

JAPS ADMIT HEAVY LOSSES IN TRUK RAID

REINFORCEMENTS FOR ANZIO FRONT



AMERICAN TROOPS are shown passing through Anzio, Italy, on their way to reinforce the Fifth Army fighting on the Allied beachhead below Rome.

Nazis Thrown Back Two Miles After Great Attack At Anzio

Allies Use All Devices To Halt Push

Naval and Air Units And Allied Artillery Help Ground Troops

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Feb. 21.—(AP)—American and British forces have stopped a supreme effort by densely-packed German troops to wipe out the Anzio bridgehead and have thrown the enemy back two miles toward Carroccio.

The Nazi steam roller advance aimed down the Anziate highway last Wednesday morning toward Anzio, the core of Allied beachheads, was halted only after all elements of Allied power were called into play during 48 hours of the most intense period of the fighting.

The German offensive reached its peak before dawn Saturday. Then American tanks and infantry, under the cover of a heavy artillery barrage, began smashing forward at 6:30 a. m. and were still rolling ahead yesterday.

The intensity of the enemy efforts was demonstrated by the appearance of elements of five regiments within one 1,000-yard area. Six enemy divisions threw their entire strength into the assault. Three others were held in reserve.

An Allied spokesman announced the Germans steadily swelling their armies in Italy, now have 12 divisions involved in the Italian action. Nine of these facing the beachhead.

It was announced, also, that the 14th German army, commanded by General Eberhard von Mackensen, last reported on the Russian front. He is the son of the World War general.

The bulk of the remaining divisions stand on the Fifth Army front behind the Cassino defenses. They comprise the Tenth Army under General Heinrich Von Vietinghoff. Both armies still are under Field Marshal Albert Kesselring.

Throwing everything they could muster into a night southwestward to split the Allied beachhead forces, the Germans had managed to punch some 4,000 yards before Carroccio before their advance was hurled back. Their casualties were heavy.

Stock Prices Are Higher

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Irregularly higher prices prevailed in today's stock market.

Favored were American Air Lines, United Air Lines, Eastern Air Lines, Atlantic Coast Line, and American Telephone. Carrier bonds still were in demand. Commodities were mixed.

Action On CCC Is Deferred

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The House Banking and Currency Committee deferred action today on a bill to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation's life when the administration was unable apparently to marshal sufficient committee votes to prevent any limitations from being added to the bill.

Chairman Spence (Ky., D.) said the committee would resume its discussion tomorrow. Representative Wolcott (Mich., R.) one of the leaders in the fight to ban food subsidies through a limitation in the previously vetoed CCC bill, said the committee voted nine to eight for including some limitations in the pending bill. He did not specifically define the nature of the proposed limitation.

TOOK FIRST PHOTOS OF JAP NAVAL BASE OF TRUK



HERE ARE THE CREWS of the first U. S. Liberator bombers to fly over the Jap naval base of Truk, in the Caroline Islands. They are shown in front of one of the planes used on the reconnaissance flight.

19 Jap Ships And 201 Planes Are Destroyed In Truk Raid

'Partial Settlement' Of Sneak Attack by Japs at Pearl Harbor

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Nineteen Japanese ships sunk, at least 201 planes destroyed and terrific damage to land installations, was the score today in the United States Pacific fleet raid on Truk, the enemy's primary base in the central Pacific.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the fleet, told the story of the destruction wrought by carrier planes in the raid Wednesday and Thursday, an called it a "partial settlement" for the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nimitz made no mention of troop landings at Truk, as the Tokyo radio had announced, but he said his planes sank the following ships: Two light cruisers, three destroyers, one ammunition ship, one seaplane tender, two oilers, two gunboats, and eight cargo ships.

One cruiser or large destroyer, two oilers and four cargo ships were listed as probably sunk. American flyers shot down 127 enemy aircraft in combat and destroyed 71 more on the ground. More than 50 additional Japanese planes were damaged before they could take to the air.

The attack was paid for with only 17 planes lost and moderate damage to one surface ship, which Nimitz did not identify.

