

LET THE NEWS CONVERGE ON METZ AND FIGHT AROUND JAPS

Nazis Evacuate Hungarian City

LONDON—(AP)—German troops have evacuated the important communications center of Jasenovac, 35 miles due east of Budapest, the Berlin radio said today. The reported loss of the bitterly contested city of 50,000 came after the Red Army wheeled upon the Hungarian capital from several directions and liquidated a German bridgehead east of the Danube and south of Budapest, Moscow said 50 towns had been overrun.

Russian Viewpoint: Grave Position Of Japan Cited

MOSCOW—(AP)—Col. Ivan Tikhonov, Soviet military correspondent, said today in the Pacific was developing unfavorably for the Allies. He said the Japanese had attacked and captured the Soviet town of Khabarovsk. He said several hundred Japanese correspondents and Red Army soldiers were in the city. He said Japan and Germany are at the height of their aggression. Japan risked fighting two great powers, the United States and Great Britain as a consequence of her long-time policy of isolationism.

Two-Minute News Roundup

Western Front: Fighting again on both British and American sectors of the Western Front has resulted in important gains for the Allies. The British offensive in southern France has resulted in the capture of about three miles from the starting point at the junction of the Second and Western Fronts and the Second Army is within 27 miles of the Rhine. American Third Army doughboys have battled through snow and ice to capture three more miles leading the Nazi stronghold of Metz. The Yanks have bypassed the city of Metz and are within two miles of Metz on the north and west.

Americans On 3 Sides Threaten To Cut Spear From Shaft

By C. YATES McDANIEL. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES—(AP)—American fighting men today were on three sides of the Japanese island spearhead thrust north from the north of Ormoc, and threatened to cut the spear from the shaft. In a strategic maneuver, the 24th Division swung west to the west of the Japanese front line, and the 11th Airborne, with other units of the 54th Infantry, moved to the north. The First Cavalry (dismounted), with a tank company, moved to the west. The 11th Airborne, with other units of the 54th Infantry, moved to the north. The First Cavalry (dismounted), with a tank company, moved to the west.

Manila Bay Raid Blasts Jap Ships

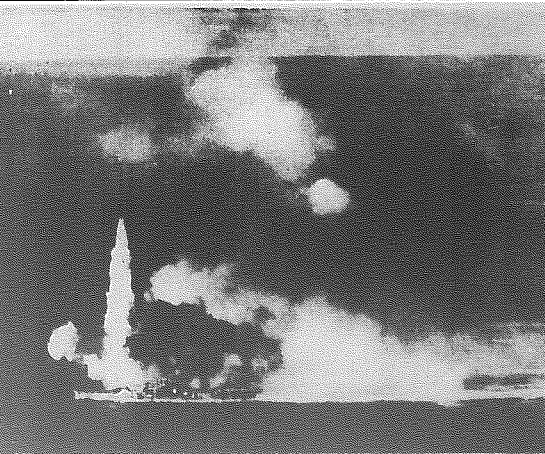
By CHARLES H. McMURTRY. U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—Another American carrier plane raid on Japanese shipping and facilities in Manila Bay left four ships—including three warships—sunk or damaged. A floating dock destroyed and at least 28 Imperial Japanese planes were shot down.

British Cross Montone River

ROME—(AP)—Eight Army Corps have crossed the Montone River, south of the Gironde, and are on the highway to Bologna. British Headquarters announced it was the first time since the outbreak of the war that the British Army had crossed the Montone River.

How Will Hitler End?

NEW YORK—Hitler is alive, but is in Japan and made the trip in a submarine, according to a London Times editorial. The London Times declared there is no longer any doubt that Hitler is in Japan and that he will be executed there.



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN NAVY FLIERS ATTACK JAP WARSHIP— Bombs burst around a Japanese battleship-escort carrier of the Ise class as the zig-zags in a vigorous attempt to avoid hits by U. S. Pacific Fleet carrier-based Hellcats, Avengers and Helldivers.

Adventure On Leyte: PT Boat Crews Safe After Hiding Behind Japs' Lines

By SPENCER DAVIS. BEHIND THE JAPANESE LINES ON LEYTE—Philippine guerrillas the native version of "Waco" and plain citizens of Leyte have guarded several patrol boats for several days. The boats were hidden behind Japanese lines and were safe from enemy attacks.

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The Hitler Situation: Nazis Tighten Army Grip

LONDON—(AP)—The Nazi Party, using the name of long-suffered Adolf Hitler, clamped a tighter hold on the retreating German Army today. A new decree ordered all German officers and non-commissioned officers who were members of the Nazi Party to "educate their men in the Nazi sense" both on duty and off duty.

Chief of Defensive Forces

ZURICH, Switzerland—(AP)—The newspaper "Nachrichten" today announced that Adolf Hitler had been appointed commander in chief of the defensive forces of the German army. The newspaper also reported that Hitler was now in Japan.

Capture Three Forts And By-Pass 2 Others

British Make Gain Of Nearly Three Miles In Offensive In Holland. By WILLIAM FRYE. LONDON—(AP)—American Third Army doughboys, battling through snow and sleet, captured three more forts guarding Metz today, by-passed two others and reached points less than two miles from the citadel on both north and west.

Wright Strike Called Off

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Produced by the War Labor Board, officers of the Wright Aircraft Corporation agreed today to call off a strike at five New Jersey plants producing five Super-Porter engines.

Holes In Hatch Act

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, after the "clean politics" law barring his name from the \$300,000 limit on national political campaign contributions.

Philippines President Predicts Early Victory

LEYTE, Philippine Islands—(AP)—President Sergio Osmeña today predicted an early victory for the Allies in the Philippines. He said the Japanese were without cigarettes and may be hungry before we return to one base.

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Court Martial Of Nazi Soldiers On Increase

By ASSOCIATED PRESS. TOKYO—(AP)—The number of Nazi soldiers court-martialed today increased from 23 to 150 in one month in the newly formed 10th Infantry Division.

Weather

Partly cloudy and mild with showers today and tonight, becoming cooler tonight, with a heavy shower tomorrow. High at 52, Low at 38. High at 52, Low at 38.