

## PRYING JAPS OUT OF CAVES IN NORTHERN IWO



GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATING the manner in which Japs in the north Iwo Jima battle area have to be hunted down in rocky caves and gullies, this photograph shows also how mercifully their wounded are attended by our Marines. Here one Marine covers a cave entrance while a drowning automatic and a wounded Jap—who crawled out of his hole to surrender after going for 10 days without food or water—is being removed to an American aid station. This is an official U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

# PATTON FLANKS NAZIS

## New Philippine Island Taken

### Hardly Man Lost During Panay Move

Area Surprisingly Free Of Japs When U. S. Forces Arrive

Manila, March 20.—(AP)—The big brown sweeping th Japanese from the Philippines reached Panay island Sunday as Major General Rupert Bruns' 10th infantry division, again achieving complete surprise, invaded the flat southern coastal plains and quickly closed in on the port of Bulao and its big air field. Headquarters announced the invasion today.

No Japanese, all cheering Filipinos, met the U. S. troops as they advanced in amphibious landings and moved toward Manila.

General Douglas MacArthur said hardly a man was lost invading the seventh major Philippine island. He reported "complete tactical as well as strategic surprise was accomplished."

Panay had been a second threat to American convoys passing through central Philippine sea toward Manila.

A small enemy force was encountered on the road to Cordova, but otherwise the area was surprisingly free of Japanese. Flies scanned the country behind the beachhead in search of enemy positions, but found none.

Other U. S. forces landed the day on Molokan and 12 other islands of the southern part of Mindanao. Without incident the march began toward Bulao, which was reached Friday.

The new landing further opened the southern approach to Zamboanga, where yards of Major General John A. DeWalt's 1st Marine division were expanding their position with tank support.

### GERMAN TOWNFOLK DEFY HITLER



IN OPEN DEFIANCE to Hitler's orders that they withdraw from their homes and from the city toward the Wehrmacht town in the little city of Enshein, Germany, line up of windows and in the streets as the U. S. 7th Army troops approached. Here the Yanks are shown rounding them up for temporary evacuation. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

### German Retreats Are Harassed By Allied Bombers

London, March 20.—(AP)—Allied warplanes rained the skies over the western front today, hammering at enemy withdrawal of troops and equipment, while the Nazi radio indicated heavy bombers were smashing at the Reich both from England and from Italy. American and British aircraft continued the timing of battle sectors which cost the Germans close to 5,000 vehicles yesterday.

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### House Bans Curb On Farm Payments

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—An administration proposal to curb farm payments was rejected today by the House Agriculture Committee, as it approved an \$852,000,000 Agriculture Department supply bill.

The move to cut the payments would have limited the program to \$200,000,000 for the 1946 crop.

### FREED BY REDS, YANKS ON WAY HOME



New homeward bound after being freed from German hands by Russian troops during recent Red army advances, Yank troops and other former Allied prisoners of war are shown heading for the port of Odessa and according to latest news dispatches, some 1,200 Americans already have arrived in Middle East ports. The others, it will be noted, wear their bars on hats provided by the Reds. (International Soundphoto)

### Junction Of 2 U. S. Units Seems Near

45,000 Casualties Imposed On Enemy In The Saar Pocket

Paris, March 20.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army completely flanked both the Siegfried line and the secondary Hunsbrück switch-line in the Saar and Palatinate today and moved swiftly toward an imminent junction with the seventh army somewhere near the Rhine.

In seven bloody days, Patton's offensive has inflicted a total of 45,000 casualties on the original 80,000 Germans in the Hunsbrück-Saar pocket. Commandant E. D. Ball said it is a "total" from the front.

Prisoners alone totaled up to 26,000 and the seventh army has taken at least 1,000 additional.

Patton's troops pushed to within 100 miles of the main Palatinate and Moselle rivers and captured Metz, 25 miles from the German frontier at Mandringen and Luxembourg on the 19th. The third army was less than 25 miles from the seventh army on the Kaiserslautern axis. Ball continued: "With the Siegfried line flanked, the third and seventh armies should meet shortly somewhere near the Rhine."

The seventh army, attacking the Saar and the Palatinate from the south, breached or threatened the main Siegfried line in a 12-mile stretch between Saarbrücken and Zweibrücken.

A thrust was proposed as soon as movement of the seventh army's front toward Metz on the Rhine valley was indicated.

The main force flanked the two German armies from Metz which surrounds Metz, the main Siegfried line at Metz and the Saar river and just south of the Alsatian border. The Hunsbrück line extending through the Moselle was such a threat to the main line of Metz and in the Karlsruhe area of the Rhine.

The first group east of the Rhine drove two and a half miles east of the Hunsbrück-Saar highway and captured a second fortified and abandoned, about 90 miles long and eight miles wide.

### Carrier Planes Resume Bombings Of Jap Mainland

E. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam, March 20.—(AP)—Vice Admiral Mark A. Mitscher's mighty carrier force resumed bombing Japan today, a third straight day, delaying the imperial fleet to come out for battle and giving the lie to enemy communique claims that seven of Mitscher's capital ships were sunk and one damaged.

### New Restraint On Marriages

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—Senate Judiciary Committee I voted today a measure by Representative Burgess of Camden, providing that a 48-hour waiting period must be observed between the time an application is made for a marriage license and its issuance, but the measure was amended to apply only to non-resident couples.

A North Carolinian may marry without notice. The measure passed the House last week, but was reported unfavorably by Senate Judiciary II Committee. Today's action sent the bill to the favorable calendar.

The Senate roads committee reported favorably on a bill to extend the authority of the State Highway Patrol, but amended the House-approved measure to strike out a provision that the patrolmen would have authority over public places near highways.

## Senate Amendments Upon Hospital Bill Rejected By House

### Narrow Escape



FOUND UNHARMED in his mother's car after it had been stolen and abandoned by an escaped inmate of the Concord Reformatory, two-year-old Roger Mattison is shown back in the arms of Mrs. William Mattison, Concord, Miss. The fugitive fled amidst a hail of bullets from pursuing police—with little Roger in the rear seat. Near Cambridge, the car was found with the baby unharmed. (International)

### Measure Is Sent To Conference Group Adjourn Tomorrow

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—The House refused unanimously today to concur in Senate amendments to the State hospital and medical care bill and the measure was sent to a conference committee.

The motion to refuse to concur was made by Representative Pearson of New Hanover of the opposition minority.

Speaker Richardson immediately named Representative Stuart of Brunswick, Dean of the House and South of the center, to chair the committee, and set adjourn on the House adjourns to the Senate by a special message.

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Meanwhile, it was widely predicted that the legislation would adjourn and the ground would be cleared, after 60 days.

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### Cotton Scores Slight Gains

New York, March 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 1/8 cent higher today, but were flat to 1/4 cent lower by the close.

Month	Price	Change
May	22.20	+1/8
July	21.31	+1/8
October	21.25	+1/8
December	21.16	+1/8
March (1946)	21.05	+1/8

### Profit-Taking Halts Stocks

New York, March 20.—(AP)—Further profit-taking put brakes on today's stock market, and, while scattered issues tacked on small advances, leaders generally extended their decline by fractions to a point or more. Prominent losers included Bethlehem and General Motors. Resistance was Santa Fe and American Telephone.

### HOUSE PASSES MONEY BILL

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—A bill appropriating \$236,240,700 for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments and the Federal judiciary, was passed yesterday by the House 323 to 18. It goes to the Senate.

## New OPA Rule To Cut Back Price Levels

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The OPA set up rules today by which it hopes to cut back shippers' prices of clothing, textiles, furniture and house furnishings.

Overnight, the agency froze the price mark-up of approximately 500,000 retailers on sales of the affected items. Each store was forbidden to charge a greater margin over its own cost than it did yesterday, March 19.

Each retailer affected—those who do more than \$2,500 worth of business a year in the items listed—must prepare promptly a chart showing his own margins over net invoice costs for all goods on sale yesterday. Smaller stores, if they wish, may continue to price their merchandise under old regulations.

Chief purpose of the new order, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said, is to give consumers "direct and immediate benefits" resulting from reductions in factory prices.

The regulations become the keystone of the joint WPB-OPA textile clothing program designed to return greater quantities of factory-made goods to the civilian market. It also clears the way for price reductions to shippers when similar programs, now in the planning stage, restore production of more less expensive furniture and house furnishings.

Freezing mark-ups as of yesterday will not change present price levels, nor will they curtail price increases, which already have taken place, Bowles said.

### Jungle Souvenir



WHILE SCOUTING about for Japs in the Myitkya, Burma, section, Col. C. A. McCarty, Centralia, Ill., of the Central Military Police, encountered and shot this 250-pound man-eating bear. (International)

## GOP Demands Hatch Would Be Speaker Of U. S. Food

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—Republican demands for a one-man national food authority sounded in Capitol Hill today as Congress itself stepped into the picture of shortages for a closer look.

"We have no partisan desires in this matter," said Chairman Jenkins of Ohio of the Republican congressional food study committee, as he and other members of the group urged their bill for centralized control.

It is the only way, they contended, to solve the problem of increasing food shortages and prevent greater ones from developing.

Both Senate and House, meanwhile, moved to investigate everything from black markets to foreign stock piles as they affect the food situation.

### New Development In Coal Crisis Is Hinted Imminent

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—Bituminous coal operators are considering forcing a new but as yet undisclosed development in their contract negotiations with John L. Lewis. These are threatening to drift into sparring sessions.

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