There was no air opposition the second day of the attack, Nimitz said. This testified to the great strength and accuracy of the first day attack which eliminated the enemy's air force from action. The communiqué also hinted at the great damage that might have been done to the drydock and ship repair yards, air strips, gun positions, supply dumps and other installations of the big base under heavy deluge without an enemy plane in the sky to dispute the attack.

Shore facilities on the island, including airframe hangars and installations, were thoroughly bombed and strafed, the communiqué said. Absence of reference to heavier Japanese warships caught under American bombs indicated that the enemy had removed his carriers and battleships from the lagoon, perhaps suspecting the attack was coming.

Yanks Move To Trap Japs On Atoll, Driving Enemy From Eniwetok

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Moving swiftly to close their death trap on Japanese defenders of the vast-est atoll in the Marshall Islands, U. S. Infantry and Marine troops now are driving the enemy from Eniwetok Island.

In a new landing yesterday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said, they seized half of the 6,000 yard long island.

This gave U. S. forces possession of the entire Eniwetok, all except for the remaining half of the embottled island, and nearby Perry Island, site of a Japanese radio station.

Casualties continued light, said Admiral Nimitz, who previously had disclosed the capture of Eniwetok Island and its strategic airport, but enemy's main Eniwetok atoll base.

There was no information as to the extent of Japanese resistance on either Eniwetok or Eniwetok Island, but the fact that the Marines took Eniwetok in six hours, and advanced 300 yards in one day on Eniwetok indicated that pre-landing bombardments were effective.

Eniwetok, island guard, the broad southern entrance into the lagoon. It is barely 100 yards wide, and like other Marshall Islands, very flat and heavily wooded with coconut trees. Perry Island, still held by the enemy, stands at the eastern entrance of the 20-mile long lagoon.

William L. Warden, Associated Press war correspondent, in a pre- invasion dispatch from Eniwetok, said that it was important to the Japanese chiefly because of its value as an aircraft refueling base on Gilberts and Wake islands.

The only other route by which Wake Island can be supplied with planes, a Via Marra road, very flat and never well developed. Now that Eniwetok atoll is in all beneficial purposes in American hands, the Japanese must use Marra Island as an aerial stepping stone to Wake.

A Senate Inter-Service Commerce Committee (I-S-C) committee is investigating the matter Monday, the Transportation Department is expected to get the report, as mentioned that Congress look into the whole matter.

Disproportionate political maneuvering among Republicans, presidential aspirants have served as two obstacles to put the Democratic administration "on the spot."

Tojo Takes Position Of Army Chief

Army and Navy Heads Custod Seemingly As Result of Truk Raid

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio acknowledged today that Japan had suffered heavy losses in the American attack on her great naval base at Truk and announced simultaneously that both the chiefs of the Japanese army and navy general staffs had been relieved of their posts.

Premier General Hideki Tojo, a broadcast said, has personally assumed the role of chief of the army general staff in a sweeping shakeup that seemed to be the direct result of the American assault, described earlier by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, as "partial settlement" for the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Another broadcast quoted an announcement of the navy ministry as saying that Fleet Admiral Osami Nagano, chief of the Japanese navy's general staff, had been "relieved of his post." The announcement said that Admiral Nagano had named Admiral Shigetada Shimadzu, navy minister, to serve concurrently as chief of the navy general staff.

At the same time the Tokyo radio said, the Japanese war ministry announced that Field Marshal General Sugiyama had been relieved of his post as chief of the army general staff and that Premier Tojo himself had taken over the job.

RULING ON DISCHARGES Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Provisional discharge—discharge of a worker from his job because he has deliberately violated some rule of requirement of the employer for the purpose of securing a statement of availability, or release, will be handled by the review unit composed of workers in the local offices of the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, Dr. J. S. Horton, State WMC director, has been advised by the Regional office.

