

General MacArthur's troops have completed another leap-frog operation on the coast of Dutch New Guinea. They landed at a place just sixty miles northeast of Sorong and by-passed a ~~large~~ force of fifteen thousand Japanese troops who are thus cut off. In this operation MacArthur's men advanced to within ~~six~~ six hundred miles of the Philippines. It is described as an amphibious action, brilliantly executed.

MacArthur reports that the movement took the enemy by surprise and so far there is little opposition. The Yanks engaged in the operation seized a couple of islands nearby. The landing was covered by American and Australian cruisers and destroyers ~~which were~~ supported by a considerable force of fighter planes.

The spokesman at MacArthur's headquarters announced that the move had virtually completed the plan of campaign for New Guinea and has brought that entire great island under allied control.

The area which the Yanks have seized has plenty of ground suitable for an air base, which can easily be made. The region goes by the name of Sansapor.

## INVASION

The British and the Yanks between them have now conquered the entire peninsula of Normandy except for a few scattered ~~salients and~~ pockets of Nazi resisters.

They have captured several important places including Granville at the base of the peninsula on the Atlantic coast. There is a harbor there; not as big a one as Cherbourg, but still, useful. Granville is not far from the classic and legendary Isle of Mt. St. Michael, *about which Henry Adams wrote ~~so~~ with so much understanding.* Incidentally, the Cherbourg radio reported today that the harbor installations there have now been restored.

The Second British Army also advanced on its front, capturing numerous important places.

The Germans admit the latest reports. In fact, it was they who first announced the fall of Granville.

This offensive of the Allies in the last seven days has been spectacular. The Yanks advanced twelve miles since yesterday, and the British forged ahead with equal

speed on their end of the line. All this was the more dramatic because the men they pushed back were the cream of Hitler's army, the Elite Shock Troops. One dispatch reports these proverbial tough fighters ~~as~~ as having surrendered by the hundreds. In six days, the Allies have taken more than ten thousand German prisoners. One of the dead ~~is~~ is a Nazi Lieutenant General, an important division <sup>al</sup> commander.

## TANKS

For all the publicity about our superb military equipment -- the equipment of our men in Normandy, we hear now that American tanks are not as good as German tanks. Several correspondents have cabled this. All of which comes as a shock to many, including Senator Kilgore of West Virginia, who announces that his Committee will investigate. Kilgore is Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Military Affairs. The Senator meanwhile suggests that the Army Ordnance Department and the Chief of Staff also investigate.

AIR WAR

Pilots of the Eighth ~~USA~~ Air Force heavy bombers on their return from the latest raid reported they had encountered a new <sup>Nazi</sup> ~~new~~ weapon. The Luftwaffe command sent against them ~~new~~ <sup>jet propelled</sup> fighter planes, ~~propelled~~ ~~by jets~~ These offered ~~virtually~~ the only opposition which our twelve hundred Liberators and Flying Forts encountered in today's part of the air war. We are not told what our airmen think of the new Nazi weapon.

## ITALY

In Italy, the Germans are resisting fiercely. They are counterattacking in waves, <sup>using</sup> ~~with~~ their huge Mark Six Tiger tanks ~~were~~ to spearhead the assaults. Their counter-attacks <sup>all</sup> have been driven back. Nevertheless, ~~the Germans~~ <sup>they</sup> are holding onto Pisa and the strategic high points north of it. On the east end of the line, Indian troops of the Eighth Army are bearing the brunt of the German attacks. They not only held their own but thrust the enemy back.

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In Rome, Pope Pius received nearly four thousand fighting men of the American, British and French armies. Among the soldiers was Archbishop Spellman of New York. The Pope quickly recognized him, left his throne, and walked through the crowd to greet the prelate, an old friend of the Pontiff. He embraced him and talked to him for several minutes. Thereupon, the Archbishop presented a number of soldiers to the head of their church.

## RUSSIA

Another banner day for Russia. Stalin handing ~~down~~ down four more formal orders; announcing the capture of five more key ~~points~~ points. Three of them powerful German strongholds covering the approaches to Warsaw. Again the Nazis beat Moscow to it by announcing the evacuation of Kaunas, ancient capital of Lithuania.

It was from Berlin also that we first learned that Rokossovsky's army was attacking Praga, the industrial suburb of Warsaw. That factory town is separated from the old Polish capital only by the Vistula River. One of the Nazi strongholds captured is Otwock, only ten miles from Warsaw.

