

WEATHER

Fair and cool today, rather cold again tonight. Tuesday cloudiness and continued cool followed by occasional rains in mountains Tuesday afternoon.

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Yanks Establish Foothold On Iwo

Reds Forge Ahead Despite Nazi Counterattacks All Along Front

Halsey In Washington On Visit, Says Jap Navy Will Not Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. —(P)—Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., paying a surprise visit to Washington, predicted today that the remnants of the Japanese fleet will not come out and fight in the current Pacific operations.

"We are going to have to dig them in," the commander of the Third Fleet, told a news conference. "They have got very little left to fight with and what they have is none too good shape."

Halsey said he has not yet received all the facts of the Tokyo and Iwo Jima operations but that all indications are that it was "an other magnificent success against the deteriorated and deteriorating Japanese navy."

Asked what in his opinion would be necessary to force the Japanese navy to a showdown, Halsey, in typical fashion replied:

"I can't get myself in a rat's frame of mind. I don't know what it would take."

UNDER ORDERS

Asked about his presence in Washington, Halsey said with a laugh "I am here under orders of Admiral King," Chief of Naval Operations.



ADMIRAL HALSEY

"It is evident," Halsey said, "that even the stupid, bestial Jap sees that he is losing control of the sea everywhere."

The veteran of many Pacific actions disclosed that information brought out of the Philippines by a doctored American flier furnished him the information that led to the decision to make a sudden change in plans for the invasion of the Philippines.

Halsey said his forces were steaming off the coast of the Philippines with practically no opposition.

"We were knocking down Japanese planes right and left. One American pilot was shot down. The guerrillas took care of him, and the next day we sent in and got him. He gave us information which led me to believe the time was ripe to go in."

That occurred, he said, on September 13, and he reported his recommendations to Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur.

"Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur picked up the ball and ran with it," he said, shifting their plans to permit the landing on

COUNTERBLOWS ARE STRONGEST MET RECENTLY

Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian Army Carving Out Gains

VIOLENT FIGHTING

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 19. —(P)—The Red army battled sharp German counterattacks in some sectors up and down the ice-covered eastern front today, but continued to forge ahead toward Dresden and on Berlin's southeastern flank.

While Moscow dispatches said the German counterattacks were not in the proportions of a counteroffensive, they were mounted by veterans of the German regular army and Heinrich Himmler's home army units in the greatest numbers yet and were particularly strong from places in Pomerania and Silesia where the Germans had entrenched artillery positions dug into the frozen earth.

The German communique said Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian army was forging ahead, however, and compelling the Germans to engage in "violent defensive fighting" all the way from the Czech border to the Oder Bend southeast of Berlin.

Konev's tanks have reached the area southeast of Laubau on the Quers river, 62 miles from Dresden, the communique said.

The town is only nine miles from the border of Czechoslovakia. On Konev's right wing, a German war reporter said, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian army has hammered out a bridgehead over the Oder near Crossen, 64 miles southeast of Berlin.

LINKING UP
Konev and Zhukov were linking up for a smash toward the Nazi stronghold of Guben, on the Neisse 42 miles from Berlin and at the apex of a vital defense triangle guarding the southeastern approaches to the capital.

Zhukov remained quiet in his sector along the Oder where he

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SEEK PURSE IN EPES CASE

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 19. —(P)—A missing gray pin-striped cloth pocketbook was sought by police today as an important bit of evidence in the strange death of 26-year-old Mary Lee Epes in connection with her husband, an army lieutenant, is held on a charge of murder.

Sheriff T. Alex Heise offered a \$50 reward for the return of the purse, with no questions asked. This was in addition to a \$100 reward offered by the prisoner, Lt. S. C. Epes, who handed Heise the \$100 when military authorities surrendered him.

The sheriff quoted Epes, 29-year-old son of a Richmond, Va., industrialist, as saying he "planted" the pocketbook in a downtown gutter Jan. 29 so that police would follow a kidnaper theory after he reported his wife missing.

IMPORTANT
The pocketbook is one of the important pieces of evidence we must have," the sheriff said, but would not discuss the significance of the missing purse further.

