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NAZI COMMANDER AT GOCH CAPTURED

Fierce Battle On Iwo Jima Island

GUAM, Feb. 20 — (Tuesday) — (AP)—A flaming battle for Japan's front door—strategic Iwo Jima, only 750 miles south of Tokyo—raged on the tiny volcanic island today with American Marines fighting their way inland from beachheads against furious resistance.

American commanders said initial progress was "satisfactory." The Marines speedily reached Iwo's important bomber airfield and penetrated its defences.

Within two hours after the first barges had grated ashore Monday morning, the Marines had pushed halfway up the dark sandy beaches of this rocky island that may prove tougher than Tarawa. First official reports said American casualties were "moderate."

The Marines struck in the wake of a terrific naval and air barrage, the most merciless and concentrated bombardment of the Pacific.

The Japanese fought back with fanatical fury from strong inland positions, employing artillery, mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire.

Japanese positions apparently were located in the northern sector of Iwo and in the steep sides and crater of the extinct Suribachi Volcano at the southwestern tip of the sulphur-producing island which has an area of only eight square miles.

Only Scanty Cover

Suribachi, 546 feet high, commands the beachhead and the lowlands which afforded only the scantiest cover to the Americans facing enemy defences pouring forth mortar and artillery fire.

This closest ground approach to Japan was made by the veteran 4th Marine Division and the new 5th Marine Division. The latter is composed of veterans of Guadalcanal, Tulagi and Bougainville and new men.

The Iwo invasion was quickly followed by a smashing American Superfortress attack in great strength against the Tokyo district. The B-29's from Marianas bases lashed the heart of Japan Monday afternoon (Tokyo time). It was the heaviest Superfort attack on Japan proper and came on the heels of mighty aerial strikes against Tokyo by waves of carrier planes from the 5th Fleet that moved in close to Japanese shores to throw blistering naval sky power against enemy airfields and aircraft industries.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said Sunday night in his first communique on Iwo ground fighting that "the operation is proceeding satisfactorily."

Initial casualties were described as "considerable" by eye witnesses aboard Vice Admiral Richmond Kelley Turner's flagship. The Admiral is the top amphibious commander.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

With seizure of pin-point Iwo Jima off the south coast of Japan under way by American naval forces, a beginning has been made on rolling history back almost a century.

Just 92 years ago next July Commodore Matthew C. Perry began the negotiations for the treaty of "peace and amity" that opened Japan to the world. By the time that anniversary rolls around it is a fair conclusion that another American naval officer, Admiral Nimitz, will have sealed Japan in again, blockading her by sea and air against any effective contact through the East and South China Seas with the Chinese mainland.

That is the implication of the massive naval power blow that exposed Iwo Jima to landing operations destined to make it a plane base for American use a meagre 750 miles from Tokyo. It means that land-based medium bombers taking off from Iwo Jima's air strips can range over all the ports of Southern Japan and blast at sea communications of the enemy army in northern China as well as at Japanese war industries.

It means, too, that Admiral Nimitz' mighty fleet can carry its bold sweep into Japanese home waters farther west and north at will under shelter of Luzon and Iwo Jima-based heavy air power to supplement its own carrier-plane strength. Iwo is a potential step toward American naval penetration of the Yellow Sea to cut Japan off from huge armies deployed in China.

While the amphibious attack on Iwo Jima has stirred Japanese fears of impending direct invasion of the homeland itself, it is the blockade feature that most deeply concerns some enemy observers. They promptly noted that American penetration of the inner circle of Japanese insular outposts in the Pacific gravely menaced all sea contact with China Sea sources of vital war materials and with troops in all the southern sectors of Japan's shrivelling conquest sphere.

It seems doubtful, however, that invasion of Japan can be in close prospect in Allied planning. Until the war in Europe ends so far as organized German resistance is concerned it is unlikely that either the forces or the shipping for pushing on into Japan or into China to come to grips with the Japanese army can be available.

