

The War On Mosquitoes Never Ends In Pacific

By Raymond Clapper
SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA the war in the Pacific is being fought against the mosquito. The war is not against the mosquito carrying malaria and dengue fever. When I went ashore at one South Pacific island base, the first sign that greeted me as I left the dock was a point of view to a tall coconut tree. One picture on the poster showed a mosquito-looking Jap soldier, and underneath was the phrase, "He Causes One Casualty." Next was a picture of an equally ferocious mosquito, with the line, "He Causes Many Casualties."

The fight is never-ending one. They spray all the ditches with diesel oil three times a week. The job is done largely by men being disciplined for minor infractions of the regulations. Life is so rugged that there are few privileges that can be taken away from men, so they get their punishment in the form of this tedious malaria-control work.

Some political difficulties have been encountered in pushing malaria control over this particular island. American Navy officers found a small native village with pigs and tubercular cows right in the heart of a military area where thousands of men were living.

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GOP Picks Chicago

CHICAGO—The Republicans decided today to nominate their Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates at a convention in Chicago beginning June 2.

Selection of the convention time and date was made by the party's National Committee after it had adopted a resolution urging the enactment of Federal and state laws to facilitate absentee voting by members of the armed forces.

\$149 BID
Chicago won the convention with a \$150,000 bid.

The National Committee gave unanimous approval to a resolution drafted by a committee headed by J. Russell Sprague, U. S. Representative from Illinois, which recommended legislation which would maintain "integrity of the ballot."

"Millions of young men and women of our country, mostly of voting age, are serving in the armed forces," the resolution said. "The Republican Party wants them to vote."

Therefore, he resolved, the resolution continued, "that the Republican National Committee recommend to all legislative bodies having jurisdiction the enactment of legislation within the framework of the Federal and the several state constitutions which will assure to our men and women in the armed services the fullest and most complete opportunity to vote, being sure that the integrity of the ballot is maintained."

Two Lose Lives In Bomber Crash

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Two men were killed when a B-24 bomber from the Beaufort naval air station crashed and burned on Morris Island near here yesterday.

The names of the victims were withheld pending notification of relatives. Their bodies were taken to Fort Moultrie.

She May Be A Ugly Duckling But Daisy Manages To Get Around

By Hal Boyle
WITH THE A.P. IN ITALY Jan. 3—(Delayed)—(AP)—This is the odyssey of Daisy, a paddled camp follower who quacked her way through French Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy with the American Army.

Daisy literally jumped out of the frying pan into the hearts of a forward command group of the Twelfth Air Force Service Command in western Sicily.

She was destined for the mess of Lt. Clyde L. Davis Jr., captain

War Is Carried Nearer Rumania By Driving Reds

Battle To Cut Odessa-Warsaw Road, Which Would Bring Disaster To Nazis
By Henry C. Cassidy
MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian spearheads, steadily bringing war nearer to Rumania, drove toward the vital Odessa-Warsaw railway today, and advance scouts felt out the eastern bank of the southern Bug River after capturing a long stretch of land southeast of Zimnirka, a junction on that main railway line.

To the rear, the Second Ukrainian Army of Gen. Ivan S. Konev fought with different units of the Dnieper bend rail town of Smela, after wiping out 8,000 Nazis encamped north of Khovrogard.

CRIMEA ACTION
The German High Command declared the Soviet had launched a new attack from their bridgehead north of Kerch in the Crimea with fighting still continuing. There was no Soviet confirmation. Berlin also said fighting continued all day yesterday in possession of Sarny, rail city 25 miles within Old Poland.

The First Ukrainian Army

Daylight Assaults On Europe Resumed

LONDON—(AP)—Allied heavy bombers, mediums and fighters swept across the English Channel today in a renewal of the daylight offensive against Europe a few hours after RAF Mosquitoes attacked Berlin and Western Germany during darkness.

Berlin radio declared that "strong formations of four-engined American bombers" attacked localities in Central Germany around noon and claimed "heavy losses were inflicted by Nazi defenders."

There was no immediate Allied confirmation that called "states travelers" had gone out in force but observers on the English coast declared that "allied formations" had been grounded since Friday when they carried out a heavy attack on a target in southern Germany which neutral reports identified as Ludwigshafen, home of immense German chemical works.

The last heavy American raid was made yesterday by the Schweinfurt last Oct. 14 when bomber forces reached a record high of 289.

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Nazis Report Ciano Dead

LONDON—(AP)—Count Galeazzo Ciano was shot to death today, the German agency DNB announced, after his conviction on charges brought against him for betraying to the enemy.

