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## U.S. Pres. Outlines War Moves

### LT.-COL. ABCEDE COMMENDED BY MAJOR-GEN. RAPP BRUSH

49th Div. Commanding General Praises  
Colonel And His Men For "Splendid  
Service Rendered."

Deaths Are Milestones On The Path  
To Liberation And Peace

Lieut.-Col. Salvador Abcede, commander of the Negros Island Forces, Seventh Military District, P.A. today (June 1) was commended by Maj.-Gen. Rapp Brush, commanding general of the veteran 49th Infantry Division.

General Brush commended the colonel and his troops for "the splendid service rendered" the 49th Division since it landed March 29 on Negros.

The general's praise was based on the combat performance of the Filipino soldiers both before and after the return of the liberating American armed forces.

Since the initial 40th landing, 7MD officers and enlisted men have successfully executed numerous combat missions assigned them by General Brush.

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### Processing of 7MD Personnel Begins

Processing started in 7MD 26 May 45. The first unit processed was the 74th Infantry Regiment stationed at Bacolod City.

Lack of adequate transportation facilities did not prevent officers and soldiers on AWOL to report to their post and stations for processing. Even those who left the island came just on time.

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### Gov. Montelibano Back from Manila

Acting Governor Alfredo Montelibano arrived in Bacolod at 8 p.m. 4 June 45, after an absence of more than four weeks. The governor was optimistic over the results of his conferences with high Commonwealth officials in Manila.

The problems he took up during his stay in Manila concerned currency, status of our soldiers, sugar, government employment, and rehabilitation and reconstruction.

"I have conferred with Gen. ...  
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### 50,000 Japs Fall In Luzon Campaign

MANILA, 31 May 45. Troops of the First Corps of the U. S. 6th Army have killed almost 50,000 Japs in North Luzon at a cost of less than 10,000 American soldiers, killed, wounded and missing, according to Maj. Gen. Imitis Swift, Corps Commander, and added that 214 enemy tanks were destroyed against negligible loss of American armor.

The Corps, now poised for a drive into the fertile Cagayan Valley in Northern Luzon, reached their present positions after overcoming Jap resistance which Swift said was "so fierce words could not describe it." The Japs were cleaned out of caves as deep as eight feet in mountains nearly a mile high in Villa Verde, adjacent to Cagayan Valley.

Primary Task To Win War In Japan  
Completely, Quickly

Pays High Tribute To Leadership Of  
President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, 3 June 45—President Truman, in a special message to Congress today said, "The primary task facing this nation is to win the war in Japan, to win it completely, and to win it as quickly as possible."

He outlined in detail the problems, difficulties and dangers which confront the U. S. in finishing the war against Japan, and the manner in which America plans to meet and overcome them. The President said the U. S. military policy for the defeat of Japan calls for:

1. Pinning down Japanese forces where they now are and keeping them divided so they can be destroyed piece by piece.
2. Concentrating overwhelming power on each segment which we attack.

3. Using ships, aircraft, armor, artillery and other materials in massive concentrations to gain victory with as small loss of life as possible.

4. Applying relentless and increasing pressure to the enemy by sea, air and on land so that he cannot rest, reorganize or

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### Okinawa Fighting Nears Conclusion

Guam, 3 June 45. Major Gen. John R. Hodge, 24th Corps Commander of the 10th Army on Okinawa, declared that only mud appears to be holding up conclusion of the battle on Okinawa. He expressed doubt if the enemy, now crushed around Shuri town, could muster a depleted strength for an effective last ditch stand, for he saw

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