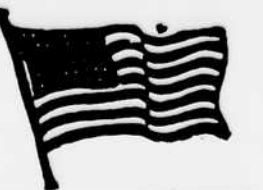




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FUJIYAMA GUIDES B-29 BOMBER ON ROAD TO TOKYO



THROUGH THE NOSE of a B-29 Superfortress can be seen Fujiyama, whose snow-capped peak once intrigued thousands of tourists, but which, in this picture, is being used by the Superfort crews to guide them on their way to the Tokyo industrial targets. Fujiyama, an active volcano, is believed by some scientists to have caused the earthquake disturbances in Japan. American Air Force photo. (International Soundphoto)

Heavy Snow Falls Over W. Carolina

Central States Are Largely Blanketed With White Mantle

Ashville, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Ashville's first big snow of the season, which began about 4:30 o'clock this morning, had fallen to a depth of 2 1/2 inches by 11 o'clock today, covering out motor cars, and children's sleds, and causing two accidents.

A big skinned off the road, and the porch of a house on the foundation and knocked over a telephone pole, the police department said. No one was injured.

A snowfall of eight inches was reported on Mt. Mitchell by 7:30 this morning and the precipitation in general over Western North Carolina by the Weather Bureau reported. A total fall of from four to six inches is expected, and a freeze by morning.

Temperature at noon 29 to 31 degrees is forecast for tomorrow.

(By The Associated Press) A blanket of snow, ranging in depth from three to five inches, covered the mountain today in the lower lake region, and the upper mountain valley, where the heavy fall has hampered driving that has—

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HIROHITO PRAISES HITLER, MUSSOLINI

(By The Associated Press) Emperor Hirohito on Japan sent congratulatory telegrams today to Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini on the third anniversary of the signing of the Japanese-German-Italian military alliance, the Japanese news agency reported. The Federal Communications Commission heard the broadcast, beamed to occupied Asia.

Russian Policy Toward Poland Is Speculated Upon

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Diplomats here are wondering if Russia plans to recognize the Soviet-backed Polish committee as a government within a few days.

Slattery Quits REA With Fiery Charges Of Illegal Practice

Says REA Success Is Jeopardized By Wickard Procedure

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Harry Slattery, whose resignation as rural electrification administrator was announced by the White House today, said he quit to carry his fight to the public.

In a statement, the exalted veteran of two Democratic administrations, said that Agriculture Secretary Wickard had "suppressed and distorted" the facts of the situation, with the result that the situation within REA has become intolerable and increasingly intolerable.

Slattery said the appointment of a deputy administrator with no authority had the effect of displacing him.

The White House, in announcing Slattery's resignation, did not release the usual exchange of letters which was made in a discussion.

Slattery's resignation, "illegal and contrary to the REA act," Slattery's statement said.

"They also recognize the employment of government loans and other devices to the welfare and permanent success of REA. I have protested, but to no avail. I declined further to be held even nominally responsible for these illegal acts."

"The President's administration is a public enemy. Therefore, I have resigned in order to carry this fight to the public. This is all I have to say at this time."

NAZI ATTACKS ARE DEFEATED IN ITALY

ROME, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Large-scale German counter attacks against the Allied bridgehead west of Linnon river on the approaches to Faenza have been defeated decisively, Allied headquarters announced today.

U-Boats Not Abandoned By Nazi Rulers

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill place no stock whatever in reports Germany has abandoned U-boat construction.

Superfort Raids Told From Tokyo

(By The Associated Press)

A series of Superfort raids on Tokyo after the weekend were reported by the Japanese radio, which said that fires started by incendiary bombs were "immediately put out."

The newest attacks, said the broadcast, resorted by the Federal Communications Commission, were made by small formations of B-29s Sunday night and Monday morning. The claims were not confirmed by any Allied source.

"The air raid defenses of the city drove off the raiders before they could do any real damage," the broadcast asserted. Earlier the radio had said that two Marauder B-24s had penetrated to northeastern Tokyo Sunday, adding that heavy anti-aircraft fire drove the bombers out. Tokyo also reported that B-29s had raided western Japan at 7:20 p. m. Saturday, and appeared over Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands today, and had raided two points in Korea from 11 a. m. until noon.

Draft Units To Back Up Byrnes Order

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Selective service today notified State boards that it will take immediate action to put into effect the Byrnes manpower directive.

In telegram to state offices, Major General Hersey said that draft regulations are being amended to provide that when occupational deferments are essential jobs they will be reclassified into a class.

Meekness Of Captured German Towns Puzzles

Paris, Dec. 11.—(AP)—One of the ironic features of the present phase of Europe's liberation is the lamblike behavior of German communities under Allied occupation thus far.

Although a number of German towns have been taken inside the western frontier—including the sizable city of Aachen—there are not yet any fully fledged completely bonafide communities among them.

Third Army Advances In Snow Japs Trapped In Ormoc Sector

Philippines Base Taken By Surprise

Heavy Blow Given Enemy on Leyte by American Success

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Leyte Island's strategic support of Ormoc was in American hands today—captured just four days after surprise landings to the south—and three columns of veteran Yanks put a nut-cracker squeeze on thousands of Japanese trapped in a narrow pocket by the action.

