

CHEW, CHEW BABY!—As her friends look on with amused interest a little Burmese girl is initiated into the mysteries of American chewing gum by Pvt. Wayne A. Martin of Los Angeles, one of Merrill's Marauders. Marauders, first U. S. infantry unit to fight in Burma, paused for rest in village during one of their Jap-harrying missions.

JUDGE GRANTS U.S. REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL OF WARD CASE

CHICAGO. —(U.P.)— Federal Judge William H. Holly ended the court phase of the Montgomery Ward seizure today by granting the government's request for dismissal of the case without prejudice.

Counsel for the company had asked that the injunction proceedings be dismissed with prejudice, a ruling which would have prevented the government from reopening the same injunction case.

The agreement to dismiss the proceedings was made by opposing counsel Wednesday after Judge Holly announced that return of the Chicago properties of Montgomery Ward to the company had made it unnecessary for him to rule upon the injunction. The government, after seizure of the plant April 26, had asked Holly to enjoin company officials from interfering with government operation.

NO COMMENT

Judge Holly, in dismissing the case without prejudice, said that after reading the records of similar cases which had gone before the supreme court he could not "see what other thing I could do."

He made no other comment on the close of the case which had started out as a showdown on the legality of the president's wartime powers of seizure.

Counsel for the company said they would abide by the decision and would not attempt to reopen the proceedings.

UNION FILES SUIT

Another court development in the Ward controversy was scheduled today before Superior Judge John J. Lupe when arguments will be heard on the damage suit against Ward's allegedly suffered by the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes union (CIO) through an injunction obtained by the company limiting the number of pickets around the plant during the 13 day strike.

The union asked $21,067 for damages and attorney's fees.

An anticipated clash between the company and the union over a new contract was held off pending resumption of negotiations. Sewell Avery, chairman of Ward's board of directors who was ousted from his office by two soldiers when the government seized the plant, has promised to resume negotiations at the union's convenience.

DOUBLE RAID RIPS TRUK

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific. —(U.P.)— American planes from the central and south Pacific joined in a three day sweep of the Caroline islands, centering the attacks with a double raid on the Japanese base at Truk, it was disclosed today.

The new blows on the strategic islands came as Australian ground forces advanced along the New Guinea coast to near Cape Croisilles, 16 miles north of Alexishafen and U.S. cavalrymen mopped up scattered Japanese remnants in the Admiralty islands.

A spokesman at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said 3,202 Japanese were killed in the Admiralties through May 9, and only 169 taken prisoner since the American landing on Feb. 29. He estimated that only a "few hundred" Japanese remained on the islands, with most of them ill and in bad physical condition.

Long-range Liberator bombers from the Seventh and 13th air forces carried out the raids on Truk, hitting the once mighty enemy base Monday night and in daylight Wednesday to complete the 42nd land-based attack on the atoll.

Central Pacific bombers dropped 40 tons of explosives among Truk's installations Monday night and scored a possible hit on an enemy cargo vessel near Moen island, as they ran through light anti-aircraft fire. Four enemy planes were sighted in the air but there was no interception.

Equal Opportunities For All Soldiers

WASHINGTON. —(U.P.)— Every American soldier overseas has assurances of equal opportunities of service and recreation, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today.

He made the statement in response to a press conference inquiry about "what measures is the war department taking to counteract the transplanting of racial prejudice to Britain by some American soldiers?"

"I am informed," Stimson replied, "that Gen. Eisenhower has issued the following instructions to his subordinate commanders:

"'Equal opportunities of service and recreation are the right of every American soldier, regardless of branch, race, color or creed.'"

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Victory Market to Open At City Plaza May 20

The city plaza will take on the appearance of an open-air market soon, with vegetable and fruit stands set up along the parkway and with produce-laden trucks parked at the curbside.

This will happen on Saturday, May 20, when the Victory market will be opened on the west side of the plaza, Chestnut street. Saturday's opening begins the second year of operation of the open-air market.

E. H. Tetzlaff, chairman, has asked producers to have their goods at the market early as sales will start at 8 a.m. It is expected that supplies of new potatoes, spinach, cabbage, radishes, lettuce, onions, poultry, eggs, rabbits, citrus fruits and avocados will be among the items for sale.

