

Japanese Return To Iwo Jima To Salvage Scrap From War

By WILLIAM J. WAUGH
TWO JIMA (AP)—The Japanese are back on Iwo Jima, the sulphur-pocked island which in World War II cost the U. S. Marines 20,000 casualties to win.

Two hundred and fifty Japanese workmen are salvaging junk left over from the fighting nine years ago to ship back to Japanese factories.

They are working under an agreement between the U. S. military and a Japanese firm. American salvage firms turned down the project as uneconomical because of the distances involved and present U. S. scrap prices.

Atop Mt. Surabachi, the American flag flies where it was planted Feb. 23, 1945—one of the few spots where the Stars and Stripes are never lowered.

"We use about one flag a week," said Maj. Harry M. Edwards of Gleason, Tenn., executive officer at an Air Force base used by transpacific planes.

Nearby are four shrines for the 23,000 Japanese defenders killed. Japan was permitted to send religious groups to build them.

Looking down on the black sands of the invasion beach from atop Surabachi, it is hard to believe that any force could storm up that open stretch in the face of 135 dug-in positions commanding every inch of the approach.

Japanese workmen have removed almost every sign of the heavy casualties. Still being removed, however, is a landing ship which had been washed high up on the beach, then covered by the sand.

Workmen are digging it out and cutting it up with torches.

There still is plenty of evidence of the beating Japan took. The gun ports and block houses along the cliffs bear multiple marks of machine gun, rifle and grenade attack.

The stench of volcanic sulphur still dominates the air but the scenery has changed. New foliage has appeared. Some spots have a jungle appearance.

One of the island's three air strips, with a 10,000-foot runway, remains in use. The Air Force keeps a 350-man force there.

High grass today covers the area where the 5th Marines cut across the southwest end and isolated Surabachi.

The Amphitheater and Death Valley, the two points where the fighting stalled for a time, today are parts of the big landing strip.

A U. S. Coast Guard long-range navigation station stands on the northeast corner, where the Japanese made their final stand and where their commander was slain.

On a sandstone cliff in this sector is a cut-out replica of the flag-raising ceremony on Surabachi. Rich, 31st NCB (Navy Construction Battalion) July 27, 1945.

The Japanese junkyard is on the beach opposite the invasion beach. A Japanese workman is cutting up the remnants of a Japanese Zero plane. The metal is taken to a small plant and compressed into bales.

One huge stack of compressed metal was made from beer cans discarded by the Americans.

Also in the junkyard are tanks, rolls of barbed wire, rusting vehicles, plane parts and amphibious craft.

Once baled, the metal is moved to the SS Eastern Pilot, a rusting hulk rammed into the beach and forming one section of a breakwater. There it is lowered into boats and taken to small Japanese steamers offshore.

Donna Zimmerman of Ashtabula, Ohio, was the only woman to bowl a 300 game in league competition in the 1952-53 season.

Heavy Smoker Needs 2 Chest X-rays A Year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Cancer Society's statistical research director says that a heavy smoker "is very foolish if he does not have a chest X-ray taken twice a year"—although there is no proof smoking causes cancer.

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, the director, gave the advice in a copyrighted interview with the magazine U. S. News & World Report.

And the magazine described him as smoking during the interview.

Dr. Hammond said a heavy smoker should take the recommended precaution "so long as there is even a strong suspicion that smoking causes lung cancer."

But he also said everyone, especially those over 45, should have an X-ray at least once a year, and he added:

"If you are a timid soul, then you should also give up smoking at least until the facts are known."

Dr. Hammond indicated the kind of facts he is after by saying, "If we should find that the death rate from lung cancer is much higher among heavy smokers and the death rate from other forms of cancer is not one bit higher among heavy smokers, then I'd say the evidence would be extremely strong that there is a cause-and-effect relation."

He said his "personal guess right now" is that there is such a relationship between smoking and lung cancer, but he does not know whether the smoking effect is "trivial" or so important that cigarette manufacture should be stopped "until we find what's in them that is bad and remove it."

He said there were some indications cigarette smokers were more susceptible to lung cancer, while cigar and pipe smokers were more likely to develop lip, tongue or mouth cancer.

As for his own smoking, he said, "I am not going to let it (the problem he is investigating) have any effect on my personal habits until all the facts are known."

Dr. Hammond is in charge of a research project under which 22,000 volunteers have been interviewed, 204,000 men 50 to 69 years old about their smoking habits. Each year, the causes of any deaths among the group are medically investigated.

Award To Fibber

DENVER (AP)—A radio station here celebrated Washington's Birthday by awarding a prize to William E. Murphy, the biggest fib submitted by hopeful liars.

Murphy's story concerned Paul Bunyan's little brother Calvin, who built the world's biggest railroad—the IJA&SI. Spelled out, that's

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Editor, The Citizen
There occurred Tuesday night in this colorful City of Key West sublime beauty that brought inspiration and fulfillment to all who were there. The Knights of Pythias installed for the first time in this city, The Princes of Syracuse, young men 14 to 18 in their own ne Hall. To see the glow in the eyes of these young men was most inspiring. This first installation elected the following:

C. Sam B. Curry II, Prince Regent; Joseph Jones, Vice Regent; Joseph W. Curry, Monitor; Raymond Garcia, Warden; Waldo Veliz, Minister of Records; George Stewart, Minister of Finance; Laurence Bailey, Acting Captain General; Wayne Carey, Guard Captain; Wayne Williams, Guard Lieutenant; Merle DeLand, Pianist; and Martin Curry, Captain General (Elected Captain General, (ill)

Among the distinguished persons present were the following who made uplifting speeches inspiring the thirty Prince of Syracuse members:

Mayor C. B. Harvey; Judge Raymond Lord; Judge Eva Warner Gibson; and Gerald Saunders.

