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Life On An LST Is Not So Grim

By Raymond Clapper
ABOARD A LANDING-SHIP TANK
WE climbed a ladder from the small craft to the deck of this LST. This is one of Henry Kaiser's jobs, thrown together in less than a month, which seem incredible when you consider the size and machinery that make an LST a real seagoing vessel.

This particular LST was singled out for the honor of being put into commission at the ceremonies last Feb. 23 at Yan-
CLAPPER
T. F. Sullivan, mother of five sons all lost in this war. The shipper is Lt. Albert W. McWhorter, a former Matson line skipper who was given this ship in recognition of his work as an assistant to Capt. F. C. Hutton in outfitting work for the Navy at the Kaiser yard.

Bricker To Come South

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Plans of Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio to carry his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination into the South have been disclosed here, along with word that Gov. Dwight D. Eisenhower might be receptive to the GOP Vice Presidential candidacy.

Bricker made known his plans for a Southern trip during a visit yesterday. He said he would make two or three speeches in Miami, Fla., March 14.

Oriskany, who with four other Governors was on the GOP Conference Executive Committee, indicated he would not decline the Vice Presidential nomination and in an interview said the Republicans could win in November on these two issues.

"Who can win the war quickly?"

Ohio Governor, in a separate interview, said he would speak at Aberdeen, S. D., March 23, which will also be his first venture into that territory. That is as far as his talking plans go at this time, although his main bid for support will come in a Lincoln Day speech here Feb. 10.

The Washington visit will be a two-day affair to be marked by a press conference, the Lincoln Day evening address and a talk the next day before the National Press Club.

Bricker, who recently visited the Southwest, said there was a "real deal" of Republican sentiment in California and Texas.

Soviets Believed Surging Across Estonia Border

Germans Report That Narva, Across Frontier, Is Being Evacuated

LONDON—(AP)—A Moscow broadcast announced tonight that Russian troops who captured Kingisepp yesterday had continued to thrust westward making further "important gains," and since Kingisepp is only eight miles from the border this suggested Soviet spearheads already were inside Estonia.

At the same time, Reuters quoted the German overseas news agency as reporting "Soviet troops are trying to get across the river Narva," indicating that Red Army units already had pushed six miles into Estonia.

The Russians under Gen. Leonid Govorov previously had captured Kelkino, seven miles northeast of Narva.

Govorov's Army was pounding westward on a 50-mile-wide front from the Gulf of Finland south to Lake Saima, where German troops yesterday occupied the town of Valova, less than 20 miles from Estonia.

At all the Leningrad veterans captured 50 towns and villages in yesterday's advance, killed more than 2,600 Germans and salvaged enormous quantities of war booty abandoned by the fleeing enemy, a Russian communiqué reported.

In Moscow, Dr. Johannes Vares, president of the Estonian Republic, announced to a cheering Supreme Soviet that Govorov's vanguards were at Narva.

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Americans And French Make Drive

Allies Advance
On Bridgehead

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,
TUNIS, Algeria—(AP)—American and French troops converging north of Cassino have torn away several miles of the Nazis' strong Gustaf, and are advancing deeper in a grim struggle, Allied Headquarters announced today.

To the west, on the Anzio bridgehead, Allied troops threw back a strong German counter-attack west of Littoria, supported by tanks and artillery, and advanced in some areas.

British troops fighting hard near Campobello only 16 miles below Rome, and American units at grips with the enemy near Chetara, 14 miles northeast of Anzio.

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Planes Lash Berlin Again

London Bombers Hit Capital

LONDON—(AP)—Britain's swift Mosquito bombers lashed again last night at Berlin, still smoldering from Sunday's heavy hammering, and today large formations of Allied planes resumed their attack on the "invincible" coast of France.

U. S. heavy bombers with fighter escort struck at military objectives in Northern France, it was announced, and Mustangs, without loss, bombed an airfield in Rhineland.

The daylight raiders roared across the channel early in the morning and came streaming back 45 minutes later. The operation across the Pas-de-Calais area resumed attacks which were interrupted yesterday for the first time in nine days.

The Mosquitoes' stab at air raid alarm sirens in the devastated German capital for the fourth time in a week.

The first plywood blitzed raiders, the announcement said, also attacked a power station in the Ruhr, the heart of which was not disclosed. One plane was shot down.

The Air Ministry disclosed that the RAF had lost 16,500 tons of bombs in the last week of January to break off monthly raids for bombing attacks on the Reich.

The British also reported that they had inflicted damage on the German capital for the fourth time in a week.

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Yanks Battle For Kwajalein Atoll

Marines Win Positions Near Roi Air Base; Infantrymen Attack Nearly 60 Miles To South

By WILLIAM HIPPLE
PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—Bulwarked by more than 2,000,000 tons of naval might, United States forces which successfully invaded Japan's Marshall Islands by a bold, backdoor route battled today for Kwajalein atoll, a key position so strategic that its conquest may in due time topple the Japanese from an area of the Pacific 800 miles square.

The invasion opened Monday against Kwajalein, with Fourth Division Marines going ashore on the north and U. S. Army veterans of Attu landing from the south. They struck in the fortified center of the western (Ralik) line of Marshall atolls.

The bypassed eastern (Radar) line as well as those atolls north and south of Kwajalein were placed in such a position by the invasion stroke that Rear Adm. Richmond K. Turner, commanding amphibious operations, said:

"We can either take them or let them wither on the vine."

