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FLEET HITS OKINAWA

M'ARTHUR MEN TAKE SANTE FE KEY TO VALLEY

Opens Up "Vast Expanse" Below The City Of Tuguegarao

American forces on Luzon have captured the Jap defense bastion of Santè Fe in the Cagayan Valley, according to a communique, yesterday, from Gen of the Army MacArthur which states that the victory opens up a "vast expanse of lightly defended territory".

Key to Valley

Sante Fe, which lies south and east of Tuguegarao, was termed the key to the lower valley by the General who said that one division has already swept beyond the bastion in a drive to outflank Tuguegarao, itself.

Meantime, American tactical aircraft continued to pound the retreating Jap columns and hit the Jap defenses. Some planes again hit the northernmost Luzon port of Aparri, objective of the drive and closest port to Formosa.

17th Straight

In the bombing attacks on Formosa, yesterday, more than 300 medium bombers roared over the island on the 17th straight day of the Philippine-based raids on the major Jap-held target. Other Manila-based planes hit Canton and Shanghai for the 13th day running. The attacks in the Canton area ranged far south of the city, itself,

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Movie Schedule

260th Inf: (Div Hq, Sp Trps) "Carolina Blues" with Kaye Keyser and Ann Miller. Central Theater, Linz at 1400 and 1900.

261st Inf: "Beautiful But Broke" with Joan Davis. Film Theater, Enns at 1500 and 1900.

DivArty: "What A Woman."

265th Eng (C) Bn: "Hi Beautiful" with Martha Driscoll.

808th TD Bn and 259th Inf: Show scheduled but title not known.

65th IS STILL FARTHEST EAST

71st Challenges But Gen Reinhart's Trip Convinces

The question is: what infantry division made the farthest eastern penetration, the 65th or the 71st?

The battle began when the 65th Division PRO handed **Stars & Stripes** a front-page story telling how the 259th I & R Platoon had crossed the Enns River to reach Haag, four miles to the east. This claim was hotly disputed by the 71st Division's PRO today, as he cited facts and figures to show that their Recon Troop probed 10 miles closer to Vienna than the 65th.

General Farthest

The struggle between rival PROs, however, is far from

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JAPS REPORT 2 TASK FORCES SHELLING AND BOMBING ISLAND

The final blow to secure Okinawa was launched, yesterday, according to the Jap radio, which reported that two large task forces made up of battleships and carriers have approached the southeastern shores of the island and have started an "intensive shelling and bombing of the Japanese positions".

There was no confirmation from any Allied source but the Monday communique from Lt Gen Buckner's US 10th Army stated that American infantry has driven to the southeast coast of the island and secured a large anchorage from which "naval craft can now operate".

CHINESE FORCE JAPAN RETREAT

Drive South Of Nanning Makes Enemy Quit Corridor

Jap troops in China have begun an orderly retreat from the small corridor between China and French Indo China in the face of new advances, yesterday, by the Chinese 1st Army which drove southwest from Nanning to within 30 miles of the Indo China border.

As a result of the Chinese advance, the Jap troops sta-

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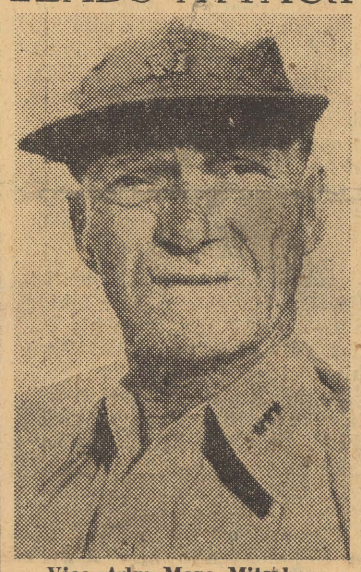
DAVIS IS BACK IN US: REPORTS TO TRUMAN

Joseph Davis, President Truman's special envoy to Great Britain, was back in Washington, yesterday, following his talks with Prime Minister Churchill and Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Minister.

Washington reporters said that Mr. Davis was to see the

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LEADS ATTACK



Vice Adm Marc Mitscher

The Jap broadcast identified Vice Adm Marc Mitscher, famed leader of Task Force 58, as the commander of the reported new attack.

