1,000-Plane Raid On Formosa Reported By Tokyo

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YANK TROOPS CLOSE IN ON FLAMING AACHEN; GREAT BARRAGE CONTINUES

Japs Disclose Major Attack On Big Island

Reported Raid Comes While Nips Are Fearful About U. S. Fleet's Presence

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 1,000-plane raid on Formosa today was reported by Tokyo Radio which said Allied planes attacked the fortress-like island off the China coast from early morning until mid-afternoon (Japanese time).

The broadcast, heard by the Federal Communications Commission, said that attacks were directed against the "entire area" of Takao, Tainan and Taichu, three of the most important towns on the island. All three are on the railway which runs the length of the island. Tainan and Takao are ports on the southwestern shore.

A broadcast beamed to Italy indicated that other towns along the railway were hit by "fighter and bomber planes."

BATTLE REPORTED

An Imperial communique reported that "enemy aircraft came over at 7 A. M. (Tokyo time) in strength" and the air "battle was continuing" eight hours later.

Tokyo claimed that in the first six hours of the mass assault "approximately 100 enemy planes" were shot down.

"The enemy continued to carry out his persistent attack," Tokyo said, "raiding with a total of 1,000 planes."

The reported mass raid came on the heels of expressed Japanese fears that the powerful American aircraft carrier force which hurled its planes two days earlier at the nearby Ryukyu Islands was "still

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Japs May Lack Oil For Fleet To Fight

By HAMILTON W. FARON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fuel oil problems of the Japanese Navy may well be a major factor in the apparent determination of the enemy fleet to avoid a showdown engagement with American naval forces.

The possibility is apparent in the lack of material opposition by the Japanese to raids by American forces which have been striking ever closer to the enemy homeland.

Difficulties of keeping a fighting fleet fueled always are a major problem — they are intensified by the hard-pounding that American submarines, air and surface craft have given to the fuel-carrying vessels of the Japanese merchant fleet. Some 200 such vessels have been sunk or damaged.

Also complicating the problem have been raids by air forces under command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur on stolen oil fields in the East Indies on which the Japanese have relied to a great extent for the oil which will keep their fleet in fighting condition.

Five such strikes by MacArthur in recent weeks were against the big oil fields at Balikpapan in Borneo, whence Japan has been funneling vast quantities of all types of petroleum products, and a prin-

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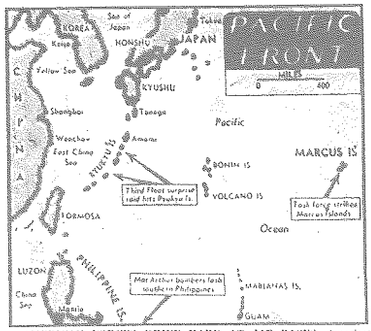

AMERICAN FORCES DRIVE HARD AT JAP BASES—American carrier based planes attack Ryukyu Island 200 miles from the coast of Japan, Bombers from Gen. MacArthur's group continue to hammer at the Philippines, U. S. Navy task force strikes at the Marcus Islands. (NEA Map).

Red Troops Five Miles From Memel

Large Hungarian City Captured

LONDON — (AP) — Russian troops battled within five miles of the Prussian port of Memel today in a siege of growing ferocity after invading what Hitler considers German soil by occupying the town of Plikisi inside the Memel metropolitan area, acquired by Germany in the Spring of 1939.

In the south, the Moscow radio said, other Russians broke into Debrecen, third largest Hungarian city of 122,517, on the Orient railroad 116 miles east of menaced Budapest. The Germans said their tanks had thrown a twenty-mile-wide wing around strong Soviet armored forces in this area and had beaten back relief columns moving up from Oradea, in Romania, and Karcag, in Hungary. The German communique acknowledged the loss of Cluj, capital of Transsylvania.

VIOLENT BATTLE

All along the frontiers of East Prussia, the Germans reported violent battle.

A "concentric attack" was launched against Memel with more than 200 Russian tanks, Berlin said, emphasizing that Memel was encircled. Of these 98 were reported destroyed, fifteen by guns of German warships supporting the beleaguered garrison.

Soviet attacks north of Warsaw and south of Rozan on the historic Narew River were checked, the enemy asserted, as was another thrust from the Lithuanian frontier town of Vilkaviskis toward the east frontier of East Prussia.

