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## Reds Sweep Into Donets Valley

### Allied Troops Attack Jap Survivors In New Guinea

#### Air Forces Continue Poundings

Americans, Australians Break Through and Destroy Another Section of Enemy Defenses on Sananda Point

(By The Associated Press) General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today that American and Australian troops, attacking the last pocket of resistance by survivors of a 15,000-man Japanese invasion army on the Papuan peninsula, had broken through and destroyed another section of enemy forward positions on Sananda Point.

Meanwhile, allied air forces continued to attack the remaining Japanese positions in New Guinea and spread out in a widening circle over Japanese footholds in the southwest Pacific. The enemy airbases at Madang and Finschhafen and a supply dump at Lae were the targets in New Guinea yesterday.

One Japanese bomber attacked Port Moresby under cover of darkness but no damage was caused.

In Burma, American and British warplanes blasted the Japanese at both ends of conquered Burma.

U. S. Army fliers operating from bases in China heavily assaulted the Japanese supply base at Bhamo, in northern Burma, dive bombing a river craft loaded with supplies and machine gunning other targets.

British headquarters reported that patrols of Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's army beat off a Japanese attack near Rathedung, 25 miles north of the enemy base at Akhah on the Bay of Bengal coast.

India—Calcutta's anti-aircraft defenses rang up a 100 per cent score during the night when three Japanese bombers attempted to raid the big Indian metropolis. They were shot out of the sky by a single RAF fighter.

#### Grew Warns Of Jap Trick

Former Ambassador Says Peace Plot May Include Pretense of Defeat as Ruse

New York, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Japan may try to trick the United States again, this time with a peace plot, former ambassador to Japan Joseph C. Grew warned today.

At an address prepared for delivery at the Woman's National Republican club luncheon, Grew predicted that the Japanese will pretend defeat, if necessary, to catch the United States off guard with a sudden, smashing blow.

Grew, who as ambassador in Tokyo in January, 1941, warned his government of a planned "surprise" attack at Pearl Harbor ten months before it took place, explained the possibility of a "ju-jitsu" peace maneuver as follows:

"In my various talks around the country I have repeatedly stressed the view that the Japanese will not crack. This is to say, the Japanese military code does not admit of surrender, even when it is the only alternative to annihilation; but this does not mean that the Japanese will stand up to be shot down to the last man when some other alternative presents itself, such as running away to fight another day.

"The essence of this peace offensive is that by letting the adversary take the initiative, and by giving way and simulating defeat, the adversary may be lulled into dropping his guard; then, when the adversary has advanced too far and is off balance, he is destroyed by a quick recovery and a lightning attack where he is weakest."

#### Gets Navy Cross



Lieut. Col. James Roosevelt (above) of the Marine Corps, eldest son of the President, and fifteen other officers and men, have received the Navy Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor among Navy decorations, for extraordinary heroism in a raid on Makin Island. The cross was conferred on the group on Guadalcanal Island by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

(Central Press)

#### Jap Forces Get Beating In Solomons

Americans Shoot Down 30 Jap Planes, Damage Three Destroyers and Set Cargo Vessel Afire in Wide-spread Actions

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that American forces in the Solomon Islands had shot down 30 Japanese planes, damaged three destroyers and bombed and set burning a cargo ship in a series of actions apparently resulting from determined enemy attempts to reinforce and supply Jap troops on Guadalcanal island.

On Guadalcanal itself, a communique said, American troops continued to advance against "still enemy resistance." Gains of 3,000 to 4,000 yards were reported.

The heaviest day's fighting reported in the communique occurred on Friday (Solomon's time) beginning with an attack by a single reconnaissance plane against a group of five Japanese destroyers 16 miles northeast of the Russell Islands, which are 60 nautical miles northwest of the American airfield on Guadalcanal.

The reconnaissance plane scored one direct hit and two near hits on one of the destroyers and when last seen the vessel was aflame.

Later Friday morning a force of dive bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked nine Jap destroyers which were about 140 miles northwest of Guadalcanal. Two of the destroyers were reported seriously damaged.

Twelve Jap Zero fighters attempted to intercept this attack and eight were shot down. One American dive bomber was forced down and five American fighters failed to return from the action.