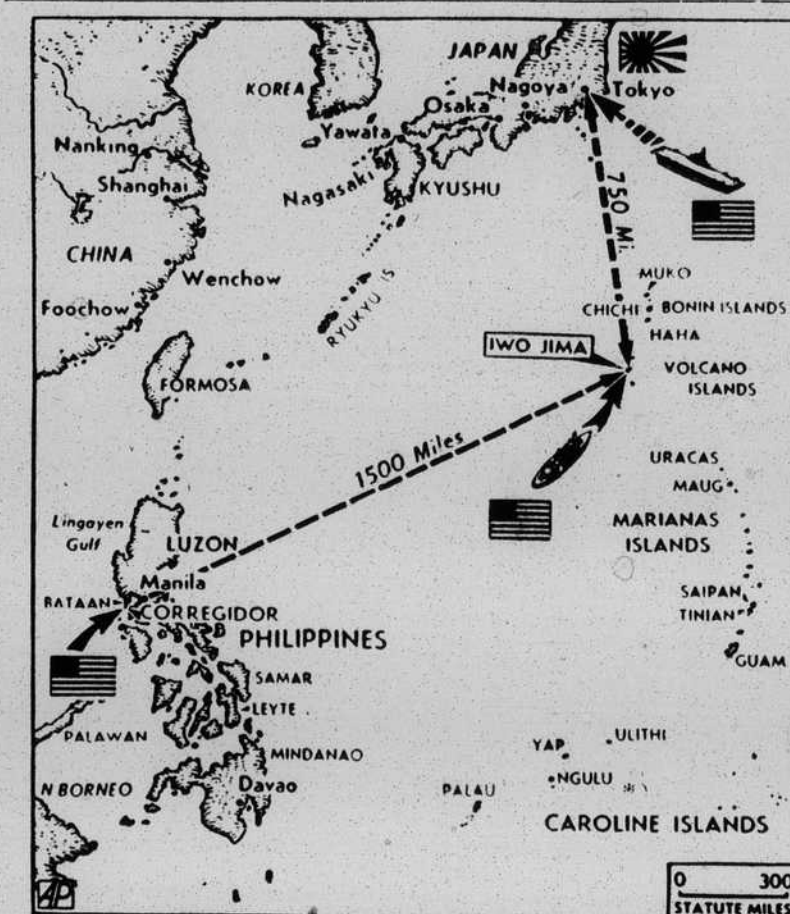
The body of Mrs. Epes was removed last Wednesday from a manure hole near Ft. Jackson—16 days after Epes admitted Heise said, he buried his wife there when she died from an overdose of sedatives.

The sheriff quoted Epes as saying he did not kill his wife but became panic-stricken when her pulse stopped, and sought to conceal her death.

Meantime, the sheriff reserved comment on whether a batch of love letters Lt. Epes wrote to a 20-year-old blonde war plant worker at Lake Charles, La., had shed any light on a motive in the case.

The letters were sent Heise by Sheriff Henry A. Reid, Jr., of the

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JAPANESE REPORT U. S. LANDING ON IWO—Solid arrow from warship symbol indicates American landing on Iwo Jima as reported by the Tokyo radio, confirmed today by U. S. headquarters. Yank troops landed on Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Harbor and Gen. MacArthur said complete conquest of "The Rock" is assured. American carrier-based planes have been attacking the Tokyo area.

Enemy Clings Grimly To Manila Foothold

Manila Bay Almost In U. S. Hands; Yanks On Corregidor Clear Malinta Hill

MANILA, Feb. 19. —(P)—Manila Bay was all but back in American hands today but in the city itself, where some 7,000 civilians were released in a new dramatic rescue, the Japanese still clung grimly to the walled Intramuros section.

Mopping up continued on Corregidor, where Yanks control the topside.

The 7,000 including 100 Americans, were liberated under gun fire as American troops stormed into the ruins of the Philippine General Hospital, a few blocks south of the Intramuros walls.

Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commander of the 14th corps, still delayed a showdown battle for the walled Intramuros district in the hope other thousands of civilians would be voluntarily released by the Japanese.