Rapid

In the ground battles, yesterday, the infantry and marines made the most rapid advances they have scored since the first day of the invasion and all the central sector of the island, south of Naha and Shuri, has been overrun. The ground troops are now concentrating their force of arms on the three large Jap pockets which were cut off, last week, when the infantry reached the east coast on the southern end of the island and the marines drove to the shore 20 miles to the north.

To secure the anchorage, the infantry fought its way down a heavily defended peninsula after already taking the shore line. Some Jap ships in the harbor were blasted to ruins by American artillery after they were forced to stand and fight by tatical aircraft which kept up a guard over the anchorage exit.

JAP AIR FORCE NOW AERIAL TORPEDOES

The entire Jap air force is now a force of aerial torpedoes, according to a Jap radio broadcast heard in New York, yesterday, by CBS. The Japs were reported to have said that their whole air force has now been converted to a suicide force in which the aim of every pilot is to "die a glorious death by hitting an American battleship with a airplane loaded with explosives".

The CBS broadcast, reporting the Jap statement, said that American naval and army leaders in the Pacific had already predicted that suicide bombing would be the last resort of the Jap air force and „nobody in the Pacific considers a Jap statement about glorious death a funny subject because the Japs will do just what they say they are going to do".

Like London

Another Jap broadcast, also heard by CBS, told the people of Japan that they could indure a bombing of their country by American planes in the "same manner the people of Britain threw off the threat of German air attacks". Germany also used this propaganda line.

TITO AGAIN MAKES CORINTHIA CLAIM

In an address, last night, in the Yugoslavian province of Slovania, Marshal Tito, Yugoslav chief of state, again repeated his nation's claims to Corinthia, at present a part of Austria.

"We liberated Corinthia", the Marshal said, "but because of

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Det 2 NY 0. StL 5 Wsh 2
Phl 3 Chi 2. Bos 6 Clv 2

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
NY	22	13	.629	Bos	16	19	.457
Det	19	12	.613	Clv	14	17	.452
Chi	17	16	.515	Wsh	15	19	.441
StL	16	16	.500	Phl	14	21	.400

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brk 6 Pit 4, Cin 8 Phl 1
StL 9 Bos 4

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
NY	26	11	.703	Chi	18	16	.529
Brk	21	16	.568	Cin	15	18	.455
Pit	19	16	.543	Bos	13	20	.394
StL	20	17	.541	Phl	10	28	.263

Give Background Of Veto Problem As Nations Meet Again To Solve San Francisco Deadlock

New meetings are being held, today, to try to agree upon a settlement of the veto problem at the San Francisco Conference which is now deadlocked because of Russia's refusal to agree to a compromise proposal by the other members of the Big 5 that would keep the veto powers on military action but would not allow a Big 5 Nation to stop any investigation of alleged abuses or aggressive actions.

Here in brief is a summary of the veto problem as it now stands:

The Big Five seems divided over the veto power question, a dominant source of controversy among the smaller nations and some of the larger ones. Two of the Big Five powers view it askance. This was one of the Yalta agreements on which Stalin insisted.

Under the Dumbarton Oaks plan the security council — the executive core of the proposed peace league — has five permanent big power seats and six other memberships good for two years each and barred from immediate reëlection.

Under the Yalta agreement any one of the Big Five powers — the United States, Britain, Russia, China, France — could veto any vote of the other nations to take economic or military measures against it for any warlike move it might make.

Australia is the spearhead of the attack on this proposal.

China Would Yield Power

The Big Five appear split over the veto. Dr. T. V. Soong, China's foreign minister and head of the Chinese delegation, declared that China is willing to forego the single nation veto if the other big powers will do the same.

Georges Bidault, French foreign minister and head of his delegation, has told the conference that the veto power of the great powers is "certainly not in keeping with the legal ideal" to be established by common accord among peoples. He said, however, that the world today being what it is, the French government will not start anything which might complicate matters between the five great powers of which France is one.

Vandenberg Plan Supported

The smaller nations are bombarding the conference with demands for a larger part in the international organization. They want flexibility.

Some of them are demanding that the charter of the proposed league be reviewed and amended at specific intervals, which is in line with the ideas of Sen. Vandenberg of the United States delegation. France is for this proposal.