Also during Friday morning, an American plane patrolling the air around Guadalcanal engaged and shot down three Japanese Zeros.

There was no letup in the fighting during the afternoon. Army Flying Fortresses with Army fighter escort went into action against five enemy destroyers 37 miles southeast of the Shortland Islands and in the general vicinity of the Japanese airbase at Munda. None of the enemy vessels was hit, the communique said, but twelve enemy float-type planes attempted to intercept the assault and they were shot down. No American planes were lost.

Friday evening, a force of dive bombers with fighter protection attacked an enemy cargo ship 37 miles northwest of Munda, scoring two direct hits and leaving the vessel afire, twelve enemy Zeros, shooting down twelve enemy Zeros, shooting down seven of them. One American fighter failed to return.

#### Stocks Meet Resistance

New York, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Resistance to the stock market's forward drive developed today and, while favorites continued to edge higher, many recent leaders made little if any headway.

Prices were best at an active opening in which sizeable blocks of low- and medium-priced issues crowded the ticker tape. Activity slackened later but the turnover of some 500,000 shares was one of the largest for a Saturday in the past several months.

#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Continued mild, with slightly higher temperatures. Some likelihood of occasional light rain.

#### U.S. Soldiers Take Time Out to Fight Fever



Our soldiers get a kick out of fighting the Japs on New Guinea, but fighting jungle fever is something else again. Pvt. Dale Myers of Dayton, O., is driving a jeep-load of haggard U. S. soldiers, victims of jungle fever, to a plane which will fly them to a base hospital. These boys fought in drive on Salamaua front.

#### Reed To Ask Showdown

Kansas Senator to Seek Early Action on Measure to Legalize 48-Hour Work Week

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Senator Reed, Kansas Republican, announced today he will attempt to force an early Senate showdown on his bill for a 48-hour work week.

He told reporters he will "bring action to get a vote on the bill" within two weeks.

Reed's measure would amend the fair labor standards act of 1938 so that time and a half overtime pay for employees would start after 48 hours, instead of 40 hours, where there is no contract governing such pay.

In this session, Reed asked that his bill "be on the table" where it now rests, subject to consideration on the floor whenever the sponsor thinks he had enough votes to pass it. He said he "fancied" the opposition would move to refer it to the education and labor committee whenever it is called up.

#### Jungle Beaver



Grinning at you from behind that beard is Capt. Lester Seegal, of Ann Arbor, Mich., attached to the U. S. Medical Corps on the Buna front in New Guinea. The Doc is proud of his two-month growth of shrubbery. U. S. soldiers who fight in the New Guinea jungles find that beards provide protection against mosquitoes.

(Central Press)

#### Legislators Hold Short Meet Today

Rail Dispute Mediators Fail

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The national mediation board announced today that it had abandoned its efforts to mediate wage and closed shop demands of more than 900,000 non-operating employees of class I railroads.

A statement issued by the board expressed confidence, however, that the dispute could be settled without resorting to a strike vote.

No threat to the wartime railroad transportation system exists at this time, the statement made clear.

#### Waring Says War Not Won

American Legion Commander, Speaking at Fort Bragg, Warns Against Optimism

Fort Bragg, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Commander Eugene Waring of the American Legion, speaking here today to the troops at the military reservation, warned against "the current tide of optimism" and added that "we have only just begun to fight."

"We have not yet achieved a single strategic victory of importance," he said. "To be sure, we have had heartening successes in the Solomons, New Guinea and Africa. But let us not forget that Hitler dominates most of Europe and the Japs are in possession of a far eastern empire, the Legion commander said.

One Local Bill Is Introduced; Letter Asks More Funds for Feeble Minded Children; Graham County Asks Wine and Beer Election

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Only one bill, a local one, was introduced in the legislature today as both the senate and house held four-minute sessions, with about 20 assemblymen present.

The house received a letter from George W. Euboe of Charlotte asking an increased appropriation for feeble minded children. He suggested that the money be used to enlarge Caswell Training School at Kinston or to build a new school for them somewhere in the state.

Better care for feeble minded children, he said, is something the State should have instituted a long time ago, and he said there is no reason to wait until after the war to tackle that problem. His letter was referred to the appropriations committee.