The Baltic Red armies captured Jelgava in Latvia, only twenty-three miles away from Riga. On the way they took in their stride Siedlec, Lukow and a place with a double-barrelled name only twenty miles east of Warsaw.

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Praga is mentioned in history books ~~principally~~  
because ~~of previous~~ <sup>so many</sup> bloody fights ~~that had been~~ <sup>have been</sup> waged  
there. In Seventeen Ninety-Four, a Russian army under  
the brilliant Marshal Suvorov took the place by assault.  
Again in Eighteen Thirty-One, it was captured by another  
Moscovite force under Paskevitch.

The last order of the day issued by Stalin  
announced that the Third White Russian Army had widened  
its breach in the German lines on the Meman River. That  
front is now a hundred and forty-three miles wide, and  
the Red Army <sup>at</sup> some points has advanced as far as  
thirty ~~one~~ miles, capturing more than fifteen hundred  
towns and settlements in three days' fighting.

The Reds are now in the Suwalki region, a  
triangular strip of ~~ground which~~ <sup>territory that</sup> Hitler annexed in  
Nineteen Thirty-Eight. The Reds are now <sup>only</sup> ~~quite~~ a short  
distance from the old frontier of German East Prussia.

STRIKE

Now Roger Krupp, what  
news from Stan. of Calif?

In five General Motors factories at Detroit not a wheel turned today. Some seven thousand employees walked out.

The reason given is that the management tried to speed up production, turn out more of the engine parts made at the five plants. Whereupon the workers protested, held a meeting and voted to walk out. To stay out, said one leader, until the War Labor Board settles the issue.

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Near Trenton, New Jersey, three thousand, four hundred more workers went out for a similar reason. Nine employees had been dismissed on the ground that they had been slowing down. So, the other employees all quit too.

## SURPLUS

The Office of War Information today gives us a report on that huge stockpile of surplus goods the Government has accumulated. The stockpile whose value was estimated by a Congressional committee at more than a hundred billion dollars. The O.W.I. claims that war goods to the value of four hundred millions have already been sold, and sold carefully so as not to upset our markets.

The surplus, we hear, will be disposed of in lots that will be small enough to help small business men. And it is believed the Government will keep the price high enough to discourage speculators and promoters.

Furthermore, a large share of all <sup>surpluses</sup> ~~surpluses~~ will be sent abroad for the relief of liberated countries.

## DEWEY

Governor Dewey in Pittsburgh today, made the charge that the Roosevelt Administration has failed to prepare the country for post-war reconversion. To which he added that the country cannot face another period like the Roosevelt depression with ten million men continually unemployed over a period of eight years.

The Republican candidate stopped off at the Pennsylvania steel city on his way to the conference of Republican governors at St. Louis. He did not make a speech but used his press conference as a means of expressing his campaign ideas. The press conference was crowded with newspapermen.

Dewey admitted that we are making progress in the fighting of the war. "But," he added, "governmentally we are making no progress for what will follow."

Then he used these words: "

It is too easily

forgotten that in this election we are electing a president, ~~the~~ most of whose term will be in peacetime."

One reporter asked Dewey the question, xxx  
"How about the Democratic argument that we should not change a horse in mid-stream?"

Dewey replied: "That argument was demolished in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention."

Then he explained: "If they change~~d~~ half a horse -- " at that point a roar of laughter from the newspapermen prevented the candidate from finishing his answer.

Dewey then said: "It will not be long before the most vital thing facing every American is the opportunity to work either for himself or for someone else. But," he added, "We do not need to surrender our liberties to a totalitarian New Deal in order to insure opportunity for all."

Governor Dewey conferred with leaders of business, agriculture and labor. The Regional Director of the American Federation of Labor announced that Dewey had promised him, if elected, to choose for Secretary of Labor in his Cabinet a man from the ranks of organized labor.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Dewey held a press conference of her own. She repeated what she had said before, that she would positively not intrude upon her husband's political ~~mix~~ activities. She used these words:

"It has always been my position not to outline another person's life." She said further that she had a keen interest in public affairs but left the speeches to the Governor. If and when she disagrees with him, she says it only to him.

LeHAND

President Roosevelt today is mourning the loss of another devoted and loyal member of his White House family -- "Missy" LeHand. Marguerite LeHand had been his personal secretary for more than twenty years. At Chelsea, Massachusetts, she passed away after a long illness. For several years Grace Tully has been sitting in her place just outside the President's door.

