

Yanks Seize Firm Hold On Iwo

New Titles Offered For Various Units Of The University

Semi-Finals Reached By Legislature

Money Bills, Liquor, Hospital, Insurance, Other Bills Remain

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Raleigh, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The 1945 General Assembly begins its general session today. Money bills, liquor, hospital, insurance, and other bills remain very definitely on the agenda. A very definite committee stage of consideration is expected for the whole of the session. The committee stage of the liquor bill, and a bill to get bills introduced ahead of the time a conference committee will be appointed.

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Teacher Pay Big Task For Legislature

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War Declaration By Argentine May Open Big Debate

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Reports that Argentina is planning to declare war on Germany in an attempt to repair relations with other western hemisphere nations stirred preliminary skirmishes today on a political issue that may develop into a full scale, open debate when the inner-American conference opens here Wednesday.

The reports stemmed from a week-end announcement that the Buenos Aires government had sent a sharply worded note to Berlin protesting a German threat to deny safe diplomats en route home from Germany.

Until now, a declaration of war has been a passport of admission into the United Nations family, but whether it would prove so in the case of Argentina is open to question in view of the attitude taken toward her military government by the more influential American governments.

There is an unmistakable trend among Latin-American delegations here to do something about the Argentine situation, however, and her entry into the war might bring matters to a head.

Would Be Known As Either Chancellor Or Vice-President

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A proposal submitted to the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina recommended today that the title of administrator of the university be changed to either chancellor or vice-president.

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Halsey Says Japs' Fleet Won't Fight

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commanding the U.S. Third Fleet, predicted today that the Japanese fleet will not fight in the current Pacific operations.

"We are going to have to fight them," Halsey said in a news conference. "They have a very little left to fight with me, but they have a lot more to lose."

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Axel said in his opinion it would be necessary to have the Japanese navy to a standstill. Halsey, in typical fashion, replied: "I can't do it myself, it's a job for God. I don't know what would take."

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BEFORE CARRIER-BASED SKY TERRORS HIT TOKYO



ONCOMING IN COLUMN formation visible for miles, escort carriers of the United States Navy are pictured somewhere on the far Pacific with Avengers and Wildcats clustered on their decks like ferocious hornets waiting to attack. Such a scene as this may have been glimpsed by some Japanese reconnaissance planes before Vice Admiral Mitscher's carrier-based swarms hit Tokyo with more than 1,000 tons of bombs in their nine-hour battering of the enemy capital and its environs. This is a U. S. Navy photo.

Manila Bay Is All But Back In Hands Of Americans Now

Canadians Holding Most Of Goch City

Paris, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Scottish infantry and tanks mopped up two-thirds of the strategic Siegfried line defense hub of Goch tonight after a surprise attack, which caught the German commander and his staff in bed.

Paris, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Killed 500, fought to the center of the heavily fortified city of Goch in the hands of the Canadians. The army advanced within 20 miles of Duisburg, a key strategic island port and western portal of the Ruhr arsenal.

British and Canadian troops fought within a mile of Goch, the center of the strategic Siegfried line, and it is the southern edge of the Siegfried line. Casualties were heavy on both sides.

The latest estimate of the original Siegfried line has been run through. The original line, which was built by the Germans, was broken by the Canadians. The original line, which was built by the Germans, was broken by the Canadians.

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Japs Still Holding To Southern Manila; Mopping Corregidor

Manila, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Manila Bay was all but back in American hands today, but the city itself, where 7,000 civilians were released in a new dramatic rescue, the Japanese still cling to the isolated Iloilo Island.

Mopping up continued on Corregidor, where Japanese troops are being held. The Japanese troops are being held on Corregidor, where Japanese troops are being held.

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Marine Units Push Inland To Edge Of One Big Airfield

Casualties Moderate, Resistance Is Mild; Air, Sea Units Aid

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Invading American Marines have established a secure beachhead on Iwo Island in 1945's bitter defense line, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight.

