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## MAC ARTHUR PROCLAIMS LIBERATION OF LUZON AS TWO YANK FORCES JOIN IN NORTH

Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur has proclaimed that the entire island of Luzon is now liberated. The Americans landed on Luzon on January 9 and scattered Jap remnants must still be hunted down but organized resistance has been crushed in the northern part of the island. U.S. troops driving north and south through the Cagayan valley have joined after a 28-day campaign and thus secured the entire length of the valley. The Japs that were trapped in the valley fled into the hills on both sides as the Yanks joined.

General MacArthur declared, "Except for isolated operations this ends the major phase of the northern Luzon campaign and the once powerful Jap force in the 200-mile long valley is now driven into the mountains and cut off from all supplies." The northern Luzon campaign was one of the most savage and bitterly fought in American history. No terrain has ever presented greater logistical difficulty and none has ever provided an adversary with more naturally impregnable strongholds."

Luzon island is more than 40,000 square miles in area and MacArthur placed the Jap dead at well over 113,000 with thousands more uncounted and several thousand prisoners. U.S. losses are nearly 3,800 dead, 34 missing and more than 11,000 wounded. Jap losses throughout the Philippines exceed 400,000 and the only other enemy force of consequence in the Philippines is on Mindanao and scattered and disorganized.

## STETTINIUS RESIGNS STATE POST TO BECOME U.S. UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

President Truman announced Wednesday in his home town of Independence, Mo., that he had picked Edward R. Stettinius as the United States representative to the United Nations and disclosed that he had accepted the resignation of Stettinius as secretary of state. The President said he would announce a new secretary Monday or Tuesday and laughed off attempts of reporters to have him verify reports that he had James F. Byrnes in mind for the post. Byrnes is a former South Carolina senator, former supreme court justice, former war mobilizer and once was "assistant president" to the late President Roosevelt.

The President praised Stettinius' work at the security conference which closed in San Francisco Tuesday and in a letter told Stettinius he wanted him to take the leadership in building a "solid structure of peace" from the new world charter signed in San Francisco Tuesday. The Chief Executive referred to Stettinius' appointment as the highest post in the gift of government.

The President will present the charter to the Senate Monday and ask immediate ratification. Stettinius, Sen. Tom Connally (D-Texas) and other members of the U.S. delegation returned to Washington Thursday and Senator Connally predicted ratification of the charter after two to four weeks of debate.

## MITSCHER NARROWLY ESCAPES SUICIDE BOMBER, 363 OTHERS KILLED

The Navy revealed Thursday that the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Bunker Hill is under repair at the Puget Sound Navy yard and is the most extensively damaged ship ever to enter there. The Navy told how the Bunker Hill was saved after being hit by two Jap suicide planes off Okinawa. The Bunker Hill, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's flagship of Task Force 58, had been on the offensive for 58 days and nights before being forced to return for repairs by the Jap attack.

Admiral Mitscher narrowly escaped death on May 11 when the Jap suicide bomber hit the carrier with a 500-pound bomb which exploded just 20 feet from the superstructure housing the flag bridge. The explosion killed three and wounded 11 officers of Mitscher's staff. Three hundred sixty enlisted men were killed and 260 wounded on the Bunker Hill during the suicidal attacks.

## NAVAL AND AIR FORCES WRECK 20 MORE JAP SHIPS

U.S. naval and air forces have sunk or damaged 20 Jap vessels in sweeps reaching from Indonesia to waters north of Japan. Five of the enemy ships were caught in the first officially announced U.S. naval strike west of the Mariles. Three enemy ships were definitely sunk and one probably sunk and another damaged. Allied planes accounted for 15 enemy craft sunk or damaged. Four Japanese ships were caught off Japan in Honshu waters. Nine more were sunk or damaged in the Sakashima area, another off Formosa and yet another west of Java. Allied flyers also severely damaged Japanese communications, installations and supplies in new attacks ranging from Java and bypassed areas to the south and Formosa and the coast of Asia.