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DAMASCUS CALM AS ARAB LEAGUE MEETS

An estimated 1,000 casualties was the figure quoted by BBC, yesterday, as the toll of the French-Syrian outbreak, last week in Damascus. The report added that there is no longer any outward friction between the two nations and that the French soldiers and their families, yesterday, were moved from their garrison in the center of the Syrian capital to a camp 5 miles outside the city.

The French troops were moved under the protection of British armored cars, the BBC reported, and most of the movement of the estimated 3,000 troops was done during the siesta hours so that there would be little friction with the native population. Some French, however, were spotted by the Syrians as they were being moved out of the city through a back road, but the only result was hissing on the part of the civilians who watched the evacuation.

Meantime the Pan-Arabia council began its meetings, yesterday, to discuss the problem and to outline its demands which will be put before the coming conference in London. There was no report of the action taken by the council.

Give Background

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As to the veto question, Mexico proposes that when a member of the council is a party to an international controversy his vote on decisions shall not be counted.

The Netherlands, which has submitted eight amendments, proposes to modify the single big power veto. It says: "The proposed voting procedure in the security council gives the permanent members of that council [the Big Five] special rights which tend to weaken the position of the other members of an organization based on the principle of sovereign equality of all peace loving states."

The Netherlands change submits two plans to support the present proposal by which a decision of the security council can be taken by a majority consisting of the Big Five plus two nonpermanent members.

"No power should be a judge in its own cause," said Foreign Minister Eelco N. Van Kleffens, head of the delegation. "The Dutch want all justification for appeasement excluded. There must be no more Munichs. The standard for the decisions to be made should be equity and regard for international law."

The Chinese have amendments, subscribed to by the United States delegates, calling for a provision that the proposed league must be based on establishment of justice and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. A similar change has been offered by several other countries.

The Australians also have suggested changes on the veto power provision.

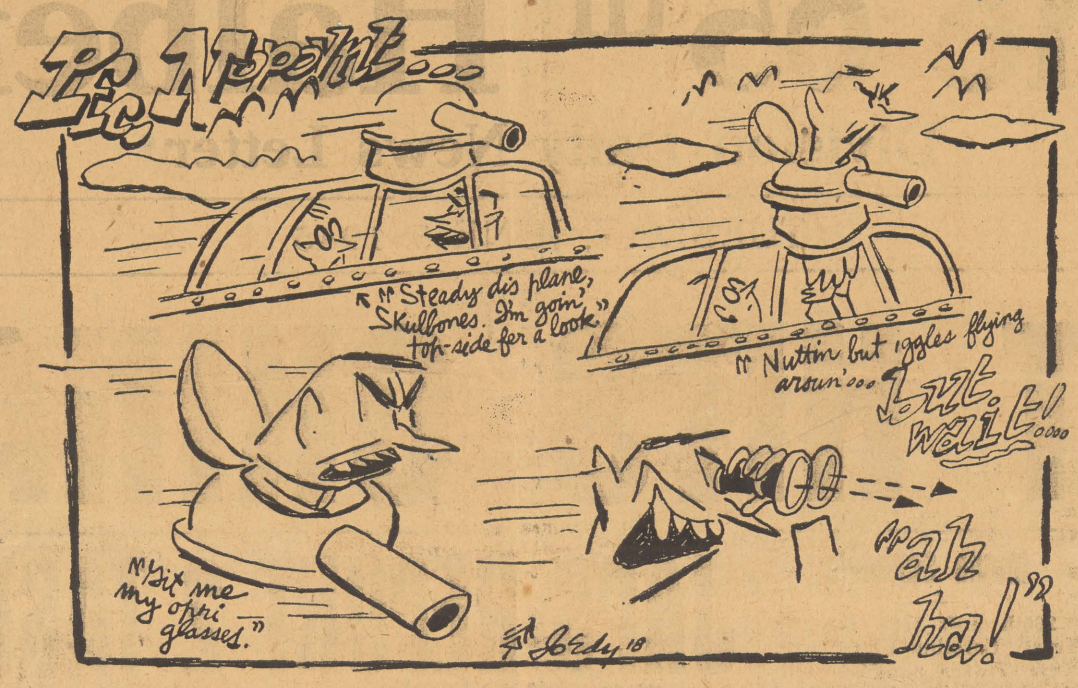
Canada's view, as expressed to the conference by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, was: "Power is not exclusively concentrated in the hands of any four or five states and the conference should not act on the assumption it is."