The Germans said the Red Army had renewed its assault on Riga, capital of Latvia, with fresh divisions and materiel. The Russians have been at the edge of the port for weeks.

"Near Tilsit, heavy fighting continues on the eastern border of East Prussia," the Berlin radio said. "the Soviets at the same time continued their flank attack with strong forces from the south out of the Narew sector against East Prussia."

Hungarian Collapse Appears Imminent

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW (AP) — Hungary appeared on the verge of a military knockout today as Russian forces overran Magyar defenses on a 120-mile front guarding Budapest.

The developing debacle, with ap-

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Yank's Salute To New Son Down Ten Naxis

WITH THE FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY —(AP)— Sgt. Walter G. Burroughs of Louisville, Miss., had been too busy fighting to read his mail for several days but when he did he learned that he had a son, born since he left home.

"That boy is going to get a 21-round salute," Burroughs said.

About that time a column of Germans came around the corner. The sergeant opened up with his machinegun, and the salute to his new son brought down ten Nazis. The others fled.

AACHEN UNDER U. S. FIRE—The ancient city of Aachen, better known by its French name of Aix-la-Chapelle, is shown here as it looked in pre-war days. The famous city is now faced with obliteration as American shells and bombs answered the German's refusal to surrender the encircled city. In the center is the historical Rathaus, built in 1353, on the site of Emperor Charlemagne's palace. Here 32 German emperors and kings were crowned, now it faces destruction by heavy attacks against the whole city. (NEA Telephoto).

Yanks Hit Mighty Air Blow In Italy

ROME —(AP)— A great force of American heavy bombers delivered one of the most concentrated attacks of the war today on German barracks, bivouacs, stores and dumps in a rough circle around besieged Bologna while Allied ground forces deployed ten miles from the city.

The force of Flying Fortresses and Liberators was larger than that which left Cassino below Rome in ruins last Spring and was the largest the U. S. 15th Air Force ever dispatched over a single target.

Brazilian expeditionary forces, meanwhile, smashed to the vicinity of Gallicano, 29 miles inland from the big West Coast Naval base of La Spezia.

Another column, advancing up the opposite side of the Serchio River valley, reached Barga, four miles east of Gallicano. The apparent objective was to outflank La Spezia itself.

The only other significant gains in yesterday's fighting came on the Eighth Army front where British troops captured Longiano, 12 miles west of Rimini, and the neighboring village of Lacroccetta. The Eighth Army also pushed additional forces across the Fiumicino River and occupied the towns of Gatteo and San Giovanni.

Headquarters said the Eighth Army gains in the foothills west of Rimini in recent days had outflanked German positions behind the Fiumicino River sufficiently to compel the enemy to withdraw the Adriatic sector of the line to positions running northeast and southwest through Gambettola.

For The Reader In A Hurry

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

American First Army troops have fought their way into the factory district on the outskirts of the battered German city of Aachen, and Nazis remaining in the city are being shelled by artillery and bombed from the air. North of Aachen, the Nazis have thrown one of their best divisions into a desperate effort to relieve or reinforce the city's garrison.

A frontline dispatch from Correspondent Don Whitehead makes it clear that the Americans have not driven into the main part of Aachen. What the boys are doing now is cleaning up the outlying factory district, so nothing will get in the way when the assault opens on the main part of the town.

In the Netherlands, the Nazis appear to be getting ready for a withdrawal of considerable proportions. It's now disclosed that German demolition crews have blown up about ten miles of Rotterdam's waterfront and docks in the past ten days.

On the Scheldt Estuary, Canadian forces have improved their positions in virtually every sector after being reinforced.

Gen. Eisenhower went on record today as saying that there's a tough job ahead before Germany is beaten. But the Supreme Commander adds that victory is certain. Gen. Ike said that Allied forces are going into Germany, as conquerors so there won't be any fraternization with the Germans.

Air Warfare

Upwards of 750 American heavy bombers, flying with a strong fighter escort, hit a German aircraft factory at Bremen today and blasted other targets in Northwest Germany. British heavyweights struck a major blow at Nazi synthetic oil plants in the Ruhr, at Wanne - Eickel (Vah'-Nay - Eye'-Keel). Another flight of RAF heavy bombers ranged over Holland, hitting Nazi gun installations at Breskens. Great numbers of Allied fighters have been over Germany during the day, hitting Nazi rail targets in the Duesseldorf area behind the Siegfried Line.