## TRUMAN HOPES FOR FINAL PEACE FORMULA AT BIG THREE MEETING

President Truman Thursday disclosed definitely that a Big Three meeting will be held next month and said Edward R. Stettinius, newly-appointed U.S. delegate to the United Nations, would pass it up and represent the President during the Senate hearings on the United Nations charter. At a rally Wednesday night the President told cheering throngs that he hopes the Big Three meeting will find a formula for a final peace treaty that "will insure the peace for generations to come." The President said he saw two jobs ahead of him—to win the war and find a peace that will work. Said Truman, "That is all I shall devote my time to from now on." The President will fly back to Washington Sunday.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD Baseball: NB: Giants (Lange 7-3) 10, Pirates (Gorheaver 2-4) 4 - 17 hits for winners; Giants (Brewer 2-1) 3, Pirates (Roe 5-5) 2 - Ottmen take contest with Frank Merriwell finish by scoring all three markers in last of 9th to move into 3d place; Dodgers (Rudolph 1-0) 6, Cubs (Frickson 2-2) 5 - Increase lead to 4 full games; Cards 6, Phils 0 - Elix Donnelly allows but one hit; Phils (Karl 5-4) 8, Cards (Wilks 4-5) 3 - Vince DiMaggio homered with bases loaded; Reds (Kennedy 1-5) 5, Braves (Hutchinson 1-3) 4 - Vern Kennedy wins 100th game of career and first since joining Reds; Reds (Fox 2-2) 4, Braves (Logan 2-3) 2...AL: Senators (Leonard 7-3) 9, Tigers (Trout 7-8) 1 - Dutch chalks up a four-hitter as Detroit loses lead and falls into tie with Yanks; Yanks (Bevens 7-2) 7, Browns (Kramer 8-6) 2 - New York and Tigers now tied with 35 wins and 23 losses each; Indians (Smith) 8, Athletics (Christopher) 2 - Bidding for his 12th win Christopher gets his 3d setback; Red Sox (Hausmann 5-2) 11, White Sox (Caldwell) 9...Minors: MA: Lowell 12, Milwaukee 6; Indpls 11, K City 0...IL: Toronto 8-6, J City 2-1; Montreal 12-5, Balt 2-8; Syracuse 5, Buffalo 3; Roch 4, Newark 3...SA: Mobile 2, Memphis 1; Atlanta 5, Nashville 2; Birm 8, Chatt 3; N Orleans 9, L Rock 3...PCL: Portland 5, Sac 1; Oakland 8, Hollywood 6; Frisco 5, LA 4...EL: Albany 7-4, Bing 1-0; Wmsport 7-3, Elmira 4-4; Scranton 8, W Barre 4...Harry Danning, former Giant catcher, has received a medical discharge from the Army. He told reporters that he would rest for several weeks before deciding whether he would rejoin his old team. Pitcher Hank Wyse of the Cubs and Brooklyn's Howard Schultz were rejected for military service Thursday. Hit in the head by a pitched ball last Sunday, Outfielder Johnny Hopp of the Cards is expected to leave a Chicago hospital in a few days.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD Australian troops northeast of Brunei bay have closed in on Beaufort, 20 miles from the bay while patrols more than 100 miles down the coast have pushed beyond the Seria and Miri oilfields...Radio Tokio has reported an American invasion of Kure island 50 miles west of Okinawa, saying heavy fighting rages there but there is no confirmation of this Japanese report...Chinese troops supported by the U.S. 11th Air force fought into the suburbs of Liuchow and reports say 1,500 Japs have been killed in a ten-day battle...Premier Stalin has been named generalissimo of the Soviet Union in recognition of his outstanding leadership of the country during the war...British, American and Canadian troops are assembling for their formal march to Berlin to occupy their assigned zone in the German capital...Gen. Joseph Stilwell has arrived on Okinawa and has assumed command of the U.S. Tenth Army...The famous British Second Army is being disbanded. The outfit which distinguished itself from Normandy to the Baltic has been dissolved and is being returned to England...Sen. James C. Scrugham (D-Nev.) died recently. He was elected to the Senate in 1942 and had served ten years in the House...Two important naval bases in Africa and England will be reestablished in the Pacific as complete operating units.

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