Fighting Nations Ask Power

One question involving much wrangling is the position of secondary nations, such as Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, and Brazil, which have done great fighting in the war. They do not relish any idea of having no more voice than small nations such as Lebanon and Syria, which have little economic or military power.

Canada's proposals that a nation not on the security council should not be impelled to carry out economic or military sanctions voted by the council without a hearing or without agreeing to carry out the council's order, are incorporated in amendments from some other countries. Canada may support these instead of presenting its own.

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DROP LEAFLETS TO URGE JAPS TO QUIT

Leaflets urging the Japanese people to quit fighting are being showered from Army and Navy planes on the Jap mainland, according to a War Department report, last night.

The leaflets, signed by President Truman, tell the Japanese that with the end of the war in Germany, the full might of the Allies is now poised and ready to deal Japan a death blow. Unconditional surrender is the only way to save utter ruin, the leaflet says, and quotes President Truman's statement that such a surrender will not "mean the obliteration of the Japanese people" but will mean the "end of fire bomb raids".

Eden III

Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Minister, is now taking a two weeks rest from his duties following an order from his doctors.

Prime Minister Churchill will take over the Foreign office duties during Mr. Eden's absence.

BIBLE CLASS

Because of the enthusiastic reception given to the first week of Bible Study at the Linz Protestant Church, the religious meetings will be extended for another week.

Under the direction of Chaplain Charles C. Prince, the group will continue to meet daily at 1900, until the new closing date, Sunday, June 17.

MacArthur Men

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where American pilots bombed Jap units retreating to the north from the Indo China corridor made untenable by the recent Chinese drive southwest from Nanning.

Mindanao

On Mindanao, continued success was reported by Gen Mac Arthur in the latest drive to wipe out the Jap pocket above Davao. The infantry units, which landed Saturday on the northern shores of Davao Bay, now control all the upper shore line, the General stated, and a "firm junction has been made with other US troops who drove north from liberated Davao city".

Delay War

In an address, last night, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said that the recent heavy Jap attacks on the Navy in the Okinawa waters "may force a revision of American battle plans and postpone the end of the war by as much as a year."

There was no comment from any military source.

65th Is Still

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complete. 65th's publicity man, Capt. Pullen, claims that the Halbert Division "hadn't half tried". "Actually", he said, on May 8, General Reinhart, and ten other offices, moved right into Erlauf, 45 miles across the Enns, or 31 miles farther than the 71st.

The story began when the 259th's bustling PRO Non-Com, Cpl. Len Savage, heard of the patrol, and shot the yarn up to Division Headquarters. Unfortunately, the particular issue of **Stars & Stripes** which carried this 65th Division feat never arrived at the Division. (After diligent combing it was discovered that the 80th Division had gotten away with the 65th's quota of May 19th **Stars & Stripes.**) However, here is a reprint of the article in full, minus only a small map which accompanied it.

"The fartherst eastern penetration of any infantry unit on the Western Front was made by the I & R Platoon of this Divisions 259th Regt., it was announced today.

"Led by Capt. Robert J. Stirnkorb, of Cincinnati, and Lt. Edward L. Crum, of Harrodsburg, Ind., 25 men crossed the Enns river at Kronsdorf on May 7 and continued eastward to Unterwinden. From there, a patrol of five men went still farther forward to Haag to try to contact advanced Red elements, but the Soviet troops were not yet that far west.

"Unterwinden is 135 airline miles southeast of Prague and 56 miles east of a line extended due south from Berlin."

The 71st's challenge arrived today, telling of the exploits of their Recon Troop.

"The loud noises that are echoing through the Alps in southern Austria tonight are being made by members of the 71st Infantry Division who have just finished reading an article... headed, 65TH DIVISION ELEMENTS WENT FARTHEST EAST," the 71st article stated.

The article went on to take credit for one 71st unit reaching Amstetten, 15 miles beyond Haag, which the 71st PRO claimed was the deepest any US unit has gone.

STAGE BATTLE FOR 259 BIGGEST STAGE

The 259th's 2d Battalion didn't know what it started when it built the first outdoor stage in the regiment some three weeks ago. Anyway, it wasn't long before the 3d Battalion decided to build a slightly larger stage, setting it at the bottom of a broad, steep hill for a perfect amphitheatre effect.

