserman's latest motto is "Chief Warrant or bust." He really has the initiative; notice how well he handled a working party of men... or should we say vice-versa....

If you guys think you got trouble stop in at the library someday and listen to little Francis wail..He's the hardest working fellow on the ship, and it's really awful the way nobody cooperates.

Gunner: "Sir, the enemy's planes are thick as peas."

Mr. Newbern: "Alright, shell 'em"....

There is a rumor going around that Haas thinks Betty Grable is bow legged... but you know how those things spread.....

Dear General: Would it be proper to have a date with an island girl or another race? Hopeful.

Dear Hopeful: "Somebody in the Bible said They're all sisters, you know where....."

The hardest time to put the baby to sleep is when she is seventeen....

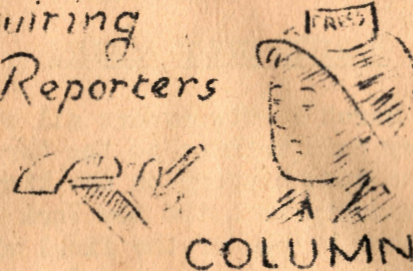
It's alright to tell a girl she has pretty ankles, but don't compliment her too highly

I think I'll go home and rock my wife to sleep...Wonder where I can find some big rocks....

Fellows, please contribute some data in the suggestion box down by the Post Office. Lately there hasn't been very much...as a matter of fact there has hardly been any at all....

One of our officers stepped up to the gyp joint window and the Storekeeper said, "Get ting yours sir?". "No, Not lately."

*Inquiring Reporters*



QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU PUNISH HITLER?

Sgt William Barker, 96th Div Hq, Longview, Texas: I would try him by a legal court and abide by its decision which undoubtedly would be guilty with a recommendation of the death penalty. I believe hanging to be the best way to execute the sentence. Before he is hanged, he should be taken around and shown the death and destruction caused by him.

Pfc Clarence Tillie, 1122nd Engr Gp: Let him go free. Set him up in a big home. That's what they did to the Kaiser in the last war. They'll do it every time.

Bn2c H. H. Lattimore, York, S.C.: I have no grudge against Hitler. All I'd do is split his b\_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

Wesley K. Page, Binghamton, N.Y., SI/c: Cut him apart slowly. He deserves a slow death. I'd cut off an ear at a time possibly his nose and continue until he dies.

Pfc Harley D. Mohr, 1122nd Engr Gp, Swanton, Ohio: I'd leave it up to someone who could pick a more horrible torture than I could. I'm in favor of making him suffer.

Cpl Richard F. Heller, 1122nd Engr Gp, Tonawanda, N.Y.: He should be put to work at hard nasty jobs. I believe he should be kept alive under heavy guard and made to undergo torture. Shooting him would be too easy.

The show for tonight, if there is a show will be "The Case of the Black Parrot" starring William Lundigan.

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HUGE MITSUBISHI PLANT NOW ITZI BITZI PLANT

GUAM, March 18-Reporting on yesterday's pre-dawn superfortress attack on Kobe, Associated Press correspondent said the third B-29 over the target area scored direct hits on the Mitsubishi airplane plant and the Kawasaki Locomotive plant. He reported a corporal as saying flames were visible one hundred miles away. A major declared there was light anti-aircraft fire and no fighter attacks. His pilot said the target was blacked out but he saw searchlights probing the sky over Osaka on the way in.

Pilot of the third plane found visibility good as the result of flames which illuminated the city. The tail gunner saw bombs hit the aircraft plant and the locomotive works in the southwest part of Kobe.

At one time the big plane was caught simultaneously by six or seven search lights but anti-aircraft did not hit the plane. The pilot and bombardier of one B-29 plane which has participated in raids on Tokyo and Nagoya, Osaka, reported they had encountered "pretty tough going."

B-29'S HIT BURMA RANGOON GOES BOOM

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 18-Headquarters 20th Air Force, announced that a medium force of Superforts based in India struck yesterday at military areas in Rangoon, one of the largest military centers in Jap-held territory. It was the fourth B-29 attack on that city.

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diplomatic sources as expressing the belief today that a wave of German peace feelers aimed at sowing dissension among the Allies is likely to hit neutral capitals within the next few weeks.

An authoritative London source revealed that one such feeler was made to British officials in Stockholm a few days ago but said the British government firmly ignored it and notified United States and Russia of all the details.

In Washington, state department officials disclosed the British reported last week on a Stockholm peace gesture but that the report was filed away as a more or less meaningless gesture.

The Associated Press quoted a reliable informant as saying that Dr. Fritz Hesse, one time German press attache in London was assigned by Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop to approach a member of the British legation in Stockholm and offer preliminary negotiations for an armistice.

First hint of peace overtures came yesterday when Dr. Arvid Fredborg former Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm paper, "Shenska Dagbladen" reported in that ultra conservative newspaper that the German peace feeler carried an implied threat that if America and Britain would not agree, Hitler would "give in to the Russians."

Reports received in London said Von Ribbentrop's errand boy, Herr Hesse, was ignored by the British, American and Russian representatives in the Swedish capital.

Correspondent G. Aislon, of the New York Times, added, "At first Hesse sat on the doorstep of the Soviet envoy, Madame Kollontay in Stockholm's Grand Hotel. When she refused to see him he tried to see representatives of the western allies and needless to say with no more success."

Determined to get some reaction, somewhere, on his move to split the United Nations front, Hesse afterwards saw that the Swedish press was informed of his mission. The Stockholm Shuvska Morganblad said today "It would be strange and unnatural if German peace feelers were not put out at this time."

It added however, "There is nothing in the term, unconditional surrender, which (Cont'd on Page Three)"