DNB said that four other men convicted with Ciano also were executed. They were listed as: Marshal Emilio De Bono, Giovanni Battista, Carlo Paracchi and Luciano Gallardi. They were among those German members of the Fascist Grand Council who were convicted yesterday on treason charges. The Germans announced of the remaining fourteen, thirteen have and been arrested but one, Emilio Ciano, was listed as having received a death sentence.

The German report was dated Berlin, in northern Italy, where DNB said the trial took place.

Ciano, 46-year-old son of Admiral Paolo Ciano, was held in Rome, Italy, in the Italian diplomatic service until his marriage to the daughter of Benito Mussolini. He was appointed her chief of staff and reportedly became one of the wealthiest men in Italy.

Daughter of Clare Lucke Killed in Auto Accident

PAOLO ALTO, Calif.—(AP)—Anne Marie Lucke, daughter of Clare Lucke, was killed today in an automobile accident.

The 16-year-old girl was a student at Stanford University after a visit with her father, Congressman from California, who was here on a speaking tour.

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Americans And British Go Forward

No Sign Yet Of Drive Slowing
By Wes Gallagher
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—A Fifth Army pincer closed in on the German bastion of Cassino, 50 miles from Rome, today, with one arm reaching the outskirts of Cervaro, fortified village four miles to the southeast, headquarters announced.

Artillery and sea activity flared all over the Italian and Italian fronts, as night bombers returned to Sofia to pound the Bulgarian capital in a swift follow-up to yesterday's daylight raid, and British bombers sank three German destroyers and damaged four others trying to run the blockade to Civitanova, Ancona and San Benedetto.

American troops advancing up the road to Rome, threatened German mountain defense of Mt. Cassino.

What It Means: National Service

WASHINGTON—(AP)—National Service legislation such as President Roosevelt recommended to Congress today already is pending in both Houses. Endorsed by top military administration officials, the plan has been opposed by spokesmen for organized labor.

Sponsored jointly by Senator Austin M. Freeman, Republican, New York, the bill provides machinery for drafting men from 18 to 65 and women from 18 to 58 for labor in war plants and on farms.

Robert T. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, flatly endorsed the proposal in hearings before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

"It's prompt adoption, together with sound administration, will mitigate the loss of life on the fighting front," Patterson testified. "It will bring about a more equitable distribution of burdens on the home front."

Admiral Emory S. Land, head of the Maritime Commission, also endorsed the bill. Other endorsements came from representatives of the American Legion.

"The President's message was regarded as a recommendation of principle, rather than backing for any specific pending proposal."

Under such legislation, the Selective Service system would be given charge of registering the people and calling them up for duty when the President determines they are needed.

Since males from 18 to 65 already are in the service, the bill would be a reorganization of the existing system.

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Quick-Victory Program Given To Legislators

"Realistic Tax Law" and a "Cost of Food Law" Other Points In Message
WASHINGTON—(AP)—National Service legislation, designed to make available for the war effort the abilities of every able-bodied adult in the nation, topped a five-point quick-victory program laid before Congress today by President Roosevelt.

He reported that his recent conferences at Tehran and Cairo involved no "secret" political or financial commitments, but were aimed solely at winning the war and laying the groundwork for future world security.

Under such legislation, the Government would give direction to the work of all citizens, and through its toll of suffering and sorrow and blood.

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Jap New Guinea Lifeline Attacked

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea—(AP)—Sea and air attacks on Japanese plane and supply centers accented Allied warfare in the Southwest Pacific, with the enemy's lifeline along the New Guinea northeast coast taking a heavy hammering.

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Allies Cut Ship Losses

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United Nations won two great victories over enemy seapower in 1943—a doubling of net tonnage constructed as compared with 1942 and a 60 per cent decrease in shipping losses.

The big shipping communiqué issued by the Office of War Information (OWI) under authority of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill did not total the number of U-boat kills made by Allied forces during 1943 nor the cargo tonnage lost. But it did reveal a marked improvement in the last half of the year in the war against the enemy.

Of the total merchant ship tonnage sunk during the first three months, 27 per cent in the second quarter, 27 per cent in the third quarter combined losses totaled 150 U-boats.

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Solons Cool To Proposal

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President's Text: Five-Point Program

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WHEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer tonight with a few light showers, rain, partly cloudy and cooler. Today's temperatures: 1-10. Forecast: 1-10. Wind: 1-10. Humidity: 1-10. Barometer: 1-10.