

Pacific Strategy Discussed At F. R.-Churchill Meeting

CHURCHILL CLEARLY CLEAR RUINED

Nazis Make Hot Counter-Assaults To Northeast

Break Made In Allied Lines

Gen. Henry Crerar lastly threw in tank and troop reinforcements both along the road and in the Moyland area north of Calcar, and furious fighting was underway tonight, a front diary declared.

The Germans hit viciously in the Moyland area and at positions on the road from Goch to Calcar.

Southwest of Goch, however, Scottish and British troops advancing 1,200 yards stalled Buchholtz and Halverson.

The Scottish troops of the Canadian Army went with flaming bayonets after the last Germans retreating in ancient Goch, center of eight military roads and once a town of 15,500. After 24 hours of house-to-house fighting, the northern part of the town was cleared and only a tiny sector of the southern portion was holding out.

Nazi Shell Goch The battered Germans, minus their commander who was captured in the last, fought among rubble, shrapnel, and wrecked locomotives in the southern fringe of the town. The Germans already were shelling Goch.

Conference In Egypt Britain Prepares To Smash At Japs

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have conferred anew on strategy for crushing Japan in the Pacific where Russia officially continues her role as a "neutral power."

The latest Roosevelt-Churchill meeting took place in Alexandria, Egypt, after conclusion Feb. 11 of the historic Big Three conference at Yalta, Crimea, on the Black Sea.

But another meeting planned by Mr. Roosevelt during his trip to see Churchill and Marshal Stalin did not come off—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, president of the Provisional Government of France, reported that official business would not permit him to meet the President at Alexandria.

Mr. Roosevelt's official comment on de Gaulle's refusal of his invitation, "I am sorry that the questions of mutual invitation and importance to France and the United States are pending, I waited very much to see the general before leaving."

The whole dramatic story of the President's journey through the Middle East after the eight-day Yalta conference was told today in a lengthy dispatch released by the White House.

Aboard a United States man-of-war in Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal, Mr. Roosevelt received three-headed rulers of Eastern Europe—King Farouk of Egypt, Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia and King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Deep Holes Punched By Red Troops

Konev Appears On March Again

By RICHARD KASISCHKE LONDON—(AP)—Russian troops have punched several deep breaches in German lines on a 65-mile front stretching within 50 to 60 miles of Berlin and Dresden.

The German High Command declared today.

It indicated Marshal Ivan Konev had resumed his push toward these two cities after withdrawing from counter-attacks which Berlin only last night had swept back into four weeks.

The German communications detailed Konev breached German lines in the areas of Guben, 31 miles southeast of Berlin, Sorau, 28 miles farther southeast, and Lauban, 61 miles east of Dresden.

Fighting of the "bitterest type" is raging in this sector between the Cuban and Russian troops, a Transocean broadcast said.

Marines Get Airfield In Tough Fight For Island

Japanese Charge Broken Up

By ELMONT WAITE PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM—(AP)—(Via Navy Radio)—American Marines fighting the toughest battle of their history seized the southern airfield of Iwo Jima today from "fanatically defending" Japanese after breaking up a night counter-attack by 900 charging enemy troops, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced.

Strongly supported by Naval and aerial units which drove off the first reported attempts by Japanese planes to attack the invaders, the Marines pushed a path clear across the island, with the width ranging from 1,000 yards to two and one-half miles.

Territory in American hands reaches from the northern slope of Suribachi volcano on the southern tip of the island, now cut off from northern defenders, to the northern edge of nearly-won Motoyama Airfield No. 1.

SMASH DEFENSES The Marines smashed through defenses as "fanatically defended" as any yet encountered in the war in the Pacific. Nimitz reported the second grimly-worded communique of the day.

The desperate counter-attack by about 900 enemy troops charging full strength down the runway of the airfield in the early morning hours was broken back by the 27th Marine Division and remnants driven off, the dispatch reported.

Manila Mop-Up Yanks Go After Cornered Japs

By FRED HAMPTON MANILA—(AP)—American heavy howitzers, tore holes in the thick outer walls of Manila's intramuros (walled city) today to clear the way for tanks and infantrymen determined to wipe out the last major Japanese stronghold in the capital and free 7,000 civilian hostages.

It was possible some of the civilians already had reached freedom by slipping into the waterfront area and escape in small boats.

While 11th Airborne and First Cavalry Yanks, ordered extensive fighting within the city, the 27th Division troops wheeled big howitzers over panton bridges spanning the Pasig and began shelling medieval intramuros walls 40 feet thick at the base.

Three days ago Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold asked the Japanese commander in the Intramuros to evacuate the civilians within the walls in exchange for honorable surrender. No formal answer was given for a final assault on the spot.

By noon yesterday a considerable portion of the outer wall had been breached, but further pounding will be necessary before tanks and troops can move in.

The 27th Division and elements of the First Cavalry were giving for a final assault on the spot in which the cornered Japanese were determined to make a bloody final stand.

Draft Rebuff Given F.R.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—An hour after receiving a memo from President Roosevelt requesting speedy enactment of work-or-jail legislation, the Senate Military Committee voted today to consider a much milder substitute.

Senators Kilgore, Democrat, West Virginia, Wagner, Democrat, New York, Foran, Republican, Michigan, and Ball, Republican, Minnesota, joined Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, as co-authors of the new measure. It would authorize the War Manpower Commission, acting under direction of War Mobilizer Byrnes, to set employment ceilings in designated plants of areas and to regulate or even prohibit the hiring of new workers by employers.

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It was the latter measure Mr. Roosevelt referred in a memorandum to the Senate Committee on the Yanks and put up their stiffest fight for the southern island.

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Air Offensive Fortresses Blast Nazi Rail Yards

LONDON—(AP)—The vast railroad yards and locomotive repair shops at Nuernberg, 90 miles north of Munich, were blasted by 900 Flying Fortresses today in the eighth straight day of the aerial offensive against the Reich.

The bombers were escorted on the Nuernberg mission by a fighter force of about 100 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, which flew in from British and French bases.

It was the Eighth Air Force's fourth successive strike at strategic targets in an effort to smelt German transportation headed for the front lines.

Continuing the operations, the Allies have hit Germany with more than 1,200 heavy bombers every 24 hours since last Tuesday.

Diogenes Thief Nabs \$933, Then Returns It

The Police Department now has an A-1 article for Tippy. They have found an honest thief who may be seen in most packing industry.

The union postponed a threatened strike call yesterday that would affect the nation's meat packing industry.

Lewis J. Clark, union president, said the union would not be received from the War Labor Board to justify postponing until further notice.

A Russian push farther north had carried within 47 miles of Dresden, capturing the Polish border town of Neuenburg.

Packing Strike Appears Nearer

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Air View of Drama Two Island Fighting Fierce And Bloody, Correspondent Reports

SAN FRANCISCO—The fighting on Iwo Jima is "fierce and bloody" and the combatants are "eight against one," a correspondent said today after a flight over the island.

"Two hours over the battle area for two hours, sometimes coming within as low as 200 feet," Primus said in a broadcast.

"Two Jima today is eight square miles of unbroken lava, with hundreds of carrier-based planes in the air and more than 300 bombers in the air."

Lloyd George Very Ill

LONDON—(AP)—David Lloyd George, Britain's elder statesman who recently was elevated to earldom, is seriously ill.

The 82-year-old earl was reported suffering from a "bad cold" and a "bad attack" earlier this month, but was believed to be recovering. His condition has improved, but a "bill" might be approved today.

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