Ormoc was seized in mid-afternoon Sunday by the American 77th division, which launched the knock-out attack in early morning after a quick drive from beachheads established Thursday under naval and air cover.

General MacArthur reported in his communique today.

"Trapped and compressed into a narrow pocket by these three Allied columns, the enemy's forces in the southern segment of the Yamashita line, although many thousands strong, are unable to extricate themselves. They are being destroyed with little opportunity for effective retaliation."

"Capture of Ormoc represents a heavy blow to the Japanese. It was vital to the enemy as a reinforcement port for his troops in the Ormoc corridor, running through mountain country to Cagayan Bay, on the north. This corridor, on the northwest shoulder of the island, is Japan's last effective grasp on Leyte, which Tokyo considers the key to the Philippines campaign."

Japs Thrown Out Of Town By Chinese

Chungking, Dec. 11.—(AP)—One of two Japanese forces invading Kweichow province has been swept back across the border by counter-attacking Chinese troops who recaptured Luchuan, just over the frontier in Kwangsi province, the Chinese high command announced.

The Chinese continued advancing on the Kweichow-Kweichow railroad. Less than two weeks ago the now battered Japanese were driving in Kweichow toward the Burma road stronghold of Kweiyang.

Now the Chinese have only to eject a column which invaded Kweichow along a rail road to rid the province completely of the Japanese. The deepest penetration of the Japanese was to within 75 miles of their goal.

Formerly pessimistic quarters here now believe the Chinese might be able to withstand any full-scale invasion of Kweichow, and some predict the Japanese chance to take Kweichow has been lost.

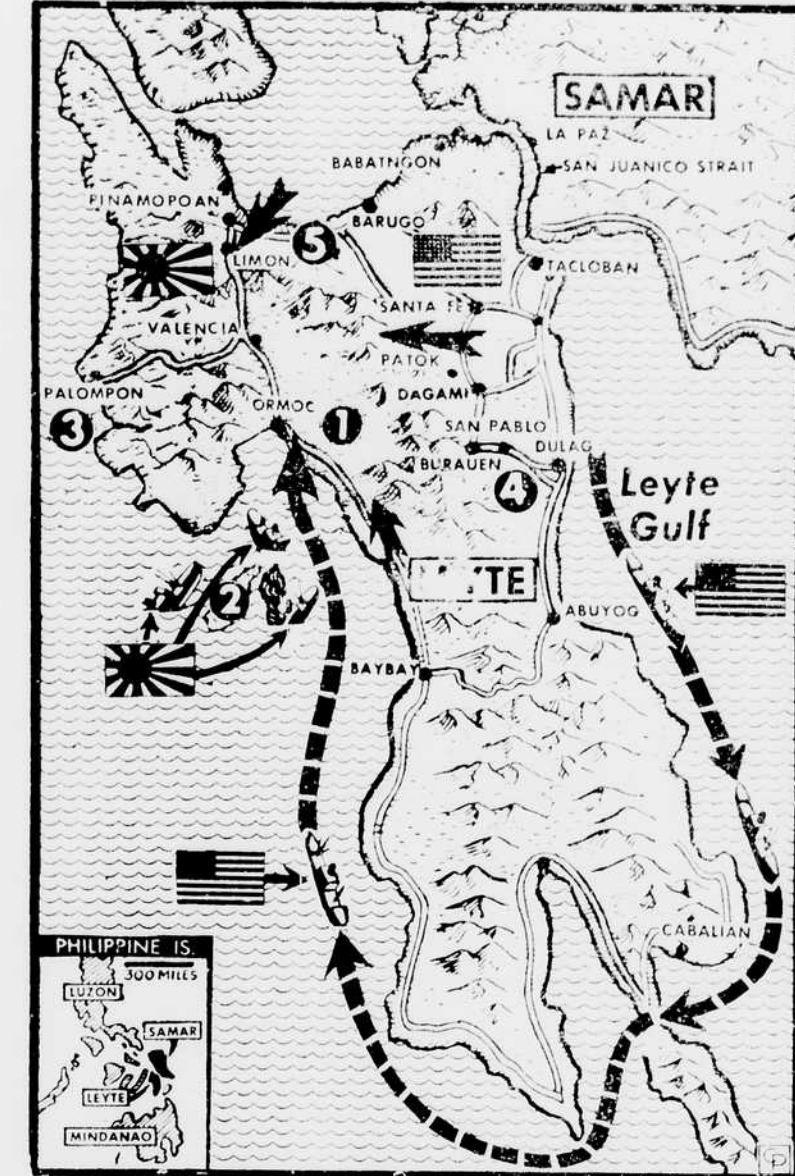
WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy tonight. Rain in east portion and changing to snow in west, ending late tonight. Colder tonight and Tuesday.

Jap Admiral Who Attacked Hawaii Admittedly Dead

(By The Associated Press) Tokyo, belatedly announced today the death of Admiral Nagumo, supreme commander of Japan's naval forces in action on Saipan island, raising to 54 the number of Japanese admirals listed as lost since May 7.

