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Simultaneous Blows Rained On Jap Bases

Jap Radio Pours Out Confused Picture Of Luzon Area Battles

By LEONARD MILLMAN Associated Press War Editor

Superfliers and carrier planes blazed a bomb trail from Tokyo to Manila today in support of General Douglas MacArthur's operations in the Philippines, where Tokyo radio said an invasion was still imminent.

MacArthur, Nimitz Meet

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR—A sure sign that something big is brewing in the Pacific war is the first scheduled meeting between Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

It was the third of the war between the two. After each previous meeting Major Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Nimitz met in Manila.

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MacArthur and Nimitz and their staffs held the first strategic discussion in New Guinea. Shortly thereafter Army troops of the Southwest Pacific Command invaded the Hollandia area of Dutch New Guinea.

Two-Thirds News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

A violent tank battle has broken out in a howling blizzard along the northern flank of the Germans' Belgian penetration.

Home Front

At home President Roosevelt has proposed that the United States export \$200,000,000 in food during the coming fiscal year.

Russian Front

Red Army troops have halted the big German counter-attacks northwest of Budapest. Front detachments received in Moscow also tell of the Russians slowing the enemy attack.

The Pacific

The Japanese Navy's Agency Domei reports the furious naval bombardment of shore batteries on Lingayen Gulf.

New Budget Calls For \$83 Billion

Reduction From Last Year

By MAX HALL WASHINGTON (AP)—

President Roosevelt sent to Congress today an \$8-billion dollar budget that might swing more than ten billion dollars up or down.

It all depends on the war—and the president refused to predict a substantial force of the budget time which a week while B-29's return from the 20th and 21st Bomber Commands hit Formosa and Tokyo.

Today's bill, on Tokyo, announced at the 23rd Bomber Command headquarters on Guam, said that the raid was carried out by a substantial force of the big planes in good weather.

The first bomb was away at 1:15 P. M. Marianas Time and the second Guam-directed raid for the Saipan-based bombers.

The raid came on the heels of an estimated, round-the-clock Army and carrier plane assault on Luzon Island where Tokyo radio once reported 15,000 American troops trying to storm ashore.

The Japanese Domei News Agency reported an American armada of 20 warships which had been in the Philippines for two days.

A second American invasion convoy was reported to have landed on Luzon Island last night.

The second meeting, with President Roosevelt sitting in, was at Honolulu in late July. The Pacific Fleet headquarters here extended its carrier task force strikes in the Philippines as MacArthur moved north through the Moluccas.

Nimitz ships and carrier planes have defeated the Japanese in the second battle of the Philippine Sea while MacArthur's men were entering the enemy on Leyte.

VARIOUS REPORTS Nimitz said 150 transports were in the second convoy, more than double the size of the first. A third 150 ship convoy was reported on the way.

Tokyo Radio reported U. S. warships, which began bombarding Luzon last Saturday, were sinking their fire "evidently" taking no chances.

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Now He's In A Hole Rundstedt Underestimated Bradley's Fighting Men

(Don Whitehead, AP war correspondent recently returned from the European theater, wrote this assessment of the German counter-offensive in Belgium.)

By DON WHITEHEAD NEW YORK (AP)—Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd Von Rundstedt's great gamble to smash the Allied invasion armies failed for two reasons.

1. His Panzer and infantry divisions never were able to swing north and capture Liege.

2. Von Rundstedt underestimated U. S. Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley's fighting men.

The First Army's epic defense of its great bases and supply arteries was the turning point in the surprise German offensive, which caught the First Army off-balance.

Had Von Rundstedt crashed through the American defenses on the northern flank of the salient, the entire First Army, the American Ninth Army and the British and Canadian Armies would have been threatened with destruction.

Certainly the First Army would have been trapped. The German drive to the west toward Sedan was the least threatening.

Veterans stood up in the Congress today to praise the men who served in the military during the war.

By ERNEST B. VACCARO WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional opposition to the enactment of drastic measures to meet war worker shortages showed new signs of weakening today.

Production Board, the Manpower Commission and the Senate and Representatives.

Chairman Tom, Democrat, Kentucky, introduced the House Military Committee would begin hearings on the latter proposal tomorrow.

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Famed Unit In Hot Fight For Key City

Yanks Within Mile Of LaRoche; Snowdrifts Slow Allied Troops

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP)—A big tank battle broke out today in a blinding blizzard three miles northeast of LaRoche where the American "Hell on Wheels" Division fought valiantly for Samree on the severed main road through the Belgian salient.

Other Americans were within a mile north of LaRoche. The battle was in drifts four to five feet high and in heavy snowfalls.

All along the 30 mile northern flank of the Ardennes salient, the Germans were declared by one of Field Marshal Montgomery's staff officers to be on the defensive.

On the southern flank of the virtually Winter-bound bulge, German counter-attacks drove back Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army a mile on a three mile front west of Bastogne.

Bradley Says Nazis Hurt

By LEWIS HAWKINS U. S. TWELFTH ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS (AP)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today that the German offensive in the Ardennes may have reduced the enemy's ability to prolong the war.

He added the warning that this is the enemy's move, not materially affect the German ability to resist.

He described the American halting of the German penetration as "one of the greatest victories in the history of the world."

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Soviets Halt Nazi Attack

MOSCOW (AP)—Red Army troops have halted the big German counterattack northwest of Budapest and considerably slowed the attack heading for the west of the Hungarian capital.

Within 24 hours the Soviets may recapture the initiative against the German drive.

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Manpower Plan Opposition Fades

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Release Violated Berlin Jumps The Gun On FDR Message

LONDON (AP)—A full hour before President Roosevelt's message was to be televised in Washington today, the Berlin radio said it had asked Congress to approve an expenditure of \$200,000,000 for the coming fiscal year.

Washington advances covering the message for release are being made.

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All In A Day's Work 22 Nazis Captured, 8 Killed—Just By Accident

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY (AP)—German anti-aircraft gunners hit two American heavy bombers over Frankfurt—and it cost them 22 Germans captured and eight killed on the Seventh Army Front.

It happened this way: A Flying Fortress and Liberator hit over Frankfurt.

Two aircraft, Staff Sgt. Clarence C. Long, Capt. and Nicholas Peters, Wyandotte, Mich., were among those who parachuted in safety.

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