

MacArthur Has To Fight His Own War

By Raymond Clapper

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA—MAYBE IN EXPANSE—there is a full-time man in a sweater, day's dispatch when I said Gen. MacArthur seemed like a cage of wounded lion, suffering deeply, of course I meant no suggestion that MacArthur was sulking. On the contrary he is a man of the most effective use of such forces as he has.

In fact, several of the statements he issued which have aroused so much speculation—statements which have been a puzzle to so many people there—clear up a few things. In each case Gen. MacArthur has not taken notice of developments reported in the press, which he felt were prejudicial to the prosecution of the war in the South.

MacArthur is first of all a soldier. When he was ordered to the Philippines he evidently thought, as indicated by his statement at the time, that he was to be given force to lead the campaign for recovery of the Philippines. As it turned out, he had to wait. There has been a period of nearly two years of this hope deferred which "matters the heart sick."

When in October of 1942, The Christian Science Monitor's Washington correspondent stated that there was a political machine in Manila, which was under the command and dividing it, with the Navy controlling the island groups, Gen. MacArthur said in a statement that he had no political machine, whatever, that he had started as a soldier and would finish as one, and that he would not be an amphibian were for victory.

It seems to me a rather natural reaction to the fact that political considerations had interfered with his efforts to turn the back on the Japanese before the Japs began to be driven back, and when it was still not certain that they might not break through to Australia.

The same thing came up again as a result of the "Crisis Conference." There were some who thought that MacArthur's command would take up the fight in the Southwest Pacific. That ever was the case I don't think it true today, and I believe Gen. MacArthur has been against a complaint now than at any time since the war began. Nevertheless, the Quartermaster General reported that MacArthur's Southwest Pacific operations were to be reduced to a minimum of a token role.

Even more significant than the Quartermaster's report was the adoption of the Navy plan for the Central Pacific, which opened with the attack on Iwo Jima and the Battle of Taffel.

It was at that conference that Gen. MacArthur's personal military auditions whatsoever and was perfectly

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WEATHER

Clouds and continued rather cold with rain tonight and Saturday, possibly with some drizzle.

Today's Temperature: 1, 23.5 P. M. 40. 23.5
Sunset 5:00
Moonset 10:00
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 6.

WORLD WAR II NEWS

ALLIED CLEAR BRITISH TOWNS

Score Twin Triumphs As Towns Fall

Capture Mozyr, Kalinkovich

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON — (AP) — The Russian Army today captured the regional center of Mozyr and the rail junction of Kalinkovich, clearing another important sector of the Zhlobin-Berdichev rail line, for Red Army communications.

The two towns, protected by the strongest defenses the Germans could build in many months of occupation, were captured by Gen. Constantin Rokossovsky's forces on the fourth day of their offensive in this area.

The two White Russian towns are about twelve miles apart, with Kalinkovich to the north and Mozyr to the south, in a junction of the Moscow-Warsaw and Leningrad-Odessa lines.

ORDER OF DAY
The twin triumph, clearing a route for the Red Army through the Pipet marshes into Poland and toward Plotsk, was announced by a special order of the day from Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin, recorded by the Soviet minister.

Stalin praised the troops for a skillful outflanking maneuver which took the two towns by the rear. Kalinkovich was ferried a large railway junction and important defense stronghold.

The Moscow radio said that Gen. Rokossovsky, slashing out across the main line of German defenses, led the escape route of beaten Nazi forces streaming westward from the area and had left Mozyr for behind.

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Bulgarian Rail Traffic Paralyzed

Trains Fail To Reach Turkey

ISTANBUL, Jan. 13 — (Delayed) — (AP) — Trains from Bulgaria failed to arrive at the Turkish frontier for 24 hours after Monday's day and night aerial bombardment against Sofia by Allied bombers.

Only two passengers from Bulgaria boarded the Turkish train reaching here today from the border, and it was said that police permits are required for entering and leaving Sofia and that the population has been warned that it is punishable by summary shooting.

Meanwhile, an article in a Swedish newspaper reported to the Office of War Information declared that the whole of the railway traffic is paralyzed in Bulgaria, and a Budapest broadcast recorded by U. S. Government Monitors said all automobiles in the vicinity of Sofia had been requisitioned for use in evacuation of the Bulgarian capital.

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Japs Betray Need Of Home Front Stimulus

By HAROLD STRIEBER
Associated Press War Writer
A nervous period of watchful waiting by Japanese war lords in the Pacific may be proving too costly for the empire, according to a report which has been a very stimulus at times to whip up military and ship production.

Arawe Held By Yanks

By ROBERT HENSON
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Pick Your Dutch Nazi Signs Posted In Holland

LONDON — (AP) — Handbills reading "Pick your Dutch Nazi" are being posted in Holland, according to a report from the Dutch government.

15th Air Force Fortresses Hit Two Airdromes In Rome Region

By LYNN HEINZELING
FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY — (AP) — The Fortresses of the U. S. 15th Air Force covered two enemy airdromes in the Rome area with large attacks yesterday, leaving smoking ruins from one end to the other of the Gudsuda experimental airport where Benito Mussolini's office shining air fleet was developed and tests made of jet propulsion.

Transport Fliers In The War Zones Modern Barnstormers

By H. H. BOWEN
AN AMERICAN AIRBORN IN ITALY, January 13 — The real exploits of this war are the transport fliers who operate in war zones and flying freight cars in war zones around the world.

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