Veteran Fifth Corps Marines of America's oldest amphibious outfit established a 3,000-yard beachhead and drove inland to the edge of one of the island's airfields under increasing Japanese artillery and mortar fire.

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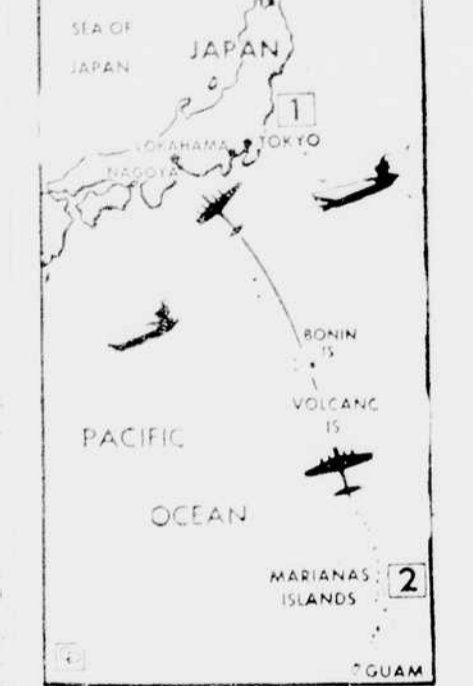
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Where Yanks Hit



The "deeply cherished desire of every officer and man of the Pacific fleet" was fulfilled, according to Admiral Nimitz, when at least 1,200 carrier planes smashed air bases and other targets in the Tokyo area (1). In conjunction with the daring attacks, Superfortresses from the Marianas (2) blasted Iwo Jima, the Bonin islands, and plane plants at Nagoya. (International)

Nazis Resist Sharply But Reds Gain

Russians Move On Toward Dresden In South, Also Berlin

London, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Red army battled sharp German counterattacks in some sectors up and down the ice-covered eastern front today, but continued to forge ahead toward Dresden and on Berlin's southeastern flank.

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NAZI EMPIRE CONTINUES TO SHRINK UNDER BLOWS



AS RUSSIAN ARMIES began to head for Berlin from both north and south and Allied forces along the western front hacked deeper into the Siegfried Line, U. S. and British bombers continued to rain death and destruction on German targets in one of the greatest air offensives of all time. More than 11,000 attacks within a two-day period have linked the eastern and western fronts under a blanket of explosives. (International)

Last Income Tax Refunds Will Arrive Any Day Now

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—If you are one of the 6,000,000 who still haven't received their refund, you'll get it any day now. You've been looking for the mail man will be along with your check any day now.

The Treasury Department hopes to have all these checks in the mail before March 15, even if it has to make refunds without the customary general audit to determine their validity.

So don't be too upset if the mail that brings your check is followed by one notifying you that you have been refunded too much, and how about a refund for Uncle Sam?

It's been quite a headache handling the refunds, but with an estimated 16,000,000 of them claimed, and millions of employers withholding through misunderstanding, too much of the worker's money.

For that, we have the word of the Internal Revenue Bureau officials, who explained the situation to the House Appropriations Committee during hearings on the Treasury department appropriation bill reported to the House today.

How's that? They explained it, with some of the details eliminated.

Out of an estimated 16,000,000 refunds for 1943 taxes, more than 16,000,000 refunds were made prior to last December 31. The average refund is \$34, the range being all the way from five cents up to \$3,185.163.

In processing the returns for refunds, the bureau split the alphabet into three sections. Cases that were readily adjustable were settled first, and those of the others were returned to collectors for further action.

100 Superforts Raid Japan Again, Tokyo Announces

(By The Associated Press.)
Approximately 100 Superfortresses raided Japan today, Japanese imperial headquarters said, most of them striking at the Tokyo area in the wake of a two-day bombardment by aircraft carrier planes.

Most of the communique, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, claimed that ten raiders were shot down. As usual, it insisted damage was slight.