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YANKS BATTLE FOR MARSHALLS FOOTHOLD

Reds Progressing Rapidly In Drive Toward City Of Narva



THIS MAP of the Marshall Islands, which guard the invasion route to Japan, points out the centers of action as the greatest naval task force in history pounds at the scattered isles and attempts landings. Those key bases where first attention is centered are indicated by stars and include Wotje, Roi, Maloelap, Kwajalein and Eniwetok. (International)

South Shore Of Gulf In Red Control

Estonia Liberation Campaign Pressed By Russian Troops

Moscow, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The Red army west of Leningrad, pressing a strong campaign for liberation of Estonia after seizing the border town of Keikino, made swift progress today down the broad highway and railroad which are parallel between captured Kingisepp and Narva.

With the capture of Kingisepp, the Russians now control the entire southern shore of the Gulf of Finland. This gives the Baltic fleet an opportunity to participate in the land campaign as it did in helping lift the siege of Leningrad.

Narva would be one of the greatest prizes of the offensive, for it controls the eastern shore of Lake Peipus, along which are numerous fairly large towns.

Narva with its railroads to the south and west is a key to a vast highway lead from the Baltic area. The railroad to the south and east to Pskov and the line to the west extends through Reval (Tallinn).

Two communications centers of considerable importance lie west of Narva. Ievye is 29 miles away and Taps is 30 miles to the west. Ievye commands a road southwest through the area north of Lake Peipus and is the only connection with the western shore. No railroad runs through this sector. Taps is a big junction connecting Reval directly with Russia and Poland.

Narva, on the west bank of the Pissa river, is five miles inside Estonia and may be a tough nut to crack because the Germans will fight desperately with reserves from Reval.

Only eight miles from the Gulf of Finland, it is virtually a seaport.

South and southwest of Leningrad, the Russian offensive developed more speed. The Red army was sweeping in more large areas and thickly populated villages and moving even closer toward the Leningrad-Pskov railroad below Luga.

Front dispatches said the Germans continued to flee in some sectors. Huge amounts of booty are being collected and indications are that nothing like a similar amount of war material has been captured in the war to date.

A Copenhagen dispatch to a principal Stockholm newspaper said the Germans had seized seven Danish ships for use in evacuating Baltic areas menaced by the Russians.

Some Leaders Of Party Plan Not To Meet

Washington, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Some Democrats who have been active in party councils in the past will absent themselves from this year's national convention because they believe President Roosevelt will be nominated on the first ballot and expected that opposition is futile.

"They have a feeling in fact that opposition to my move to renominate Mr. Roosevelt may be considerably less than it was in 1940."

Among those reportedly considering missing the convention is Senator Byrd of Virginia, who has been advanced as a possible presidential candidate.

However, some of the party's fourth term opponents have made it clear that they will be on hand when the convention meets and do what they can to force the selection of another candidate.

Among these may be James A. Farley, former national chairman and now New York State chairman.

Robertson said the practicability of his proposal, which would affect returns of small taxpayers due between now and March 15, it is intended as a relief measure pending a general simplification and streamlining of the tax statutes.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and not quite so cool tonight. Thursday, partly cloudy and moderate temperatures.

THEY GOT TO LENINGRAD—AS PRISONERS



WHEN THIS LONG NAZI line finally entered Leningrad, they marched as captives and not as conquerors. As shown in this tragi-comic, they formed a bivouac column, drearily winding their way through the streets of the city which they had so long held in siege—but here they get their first look at it. (International)

Soldier Vote Bill Wins First Test In Amendment Defeat

Roll Call Vote Is 68 to 23 Against States' Rights Amendment, First of Series of Changes Suggested

Washington, Feb. 2—(AP)—The administration's Federal ballot bill for the armed services won its first Senate test today with defeat of a "States' rights" amendment aimed at restoring local registration and poll-tax payments as voting qualifications for those in uniform.

The roll call vote was 68 to 23 against the amendment, first of a host of changes projected at the administration-backed Green-Lucas bill which would send a national Federal ballot to military voters.

The amendment, offered by Senator O'Connor (Lan., D.), would have given state election laws complete control over the validity of the Federal ballot.

The Senate test victory for the administration bill came less than 24 hours after the Federal ballot plan took a rebuff in the House where members turned down a roll call vote on the issue of Federal versus state balloting.

A few minutes later the senate debated on a voice vote a second O'Connor amendment which would have had the same effect—restoring state voting qualifications.

Several Republican foes of the Green-Lucas bill in its present form nevertheless voted against the O'Connor amendment, indicating that the administration bill is yet to come.

After the first two proposals were beaten, O'Connor demanded a roll call on a third "States' rights"

bonds were steady. Commodities moved narrowly.

Government's Figuring Of Taxes Is Suggested

Washington, Feb. 2—(AP)—Representative Robertson, (Va. D.), today proposed that the government itself be required to figure how much income tax is owed by persons earning less than \$3,000 a year.

Robertson's proposal, which would cover approximately 30,000,000 persons, was submitted to the House Ways and Means committee as that body began a search for some method of simplifying the income tax structure.

