

NIMITZ

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Admiral Nimitz's statements were today taken as a possible indication of an American strategy of driving a wedge across the Pacific to China - a wedge through the fringe of Japanese-held islands.

"It is no secret," said he, "that we shall try to land whenever we can in China." And "land in China" might well mean a thrust straight across the Pacific.

"I believe," explained our Pacific fleet commander, "that Japan can be defeated only from bases in China." ~~I do not believe that Japan could be defeated by sea alone.~~

JAP PRISONERS

Here's a revealing story that flashes from Kwajalein Atoll. It begins with a day about two weeks ago, when the great convoy was steaming for the invasion. *And* Aboard the troop transports *flashed the news —* ~~there was a sudden stir of interest — and anger, as ship's news brought the story~~ of the Jap atrocities, the murderous mistreatment of the men of Batan, *[on their way to battle]* the march of death. The soldiers were enraged. They muttered bitter curses, and spoke savagely about what would happen to any Japs that might fall into their hands. "We'll slice them to bits! We'll club their brains out!" It looked bad for any of the Mikado's boys who might be taken prisoner in the invasion of Kwajalein.

So what happened? Prisoners were taken, and what vengeance did the Americans exact upon them?

The answer is given today by United Press Correspondent Richard W. Johnson, who flashes a story from Kwajalein Atoll. He tells how he trailed a party

of thirty Japanese prisoners from the time they were captured, ~~where one could see how they were treated.~~

^{And} "The worst thing that befell them," writes the U.P. man, "was a series of verbal reflections upon the legitimacy of their ~~XXXXXX~~ noble ancestors, reflections delivered, anyway, in a language they didn't understand."

~~The Japs had been dug out of a tunnel by soldiers of the Seventh Division. They were trapped, and one came out with a white flag. The others followed when they saw that the first man was not harmed. They~~
| So what did the American Soldiers do? |
said they hadn't eaten for four days, ~~and~~ Battle-

hardened ^(veterans) ~~opened~~ opened their K rations ^{and} gave them ^{Japs} ~~meat~~ biscuits, ^{meat} and water. Half a dozen wounded were ^{carried} ~~rotated~~

to hospital stations, where they got bandages and plasma. When they were taken away on a transport, they were hoisted aboard on litters, and even those with mere minor lacerations didn't have to climb.

~~The Japs chattered incessantly - with surprise,~~
~~completely astonished by the kind treatment that was~~
~~given them.~~

Johnson of the U.P. says he heard a Navy
boatswain growl: ~~bitterly.~~ "I wonder if they would treat
us this way?" What was in the boatswain's mind was
obvious; ~~the story of the murder and brutality~~
~~inflicted on the men of~~ Batan, ~~during~~ that march of
death.

"But," writes the U.P. man, "I imagine the
boatswain would have been the first to intervene had
anyone started abusing his prisoners."

After which ^{he adds: -} ~~the story goes on with the~~
~~following reflection:~~ "American soldiers," ~~writes the~~
~~United Press correspondent,~~ "are magnificent and
relentless fighters, but they have not the innate cruelty
to pay back the Japs in their own coin. Their

consideration for prisoners," he continues, "may arouse the ire of some parlor patriots, but in the heat of battle it is a heart-warming thing to find that the American soldier has an innate decency, which is one thing that distinguishes him from the Jap."

EARHART

That fiction melodrama, and the more superheated kind of motion picture plots occasionally get into what is supposed to be the solemn realm of legislation, ^{was} proved today by a demand from Congressman Heffernan of New York -- who issued a call for the American conquerors of Kwajalein to initiate a search for Amelia Earhart. ^{— as we all remember —} Seven years ago that world-famous aviatrix vanished in the Pacific on a flight around the world. And since then all sorts of notions have been entertained about what happened to her. Hollywood films took up the matter and, of course, produced something highly complicated which included Japs.

And tonight Congressman Heffernan revives a theory that Amelia Earhart may have been murdered by the Far Eastern devils because, in the course of her flight and a forced landing in the Pacific, she saw too much of their fortifications in the mid-Pacific islands.

So, the Congressman now calls upon the American conquerors of the Kwajalein to make a new search for clues to the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. "This idea," says he, "may be just a dream, "but at least it's within the realm of possibility."

Ah, Congressman, there are so many things within the realm of possibility.

RABAU

The indications are that Rabaul, the big Jap base on New Britain Island, has been virtually abandoned by Japanese warships. Tonight's tidings from the Southwestern Pacific tells of another one-hundred-and-twenty-nine tons of bombs dropped on the enemy fortress, but no Japanese warships were hit, or even aimed at, because they weren't there.

"Shipping at Rabaul has reached its lowest ebb," said a spokesman at Allied headquarters. No warships were seen by our fliers.

And only a pitiful handful of cargo vessels in the once proud harbor. ~~It~~ It would seem that constant bombing

has virtually eliminated Rabaul as a practical Japanese base for ships. So, it may not be so long

before it becomes a United Nations base.

