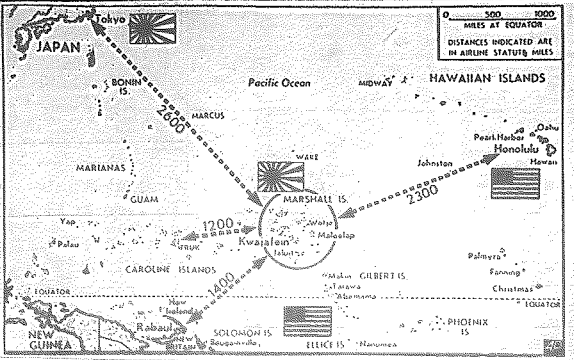


Mr. Mer...
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For...
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By Raymond Clapper
ABOARD A LANDING-SHIP-TANK...
A few minutes...
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Reels The Estonian Border Station Troops Within 16 Miles Of Eternal City



MARSHALL ISLANDS TARGET OF U. S. FLEET FORCE—This map shows the position of the Japanese Marshall Islands (circled), in relation to key Japanese points of Tokyo, Truk, and Rabaul, and the American bastion of Eniwetok. Few of the Marshall Islands were based on Sunday by a U. S. Navy task force presumably composed of battleships, cruisers and destroyers. (AP Wirephoto).

States appears...
These men...
But the men are more concerned about strikes than politics.

John L. Lewis has become a symbol for the union leaders who put strikes above production.

Invasion Winds Whip Marshalls

By MORRIS LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor
Invasion winds blew around pivotal Japanese bases in the Central Pacific today, fanned by the thundering assaults of Army and Navy bombers and the guns of probably the greatest American task force ever sent against the Nip-

Hit French Coast Hard

LONDON—(AP)—Maintaining the most sustained air offensive in history, American heavy bombers smashed at the French coast yesterday in the 30th Allied assault on that area in a month while bomb-cries thundered from the skies.

To Seek Boost In Women's Pay

ALBANY, N. Y.—(AP)—Legislation to assure women pay equal to that received by men for the same work was introduced in the New York Legislature today with bipartisan support.

Americans Carry Piano Along When They Go To War In Italy

By HAL BOYLE
AN AMERICAN AIRBORNE INFANTRYMAN...
The piano was picked up practically for nothing.

Kingsepp Captured By Soviet Army

Major Triumph Scored In North

LONDON (AP)—The Red Army has captured Kingsepp, Moscow announced tonight. Kingsepp (Yamburg) is a Russian frontier station on the pro-war Estonian border and the last German bastion before Estonia.

Thousands Face New Jap Cruelty

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Repeated failure of diplomatic efforts by this Government to curb Japanese atrocities apparently has left the thousands of Americans still in enemy hands with scant hope of better treatment.

U.S. Ballot Forces Lose

WASHINGTON (AP)—Drinking aside President Roosevelt's suggestion that members "stand up and be counted," the House refused today to provide a roll call vote on legislation to create uniform Federal ballot machinery for the armed services.

Yanks Pursue Nazis Through Cassino Hills

By HAL BOYLE
WITH FIFTH ARMY TROOPS
AROUND CASSINO
The capture of a number of German troops, including officers, showed the extensive nature of the penetration which the enemy spent months building.

Report Himmler Executed Finds No Confirmation

MADRID—(AP)—Vague rumors that the German Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had been executed by a firing squad were refuted today by a report from the German press.

Double Murder, Suicide Fared

ALBANY, N. Y.—(AP)—The bodies of a brother and two sisters, dead several days, were found in a rooming house here in what District Attorney Delaney said was a double murder and suicide.

Churchill Coy About Forecast Of War's End

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declined to express an opinion in Commons today as to when the war might end.

Shaw Complains Of High Taxes

LONDON—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw, the famous English playwright, today complained that he had been transformed from a "prosperous playwrite" to a "poor playwrite" by the high taxes levied on his income.

Labor Leader To Offer Proposal

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Daniel J. Tobin, one of the foremost American labor leaders, today offered a plan to direct AFL cooperation with Soviet trade unions, already ready to accept his plan, and proposed that the Government send a labor representative to Russia to make the plan a reality.

Nazi Bomb Destroys Priceless Art Works

LONDON—(AP)—A German incendiary squad in Italy has wantonly destroyed priceless works of art and important archives of European history dating from 1238 to 1811 despite a plea by Italian authorities to spare them.

Carrier Ticonderoga To Be Launched On Feb. 7

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—(AP)—The aircraft carrier Ticonderoga, sixth ship to be launched in the 24 months, will slide into the James River on Feb. 7 at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

Clipper Crew Rescued

NEW YORK—(AP)—Five members of a Pan-American Clipper crew were rescued today after being stranded thirteen hours on the craft as it rode at anchor in a storm off the coast of La Guardia.