That does not mean, nevertheless, that naval preparations for such sea-borne invasions in both directions cannot be carried through in advance.

Federal Minister Discusses Family Allowance Measure

Prince Edward Island will benefit to an estimated extent of $2,216,604 annually by reason of the Family Allowance measure, Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Health and Welfare, stated in an address last night before a large dinner audience at The Charlottetown.

The occasion was the Charlottetown Rotary Club's annual ladies' night, which was observed also as the fortieth anniversary of Rotary International.

Hon. Mr. Claxton, who arrived here on Sunday, had a conference yesterday with members of the Provincial Government and had tea with forty ladies of the Red Cross Society who had helped in the work of Family Allowance registration, and to whose services he paid warm tribute in the course of his address.

Following the Rotary Club dinner, which was very largely attended, a reception was held for the Minister in the hotel drawing room.

Guests at the Rotary function included His Honour Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage, Premier J. Walter Jones, His Worship Mayor Blanchard, and Senator J. E. Sinclair.

Rotary President T. Roy Cudmore presided and gave a brief address on the significance of Rotary's fortieth anniversary before introducing Mr. Claxton.

There was an enjoyable musical programme, including vocal solos by Mrs. Ralph Douglas and Writer Barry Bugden, R. C. N. V. R., and violin solos by Miss Nan Reigh. Prof. Kendall was the piano accompanist.

"Not Political"

The Family Allowance Act, Mr. Claxton emphasized, is not a political measure, inasmuch as the Act was passed unanimously at the last session of Parliament. This Province was the first to be selected for registration, and he believed it marked the beginning of

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Scottish Troops Find General In His Nightshirt

PARIS, Feb. 19 — (AP)—Scottish infantry and tanks mopped up two-thirds of the strategic Siegfried Line defence hub of Goch tonight after a surprise attack which caught the German commander and his staff in bed.

With fixed bayonets and supported by tanks, the infantry charged on through the rubble of Goch's ruined streets, clearing the enemy from the north side of the Niers River, and driving the beaten garrison from half of the southern part of the city.

The Germans had to be rooted from wrecked houses and mountains of debris, the product of intense artillery and aerial bombardment, which they turned into miniature forts.

The Scots applied a pincers to Goch, one column driving down from the northeast, head-on into the city, bisected by the Niers River.

In Nightshirts

The second column, already across the Niers, knifed in at the back door, and this was the force that seized Col. Paul Matussek, the garrison commander, and his staff of a major and two lieutenants, in their nightshirts.

There was no indication that the Germans were trying to rush up reinforcements to restore a situation already apparently hopelessly lost, but instead they were hammering hard at both flanks.

The bloodiest fighting raged within a mile or two of Calcar, a second communication centre seven miles northeast of Goch.

On the centre of the Western Front, the United States 3rd Army slashed all the way through the three-mile-deep Siegfried Line in the Eifel Mountains on a seven-mile front and was driving against the river lines of the Rhenish Prussian base at Bitburg.

Once more the United States 7th Army to the south was battling in the Saar Basin six miles southeast of the capital city of Saarbruecken. The Americans seized 1,000 prisoners in attacks which Supreme Headquarters said had unlimited objectives.

A lull persisted elsewhere on the front as the British and Canadian forces carried the brunt of the attack in the corridor between the Maas and Rhine Rivers leading to the Ruhr and Rhineland.

Canadian Prisoners Reach Red Capital

(By The Canadian Press)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19—A number of prisoners from the Canadian Army have arrived in Russia, along with prisoners from the United States and British Armies, in the last few days after hitch-hiking by train and truck nearly 1,000 miles from German prison camps, overrun by the Russian advance.

Plans for large-scale movement still are in process of completion however.

Gasoline Ration To Be Unchanged

OTTAWA, Feb. 19 — (CP) — Canadian motorists are going to start the next gasoline ration year April 1 with the same allowance they had last year and there is no indication of an early increase in the ration, Munition Minister Howe said tonight.