RUSSIA

In Russia, in the bend of the Dnieper - the Nazis tonight are threatened with the loss of their last two strongholds in that area. One - the iron center of ~~K~~^{Kh}ivoi Rog. The other - the important city of

Kherson. ~~Krivoi Rog is a focal point of war, and the Soviets drove ambitiously toward it weeks ago - but the Nazis held on, to Krivoi Rog.~~ Now we hear that the

great iron center is about three-quarters encircled, *The latest - the Russians only 12⁸ miles away,* ~~and the precarious position of the Nazis there is made all the worse by the Soviet capture of the magnesian city, Nikopol - about which we heard yesterday.~~

Soviet operations in southern Russia are moving swiftly, in spite of the impediment of weather. Not Russian winter -, but Russian spring. In the southern Ukraine, spring has come early this year, way ahead of time. There are heavy rains and thaws. Meadows are turning green, trees are budding, and the deep black

earth of the Ukraine is becoming a soggy morass. In places there are floods, washed out roads, and everywhere it's wet and boggy going. Yet, in spite of the premature spring, the Russians continue ~~in~~ their driving activity.

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ITALY

The news from the Roman beachhead tonight is loud - a thundering ^{of} artillery. Today German batteries opened a heavy bombardment against the Allied positions. And this may be a prelude to the expected show-down attack. Today ^{is} ~~the~~ action consisted mostly of tentative jabs, with the enemy thrusting here and there into the Fifth Army lines. ^{But} The Germans are massing constantly greater forces, and the word from Allied headquarters is that the final test cannot long be delayed.

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was received that ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Nazi tanks were hiding
in a lot of buildings. So a force of Billy Mitchell
medium bombers went off and plastered the buildings
so hard that Bombardier Second Lieutenant Delford
Gibson of Ona, West Virginia, reported: "If there were
any tanks in that town, they were blown apart."~~

To the south, in the Cassino area, Fifth Army
troops are driving in a culminating effort to capture
that much blasted place. They drove further into the
town, a part of which, however, is still held by the
Germans.

NETHERLANDS

Here is a piece of historical irony - a story that in Holland the dykes may be opened and the water let in to flood the land. In the heroic times of the past, the Dutch had done this, defending themselves against invaders - opening the dykes and drowning them out. Now, however, it's the Nazi enemy who threatens to do this - in the event of a second-front invasion reaching Holland. ^{Open} ~~The Nazi newspaper in Holland states that the German military authorities have made plans to flood the coastal areas, and that would include large parts of several provinces. Open~~ the dykes - the Nazi enemy turning against the Dutch and their allies - Holland's old weapon.

However, there is some surmise that the whole thing may have more of a propaganda than a military angle. Observers in London think that the report about the opening of the dykes was planted by the Nazis in

order to discourage second front enthusiasm in Holland.

The conquered people there have been openly cheering

the news ^{of coming invasion,} ~~that a second front was coming,~~ and their

cheers might not be so hearty if they thought that an

Allied attack would mean the flooding of the land.

Or, at least, so the Nazis are said to figure.

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Today it was round-the-clock in the bombing of the Nazi held coast of France. Last night British night bombers joined the assault that American planes ~~have~~ been making consistently during the hours of light. And ~~then~~ today the warplanes of the U.S.A. kept up their unrelenting work. This morning more than two hundred American Marauder bombers struck hard, and we are told that since dawn of Tuesday, the Marauders ~~have~~ have flown on more than five hundred and fifty individual sorties, without the loss of a single plane.

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BOMBARDIER

For our daily hero and thrill story, take this one. In yesterday's daylight bombing of the Nazis, a Marauder flew over its target. The bombardier took a good aim, and pressed the bomb release - but nothing happened. Whereupon he was a worried bombardier - was Sergeant Woodrow Loubey of St. Joseph, Missouriⁱ. Something was wrong with the bomb bay, and he climbed down to get the bombs free. But they wouldn't budge.

Meanwhile, they had been automatically fused, and the ~~good old~~^{little} propeller vanes on their noses were spinning, blown by the wind that swirled up into the bomb bay. ~~and~~ Those propeller vanes would permit the bombs to explode; ^{— and} with the bumping around ^{they} ~~and~~ might go off at any moment.

So what did Loubey do? He threw himself down on the bombs, sprawled over them and stopped the revolving of the little propeller ^{S.} ~~vanes~~. In that way,

the Marauder rode home for a safe landing.

Today Loubey said: "Heroic? ^{Huh!} ~~It was nothing~~
~~like that.~~ It was just as safe sitting on the bombs
as it would have been sitting in the tail if the bombs
had gone off."

SOLDIER VOTE

The soldier vote question is about as snarled up as it can possibly be - this following the vote in the House of Representatives today, a vote rejecting the Senate bill for federal soldier ballots. This action by the House was not unexpected, since the Congressmen had passed their own bill for state ballots by a large majority of two hundred and fifty to a hundred and sixty-four.