The biggest force of American 15th Air Force planes ever sent against a single target ranged over the Bologna area of Italy today, pounding German barracks, bivouacs and supply and ammunition dumps around the city. Allied ground forces now are within about ten miles of Bologna, attacking south German defenses.

Hungary

Up to now, there's no confirmation for a London broadcast heard by CBS) quoting Swedish advices as saying that "Hungarian representatives have contacted the Allies, asking for an armistice. Russian Armies pounding through Hungary toward the capital city of Seeged (Sa'-ged), and entered the third largest, Debrecen (Deh'-Bre-Tsen) today.

Eastern Front

The Algiers radio has been heard announcing that Russian troops have smashed into the German East Prussian port of Memel. According to Algiers, fighting now rages in the Memel streets. Red Army units are known to be within five miles of Memel. German accounts indicate that Russian forces in northern Poland are maintaining their northward attacks toward the lower East Prussian boundary.

The Far East

We're still waiting for Allied announcements which may confirm two big Allied air attacks Tokyo keeps talking about. The Japs insist that Allied warplanes over Borneo have made the biggest attack of the war on the Jap oil center of Balikpapan. Tokyo asserts that 1,000 Allied planes have blasted targets on Formosa.

Bremen Air Plant Struck

LONDON—(AP)—Approximately 750 Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked an aircraft components factory at Bremen today while RAF heavies pounded synthetic oil plants at Wanne - Eickel in the Ruhr.

The American bombers, escorted by Thunderbolts and Mustangs, also bombed other unspecified targets in Northwestern Germany as the German radio reported still another raid on Central Austria by U. S. 15th Air Force bombers from Italy.

While these two big fleets were out, a smaller force of Lancasters shot across to Holland ripping gun installations at Breskens, where a large number of German troops are trapped.

Sinatra Fans Storm Theater In New York

NEW YORK—(AP)—Heavy police reinforcements were dispatched to Times Square today as a police-estimated crowd of 25,000 teen-age Frank Sinatra fans stormed the Paramount Theater, where the singer is appearing on the stage.

The shrieking shouting crowd rushed police lines about the theater, ripped the shirt of one patrolman and smashed the window of the theater's ticket booth. Several persons fainted in the street.

Police said the Columbus Day holiday was responsible for the extra-large crowds of school-age boys and girls.

More than 200 policemen were stationed in the area shortly before noon after several outbreaks of disorder in the early morning. An estimated 2,000 girls in sweaters, bobby socks and saddle shoes and boys in polka-dotted bow ties were at the theater at 7 A. M., police said.

Acting Assistant Chief of Police Inspector John W. Conway estimated the crowds at 25,000 at 11 A. M., in addition to about 5,000 inside the theater.

When Sinatra made his first appearance on the stage, the audience stamped their feet, screamed and ran up and down the aisles.

The outbursts were too much even for Sinatra, who several times asked for quiet and threatened to forget about the show unless the uproar subsided.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and continued cool with scattered light rains this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.

Today's Temperatures	
3:30 P. M. 58	
Sunset Today	6:18
Sunrise Tomorrow	7:37
Yesterday	
Highest	73
Lowest	53
Precipitation (24 hours)	None
Precipitation (Jan. 1 to date)	45.11
Deficiency since Jan. 1	3.89

U. S. Infantry Opens Assault On Nazi City

Signs Of Possible German Collapse In Holland Appear

By JOHN F. CHESTER

LONDON—(AP)—The U. S. First Army closed in on burning Aachen today in an action which the Berlin radio called "the greatest battle ever fought on the Western Front" while to the north and west there appeared signs of a possible Nazi breakup in Holland.

It was disclosed that a crew of 6,000 German demolition experts had blown up more than ten miles of quays and docks during the last ten days in Rotterdam, Holland's second city and biggest port. Roads around Rotterdam were clogged with Nazi transport, moving generally to the south and east.

On the south bank of the Neder Rhine the Germans suddenly abandoned a stretch between Arnhem and Rotterdam.

While the German radio admitted American gains around Aachen and mouthed threats of "vengeance if the American hordes should carry out the threat to destroy Aachen, this jewel of culture," AP War Correspondent Don Whitehead gave a detailed account of what was happening to the city.