It found practicable, the plan would affect returns of small taxpayers due between now and March 15. It is intended as a relief measure pending a general simplification and streamlining of the tax statutes.

Allies Tear Into Gustav Line

RAF Mosquitoes Raid Berlin

Yanks and French Advance Deeper in North Cassino Line

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Feb. 2—(AP)—American and French troops converging north of Cassino have torn away several miles of the Nazis' strong Gustav line, and are advancing deeper in a grim struggle, Allied headquarters announced today.

To the west, on the Anzio bridgehead, Allied invasion troops threw back a strong German counterattack west of Civitavecchia supported by tanks and artillery, and advanced in some areas.

British troops are fighting hard near Campolongo only 16 miles below Rome, and American units are at grips with the enemy near Cisterna 14 miles northeast of Anzio. A headquarters officer declared the Germans still are building up a larger force near the beachhead, and a heavy counterattack may be expected soon.

Allied reinforcements are pouring into the beachhead, now 14 miles long and eight miles deep on the average, with some probing running considerably farther inland.

On the main Fifth Army front, American and French troops are fighting side by side as the spearheads of their attack join in the area above the bastion of Cassino. They advanced a mile, seizing more heights, and U. S. units now are within a mile of Terelle, some five miles northwest of Cassino. A battle royale is rolling on Mt. Mammone southwest of Terelle, and German targets in nearby areas are being mopped up.

University Is Preparing For Postwar

In the old Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Feb. 2. A full four-year medical school with a central hospital of not less than 600 beds at Chapel Hill is likely to come about as a result of recommendations of Governor Braxton to the board of trustees of the North Carolina University this week.

The State now has two full medical schools, Duke and Bowman Gray, unit of Wake Forest. Both these are privately controlled. So far as the State itself is concerned the best heretofore offered was the two-year medical school at Chapel Hill. Action by the board Monday will put this school in the four-year class.

It is well known that medical schools must have patients for experimentation and training. That is why, through many years, no standard medical colleges could be maintained in small communities. Whether the idea is generally acceptable or not, some phase of socialized medicine

is a return to the days when it was "dentalized to the production and marketing of the blue-cured tobacco crop," and it called on the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration to

Breaks All Records.



EIGHT decorations, the highest number ever awarded one man at one time, are worn (above) by Staff Sergeant O. R. Germann, 23, of Moran, Wyo., who received them all in a single day on his return to England from an African hospital. The decorations are Silver Star, DFC with oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Air Medal with three clusters, Signal Corps radiophoto. (International)

Farm Bureau Pledges Farm Crop Planting

Raleigh, Feb. 2. (AP)—North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, opening its annual two-day conference here today, dedicated itself to all-out production of essential war crops in 1944 and called for adoption of a post-war program designed to deal with their problems.

Eleven commodity conferences and committee meetings, including those dealing with tobacco, cotton and peanuts, were held during the morning session. Each conference dealt with problems affecting current production and marketing.

The tobacco group, under the direction of Chairman C. T. Hicks of Winston-Salem, adopted a resolution calling for the discontinuance of "lesser allotments to purchasers on which ceiling prices have been established."

The resolution said the regulation was "detrimental to the production and marketing of the blue-cured tobacco crop," and it called on the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration to

Other West Germany Targets Are Hit by British Bombers

London, Feb. 2—(AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers stabbed at Berlin last night to set the air raid sirens howling in the devastated German capital for the fourth time in six nights, the air ministry announced today.

The fleet plywood British raiders, the announcement said, also attacked other targets in western Germany, the identity of which was not disclosed.

The air ministry disclosed that the RAF had lobbed 16,500 tons of explosives on Germany during January bombing attacks on the Reich, to break all monthly records.

In addition to the 16,500 tons dropped on Germany, approximately 1,500 tons of explosives were showered down on other European objectives by the RAF last month.

Allies Control South Side Of New Guinea

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Feb. 2—(AP)—Advanced control of most of the under side of New Guinea was indicated today in an official report that the Japanese had suffered a high percentage loss in aircraft at the mouth of the Mila River.

Report of the action constituted the first major after-reconnaissance of the location of an Allied port on the south New Guinea coast so far from Port Moresby. The mouth of the Mila River is in Dutch New Guinea, around 600 miles northeast of Port Moresby. It also was the first report of batch troops being in action with Australians.

Cotton Prices Are Mixed.

New York, Feb. 2—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to ten cents a bale higher and 15 cents a bale lower, March 2031, May 2032, July 2032, October 2032, December 2031.

Previous Close Open
March 2031...20.27 20.29
May 2032...19.97 19.95
July 2032...19.63 19.63
October 2032...19.16 19.17
December 2031...13.99 13.99

Soviet Foreign Policy Has Great Possibilities

Moscow, Feb. 2—(AP)—Foreign minister diplomats examining the Soviet autonomy in the republics in foreign affairs would give the Soviets the legal right to ask for multiple representation in such councils as the League of Nations like that enjoyed 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 are the immediate developments.

It is believed that Russia will seek to realize as much as legally possible from the reconstruction,