"The war is still making tremendous demands upon the Allied pool of petroleum products from which Canada must draw her supplies," Mr. Howe said. "No improvement has been made in our position during the past year and what a cessation of hostilities in Europe will mean is difficult to forecast."

New gasoline ration books went on sale in a number of cities today and will be available in other centres within a few days. Under the present ration each automobile registered for highway use is allowed an 'AA" category license which is good for 40 units or 120 gallons of gasoline. It is necessary for 1945 license plates to be purchased before a new gasoline ration book can be obtained.

Special categories now in effect will remain basically the same but motorists who believe they are entitled to special categories must make a new application.

Report On Pope's Illness

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 19 — (Reuters) — The first official statement regarding the Pope's illness was published by the Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano today.

The report said:—

"The condition of the Pope's health is stationary. His temperature is still running high with catarrh in the throat.

"Following the cure he is now undergoing the Pope will require some days rest, especially for his voice, which remains weak.

"The Pope is continuing to attend to the affairs of his office and is receiving each day either Monsignor Tardini or Monsignor Montini, the two heads of the Departments of State Secretariat."

U. S. Entertainment Places Asked To Close At Midnight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 — (AP) —The United States War Mobilization Director James Byrnes, today asked that "all places of entertainment" close by midnight each day beginning Feb. 26.

His action will be backed up by the authority of the War Manpower Commission to deny employment ceilings to any places violating it.

Mr. Byrnes said his purpose "is primarily to save coal consumed in heating and in providing electricity. But it will also be helpful in the fields of transportation manpower and in other ways."

Places of entertainment were defined as all night clubs, sport arenas, theatres, dance halls, road houses, saloons, bars "and other similar enterprises, whether public or private, excluding restaurants engaged exclusively in serving food."

COAL MINER KILLED

MINTO, N. B., Feb. 19 — (CP)— Gerhardt Schaefer, a coal miner employed by the Miramihci Lumber Company for the last 10 years was killed while at work today when an elevator cage started to rise while he was boarding it and he became crushed between the cage and the shaft. He is survived by his widow and five children. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

N. B. Legislature To Open Today

FREDERICTON, Feb. 19 — (CP) —With simplified wartime ceremony, the first session of New Brunswick's 40th legislature will be opened by Lieutenant-Governor W. G. Clark tomorrow afternoon.

The session, first since the election of last August, is expected to last about six weeks. Premier J.B. McNair leads 36 Liberals against 12 Progressive Conservatives under the leadership of Hugh Mackay.

Co-Operative At Montreal Opposes Tax

MONTREAL, Feb. 19 — (CP)— The Montreal Milk Producers' Co-operative Agricultural Association argued in a brief submitted today to the Royal Commission investigating the taxation of co-operatives that "if the Government should heed the clamor of those who are seeking to cripple the expansion of co-operative agricultural associations in Canada and attempt to tax their surplus funds, the result simply would be that such surpluses will be cut down to the smallest possible margin and there would be nothing therefore for the Government to tax."

"By all means," said the brief, one of four presented during the first day of the commission's Montreal hearings, "tax the individual for the income he receives, including what he gets from his co-operative enterprises, but leave the surplus in a genuine co-operative association alone."

The association, whose 4,000 members supply more than 90 per cent of greater Montreal's milk requirements, remarked through its spokesman, W. L. Carr, it had been well said that the basis of private enterprise was self-interest but that the basis of co-operation was the common good.

"It has been recognized for a number of years by the Dominion Government that surpluses resulting from business done by co-operative associations, for their own members, are different from profits made by firms, companies or individuals doing business with the public and that what the enemies of co-operative organizations call 'profits' are really 'savings' that belong to members of the true co-operative."

EGERTON, Kent, England — George Pearson who has died at 96 had been a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters for 77 years.

