

## Back of the Headlines

### Australian Forces Tighten Band on Jap Communications

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**AUSTRALIAN FORCES** under Gen. Douglas MacArthur are taking strategic control of South Sea areas, hammering another rivet in the steel band around Japanese communications with the Dutch East Indies and Malaya.

The latest MacArthur operation at Biak, which is the Japanese base of operations, has a three-fold purpose:

1. Strategically, an air and naval line will be established within striking distance of Singapore and French Indo-China, strengthening Allied domination of the South China Sea.
2. The Japanese will have even greater difficulty getting oil, rubber, tin and other raw materials out of the East Indies and Malaya.
3. The Allies, already holding the Marianas and other islands in the Pacific east of northern Borneo, will be closer to new air fields and rubber plantations to the south. The Japanese have begun felling the nearby oil fields, indicating they expect to lose them.

The Australian are taking command of Biak and they have met with great difficulty. They have one of the best air bases in the southwest Pacific. The only worthwhile resistance in the Japanese put up on Labuan Island, but it is being overcome rapidly.

The Japanese may offer stouter opposition inland on Borneo, but they have as good as lost all important naval and air facilities, showing again how vulnerable is their thinly held grip on the Indies. MacArthur, using both American-Australian air and sea forces in support, has achieved another complete tactical success.

Biak is 200 miles from Singapore and 425 from Phnom Penh, the capital of Indo-China. Its capture brings both areas within range of primary Allied bombers. Biak has been subject to attack only by B-29's or carrier planes.

As a result, Malaya, Indo-China and Thailand are open to a two-way success. The victory over the Japanese is the British Empire's forces in Burma, now consisting of the 12th and 14th armies, joined by the Indian Ocean fleet and the southeast Asia air force. The South China Sea, already dominated from the Philippines, will be further closed to Japanese traffic.

MacArthur's principal objective in his newest withdrawal was probably to isolate Biak and to use it as a springboard for another jump along the Borneo coast to establish a base at Samarung, which would cut the distance to Singapore by several hundred miles.

Whether the Australians will proceed with an immediate campaign to mop up all Borneo is problematical. It is the world's third largest island, ranking in size after Greenland and New Guinea.

Additional oil facilities may be obtained in the north, which would be of great help in future Allied Pacific operations. The reopening of a source of natural rubber supply also would be most useful.

The principal rubber area of Borneo, however, is in the south, some 350 miles from the present scene of operations. Another large-scale amphibious operation would be required if a tedious, overland campaign through the jungle is to be avoided. Speed would be essential, because if given enough time, the Japanese might succeed in destroying the upper part of the forest, blocking and future substantial yield for some years.

### Disagree on Occupation

**WIESBADEN, Germany, (AP)—**American occupation forces refused to permit Russian troops to take over the border strip of eastern Austria held territory by the U. S. Third Army, it was revealed today.

The occupation shift around Chiemsee went off without a hitch, but a 12th Army group staff officer disclosed that if the Allies had agreed on just how many American-held territory the Russians were to occupy, this would not have happened.

The Russians made a move to take the area held by the Americans, but which is expected to be allocated to the Red army.

The Americans refused to permit them to send a trainload of trucks to the western border of Czechoslovakia after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters denied the request and ordered the United States forces to continue the occupation of this sector.

### Atencio Cleared in Battery Case

Appearing before Judge Jacob Howard, Jr., in justice court here today on a charge of battery against Frederick Glover of 1066 Oriole Ave., John Atencio was found not guilty as charged.

The charge grew out of a luncheon fight at Atencio's in which Glover maintained he had been killed in the head by Atencio.

Mrs. Virginia Fletcher of Atencio, who was brought into court as a witness for the defense, told a jury that she had been hit in the head by the night of the fight, which she said, was provoked by Glover, and that the latter had been hit on the head but not by Atencio.

### B-24s, Fighters Join In Jap Raid

**GUAM, (AP)—**American planes, including a B-24 Liberator, roared over a week of daily raids on Japan and shipping off her shores yesterday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The Liberators teamed with Privateers of Fleet Afloat in a surprise attack on a Japanese merchant ship off the southwest coast of Honshu and two more off Kusu Island 100 miles south of Tokyo.