Many Knights of Pythias were there with families, their faces aglow with keen satisfaction, for the privilege of helping get Ke-WeFla Lodge 253 started in our front free City. Truly they deserve the blessings of all Key West folks who love our youth.

Much credit belongs to Dannie N. Darley, Chancellor Commander, James Deland and Winfield Russell.

To place beauty, truth, honor and courage into the lives of our youth is to remember and record the teachings of the Great Master, who 2000 years ago said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

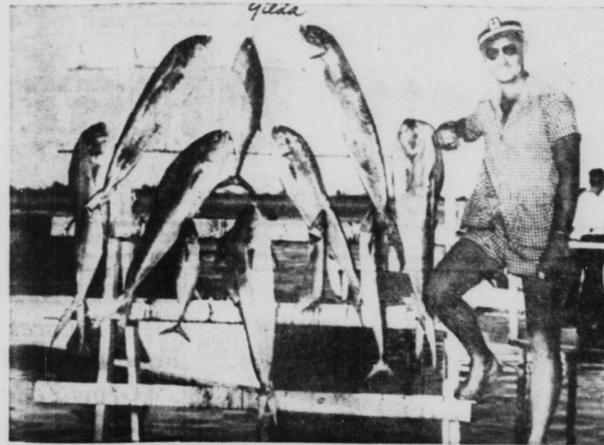
I compared the beauty I witnessed this night to the great outdoors of this tropical city where Nature in all her splendor has flowers of every hue blazing forth their exotic perfume in a riot of color breath-takingly beautiful this 16th day of February, 1954.

WILLIAM MEYERS
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Big Catch Of Dolphin



WILL SMITH, OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MO., brought in this big catch of dolphin recently. He was fishing from the charter boat Gilda, Curtis Ryan, captain. Fishermen say dolphin have been scarce this season, but the annual migration now seems to be in full swing. The difference between the male and female dolphin can be seen in this photo. The male has an enlarged forehead while the female has a smoother brow.

Dust Storm Wanted

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Prof. Naotii Kumagai of Japan, probably that country's foremost geophysicist, arrived here yesterday to start a Texas tour and said he was unhappy he missed last week's severe dust storm.

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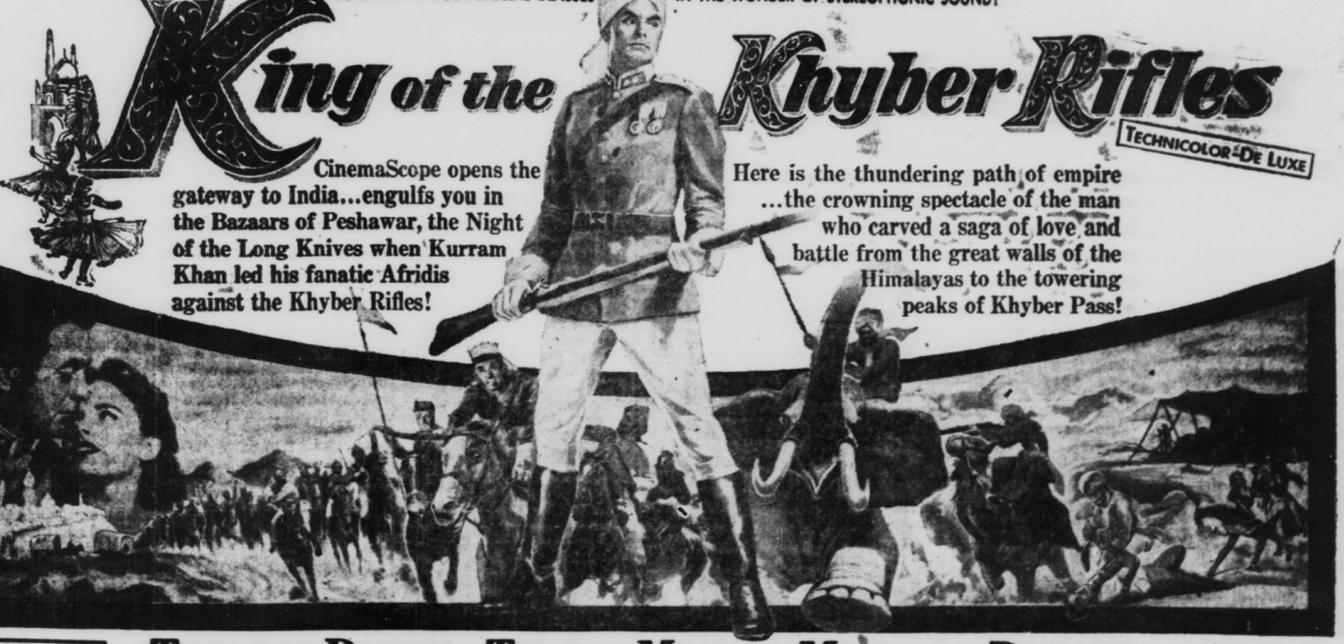
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