Not in the least phased by the dazzling success of its brother battalions in their construction efforts, the 1st Battalion soon came through with a gen-u-wine raised stage, complete with wings, and a battery of floodlights and footlights.

Though the wheel had come full circle, the "battle" didn't stop there. The 2nd Bn shortly thereafter turned up with an enlarged stage, 45 ft. by 60 ft., a dressing room, a stage entrance, and a large, fixed screen for film showings.

Where all this will stop nobody knows, for a recent visit to the 259th 3d Bn found them busily constructing a new stage, with heaven-knows-what built-in features. Look to your laurels, Radio City!

Chinese Force

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tioned northwest of Luichow have found that their position can no longer be held and they are moving northeast toward Canton in a retreat line parallel to the drive of the advancing Chinese but 75 miles to the south.

Wedge

Other Chinese forces west of the 1st Army's drive, are also pushing toward the Indo China border in a drive below Singyi-fu. If this second Chinese drive is successful, it will drive a wedge between the Jap forces retreating from Burma into Siam and the Jap troops along the Gulf of Tonkin, on the east shore.

Tito Again

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political reasons we have been temporarily forced to evacuate the territory". Tito went on to say "Corinthia is ours and we shall have it".

Trieste

A BBC report, yesterday, said that the situation in Trieste remains the same as Yugoslav troops continue to patrol the city while talks continue between British, American and Yugoslav leaders. There has been no trouble of any type between the soldiers of Britain and Yugoslavia, both in the city, the BBC added.

LEAGUE OPENS WHEN COL THROWS STRIKE

The 3rd Bn of the 259th Inf opened its softball league, Sunday, when Lt Col Francis M Bain, Bn CO, tossed out the first ball and liked the idea so well he continued to throw three straight strikes.

The first games of the new season went to 3rd Bn Hq Co which topped Co I 3 to 1, Co L which defeated Co K 11 to 7 and Co M which scored a 7 to 4 win over Cannon Co.

In other 259th games, the regiment's Hq Co. lost a 2 to 1 battle to the 1st Bn Hq Co. Cpl. Len Savage who comments on this and that from his post in the 259th I&E office, states that the regimental team lost because the players kept their "eyes on the fence instead of place hitting". Savage never said who was on the fence. The 259th Medics were a 7 to 1 victor over the Form 20's (Personnel).

Medics

The 365th Medical Bn broke even in its softball games on Sunday as Co D topped the 65th Recon Troop 6 to 0 and the Co A nine dropped a 9 to 0 battle to the 748th Tank Bn.

Longest Game

The Division's longest softball game thus far ended in a 4-4 tie, as exhuasted Signal and QM players quit for supper after a sixteen inning game.

A considerable portion of the Linz population spending Sunday afternoon at the City Park were introduced to American softball, as the Supply Men tied a two run, lead, made by the Signalmen in the 2nd inning, with two runs in the 3rd and final innings of a nine-inning game. Both teams brought in two runs in the 12th, to end the afternoon's scoring.

Pfc. Sam Nader, for Signal Co., and "Softball" Setters, for QM, pitched the entire game. The only substitution was a QM exchange of outfielders. This latter position was especially puzzling to the Austrians, who kept asking "what are those men doing standing way out there".

Davis Back

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President, yesterday afternoon, to make a report on his London discussions, but no announcement of any meeting with the President was made.

Harry Hopkins, the President's other special envoy, is expected to be back in the United States tomorrow or Thursday following his talks in Moscow with Marshal Stalin and Foreign Minister Molotov.

Special Service Shows

The Brantner vaudeville troupe will entertain the men of the 261st this afternoon and evening in the only Special Service traveling show scheduled for today. The Brantner group has revised its program, this week, and presents an entirely new show.

Clubmobile

Red Cross clubmobile "San Antone" will visit the 265th Eng (C) Bn this afternoon and evening while the "Topeka" will take its doughnuts to the 748th Tank Bn.

Beg Pardon

Of course Gen of the Army Eisenhower's statement proclaiming tomorrow, June 6th, a holiday in the ETO, was referring to the anniversary of the landings in Normandy. The HALBERT can find no excuse for calling it an anniversary of the first month since V-E Day.