Another two cargo ships and a number of fishing craft were damaged by the Liberators and Privateers at Koga Bay fires were started on the island itself.

There was no announcement of where the Liberators were based.

### CHATTER by ANA

ANA's pal and city editor, Edith Turner, has been tipped for the last couple of days and so ANA has to go over the collyons today. However, we will be back tomorrow with the latest dope on the dope.

## LOCAL FIRES SUPRENTENDED BY MASKE

### CHAMBER MEETING HELD AT ASHLAND SCHOOL

In Absence of Quorum to Carry on Business  
Chamber Has Panel Discussion of Problems

In line with the Chamber policy of meeting in the communities of the area, the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening at the Ashland school. In the absence of a sufficient number of directors to make up a quorum, the meeting was devoted to a discussion panel of chamber business.

The members expressed satisfaction with the chamber budget submitted by J. William Oigord, secretary-manager. The budget had previously been approved by the executive committee of the chamber.

A fire-prevention directory, previously filed by the executive committee, was presented to the group and most enthusiastic reception. The brochure prepared by John Sanderson depicts the development and resources of the area in pictorial form. This would be, under the present plans, incorporated with a directory of numbers and services of the chamber.

Plans were discussed for moving the Chamber of Commerce office from the present location in the mayor's office to a more suitable location. The present housing authority building, adjacent to the city hall, seemed the most likely location, and Mayor George Murza was authorized to look into the matter of obtaining the building for use by the chamber.

Mayor Murza reported on his meeting with Supervisor George Jackson on the grading of roads in Russell City. Mayor pointed out that the county authorities had taken the stand that the property within Russell City should be used for agricultural grading or paving of the roads in Russell City. It was also pointed out by the county authorities that the street, at the present time, is a form of drainage for storm waters.

Kenneth Garcia, member from Russell City, said that "if the county would even gravel the roads it would make the streets accessible in the winter time."

"At the present time," Garcia continued, "with the exception of Washington Avenue, the streets are absolutely inaccessible in the rainy weather."

It was suggested that the county planning commission in the proposed June session accept the Russell City property as an industrial rather than residential property.

J. W. Oigord, secretary of the chamber, reported on the progress of the proposed building.

Val Hollingsworth, president of the Chamber, announced that a special meeting of the Chamber would be held Thursday June 19 at the Crown Shutter hotel to consider the action taken here covered at last night's meeting.

### Large Entry For Rabbit Show Sunday

Advance entries in the Pacific Rabbit Breeders Association's all breed show, scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 17, at the Himalayan Fur Farm, indicate that the show will be a big one, with breeders from the entire Bay Area represented, according to show secretary, Mrs. George Mason.

Judging will be according to American Rabbit and Cavy Breeder's Association standards, and judges are J. C. Lowry, Portland, Ore., Herbert Elderberg, Menlo Park, and Robert C. Sargent of Sacramento.

Jerry Timmer of San Rafael is show superintendent.

Special guests at the show will be Frank Gilliam of Sperry Flour, and George Tompkins of the government experimental farms at Fontana, both of whom are expected to speak.

Special committees for the show include Mrs. Olive R. Dyer, publicity, and J. P. James and Eugene in charge of entertainment.

Tables will be arranged at noon for a post-lunch picnic lunch which will be served to all guests present.

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Lead Mayor of London Sir Frank Alexander is pictured as he headed the great Indian record and "Freedom of London" march in Great Britain. In front row, right side of picture, left to right, Ambassadors Winston, Prime Minister Churchill and Mrs. Churchill. The dignitaries of the city are bejeweled as ancient custom dictates.

### End in Sight on Okinawa As 10th Cracks Last Line

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### Russell City Pair Guilty Of Robbery

Fernand Howard and John Anderson, Russell City citizens, who were arrested May 12 in connection with the robbery-slugging of Joseph Layton, Russell City postmaster, entered a plea of guilty to a robbery charge before Judge Jacob Howard, Jr., this morning, and were remanded to the superior court for continued burglary charges against the pair were dismissed.