Reich Attack Equals U. S. Record Blow

Fourth Great Aerial Blow at Germany Is Made Within 36 Hours

London, Feb. 21.—(AP)—United States, Fortress and Liberators dealt the Nazi home front its fourth great aerial blow in 36 hours by bombarding north-west Germany today a few hours after the RAF had hammered Stuttgart on the southwest border.

Today's American force was officially announced as "approximating" the size of the record 2,000 plane armada which struck Leipzig and other key German centers Sunday, afflicting the U. S. air force's growing strength. The bomber section probably again approached the 1,000 plane figure, with an additional thousand escorting fighters, presumably the Eighth air force's impressive array of Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs, backed up by RAF Spitfires.

The exact target was not announced immediately. At the same time U. S. Marauder bombers hit the Cossyle air base in Belgium.

General H. H. Arnold, chief of army air forces, declared a force of German fighters, production was knocked out in the Sunday attack, officially described as the greatest daylight air operation in history. A count today showed 126 enemy planes was shot down yesterday.

The latest announcement said only that "military installations" were hit in northwest Germany. The Marauders and RAF Mosquitos lobbed into northern France and Belgium without loss. Major damage was done yesterday to important Nazi fighter plane plants at Leipzig, Brunswick and Bernburg. The air force announced after a study of reconnaissance photographs.

President To Veto Tax Bill Tomorrow, Rayburn Declares

Roosevelt's Message to Accompany Veto; Action on Tax Bill Expected to Be Sustained

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn (Texas, D.) said today President Roosevelt would send to Congress tomorrow a message vetoing the \$2,318,000,000 new tax bill. The veto will be sustained, Rayburn asserted.

The speaker expressed what he called his opinion to newspapermen after a conference at the White House attended by congressional Democratic leaders.

Some of the leaders urged the President not to veto the tax bill. However, Mr. Roosevelt has termed the new revenue measure "unrealistic." It provides for about one-third the \$10,500,000,000 asked by the administration.

Congressional action on the anticipated veto will be put off until Wednesday. House leaders of both parties have an agreement to put aside controversial questions until then because some influential members have engagements away from the capital for Washington's birthday observances.

The White House attitude toward the tax bill was echoed as the House opened its session today. Representative Gore (Tenn., D.) declared the measure "is not worthy of this Congress," that it "opens loopholes" for wartime profiteering.

Representative Knutson (Ill., R.) told newspapermen he disagreed with Rayburn, believing that Congress will override the tax veto.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight and Tuesday with considerable fog tonight.

Soviets Gain 2-12 Miles In Drive Toward Pskov

London, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Russians continue to roll over frozen ground toward the Baltic gateway of Pskov today while far to the south, a Berlin broadcast said, the Red army had thrown 100,000 more men into a powerful new push toward Minsk in White Russia.

A Soviet communiqué announced that 114 villages were captured in the drive for Pskov yesterday, with more than 2,200 Germans killed in advances of two to twelve miles through swirling snow storms. Three points each within 30 miles of Dno, a rail junction 60 miles east of Pskov, were taken in the advance, the bulletin said.

The Red army units nearest to Pskov were last reported 28 miles to the north after battling down the east shores of Lake Peipus and Lake Pskov, but Moscow announcements have not mentioned their progress in several days.

The drives announced yesterday were taking place south and southwest of Luga, southwest of Novgorod

Cotton Has Mixed Values

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 cents to 20 cents a bale lower. Noon values were 20 cents a bale higher to five cents lower, March 20.35, May 20.40, July 19.89.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Previous close, Open. Rows for March, May, July, October, December.

SHIPS HIT NAZI TARGETS

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Feb. 21.—(AP)—American and British warships again have added the weight of their big guns to the Allied hammering of German forces below Rome by bombarding enemy targets in the Formia and Anzio areas. It was announced today.

CADETS HEAR UNC PROFESSOR

Chapel Hill, Feb. 21.—Dr. Fletcher M. Green, University professor of American history, has returned from New York where he addressed the third class of West Point Cadets on "The Making of the Federal Constitution."

Dr. Green went to West Point at the invitation of the Department of Economics, Government and History.