Boy Scout Week Being Observed Here

A series of radio addresses on the work of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements was inaugurated in a short address last Saturday by Mr. W. A. Speed, Boy Scouts Commissioner, Halifax, who was in Charlottetown over the week-end. Mr. Speed emphasized that the present campaign is not a financial one, the chief purpose of the week being to acquaint the public with the value of Scouting for boys and Guiding for girls in every community.

The week was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor General, Chief Scout for Canada, and Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice, Honorary President of the Girl Guides, over nation-wide network on Sunday. These addresses were rebroadcast over the local station last evening.

Last evening also, Mr. Speed showed some very interesting moving pictures of Scout activities at St. Paul's Hall. The Hall was filled with boys and girls who cheered each picture and who had the time of their young lives.

A feature of this evening will be a radio play presented by the Charlottetown leaders and scouts.

Tomorrow there will be a Scout rally and demonstration in Prince of Wales College auditorium. On Thursday evening a radio play will be given by the Charlottetown Cubs, and on Friday evening, the usual night for Cubs and Scouts to meet, all parents and interested friends are asked to attend and see the boys in action.

Swiss Paper Says Nazis Quitting Italy

BERN, Feb. 19 — (AP) — The newspaper Der Bund reported today that Hitler has ordered Marshal Albert Kesselring to evacuate northern Italy and the withdrawal is in progress.

The newspaper said Italian Fascists, whom it quoted, were in panic and were seeking to mediate for their own safety.

Der Bund said four divisions already were leaving by way of the Brenner Pass.

Coming Events

**Pressed hay is wanted immediately. Phone 27-22. Knud Jorgensen, Fredericton. 2-2-tf.

**Buying live and dressed poultry Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Ltd. 11-17-tf

**Unloading screen coal Feb. 19 and 20. Get yours from car. Layton Green, Albany. 2-19-2i

**Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlyn Divine, Peakes. 1-23-tf.

**Horse Race, Vernon Ice, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2:30. 2-20-1i.

**Brookfield versus Winsloe at Milton Rink tonight. Game starts at 8:30. Skate after. 2-20-1i

**Bingo, Murray River February 21st. Lunches served. Women's Institute. 2-20-1i.

**Notice — Loading hogs at Albany, Thursday, February 22nd from noon until 4 o'clock Friday. Emerald until 11.30. G. C. Green and A. C. Green. 1-25-2i

**Loading Hogs for Davis and Fraser at Vernon Thursday afternoon, February 22nd. E. C. Nelson. 2-17-2i.

**Dance, Belfast Hall, Thursday night, February 22nd, in aid War Work. If not fine Friday night. 2-20-2i.

**Loading Hogs Thursday, Feb. 22nd as follows. Summerside till 1.30 p.m. Kensington till 3 p.m. Elmer Wigmore Breadalbane Friday till 11.30 a.m. Borden Bagnall Hunter River, Friday till noon MacEwen & Caseley. 2-19-2i

Says Little Of Jap Navy Left

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 — (AP) — Shaggy - browed Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey, freshly back from his stamping ground in the Pacific, declared today that the Japanese navy has "very little left to fight with and what is left is not in good shape."

For that reason, the commander of western Pacific task forces told a news conference, he doesn't believe the enemy fleet will accept the bold challenge of the American naval-air strike at Tokyo and come out to fight.

"We're going to have to go in and dig 'em out," Admiral Halsey said when asked how the Japanese navy can be engaged.

Churchill Back At 10 Downing Street

LONDON, Feb. 19 — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill returned tonight to 10 Downing Street and conferred immediately with his cabinet on the momentous Crimea decisions for winding up the war and winning the peace.

He had stopped en route home at Athens and Cairo and is expected to address the House of Commons in a first-hand report, perhaps later this week. Two days have been scheduled for his review and for debate.

Grinning and wearing a powder blue air commodore's uniform, Mr. Churchill bounded out of an automobile and waved to newspapermen and office employees.