The whole thing now goes to a joint committee of the Senate and ~~the~~ House, ~~with the Senate members of the committee sticking to their own government soldier ballot ideas, while the House committee members are equally strong with their own state ballot version.~~ ~~The congressmen ^{appointed} ~~minked~~ to the committee today stand three to two in favor for complete state control of the soldier vote.~~

X And it will
~~It would be interesting to see how the~~

WALLACE

At Seattle tonight Vice President Wallace denounced what he called -- "The American Fascists of Wall Street." He said they have the wrong kind of economics, while, on the other hand, it is ~~xx~~ different in Soviet Russia. "Nearly everyone in Russia," ~~feels~~ ^{feels that} said the Vice President, ~~he~~ ^{is} working for the welfare of the whole nation. He has no fear whatever of being exploited for the sole profit of the management or stockholders."

In other words the Vice-President would seem to prefer the Soviets to Wall Street. Well, we've heard both of them denounced as the villains of the world -- Soviets and Wall Street. So, boys and girls, step up and take your pick.

CAVE-IN

Tonight at Pittston, Pennsylvania, a rescue crew recovered the body of ^{the} a two-year-old girl who was swallowed up by the earth yesterday. ^{The girl who} ~~she~~ was walking with her aunt and brother when suddenly the ~~earth ground~~ ^{girl} collapsed beneath her feet -- the cave-in of a mine on which the streets and houses of ^{the} ~~a~~ town were built. ^{Tonight} They found the child's body forty feet below the surface of the earth, after they had removed four hundred tons of earth and stone. The rescuers themselves were ~~xxximprxx~~ imperilled by cave-ins of the subterranean mine as they worked.

Meanwhile, local authorities ^{of Pittston} ~~are~~ investigating the pitiful case of the small girl swallowed by the earth. On previous occasions the collapsing of the subter^{re}anean spaces ^{had} ~~have~~ wrecked homes and business buildings, and at one time ^{the} subsidence of the ~~girl~~ ground caused the abandonment of a half million dollar high school.

Tonight Mayor John J. Reilly of Pittston said he hoped that the State of Pennsylvania would do something about the old abandoned mine tunnels that wind under the main sections of ~~Pittston~~ ^{his town,}

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When you say that somebody leads a dog's life, you mean that it's something awful. And so it is, especially in the case of a dog. A new discovery in science informs us today that a dog's life is just as miserable as a man's life.

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pond or river before taking the ~~Fatal~~ plunge." Poor old Fido!

But what is it that drives him to end it all? Disappointment in the love of his master - says the senior psychotherapist - loss of interest in the household, a feeling of being cast off, jealousy, or remorse.

And Fido is still worse than that. He has alcoholic tendencies. Dogs have a fondness for beer and whiskey, says the senior psychotherapist, and are just as unscrupulous as human alcoholics in procuring booze. Also - they are afraid of darkness, suffer when they are snubbed, they tell lies, are moody and have nightmares.

In other words, it would seem as if man's best friend is his own worst enemy.

And now, Roger, my friend?

FINLAND

Today in Finland, the subject of a separate peace broke right out into the open, with an editorial in a newspaper owned by the leading political party - the Social Democratic majority. "It is high time," states the newspaper, "that we investigate peace terms. We must have courage to discuss peace problems openly." And the editorial goes on with a strong line of argument, that Finland must do something in response to the Allied demands that Finland get out of the war against Soviet Russia. In other words - start moving for peace.

This open statement of the newspaper organ of the majority political party created a sensation in Helsinki today - the people talking right out about withdrawing from the war. ^{TP} ~~And all this was the more~~
~~fervent because of the ~~immense~~ bombings the Finnish~~
~~capital has taken recently, bombings that are causing~~

WAGE FORMULA

Today the American Federation of Labor moved for the abolition of the Little Steel Formula. The A.F. of L. members, who sit on the War Labor Board, handed in a request that the Little Steel way of calculating wage increases be tossed into the discard. They want the W.L.B. to recommend this course of action to President Roosevelt.

The formula permits wage increases of fifteen per cent to cover raises in the cost of living. Not enough, says the A.F. of L., which points to the fact that the Bureau of Labor has given figures showing an increase of more than twenty-three percent in the cost of living since January of Nineteen Forty-One. And the Federation members of the Board today said that even this does not represent the true state of affairs because a recent report shows that the prices have actually ^{increased} ~~declined~~ forty-three and a half per cent.

GIRL

Today at ~~Boston~~ ^{Pittston} Pennsylvania, they gave up hope of finding the two year old girl who was swallowed up by the earth yesterday. She was walking with her aunt and brother, when suddenly the ground collapsed beneath her feet - the caving in of a mine on which the streets and houses are built.

For hours, rescue workers tore and dug, excavating two hundred tons of earth and rock, and they were endangered by more cave-ins, as other subterranean spaces collapsed. Finally today, hope was abandoned for the little girl who perished in that fearful way - swallowed by the earth.

MARSHALLS

Today in the Marshall Islands, it was a case of last, as well as first. The final remaining ~~xxx~~ island of the great atoll was captured, a bit of land called Bigej. ^{in the last} and that, ~~in final~~ military detail, closed the conquest of ~~Kwajalein~~ Kwajalein.

The troops that seized the final island were a reconnaissance outfit of the Seventh Division, and as it happened, this reconnaissance group made the first landing in the Marshalls. The first ashore - and now the last in action.