

RELIEF TO PRISONERS OF JAPS UNLIKELY

Amendment Proposed In Vote Issue

Opposition to Bill Split by Vandenberg In Announced Change

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, split the Republican opposition to the administration-supported war ballot bill with an announcement today he would vote for the measure in order to assure participation of service personnel in the November election.

Vandenberg told a reporter he planned to offer an amendment to facilitate the handling of state as well as Federal absentee ballots.

Without the guiding hand of Minority Leader McNary, Oregon, who in all the Senate Republicans found themselves thrown on the defensive by Democratic charges that their opposition to the pending measure is political rather than constitutional.

The Republicans prepared to turn to the compromise tactics that McNary used so often in the past to avoid a partisan fight on the floor over issues he felt were packed with political dynamite.

They were ready to offer at least two alternatives.

One would permit use of the proposed Federal war ballot only for troops overseas, with the Republican and southern Democrat-favored state absentee ballots being furnished to service personnel in this country.

Another, offered by Senator Hall, Minnesota Republican, would specify that the Federal war ballot be limited only to personnel from states which had not arranged to mail absentee ballots 45 days before the November general election.

Senator Lucas, Illinois Democrat, said neither of these compromises appeared acceptable to administration leaders.

Treasury Asks Early Income Tax Returns

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Treasury appealed to wage earners today to begin filing out their income tax returns as soon as they receive wage and tax receipts from their employers.

With an estimated 50,000,000 returns expected before the March 15 deadline the department is seeking to avoid the usual last minute rush.

However, Harold N. Graves, acting internal revenue commissioner, said one of the most important reasons for early action is to determine how much tax must be paid.

The fact that taxes have been deducted from pay checks under the pay-as-you-go system does not excuse taxpayers from making March 15 returns.

RAF Starts Big Fires In Nazi Capital

London, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Hundreds of RAF heavy night bombers touched off fields of flame in Berlin again last night in a possible coup de grace to the Nazi nerve center, previously described by General H. H. Arnold as three-fourths destroyed.

Other RAF bombers hit at Heligoland, the Nazis' mighty North Sea island fortress, while still others struck at targets in western Germany and northern France and laid mines in enemy waters.

Early Swedish reports said the raid left great fires burning in the outer districts of Berlin where most of the capital's heavy industry is concentrated. The center of the city, heavily pulverized in previous attacks, apparently escaped further damage.

Berlin, making its usual claims that the raid was a "terror attack," said that "great damage was done, especially in residential quarters."

YANKS BUILDING NEW BURMA ROAD



A CATERPILLAR comes to the rescue of a truck caravan on the Ledo supply road to China which has been hacked through the jungles and mountains by American engineers. The lead car had been bogged down in the roadway which had been softened by a rainfall. (International)

16 Jap Planes Lost In Desperate Fight

Top Flight Fighter Pilots of Enemy in Battle at Marshalls

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Strategy seemingly born of desperation drew top flight Japanese fighter pilots into the biggest battle of the mounting United air offensive against the Marshall islands and cost the enemy 16 to 22 planes.

Not an American plane was lost, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced last night that the big action occurred Wednesday, the 21st consecutive day of air clashes on the lagoon-encircled Marshalls by navy and army airmen.

The fight grew out of a Seventh Army Air Force attack on Tarawa atoll on Monday. It was significant because it marked the first attempt of Japanese airmen, since concentrated raids began on the Marshalls, to pursue retiring aircraft. Their new strategy may be desperate measure to halt mounting damage to their central Pacific bases.

Isolation May Threaten Japs On New Guinea

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Allies' expanding aerial might in the southwest Pacific has been turned on the strategic Admiralty Islands in Bismarck sea and threatens to bring virtual isolation to the Japanese defenders of New Guinea.

Monote airbase, one of the two good airfields in the islands, was plastered with bombs. It was the third heavy blow in three consecutive days on the airbase.

Increasing pressure against the Admiralty group may spell virtual isolation of the enemy defenders of Wewak and Madang, New Guinea, approximately 225 miles to the southwest and south, respectively.

Both of these important Japanese bases rely largely on a supply line from Truk, a supply line voter which the Admiralty islands hold a commanding position.

On the northeastern coast of New Guinea, Australian forces have driven the Japanese farther north and have narrowed the gap between them and south-driving Americans at Sidor. The Japanese are trapped in the middle.