Hospital Ship Expected Today

HALIFAX, Feb. 19 — (CP) — The Canadian hospital ship Lady Nelson is expected to dock here tomorrow morning with more wounded and sick veterans of the war in Europe. Nearly 500 personnel are aboard the vessel, which is making its second call at this port within a month.

News Briefs

LONDON, Feb. 19 — (CP) — British bombers kept the mighty Allied aerial assault rolling against Germany tonight after nearly 1,400 United States and R.A.F. heavy bombers had pounded 13 rail and industrial targets in western Germany during the day and other heavies from the United States 15th Air Force in Italy ripped enemy communications in Austria.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 — (AP) — Despite bitter Japanese resistance, Indian troops are steadily enlarging their week-old bridgehead across the Irrawaddy River 35 miles west of Mandalay in Burma and have the situation "well in hand," Allied Headquarters announced today.

LONDON, Feb. 19 — (AP) — Russian troops in a four-mile advance today captured Nowe (Neuenburg), on the Vistula River 47 miles south of Danzig, while the Germans reported that other Soviet forces had fought their way into the walled medieval town of Guben, key road hub 51 miles southeast of the Reich Capital.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 19 — (AP) — The Central News Agency quoted Gen. Ho Yin Chin, China's chief of staff, as saying today that the Japanese were deploying up to 50 divisions on the Chinese mainland in a bid to stem a possible Allied landing on the coast.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19 — (CP) — With the first groups of home defence troops believed moving to forward battle overseas in preparation for their baptism of fire, a Defence Headquarters spokesman said tonight that they had been integrated with general service troops "for all purposes."

BOULOGNE, France, Feb. 19— (AP)—The first merchant ship to enter this Atlantic port in almost five years unloaded 1,200 tons of jute today for the textile industry of Northern France. The port, badly damaged by pre-invasion bombardments, was repaired only recently.

LONDON, Feb. 19 — (Reuter) Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, commander in chief of the German Navy, tonight appealed for more young recruits for the navy, in a nation-wide broadcast to the German youth. He said "we require young people capable of doing the greatest damage to the enemy with the smallest means."

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 19—(AP)— Bernabe S. Robles, 87-year-old wealthy descendant of Spanish land grant barons, and grandfather of June Robles, whose kidnapping startled the United States in 1943, died in his home here late Saturday night.

N. S. Miners Advised Against Strike Vote

OTTAWA, Feb. 19 — (CP) — Labor Minister Mitchell, in an exchange of telegrams made public today with Freeman Jenkins, Nova Scotia district president of the United Mine Workers of America, advised against a strike vote to be conducted by the union tomorrow and offered to meet Mr. Jenkins to discuss dissatisfaction of the union with a National War Labor Board decision.

(The Labor Board in a decision announced Jan. 16 refused an application from the union for wage increases of approximately 41 a day and two week's vacation with pay instead of one week as at present).

In a telegram to Mr. Jenkins dated yesterday, Mr. Mitchell said the taking of a strike vote followed by a strike would be a violation of the wage control regulations and would make it impossible for the board to reconsider its decision.

He suggested that if new evidence were available it be submitted to the National Board immediately or that the union's case be placed before the Royal Commission investigating the Canadian coal industry

Brig. Sargent Takes Pacific Command

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19 — (CP)— Brig. D.R. Sargent was formally sworn in today as temporary general officer commanding in chief of Canadian Army's Pacific Command, succeeding Maj. Gen. G.R. Pearkes, V.C., whose retirement was announced last week.

Meanwhile, neither Gen. Pearkes nor National Defence Headquarters at Ottawa has given any indication of the reasons behind Gen. Pearkes' relinquishment of the Pacific Command post.

Gen. Pearkes has not announced any plans. He still is on the active list and is attached to a district depot at Vancouver.

