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MARINES ADVANCE ON IWO JIMA

FIGHTING ON SLOPES OF VOLCANO

CLEAN UP IN MANILA

The marines of the 5th Amphibious Corps have advanced further in Iwo Jima and have driven right across the southern part of the island. Main Japanese resistance is now centered about the Volcano where a large force is concealed in caves. The rocky nature of these slopes means that even heavy artillery produces disappointing results, and the marines have to clear the caves one by one. In the northern part of the island they have by-passed the second airfield and are driving inland. During the first 48 hours of the fighting the marines suffered 3,350 casualties of which more than 3,000 were wounded.

CORREGIDOR ALMOST CLEARED. The Japanese holding out on the island fortress of Corregidor in Manila Bay have been almost wiped out by the marines landing party. In Manila itself, the Japanese garrison has been confined to an area 700 yards by 500 yards in the old part of the town, and the Americans are now fighting a battle of extermination.

3RD ARMY REACHES SAARBOURG

KONIEFF NEARING BERLIN

FIRES FIGHTING AROUND KONIGSBERG

Gen. Patton's 3rd army has reached the outskirts of Saarburg, a town on the Saar river. Forward units have penetrated the city, and his main forces are consolidating about a town 2½ miles to the south. In the triangle between the Saar and Moselle rivers the Germans are retreating, and it is thought that they will abandon the ground west of the Saar. Gen. Patton's men are only 3 miles from the junction of the Saar and Moselle rivers.

Further north, the British armies are advancing along the Goch - Kalkar road, and heavy fighting is taking place 1½ miles from Kalkar. Yesterday afternoon the tactical airforce bombed the city. Scottish forces had hard work clearing the Germans from the south part of Goch but the few troops left in the town are now surrounded.

FIGHTING IN ODER BEND. Marshal Konieff's forces are within 60 miles of Berlin advancing from the south east. One German report states that there are Russian forces 34 miles from Berlin. Last night a Moscow communique announced that Konieff had captured a town on the Spree, 3 miles from Kottbus.

The Red army is most reticent about Marshal Zhukov's central front, but devotes considerable space to the fighting in East Prussia about Konigsburg. German troops - tanks and infantry are making suicidal efforts to break out of the town, but so far the Russians have resisted all attempts although the have had to give up several positions. The Germans are attempting a break through to a peninsula running along the Gulf of Danzig where there is a chance of evacuation.

WORLD ITEMS

HEAVY NIGHT RAIDS

Another smashing raid has been made on the railway junction of Nürnberg when 14,000 incendiaries and a large number of HE bombs - 3,500 tons in all - were dropped by waves of Fortresses and Liberators. Nürnberg is important as a railway centre for the distribution of troops to the southern sectors of both the eastern and western fronts. Rocket firing Typhoons have attacked V2 and flying bomb sites in Holland while more than 1200 RAF heavy bombers raided railway installations at Dortmund and 2 oil refineries at Dusseldorf.

BURMA. Chinese troops in north western Burma have captured a town 35 miles north west of Lashio. Heavy fighting is proceeding in the Arakan sector.

AMERICAN SUB MINE have sunk a further 25 Japanese ships including an escort carrier, a large converted cruiser and a destroyer.

GERMANY. Rocket firing Thunderbolts have attacked Hitler's mount in retreat at Barchineta. Previously any attempt by Allied forces to penetrate this area resulted in the entire district being smothered by a smoke screen.

MILITARY NEWS

NEWS *from* HOME

HISTORY MADE AT CANBERRA

Duke of Gloucester made Australian history yesterday when he opened Fed. Parliament as the first Royal Governor General of the Commonwealth to perform this function. Austerity rules and habits robbed the ceremony of some colour. After a 45 minute speech, setting out the Government's plans Parliament embarked on vital discussions scheduled for the new session.

SOMEONE TO HAVE PLENTY OF BUTTER. Thieves who broke into the Rationing Commissioners' offices at the weekend stole 800,000 butter coupons representing 400,000 lbs of butter, which represents a half week's butter ration for every man, woman and child in NSW. Police say it is the biggest robbery in coupons since rationing began.

WOMEN LET THEIR HEADS GO. Women's opinions of housing shortages were forcibly expressed by speakers at a housing protest meeting at Melbourne Town Hall last night. Speakers described the shortage as "stark tragedy", "living Hell" and "ghastly nightmare." It was ruining the nerves and health of women and children living in unhygienic "rabbit warrens" they said. The Town Hall was filled with people ten minutes before the meeting started.

EDDIE TELLS 'EM. WHO IS GOING TO TELL EDDIE? No action will be taken against Transport Minister Ward for his personal attack on Curtin during last night's Caucus discussion on soldier preference. Ward, during his address made an outspoken attack on Curtin and his ministerial colleagues, for what he declared to be a betrayal of the Workers Trade Unions and Labour Party principles.

SOME GOOD VIC RAIN. More rain, some of which occurred in the form of heavy thunderstorms fell overnight in most parts of Victoria, except in the Northern Mallee and parts of northern border country. Weather Bureau expects more rain and thunder in most parts of the State during the next 24 hours.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHANGE

The programme in Tuesday's Mulga which was for Wednesday night's play put back a night because of the storm will now be replaced by the quarter finals in the Men's Doubles Championship and the semi finals in the Women's Singles Championship. Following is the draw, courts and captains. In the semi final clash tonight the match will be extended to the best of three 6 game sets, with the last set only, to advantage.

PROV Court. (C) Horsley & Redfern V Martin & Dicker; Mortimer & O'Brien V Bagshaw & Fulton.

AIC Court. (C) Noblet & Crosier V Hodges & Shaw; Fisher & Gamlin V Gosling & Hetzell.

MANTS Court Smith V Jensen; (C) Schaefer V McDonald. Umpire T. Twyford-Jones. Tomorrow night will see the Men's Singles Championship quarter finals and the Women's Doubles Championship quarter finals.

EASY ON THE SUGAR. Victorian Wholesale Distributors Association Chairman, W. J. Allison, has warned retailers in outer suburban areas, who are now receiving sugar direct from refineries to ration supplies carefully. He said so much leeway would have to be overtaken, that deliveries from refineries would be irregular. Wholesale Distributors could not make any sugar available to them because of the urgent need to keep less fortunate retailers going.

TEACHERS TO RETURN TO THE FOLD. Teachers were now in a wide range of other occupations including State Departments, Deputy Director General of Manpower Mr. Cameron said yesterday. A survey is now being made of positions to which they had transferred and employment authorities are being asked if any could be released to return to teaching.

PENSIONS EXPENSIVE. War Pensions in force at Jan. 31 last from 1914-18 war and present war numbered 264,996 with an annual liability of £11,210,518. From last war there were 183,155 pensions with an annual liability of £8,295,117. Those from this war numbered 81,731 with annual liability of £2,915,130.

AERE'S HOPEING. Despite high water pressure, bad ground and gas occurrences, Lakes Entrance (VIC) oil project was making good progress, Supply Minister Senator Ashley said yesterday. The shaft which the Govt. was having sunk was now down 961 ft. It was calculated that it would have to go down to 1200 ft before horizontal drilling for oil could begin.

- AROUND THE AREA -

PICTURES. Camp: "Men of Boys Town" and "Phantom Raiders" Pioneer: "Ladies Must Live" and "Uncertain Glory" Serial: "What the Day Will Be" and "The Green Roadquarters"

RESTAURANTS FOR WARRIORS: 9.30 min. 40.

RESULTS. First 3 mi 61.1s **WOMEN'S** (Women's Singles) **MANTS** Court 17'5 hrs.