The house also received a petition from Graham county asking that voters be allowed to ballot on whether wine and beer could be sold in that county.

The legislature's next meeting will be at 2 p. m. Monday.

Members of the joint appropriation committee studied the budget requests of various State departments, including a request by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts for an extra \$6,940 which would be used partly in organizing two new home guard companies and purchasing new equipment for his department.

General Metts also told the committee he sought ask for a supplementary appropriation to provide a State Guard summer training camp and fund additional sums needed for outfit of the War department did not have supplies to the ground.

A \$12,000 increase in the recommended budget of \$148,576 for the 1943 fiscal year was asked by Chairman Stanley Whitborne and Mr. Alphonse Reed, secretary and director of the State Library commission, asked that the budget for State and by libraries be boosted from \$200,000 to \$422,000.

U. S. ARMY BOMBER CRASHES IN OHIO

Bohlo, Ind., Jan. 16.—(AP)—An Army bomber crashed near Kuna at midnight last night, killing "about nine officers and men," Gowen Field public relations officer Captain E. R. Davis announced today.

Searching parties located the wreckage a few hours after the plane was reported missing, and Davis said apparently the entire crew was killed.

#### Semi-Circle About Nazis Is Closed

Battle for Rostov Believed Near as Russians Prepare to Storm Across Donets River From the East Bank; Other News of War

(By The Associated Press) Russia's triumphant armies, advancing on a 25-mile front, swept back into the Donets valley today, closed a semi-circle around the great German base at Rostov and engulfed 30 more towns in synchronized drives in the Caucasus and the Don river region.

Dispatches from Moscow said the Red armies had battled their way to the east bank of the Donets river 20 miles southeast of Kamensk, while other Soviet columns rolled into the Sal-Manych hills overlooking the Mamyeh river southeast of Rostov.

Front line reports indicated that the battle for Rostov itself was about to begin, with the Russians preparing to storm across the Donets river—last a natural barrier to the city—in a climatic drive to cut off perhaps 500,000 German soldiers in southern Russia.

Already endangered by a west-bound Soviet column only 60 miles away, Rostov was newly menaced by another Russian army which cut the Rostov-Moscow railway and reached a point 90 miles northeast of the key German citadel.

Red army headquarters said the Nazi invaders were "in complete rout," retreating 20 miles or more a day and in their haste abandoning 10,000 head of cattle at one point.

Simultaneously, black news for the Axis came from almost every front in the global conflict.

TUNISIA—American and RAF warplanes blasted 23 Axis planes from the skies in the biggest scale aerial dogfighting of the Tunisian campaign yesterday, allied headquarters announced. Eight allied aircraft were lost.

U. S. P-38 Lightnings and B-25 Bally Mitchell bombers attacked 50 Axis transport planes off the Tunisian coast and shot down seven of the big troop and supply-carrying aircraft, which were apparently ferrying reinforcements to Tunisia.

Seven other planes were destroyed when the Germans attempted to bomb advanced allied airfields.

WESTERN AIR WAR — Allied warplanes gave Hitler's "European fortress" another night of terror, blasting the Nazi U-boat base at Lorient, France, for the second night in a row and pounded targets in western Germany, Holland and Belgium.

The British air ministry said big fires were left raging in the dock area at Lorient as the RAF's big bombers struck in bright moonlight.

Other RAF planes, striking in force, shot up at least 15 railway engines along the Nazi-occupied coast.

NORTH AFRICA—British headquarters reported a "ray" of activity on the long stalled Libyan front and declared that General Sir B. L. Montgomery's eighth army inflicted casualties on the Axis "in several sectors."

The quickening action followed on the heels of German reports that General Montgomery was preparing to assume his offensive against Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps in the desert some 180 miles east of Tripoli.

#### Iraq Declares War On Axis

Baghdad, Jan. 16.—(AP)—It was officially announced today that a state of war exists between Iraq and the Axis nations. Iraq already had broken relations with the Axis. The rupture of relations with Japan came in November, 1941, and at the same time diplomatic relations with the Vichy government were ended.

She was the 31st nation to declare war on the Axis.