German Attack On Nettuno Repulsed By British Troops

50 Planes Lost In Big Nazi Defeat

British Throw Back Furious Nazi Blow At Allied Beachhead

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The German Tenth Army, backed by planes, struck with fury at the Allies' Nettuno beachhead but was repulsed by British forces in a battle near Carroceto, on the Via Anziate ten miles north of Anzio and 21 miles south of Rome. Allied headquarters announced today.

At the same time the Germans suffered their greatest air defeat in the Italian campaign, losing at least 50 planes in 24 hours in sky battles over the beachhead and over southern France where Flying Fortress and Liberator attack at three airfields near Marseille and Montpellier and crippled the bases from which Germans raid Allied shipping off the Italian coast.

Heavy German armored trains, backed up almost to Rome, shelled Allied troops in the L-shaped beachhead area and correspondents reports said 60-ton Tiger tanks were assembling along the trunks of the beachhead as the enemy recovered from his surprise and mustered resources for a fierce contest for the Italian capital.

But today's communique from advanced headquarters said Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army had enlarged its bridgehead and taken many German prisoners.

Associated Press Correspondent John Whitehead, in a delayed dispatch, said the British and Americans had established by the end of that Rome now was menaced, and the fourth day a wedge so strong that optimism was running high among the troops, with men, guns, armor and supplies pouring into a broad area.

The Fifth Army has extended its grip up the coast to a point 12 miles north of Anzio, another report said, and Americans edged forward two miles in another sector yesterday.

At the same time, the announcement said, French troops continued their advance on the main Fifth Army front several miles north of Cassino driving forward despite difficult terrain and stiff enemy resistance.

The Germans still are counter-attacking in this sector in an effort to slow the French advance, the bulletin disclosed.

Allied warships again provided support for the beachhead troops swam of Rome, venturing into the Gulf of Gaeta Wednesday night and shelling enemy targets at the point where the Appian Way skirts the shore.

EMIL LUDWIG AT ELON
Elon College, Jan. 28.—Emil Ludwig, one of the greatest of German born writers, will speak in the Whitely Auditorium at Elon College Monday evening, January 31. Mr. Ludwig will use as his subject "What Kind of Peace Should We Make with Germany?" Ludwig fled his native country to Switzerland after Hitler came to power in Germany. In 1940 he came to this country.

Ludwig is noted for his work as a biographer. His remarkable studies of Napoleon, Bismarck, Lincoln, Goethe, and Stalin have brought him international fame.

TO RECEIVE SOLDIER'S MEDAL
Camp Butler, Jan. 28.—Award of the Soldier's Medal for heroism to Cpl. Francis J. Dwyer, of the 22nd Engineer Combat Battalion, stationed at Camp Butler, has been authorized by a War Department general order. In August of last year, Dwyer saved three soldiers from drowning after their assault boat capsized during a practice crossing on the Merrimack River, at Nashua, N. H.

Argentine Officers Resign

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 28.—(AP)—General Artur Rawson has resigned as Argentina's ambassador to Brazil as part of the upheaval in the Argentine government which already has resulted in the resignation of three cabinet ministers and three other officials since the severance of diplomatic relations with the axis Wednesday.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Three cabinet ministers and three lesser officials all known for extreme nationalist views have resigned because of their opposition to Argentina's diplomatic break with the axis, it was learned today. This development in the still fluid situation came as President Pedro Ramirez issued sharply warning Germany and Japan to beware of any acts of reprisal against Argentine nationals or property, advising opponents at home to maintain silence "for their own tranquility," banning all commerce with the axis, and suspending the newspaper Pampero, major Nazi newspaper here.

Those reported to have quit their posts were Dr. Gustavo Martinez Zuviria, minister of justice and public instruction; General Luis Cesáreo Perlinger, interior minister; General Leopoldo Maldonado, minister of agriculture; General Basilio Pertine, mayor of Buenos Aires; and Alberto Galdich and Leon Senso, Federal intervenors in the provinces of Tucuman and Cordoba.

President Ramirez's warning to dissidents at home was voiced late yesterday at press conference at which he also said it would be necessary to adopt certain measures to safeguard the security of the country.

As a follow-up to an order that all Argentine merchant vessels must remain in port for the present, Ramirez said the government had decreed that all commerce between Argentina and axis countries must stop. He added that the question of controlling telegraphic communications was under study.

MIGHTIEST SHIP SET FOR LAUNCHING



Called by the Navy the "world's mightiest," the U. S. S. Missouri, 15,000-ton battleship, is shown on the ways at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The new dreadnaught, which will be launched Saturday, is 800 feet long, 119 feet less than the Normandie, U. S. Navy photo (International)

New Blows Dealt Communications Of Nazis By Reds

Dairymen Ask OPA Ruling

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—North Carolina dairy industry representatives prepared to ask the Office of Price Administration for a ruling today to help solve what Governor J. M. Broughton termed a "very serious milk crisis" in the State.