Troops of the same regiment which liberated the hospital came upon the bodies of 60 Catholic priests and women and children to whom they had given shelter in the ruins of a de LaSalle college in the nearby Malate district.

The 60 were shot and bayoneted to death a week ago today by a frenzied Japanese officer and 20

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY
7:00 p.m.—Junior Chamber of Commerce meets at Hotel Charles.
7:30 p.m.—City council meets at city hall.

TUESDAY
7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.
7:30 p.m.—Scouts club meets at Dover Mill clubhouse with Dover Mill Troop No. 4 as hosts.
8:00 p.m.—Presbyterian forum meets at Presbyterian church.

EYEWITNESS REPORT::

Japs Fight Back Fiercely Against Invaders Of Iwo

(United Press War Correspondent William F. Tyree, representing the combined American press, flew over Iwo Jima today shortly after the invasion battle began. The Navy photographic plane in which Tyree was riding was forced to turn back, but he was able to return his trip in a bomber. His eyewitness dispatch follows:)

By WILLIAM F. TYREE
Representing the Combined American Press — Distributed by the Associated Press
In a plane over Iwo Jima, Feb.

Invaders Push 600 Yards Up Bitterly-Defended Slope, Reach Air Strip

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 19. —(P)—United States marines invaded Tokyo's "lookout" island of Iwo today and pushed 600 yards up rugged slopes from the beachhead to penetrate the important bomber air strip.

The Japanese resisted furiously from heavily fortified positions, despite the continuing bombardment by warships of America's Fifth Fleet.

First eyewitness accounts from the flagship of Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, commanding the amphibious operation, said casualties among the marines were "considerable."

The tiny, porkchop-shaped island, invaded at 9 A. M. Monday (Guam time), was a prize the Japanese defended with all their fanatical fury.

Invading marines of the Fifth Corps, America's oldest amphibious outfit, advanced from the south and east beaches. They reached the bomber strip, most important of Iwo's three airfields (one still under construction) in the first day struggle.

Japanese artillery, mortar, machinegun and rifle fire raked the ranks of the veteran Fourth Marine division and the new Fifth division, making up the invading force, throughout the day.

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commanding the Fifth corps, said from his command post aboard Turner's flagship: "Our men are spread all over Hell's Acre out there. And they're going after those hidden Jap guns, which are mighty hard to locate."

Turner said the "overall progress is satisfactory." He declared that the pre-invasion bombardment by warships of the United States Fifth fleet had cleaned out some heavier Japanese guns but "by no means all of them."

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, communicating the operation is proceeding satisfactorily. He said casualties were "moderate," but early reports.

The beachhead extends for nearly two and a half miles northward from the Volcano at the southern tip of the air-base island.

Nimitz credited B-29s and submarines with helping pave the way for this morning's invasion of the island whose seizure will step up the air offensive against Tokyo where the Fifth fleet air arm destroyed or damaged 36 ships and 759 planes in two days before withdrawing.

Thousands of rockets raked the southern Iwo beaches climaxing the heavy naval bombardment which included the batteries of such air-craft battleships as the Nevada, sunk at Pearl Harbor and resurrected to help pave the way for the invasion of Normandy and now stepping stone island to Tokyo.

Several hours after the initial landing at 9 a.m. (Iwo time) Wesley Edwards, representing the combined radio networks, flew over the beaches and reported "there's a whale of a scrap still on going." The immediate objective was Iwo's main airfield from which land-based American fighters and medium bombers will be able to strike the Nipponese homeland for the first time.

Battleships, including new 45,000

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Former German Air Defense Chief Takes Own Life

LONDON, Feb. 19. —(P)—A neutral source reported today that Col. Gen. Hubert Weise, former commander in chief of Germany's air defense, shot and killed himself in his apartment a few days ago. Weise was made a scapegoat for the collapse of the Reich's air defenses and was ousted from his post a year ago.

JAPAN RAIDED BY SUPERFORTS

By The Associated Press
Approximately 100 Superfortresses raided Japan today, Japanese Imperial headquarters said, most of them striking at the Tokyo area in the wake of a two-day bombardment by carrier aircraft.

