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EDITORIAL

IN THE PHILIPPINES . . .

Now that the Americans have landed on the Philippines, a real matching of land power in the southwestern Pacific war theatre will ensue. The Japanese, of course, prefer to fight on land and some observers believe it will take a long time to clear the enemy from the Philippines land-mass.

But General MacArthur has a special urge to return to the Philippines and the United States has an obligation to free the island as soon as possible. Landings there should find — except around Davao — a friendly population, an aid not to be expected in Formosa. American forces operating in the far Pacific are at the end of a tremendous supply line. The leap, even from new bases in the Marianas, all the way to China, is much longer than it may look on the map. It is across the main Japanese supply line and through an area still saturated with enemy forces.

It would appear that it is not an easy job that the Americans have in store in the Philippines but, no doubt, MacArthur had the preliminary situation well in hand before he commenced the current invasion. And so far the Americans have been making very satisfactory progress indeed.

A GREAT TRAVELLER . . .

A few weeks ago Mr. Churchill was in Rome conferring with the leaders of the Mediterranean lands and the Mediterranean forces. Soon after he was in Quebec conferring with Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. King. Then he returned to London and stayed there long enough to give Parliament and the world a masterly review of the military and diplomatic position of the war. Next he was in Moscow conferring with Mr. Stalin and other Soviet leaders on matters of prime importance.

It is one of the marvels of the day that a man of Mr. Churchill's years, who has for five years faced the constant strain that has been his lot, who has in that time twice been ill from pneumonia, has been able to maintain his vigor as he has and been able to undertake so much travel on behalf of the war effort of the Allies. He has been the liaison officer par excellence of the United Nations. He has been perhaps the most significant world traveller since Columbus reached Watling Island and since Magellan's men circled the globe.

His Russian trip was one of the most important of his career. For a real understanding between Russia and the western Allies on such matters as world security, the post-war treatment of Germany and the future of the smaller nations is vital if "security" is to be more than a by-word.

VICTORY LOAN SUNDAY PARADE

Local Campaign is Inaugurated With Procession on Fine Sunday Afternoon

A military parade and march past took place on Third ave. yesterday afternoon as a feature of the opening of the Seventh Victory Loan campaign in Prince Rupert. It was a fine afternoon and large crowds turned out to see the procession and hear the bands.

Featured in the procession were two interesting floats. One was of attractive international character featuring women of the services—both Canadian and American—and with little Dorleen Olsen as dainty Miss Prince Rupert. There were Wren officer and rating, United States Army woman officer and rating, Women's Division officer and C.W.A.C. non-commissioned officer and private and R.C.A.F. airwoman. The decorations were in tastefully decorated patriotic colors. The other float depicted a cleverly built railway locomotive made of black tar paper superimposed over a truck, having even the chugging effects. The United States Army Transportation Corps was responsible for this.

The United States Army, Canadian Navy and local Sea Cadets participated in the parade and there were three bands—United States Army, Canadian regimental and Sea Cadets, H.M.C.S. Chatham band was placed opposite the saluting base at the Post Office to play for the March Past.

The salute was taken by Commander M. Wood, naval officer in charge at Prince Rupert. Also present on the saluting stand were Col. Colin Ferrie, commanding officer of Prince Rupert Defences, and Wing Commander W. T. F. Tourgis, Royal Canadian Air Force, with Ald. N. E. Arnold representing the city.

Several gun vehicles were also in the parade including an army fire truck. Capt. J. N. Budd was parade marshal and American and Canadian provosts assisted in patrolling.

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ALLIED ARMIES

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First Army from a flanking attack while it finishes the job of clearing out Germans on the Schelde's southern lip and on the Island of Walcheren.

The advance carried one column along the road from Wuestwezel and Achterbroek to within three miles of Esschen.

Two thousand prisoners already had been taken by U.S. First Army men who captured the mediaeval city of Aachen 40 miles west of Cologne.

British infantry and Canadian tanks entered the road-junction of Wuestwezel, 13 miles north and slightly east of Antwerp on the Antwerp -Breda highway, and Sen patrols probing out a mile or two northwest of the town.

Two other columns, in twin-drives along the roads to Roosendaal, seized Salmpthout and neared the Roosendaal Canal.

This offensive was the second phase of the battle to win use of Antwerp port as a supply base. The first phase has drawn to an end west of Antwerp, with Canadians taking Breskens, south of the Schelde estuary.

Breach Dam

German communications farther south were crippled when fighter-bombers, operating with the U.S. Third Army, bombed and breached the Dieuze dam, 25 miles northeast of Nancy, flooding the town of Dieuze and the surrounding countryside with a spreading shallow lake, which covered the railroads and highways with two feet of water prefacing a new advance.

The German high command claimed that the attack by the Canadian forces "on a broad front" northeast of Antwerp was "brought to a standstill." It acknowledged slight initial successes.

It admitted that Allied attacks in the Breskens area in the Schelde pocket and east of Helmond in Holland had succeeded.

The Canadian forces were about seven miles southeast of the Netherlands' town of Bergen Op Zoom and its excellent harbor midway between Antwerp and Rotterdam.

The area south of the Roosendaal canal is heavily mined. The Germans are using mines which leap into the air on contact spraying lead pellets at waist height.

This is the first time the Canadians have met them extensively in this theatre.

Old French and Belgian shells are being used as mines and booby traps in the villages and woods.

The R.A.F. tactical air force planes supporting the Canadian Army flew 476 sorties in poor weather Friday and 162 of these were strikes against German rail communications.

It is probable the Germans will make their big stand southwest Holland along the line running from Bergen op Zoom to Rosendaal and Tilburg.

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