Biggest Superfort Raid On Tokyo

(By The Associated Press)

GUAM, Feb. 20—(Tuesday)—The biggest Superfortress raid of the war Monday on Tokyo resulted in the destruction or damaging of 66 enemy planes, bringing the total since the first B-29 attack on Honshu (Tokyo's island) last November to 732.

5th Anniversary Of Beaver Club

LONDON, Feb. 19—(CP Cable)— Canadian servicemen and women mingled with titled dignitaries as the Beaver Club, famous leave centre off Trafalgar Square, celebrated its fifth anniversary today.

The Canadian High Commissioner, Vincent Massey, told the assemblage he hoped it would be the last anniversary since the club was strictly a wartime product—it was established soon after the first Canadian troops arrived in Britain.

Guests included Viscount Bennett, former Canadian Prime Minister, Lord Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, and Lady Cranborne, Canadian-born Viscount Greenwood and Viscountess Greenwood and the Marchioness of Willingdon, wife of a former Governor-General of Canada.

Cutting of a huge birthday cake was followed by dancing.

N. S. Premier Reveals Maritime Parley Planned

HALIFAX, Feb. 19 — (CP) — Premier A. S. MacMillan of Nova Scotia said today it was the intention of political leaders of the three Maritime Provinces to hold a meeting "as soon as arrangements can be made" to prepare for a Dominion-Provincial conference.

He was commenting on a recent report on the possibility a prairie bloc would be formed to present a united front at the forthcoming meeting of Federal and Provincial representatives.

There has been speculation in some circles that the Maritimes might join forces to air common interests such as fishing and agriculture.

The premier said he did not believe such a Maritime conference would be of any real value "until after a general election."

(Premier J. Walter Jones of Prince Edward Island said nothing in the nature of a Maritime bloc was expected while Premier J. B. McNair of New Brunswick had no comment to make today).

Nazis Claim Successes For Midget U-Boats

LONDON, Feb. 19 — (CP) — German broadcasts boasted today of alleged successes for new midget U-boats, and hinted at a new secret air weapon—possibly to distract home attention from military setbacks.

D. N. B. clamed — without confirmation — that midget submarines, penetrating the Thames Estuary to attack an Allied convoy bound from Britain to Holland, sank one freighter and probably another. It described the craft as "long bulky iron swimmers," and added these details:

"In the centre is a small turret just big enough to give space for one man. On top of this is a vaulting glass dome and the periscope. Before entering this novel weapon, a man must train several months and for the last three days live on light diet."

On the same theme, broadcaster Dr. Rudolph Semmler claimed "recent German U-boat activity is most promising for the development of the west front situation, and even indirectly promises relief to our hard-pressed east front. Every ship sunk now carrying supplies to the Allies' west front armies is worth two or three sunk during the last U-boat offensive."

Semmler also hinted at a new air weapon in saying that "the destruction of Dresden will not remain unavenged."

(By The Canadian Press)

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Feb. 19 — Minimum and maximum temperatures.

Vancouver 30, 40; Edmonton 5, 21; Regina 19b, 15; Winnipeg 10b, 4, Toronto 14, 27; Ottawa 7b, 17; Montreal 6, 21; Quebec 2, 20; Saint John 5b, —; Moncton 6b, 25; Halifax 15, 26; Charlottetown 8, 19.

b—below zero.

FORECASTS

Lower St. Lawrence, Lake St John, Gulf, Bay Chaleur and North Shore: Fair, not much change in temperature.

Maritimes: Moderate to fresh winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

High tide this morning at 5.5f and this afternoon at 5.4i.

Sun sets this evening at 6.34 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.54.

Full moon February 26th, 8.0i P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown — Summerside— Moncton
Leaves Charlottetown 7.45 A.M., 11.30 A.M., 5.45 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12.55 P.M., 5.30 P.M., 8.45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 1.10, 4 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.20 8.15 P.M

CHARLOTTETOWN— NEW GLASGOW
(Daily Except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 12.15, 5.45
Arrive Charlottetown 2.35, 5.20

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