Against strong opposition, the Marines under Maj. Gen. Harz Schmidt won inlet positions near the enemy's Roi Air Base on the northern end of Kwajalein, south of the atoll.

Nearly 60 miles to the south, Seventh Infantry Division veterans of Attu under Maj. Gen. Charles H. Corlett, landed close to Kwajalein Island, a heavily defended atoll, some 1,200 miles to the southwest, and to Tokyo 2,700 statute miles to the northwest.

Under the overall command of Vice Adm. E. A. Spruance, the most powerful fleet assembled in the Pacific, including fleet ships, aircraft carriers, and even secret life vessels, escorted the invasion force.

Constant support is being afforded the ground forces by land-based planes—Seventh Air Force, Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, first striking units of Rear Adm. John S. McCain, and the carrier planes from the carrier force of Rear Adm. Marc Mitscher.

It is the same type of air mastery displayed during more than twenty straight days of neutralizing the Japanese prior to invasion. In that period more than 300 enemy planes were destroyed or damaged.

The Japanese Navy will now no longer be able to avoid its destiny—destruction, declared the Army maulpiece on Sang Pao, which said it expected the landing would have a "great and important effect on warfare in the Pacific."

The official Central Daily News agency, which has been reporting the blood road to Tokyo, declared that the Japanese Navy "will be completely destroyed."

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Soviets Pull Off Diplomatic Coup

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW—(AP)—Foreign diplomats examining the Soviet Union's construction of its sixteen republics with the outside world today saw in the move possibilities for one of the broadest, most elastic foreign policies of any government in the world—one which could give Russia the opportunity to swing great weight in Allied councils.

Increasing interest was shown in the trends the new program might take, especially whether the Soviet Union will seek to set up separate representations in the various countries with which it moves diplomatically.

Autonomy of the republics in foreign affairs would give the Soviets the legal right to seek for multiple representation in such councils as the League of Nations like that created by the British Commonwealth of Nations.

There are diplomatic authorities here who feel the Russians have pulled off a brilliant piece of work in international diplomacy, no matter what the outcome.

The history-making plan adopted unanimously by the Supreme Soviet (Soviet Parliament) last night gave the sixteen republics the power to deal directly with other countries and take their own affairs.

Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov submitted the proposal, explaining to the delegates "This is brilliant."

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U.S. Balot Wins Test

Administration Ballot Held

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Administration's Federal ballot held for the armed services was its first battle test today with defeat of a "state's rights" amendment aimed at reducing local registration and poll taxes.

The amendment, offered by Senator Charles McNary, Democrat, Louisiana, would give states complete control over the validity of the Federal ballot.

The Senate test victory for the Administration test came less than 24 hours after the Federal ballot was held in a referendum in the House.

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A few minutes later the Senate defeated on a vote vote a second amendment which would give states complete control over the validity of the Federal ballot.

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Mairzy Doats and Doazy Doats ---And The Resta Vussgo Crazy

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—The "Mairzy Doats" was the new musical comedy which opened at the Philadelphia City Center.

Dr. Karl G. Miller, dean of the University of Pennsylvania, said he was using it in psychology classes for years "to illustrate the meaning of the meaning."

"Mairzy Doats" turns out to mean "mairzy rat cats," when worn out, when wrung out and dried. It's an old nursery song.

The words used at Penn "are exactly the same as the words of the song except for the very first word, which is 'Mairzy' instead of 'Mairzy'."

For some reason, we like Goatsy better," says Dr. Miller. The dean says the song for years has been the song for classroom purposes. "As soon as the students hear the first two words they know the whole thing."

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Chinese Sail U. S. Assault

CHONGKING—(AP)—Chinese newspapers, branding the landing of American troops in the Marshall Islands, hailed it today as a "great victory for the new China."

The newspapers, which are the new in the Pacific and took the view generally that the United States is seeking a showdown battle with the Japanese Navy.

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Long Marshalls Struggle Likely

By CHARLES H. MCMURTRY
PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—Don't expect any 72-hour miracle capture of the Marshall Islands.

The Gilbert Islands, taken in three days, were a different matter. It's true, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz sent the world's greatest naval force and more than 100,000 Marines and soldiers into the new Central Pacific operation, but the odds of fierce fighting can be expected to be complete capture of the Marshalls.

MANY JAP. BOMBS
The Japanese have many times more bases in the Marshalls than they had in the Gilberts. They also have spent more years in fortifying them.

It's no secret now even to the Japanese that the hundreds of ships involved constitute the most powerful naval units ever assembled. The nearest comparison is with the fleet assembled at Midway in 1942.

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Boyle Dwells A Little On Climbing Correspondents And A Waving WAC

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, Jan. 32—Delayed—Before correspondents left for the landing, south of Rome, some were put up in the hotel hall a poster from the home front showing a group of children and soldiers crowded together in a railroad car.

"Is your trip 'tender'?" Boyle asked, pointing to the poster. "Needless travel in the war effort!"

Lt. Col. Mercer-Walter of Wash-

Jap Defeat In 1947 Predicted

RUFFALO, N. Y.—(AP)—Frederic Sawyer, who predicted war with Japan, said today that Japan would be defeated in 1947.

Snyder, editor and world traveler, told members of the Century Club that Japan would be defeated in 1947.

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Weather

Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight; Thursday, partly cloudy with moderate southerly breeze.

Today's temperature: 59 P. M., 41 F. Source: Forecast.