When Layton was questioned by authorities after the robbery, he said that he and Anderson had been seated in the back room of his pool hall when someone in the form of two building police officers came in and robbed him. A fight started, extinguishing lights all over the building. When he went to investigate he was struck over the head and knocked unconscious. When he regained consciousness his wallet, containing \$40, was gone.

Anderson became suspect number one because he failed to respond to Layton's cries for help when he was attacked. Further questioning by the authorities brought out the fact that Anderson and Howard were accomplices in the robbery.

### Wish For Alternative

**THE NIPPON TIMES,** quoted by Italo Tracy, said there could be "no thought of such a thing as unconditional surrender and ceasing again they certainly wished there was some alternative way of ending the war.

The Japanese gave up Okinawa and today it paid the price. The Japanese gave up the army ignored Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's unprecedented surrender offer.

At 2:30 a.m. yesterday, the 1st Marine Division jumped off. Moving along the shore in the darkness, they pushed the steep cliffs forming the western side of the Yacupa-Dake occupation, the 150 foot high Konishi ridge. Up they went in a series of jumps where necessary, and down found them well inside the Japanese positions.

The surprised Japanese found in a similar situation at the other end of their line on the eastern side of the plateau. There it was the 7th Infantry Division which

### UNNRA Clothes Still Unsorted

**DETROIT, (AP)—**Billions of pounds of clothing collected during the United Nations relief drive in April in the Detroit area is still lying unsorted here in great heaps in temporary government warehouses. It was discovered that the clothes are not sorted.

Forward Sen. Preston Brooks, head of the collection committee, said delay in stripping the garments was due to difficulties in obtaining help for sorting and handling and lack of freight cars. He said quantities had been damaged by moisture.

Sizzled by the plea that the clothing was necessary to save the lives of destitute victims of the European war, Detroiters turned in more than 10,000,000 pounds of clothing, about 4,000,000 of which have been sent to eastern ports for shipment to Europe.

### Constance Bennett Free

**HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—**Actress Constance Bennett today was granted an unconditional divorce from Mexican Actor Gilbert Roland because their marriage interfered with their friendship.

### Months Old Feud Climaxed As Fuller, Jacobsen Team To Abolish Maske Job

As the climax of a storm that has been brewing in the Oro Loma Sanitary board for some months the directors voted last night 3 to 1 to oust E. A. Maske, district superintendent of the sanitary district.

In a resolution introduced by George Fuller, whose feud with Maske has been of long standing, it was voted to abolish the position of district superintendent as of June 15. William H. Jacobsen assumed the motion.

Jerry Hopkins, veteran member of the board, and leader of the so-called majority bloc on the sanitary board, vehemently protested the board action and asked that the motion be laid on the table until, in his put it, "the people vote."

Walter Smith, whose membership on the board was recently confirmed by an opinion from District Attorney Ralph Hunt, and who had been suggested by Hopkins and Hubbard, pointed leaves with Fuller and Jacobsen to cast the deciding vote.

### BIG THREE MAY MEET IN JULY

**LONDON, (AP)—**The Big Three probably will meet in early July under as much secrecy as elapsed similar meetings at Yalta and Potsdam, reliable British sources said today.

A definite date for President Truman's first meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin was understood to be the subject of the subject, slight leakage probably was kept to avoid interruptions.

The first hint to the world that the meeting is about to start probably will be the disappearance of Churchill and Mr. Truman from their respective countries.

Current plans call for a joint communique to be issued simultaneously in London, Washington and Moscow, similar to the pattern followed at Tehran and Yalta.

Newsmen probably will be forbidden to attend the meeting, particularly because of Russian objections.

The Russians think the Yalta and Potsdam conferences were of well enough, so they ask why should the methods be changed, a diplomatic snarl. "Russia as the United States certainly can not face a serious issue with the Russians are that matter."

Informants said a heavy matter is expected to be decided over the minutes. Should the meeting be held in Berlin or elsewhere in former enemy territory, a large area will be shut off from the public in which the delegates will work and be housed.

The meeting probably will last 10 days, though its exact length is uncertain, particularly because Mr. Truman will be a new participant.

### GI Pleads Guilty To Assault Charge

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