WHERE LANDING TRAPS LEYTE JAPS



AFTER STORMING ashore some distance below Ormoc (1), American infantrymen have thrown a roadblock across the coastal highway cutting the only route of retreat for about 25,000 Jap troops and are reported to be closing in rapidly on the port. While our troops were unloading, a Jap convoy (2) was sighted and 13 enemy ships were blasted to the bottom. U. S. gunners, after heavily shelling the Japs at Ormoc, also brought their secondary port of Palompon (3) under fire. In an attempt at diversion, about 200 enemy paratroopers were dropped in the San Pablo area (4) but the bulk of these forces were quickly wiped out. To the north (5), 32nd Division troops continued to drive forward down the Ormoc corridor from captured Limon.

Nazis In Panic As Reds Close In Upon Budapest

London, Dec. 11.—(AP)—American fliers braved below zero temperatures in the sub-stratosphere bombing lane again today for another aerial pincer operation on Germany from bases in Britain and Italy.

The Berlin radio announced that bomber formations were approaching the Reich from the west and reported another armada from the south already over Austria and pressing north.

Temperatures of fifty degrees below zero have plagued the big bombers since Saturday. The extreme cold, however, may have been responsible for the absence of German fighter opposition.

A spokesman at U. S. strategic air force headquarters theorized that makeshift fuel used in German aircraft had little winter value to the enemy planes.

Stuttgart and Coblenz were hit by almost 2,000 British-based bombers and fighters Saturday and Sunday. Seven bombers and one fighter were lost.

Famine And Pestilence New Threat To Athens

Athens, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Acute food shortage and the imminent danger of epidemic threatened this strife-torn capital today as British heavy bombers for the first time in the week-long civil struggle attacked ELAS concentrations around the city.

RAF Wellingtons and cannon-firing Spitfires, joined the fighting—already reported to have cost the British 1,500 killed and 2,500 wounded—after an ELAS attack supported by mortars and artillery had been repelled yesterday by British troops using tanks and field guns.

Heavy rain curtailed action during the night, by fires started by shell-fires still were smoking today on the northern slope of the Acropolis.

Tanks And Infantry In Mile Push

Counter Attacks By Nazis Beaten Back By Patton's Forces

Paris, Dec. 11.—(AP)—First army infantry and tanks advanced a mile and a quarter today in fresh snowfall, driving the weakened but still determined Germans from the Roer river valley towns of Dorn and Echtz, the latter two and one-half miles northwest of the ruins of Duren.

The main force of Lt. Gen. Hodges' drive was along a ten-mile front, more than six inches deep in snow, in the area west, northwest and southwest of Duren. Duren is a Roer river stronghold just 20 miles over open country from Cologne.

To the south, Lt. Gen. Patton's third army beat down counter attacks in the steel city of Dillingen and near Saarbrücken, and fought the severest kinds of battles from house to house in Saregumines, Bogen and Fraulautern.

The third army was fighting inside the Siegfried line at Dillingen and beyond Saarbrücken, and progress necessarily was slow.

On Patton's right, the seventh army was at grips with the Germans on the east side of the big French base of Haguenau, into which the 79th infantry division forced its way yesterday. Heavy fighting raged at several places in the Haguenau area.

To the north, other infantry formations fought in the streets of Pier, where the Germans had tanks.

No further progress was reported either toward the Saarland of Saarbrücken, three miles or so from U. S. troops, or inside the nearby French rail center of Forbach. A front dispatch said the third army held only about one-fifth of Dillingen, where a tank factory and one of the Saarland's largest steel plants are located.

Floods suspended seventh army units and French first army troops in the cleanup of what remains of the Alsatian pocket, centered by Colmar. The French were four miles west of the Yank.

More than 500 heavy bombers and nearly 2,000 lesser planes supported the Allied effort yesterday. Fighter bombers knocked out 150 rail cars and 14 locomotives and cut rail lines in 13 places. Most damage was done in the Saar area opposite the third army.

of Budapest had smashed six miles down the Danube from captured Vas, on the great bend where the river turns west toward Vienna, and taken Abaujvar. The Germans disclosed that Russian armored forces driving on the west bank of the Danube were less than five miles from the city's outskirts.

A Berlin broadcast early today said a tremendous Soviet offensive was in the making in the Vistula bridgehead at Baranov, Poland, and that a large-scale drive aimed at Crakow could be expected.

The Soviet communique said Russian troops had repelled six German attempts to capture a Russian stronghold west of Jolgyva, in Latvia, where huge German forces are being pressed against the Baltic.

Piraeus, port of Athens, was at a standstill, and UNRRA attempts to organize soup kitchens to relieve the stricken civilian population so far had failed. Large numbers of dead were still awaiting burial.

Strong forces of both sides were massed as efforts to mediate the crisis appeared to be meeting little success. A spokesman of the EAM, denying British Prime Minister Churchill's charges that the EAM sought to seize power and terrorize the countryside, declared Saturday that the present struggle would continue until the government of Premier Patamperou resigns. British headquarters said yesterday that Major General Scobie, head of Allied troops in Greece, had received no peace proposal from the ELAS.

BUY WAR BONDS 13 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS