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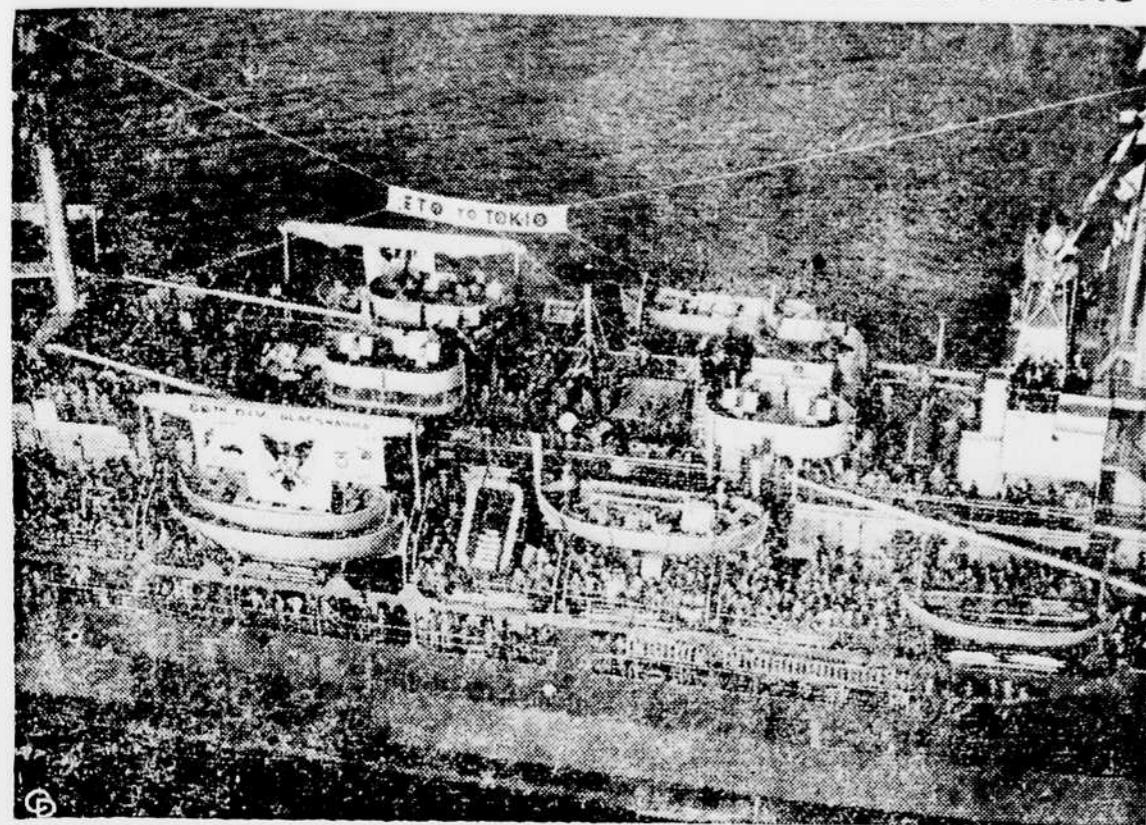
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'BLACK HAWKS' SWARM HOME EN ROUTE TO PACIFIC



The famous 36th (Black Hawk) Division of the U. S. Third Army packs the decks of one of the four transports that brought the men back to the United States from Europe for redeployment to the war in the Pacific. As the ship moved into New York harbor, the arrangement of banners, transport equipment and returning soldiers on the decks gave the impression of a stage set from some pageant. U. S. Coast Guard photo. (International)

Okinawa Resistance Broken; Yanks Avenge Gen. Buckner

Genoa, June 19.—(AP)—The United States 10th army buzzed all planned resistance on southern Okinawa, and drove toward imminent final victory to avenge the death of its commander on the field of battle.

Shortly before he fell mortally wounded from a shell burst yesterday, Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., dashed back with less than five hours left to Okinawa, and a field reporter reported that two now were all that was left.

Buckner had held a regular, the second Marine division, and those veterans of Tarawa and Saipan joined him in Okinawa's final charge into the Okinawa battle.

for the last time, crashing in the enemy's west bank.

Only hours before a Japanese shell fragment struck Buckner, the final assault hit its full momentum, and while Admiral Chester W. Nimitz did proclaim the campaign ended, he asserted the day of Buckner's death was the day of victory.

The mangled remains of a Japanese garrison that numbered at least 30,000 when the invasion struck 30 days ago, have been herded into more than six square miles of the southern tip.

They have been swept down most of the Yaeju plateau, between their last line of defense, and with their backs to the sea held positions three miles wide and nowhere more than two and a half miles deep.

Nimitz, in a message to General George C. Marshall, chief of staff said Buckner's death "came at a time when the fall of Okinawa is imminent."

As the final battle swelled, Buckner was buried today in the seventh infantry division cemetery on a beach where the first invaders went ashore on April 1.

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Leopold Asserts His Full Right To Belgium's Throne

Selbourn, Austria, June 19.—(AP)—C. E. West, Greek oil contractor, testified today that he had returned his full constitutional prerogatives and that there was no question of his abdication, despite the resignation of Prime Minister Achille Van Acker's government.

The king's statement was issued through an official spokesman.

Discussions from Brussels said strikes in protest against the king's return to Belgium had spread to numerous coal mines in the Liege district.

AP Required By Court To Relax Rules

Washington, June 19.—(AP)—A Federal district court order requiring The Associated Press to relax its bylaws on admission of members was Supreme Court approved today.

Over a minority protest that the news gathering cooperative is being treated as a purely utility and being put under "court tutelage," the high tribunal late yesterday ruled, five to three, that the bylaws restrain trade and therefore violate the Sherman antitrust act.

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Contractor Says Meadows Sought His Aid in 1943

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TRUMAN FLIES TO WEST

President Wants Speaker As Successor

Truman Acts On Leaving On Air Trip

Line Of Succession Seems Complicated On Present Status

Washington, June 19.—(AP)—President Truman, embarking on the first of a long series of plane flights, today asked Congress to make the speaker of the House his successor if anything should happen to him.

As the House is now organized, this would throw the succession to 63-year-old Sam Rayburn.

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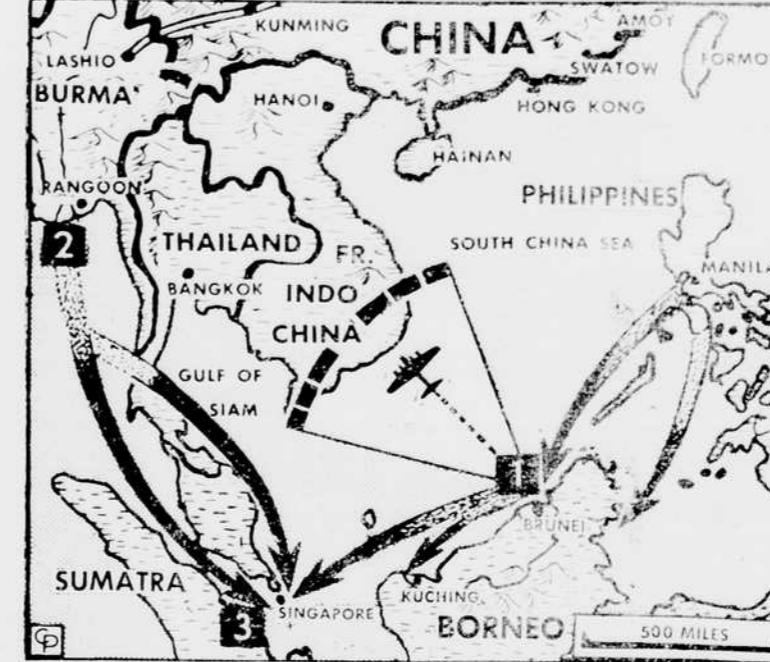
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HOPPING TOWARD SINGAPORE GOAL



FROM TWO SIDES the Allies close in on Singapore, and the final stages of the campaign to drive the Japs from the rich Indies gets well under way with the invasion of Borneo (1). At Rangoon (2) a new British army has been formed for drives down the Malay peninsula upon Singapore (3) at the tip. As the map shows, the Ausie invasion is aimed at moving from Brunei toward Kuching, and the new airfields on Borneo can soon be turned against the Indo-China Coast. (International)

Mexico Would Ban Gen. Franco Regime From World League

San Francisco, June 19.—(AP)—stating that no government should

join the United Nations permanently bar the Franco government of Spain from membership in their world league.

The final session of the conference, with President Truman making the closing address, will be scheduled for next Saturday, but it also is still uncertain whether that date can be kept, even after every effort of conference leaders.

More depends on possible Russian acceptance of the cosmopolitan charter of the World League which are driving toward completion of the world charter this week.

His proposal invited arguments as to whether the conference should attempt to write any special membership limitations when it is issuing a world assembly the task of uniting outside nations.

Quintanilla said he would ask the commission to adopt a regulation

State Senate Opens Monday In Mountains

Japs Assert They Are Not Asking Peace

San Francisco, June 19.—(AP)—Japanese propagandists claimed today that Japan is not seeking peace and will not surrender unconditionally.

In the face of Allied demands for unconditional surrender, Tokyo broadcasts that the Japanese people "have no choice but to take death."

Sadou Iguchi, spokesman for the Japanese board of information who has been busy for weeks denying peace rumors, suddenly reiterated that Japan has never proposed peace negotiations with the United States and Great Britain, Domesi news agency reported.

Senate members will have the opportunity of hearing a number of national and international figures during the meeting, which will last through June 30. The session will be reconvened in October at Statesville to hear an address by President Harry S. Truman, the date to be announced later.

The summer session will open at 5 p. m. Monday at the Kentucky Home hotel, and will be followed in the evening with a banquet at the Skylane hotel. Federal Judge John J. Parker, of Charlotte, will deliver an address on world organization.

Cotton Prices Rather Mixed

New York, June 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher.

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