A broadcast of the enemy communique, recorded by the federal communications commission, claimed that ten raiders were shot down. As usual, it insisted damage was slight.

Earlier the Japanese over radio in a German language broadcast estimated that 70 or 80 Superfortresses hit the main island of Japan, including the industrial city of Nagoya and Shizuoka, a factory on the southeast coast their attacks.

This broadcast, also recorded by FCC, claimed "at least seven observed to be brought down to the Tokyo area alone."

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Allied Armies Fight Into Goch, Approach Duisburg, Calcar

Germans Resist Bitterly In Fighting Around Calcar; Casualties Heavy On Both Sides

PARIS, Feb. 19. —Kilted Scots fought into the center of the heavily fortified road center of Goch today as the Canadian First Army advanced within 25 miles of Duisburg, world's largest inland port and western portal of the rich Ruhr arsenal.

British and Canadian troops fought within a mile of Calcar, like Goch an important frontline road center, and pushed the stubbornly resisting Germans to the southern edge of the Moyland woods. Casualties were heavy on both sides. The forest extends almost to the edge of Calcar.

Field Marshal Montgomery was said by the Germans to have committed his British Second Army to the intensifying battle between the Meuse and flooded Rhine, a front on which the northern end of the original Siegfried line has been run through. The marshal himself said the last round of the battle for Germany was on; that the enemy "is going to receive the knockout blow—a somewhat unusual one, delivered from more than one direction."

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., widened his U. S. Third Army front in western Germany to 32 miles and captured numerous towns in the Eifel mountains, some within seven miles of the important road center of Bitburg. TWO MILES

Farther south, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army fought back two miles into the German Saar basin, capturing 1,000 prisoners and Auersmacher, six miles southeast of Saarbrücken.

The American First and Ninth armies (and perhaps other formations) still were inactive along the Roer river facing Cologne, Bonn and Dusseldorf. It was in this sector east of Aachen that the Germans have been reducing the

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ORDER SIGNED IN ENKA CASE

Judge Webb Permits Withdrawal Of Application For Injunction

In accordance with an agreement between the National Labor board, attorneys for the American Enka Corporation, of Asheville and the International Union, United Textile Workers of America reached last Friday in Washington, Judge E. Y. Webb signed an order here this morning permitting the American Enka Corporation to withdraw its application for an injunction against certain arbitration proceedings between the company and the union and under the condition set out that all rights of the company shall be preserved in the determination of the action now pending in the United States court.

The government seized the plant of the American Enka corporation yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock but this action, it was pointed out this morning, in no way affects the litigation or the arbitration.

The War Labor board was taken into court by the American Enka corporation after its regional board in Atlanta, Ga., had ordered the American Enka corporation to arbitrate a contract which was entered into by the union and the company on June 5, 1943, which the company contended was last for the duration of the war. The union demanded pay for lunch periods and certain shift differentials.

The company went into court to determine the effect of the contract, whether an arbitrator had authority to pass on the question and whether the arbitrator could make a valid decision.

Judge Webb signed a temporary

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More Carrier Raids May Be Expected, Japanese Are Told

More American carrier raids on Tokyo can be expected until U. S. invasion forces have a secure beachhead on Iwo island, 750 miles to the south, Japanese broadcasters warned the home islands today.

A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said the mighty U. S. Fifth fleet "will remain somewhere in our home waters, no matter how strong our counterattacks, and continue air raids on the mainland until their own men succeed in taking a foothold on Iwo."

MORE ATROCITIES:

Priests, Women And Children Wantonly Slain By Japanese

MANILA, Feb. 18. —(Delayed)—The wanton slaying of at least 60 priests and women and children refugees in De LaSalle College in Manila's Malate district by Japanese soldiers was revealed today with recovery of the mutilated remains.

Of the 70 persons caught in the college only eight survived, said one of them, the Rev. Francis J. Cosgrave, 47, a redemptorist father of Sydney, Australia.

Father Cosgrave, recovering from two bayonet wounds in Santo Tomas hospital, filled in details of

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