Harry Caldwell, of Greensboro, State Grange member acting as special representative of the Governor, told Senator Bailey, N. C. Democrat, prior to conference with OPA officials that "we have to have a decision today on milk deliveries to thousands of people who will."

Caldwell and George Cagle of Lexington, leaders of a delegation present for the representatives, said the crisis developed because of a three cents a gallon increase in wholesale prices in North Carolina.

OPA spokesmen prior to the conference said it was unlikely any decision could be reached today, but the matter would be given "full consideration."

Capture of Zolozovo placed Governor's troops within 93 miles of the Estonian city of Narva. Fifty miles east of Zolozovo, Soviet forces stormed into Tosno, eastern terminus of the Narva-Rovani railway where it meets the Leningrad-Moscow trunk line 20 miles southeast of Leningrad.

General K. A. Mereskov's Veltboy army forces pushing west from Lake Ilmen, 100 miles below Leningrad, were within two miles of Batekslaya junction, the war belt-tobsk line is the next to the last out of the Leningrad area left to the Germans. The last one is the Leningrad-Luga-Pskov-Warsaw railway, a branch of which runs from Pskov to Riga, on the Latvian Baltic coast.

Far to the south in the lower Ukraine the Nazis continued to force the pace, hurling large tank forces against the left wing of General Nikolai Vatutin's first Ukrainian army pushing toward the Odessa-Warsaw trunk railway.

Volosovo and Tosno Taken by Russians In Leningrad Drive
Moscow, Jan. 28.—(AP)—General Leonid A. Govorov's forces, fanning out below Leningrad in a drive which has freed that city from siege, have dealt another heavy blow to German communications by capturing the strategically important rail junction of Volosovo and Tosno.

Announcement of the new successes came last night as Leningrad's big guns sounded a thunderous tribute to the Red army offensive which has rolled back the German invaders a distance of 30 to 60 miles from the Soviet Union's second city.

More than 700 towns and villages have been recaptured in the two-week drive, an order of the day, signed by Govorov and Andrei Zhdanov, secretary of the Leningrad party committee, declared. It added that Leningrad was now entirely free from any threat of siege and safe from any further shelling by the enemy, and concluded:

"The offensive of our troops continues."

Punishment Of Criminals Is Planned

Many Britons Also Have Died Because Of Jap Atrocities

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today that reports of Japanese atrocities against American prisoners of war were released because further relief supplies could not be expected to reach the prisoners.

As to whether lifting of the ban on the atrocity reports means that the government has abandoned hope for further exchange and repatriation of prisoners, Early suggested that the question was one for the State department, which has handled the problem through the Swiss government.

INFORMATION GATHERED FOR PUNISHING WAR CRIMINALS

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull said today that the United States has been gathering all possible information about the treatment of American prisoners held by the Japanese so that war criminals may be punished when the war ends.

At a news conference the Secretary was asked whether this government was making a list of the Japanese officers in the Philippines directly responsible for the atrocities inflicted upon American and Filipino prisoners with a view of the punishment of war criminals. He said he could not say specifically with respect to officers in the Philippines but that the government has been ascertaining all information possible.

In touching on several points of the situation disclosed by the joint Army-Navy report of the abuse, brutality and murder of prisoners taken after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, Hull brought out that:

- 1. The United States will persevere in pursuit of what the Secretary called a righteous undertaking to continue exchanging prisoners or civilian internees with Japan.
- 2. No one here has any accurate idea of how much chance there is

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SFA Office In Charlotte

Charlotte, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Solid Fuel Administration today announced the opening of an office in Charlotte to serve North Carolina and South Carolina in meeting any emergencies that may eventuate from the coal situation.

M. L. Burtless, lately on duty in the Washington office of the SFA, is in charge of the local office.

Burtless said field representatives would keep close supervision over the inflow of coal to the various areas of the two states.

Voting Rules To Be Adopted

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The State board of elections will meet here February 2 (Wednesday) to adopt rules and regulations for the registration and voting of serving men and women in the coming primary and general election. Col. W. T. Joyner, board chairman, said today.

The meeting, which will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at the capital, was called by McMillan's recent ruling that service men are eligible to register for the primary. Earlier it had been established that they were eligible to vote in the primary, and to register and vote in the general election, under laws passed by the 1943 general assembly.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy and continued warm tonight, Saturday, partly cloudy with moderate temperature.