Tetzlaff said he hoped all persons who brought produce to the successfully operated market last year would again be on hand this year. He also extended an invitation to new victory gardeners and produce raisers to bring their goods to market.

Farm Bureau Members to Meet in Santa Barbara

Members of the Ventura County Farm bureau will meet with Santa Barbara and Los Angeles members at a regional meeting at Hotel Libero, Santa Barbara, May 20, it was announced today.

President Ray B. Wiser will speak at the 1:30 p.m. general session. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Members planning to attend are asked to notify the local farm bureau office, 52 N. California street, telephone 5441, by next Wednesday for luncheon reservations.

Accident Referee To Hear Four Cases

Four cases against Pacific Naval Air Bases will be heard by the referees of the industrial accident commission at 9 a.m. Friday, May 19, at the Ventura county courthouse.

The commission reports that cases against PNAB by Mott, Littlefield, McCown and Gunn will be heard. Attorney Walter J. Sourt is representing McCown.

LOSES SHIPS, NOT MEN

GLOUCESTER, Mass. —(U.P.)— Sixty-year-old Capt. Frank Rose is both the luckiest and the most unlucky skipper at this fishing port. In the past 13 years Rose has lost four ships—but not a single man went down.

1,000 Japs

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon.—(U.P.)—American and British warplanes dropped 200 tons of high explosive and fragmentation bombs on a force of 1,000 Japanese huddled in a jungle village south of Imphal in a two day bombardment that virtually obliterated the enemy strong point, Allied headquarters disclosed today.

The largest force of American and British bombers ever thrown against a single target in the Indo-Burma campaign carried out the assault in support of British ground operations against the Japanese supply roads leading northward from the Burma frontier to Imphal.

Headquarters spokesmen identified the target as Ningthoukhong, a 1,200 square yard cluster of huts overlooking the Imphal-Kohima riding highway in which the Japanese had concentrated hard buried tanks, pillboxes and bunkers manned by 1,000 troops.

The smashing aerial blow coincided with the launching of a heavy British ground assault against Japanese positions on the southern outskirts of Kohima that crushed a number of strong enemy defenses in its initial stages.

The attacks marked the first heavy fighting south of Kohima since the Allies opened a general offensive to clear the Japanese from the area before the monsoon begins.

Pope to Broadcast May 28, Say Nazis

LONDON. —(U.P.)— The German Transocean News agency said in a broadcast from Berlin today that Catholic circles at the Vatican City announced Pope Pius would make a world-wide radio address on Whitsunday, May 28.

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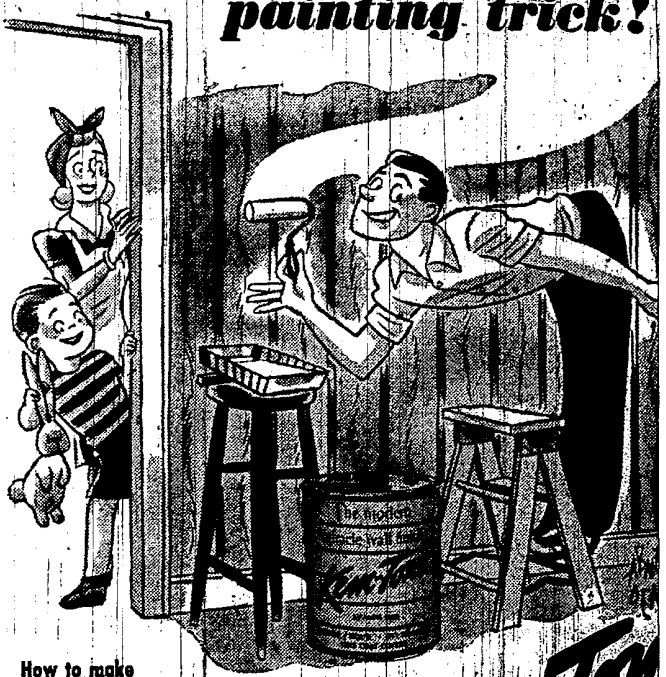

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