The news was conveyed to Mr. Roosevelt at the place where he now is, his whereabouts being a military secret. Nevertheless, he took time to say: "Memories of more than a score of years of devoted service enhance the sense of personal loss which Miss LeHand's passing brings." The President continued: "Faithful and painstaking, with charm of manner inspired by tact and kindness of heart, she was utterly selfless in her devotion to duty."

Mr. Roosevelt added that "Missy", as he and everybody at the White House ~~ex~~ used to call her, was a real genius in getting things ~~done~~ done.

After twenty years as personal secretary to Ex Franklin D. Roosevelt, her health broke.

It was announced at the White House that Mrs. Roosevelt will be present at Margaret LeHand's funeral.



## AKRIDGE

Four months ago three Army training planes crashed in the majestic but dangerous Tower Mountains of Arizona. Today detachments of soldiers are exploring those rugged peaks in the hope of finding one survivor from that disaster.

It was on March twenty-fifth that three A T 6 training planes took off from Luke Field, took off and never came back. Aboard one of those planes a second Lieutenant Nineteen year old James M. Akridge was riding as a passenger.

Of course, other planes were sent out in search of them but snow covered the upper slopes of the Tower Mountains and the wreckage of the planes was invisible. But last Friday, the pilot of a training plane from that same Luke Field spotted the <sup>debris</sup> ~~wreckage~~ from the air. The Commander of Luke Field sent out crews who reached the <sup>scene</sup> ~~wreckage~~ on foot, Saturday. But they discovered the remains of only three men. They were identified by their teeth;

*and* beside them lay the remnants of their parachutes, unopened.

~~But~~ There was no trace of the fourth man, Lieutenant Akridge, nor of his parachute. Akridge was an infantry officer.

The evidence points to the explanation that the mishap <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ wrecked those three planes was a collision. Now Akridge, ~~as~~ as a passenger could have bailed out. The pilots in the ~~path of a~~ collision, <sup>had no chance to</sup> ~~could not~~ use their parachutes.

There is <sup>a</sup> faint hope that Lieutenant Akridge may still be alive, but it is only faint. If he had landed unharmed, he <sup>might</sup> ~~could easily~~ have frozen to death, in the snow-clad Tower Mountains, or starved. However, Army patrols are now combing these <sup>& Arizona</sup> ~~towering~~ peaks, ~~just~~ in hopes of finding him alive or at least some clue of what ~~happened~~ happened to him.

And Roger Krupp again

*Drop* FISH

*Dropped from early bc.*

There are to be primary elections in the four states, Missouri, Virginia, Kansas and New York, and one contest certain to attract attention will be the one involving Congressman Hamilton Fish. After serving twenty-three years without interruption, he may face the struggle of his life, with F.D.R., Willkie, and Governor Dewey not exactly giving him any support. But then, many thought Ham Fish was going to have a difficult time in Nineteen Forty-two, when he was accused of isolationism. At that time his district lay mostly in Dutchess County, New York, where the Fish family has resided for decades. In that county, every man, woman and child knows Ham Fish, and they seemed to resent people from outside the district telling them <sup>who</sup> they should or should not elect.

Since then Ham Fish's district has been reapportioned, and now lies principally on the other side of the Hudson.

This time the Nineteen Forty-two charge of isolationism is repeated, plus the accusation, brought by

Dewey and Willkie, that Ham Fish has introduced a racial and religious issue into the campaign. The Congressman in reply says that all he said was that most Jewish people will vote for Roosevelt. Anyhow, it looks like Ham Fish is in for another fight. All of which is not a new experience for him.

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In Missouri, also, there will be fireworks. There the big fight will revolve around Senator Bennett Champ Clark, also being attacked as a pre-war isolationist.

And now a few peaceful remarks from Bob Denton.

There will be plenty to eat on the home front this fall and winter; so says the Department of Agriculture. Not quite so much meat or dairy products, but more fresh fruits, more vegetables and cereals.

In reply to inquiries about this optimistic report, truck gardeners and other farmers say that the Department evidently has n't heard of the drought along the eastern seaboard, where the ground is like cement, the early tomato crop ruined, also a large part of the corn. Unless there is more rain within a week, the peach crop in the northeastern states will also be worthless. Also, pastures are burning up.