INFANTRY MOVES IN

American infantry began to close in from the north and northeast, he said, after dive-bombers and more than 200 big guns, including the heaviest of American field pieces, had resumed yesterday's blasting of the burning city.

A front dispatch said the factory section on Aachen's northeastern outskirts had been cleared by doughboys, who met only slight sniper resistance. An American patrol had penetrated the city proper yesterday.

Two enemy columns totaling about a division in strength which attempted to reinforce the German garrison were shattered and turned back at dusk yesterday. Then the big guns were swung again to send smoke and flame mushrooming up from the city.

Gray smoke cast a pall over the sprawling German border city as the infantrymen moved against it, AP Correspondent Don Whitehead said. Fires and smoke could be seen boiling up from the bombardment, but he added that Aachen, battered and beaten though it was, still was not destroyed.

Medium bombers swept in late yesterday and for five hours rained explosives upon the wreckage already piled up. A heavy gun shone over the scene today.

A small force of Flying Fortresses struck at the Rhineland cities of Cobleng and Cologne yesterday and RAF Lancasters hit objectives in Holland. A communique said heavy clouds necessitated the use of special instru-

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Germans Fighting To Death In Aachen

By DON WHITEHEAD

OUTSIDE AACHEN—(AP)—American infantry fought into the factory district on the outskirts of Aachen late today while to the north foot troops and armor beat off a daylong counter-attack by the Germans who were supported by 20 to 25 tanks.

The Germans have thrown one of their finest divisions into the battle in a desperate, but so far abortive, attempt to relieve or reinforce the Aachen garrison. German troops inside the wrecked and burning city were being battered from the land and air.

Every counter-thrust has been beaten back under a barrage of heavy artillery.

CORRIDOR UNDER FIRE

The corridor in the American area about the city still is about a mile wide and it is under artillery and small arms fire.

"Nothing has come through that corridor in any size in any direction," a high ranking officer said. "Certainly the Germans have not, and are not evacuating Aachen. Try to tell that to the boys up there who are doing the fighting for Aachen, and give them a laugh."

Inside the bomb-pocked city, the defenders still were fighting to hold onto their positions. Ordered by Hitler to fight to the death, they ignored an ultimatum which gave them the choice of surrender or destruction. And now the attack is underway to destroy them.

The Americans are not in the main part of Aachen. They are methodically cleaning up the outlying factory district, building by building, and getting into position for an assault on the main part of the town.

American fighters and bombers returned to Aachen and resumed bombing and strafing of the city. Sweeping over in waves at fifteen-

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Great Attack Makes Shambles Of Aachen

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS AT EDGE OF AACHEN—(AP)—

Its water supply wholly cut off, its food running low and its people cowering for the second successive day in basements and sewers, Aachen huddled miserably this afternoon under the First Army's unending air and artillery bombardments.

Slowly the city is being drained of all life, little groups of civilians are creeping out and into our lines. Soldiers—those who can escape the watch placed over them by their officers—are coming out in similar small bodies, although just a while ago one group numbered about 50.

HOARD GIFTS

Some of these paisoners have told interrogators today that many civilians still in Aachen are hoarding bottles of wine and fruit with which they hope to ingratiate themselves with American troops.

The sun shone this morning, but now, late in the afternoon, it is raining again, slowly and coldly but no more impressively and inevitably than the rain of our bombs and shells on the city.

In the crown of hills that encircles this lost and tumbling city the trees are dark and glistening. They are trees turning beautifully brown and reminding you of every pleasant picnic spot you ever knew—just like Rock Creek Park in Washington, wooded slopes along the Skyline Drive in Virginia or any one of a dozen wooded areas along any parkway in Connecticut.

But just below in the center of Aachen is a scene like none

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Hard Fight Faced But Victory Is Certain, Eisenhower Declares

By EDWARD KENNEDY

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE —(AP)— Gen. Eisenhower declared today that "we have a hard job ahead but victory is certain."

The Supreme Commander said he would permit no fraternizing with the Germans as his invasion armies move deeper into the Reich.

He is resolved on one thing: That the fight will continue unabated through the Winter, if necessary, and as much longer as it may take to crush the enemy. There may be pauses in the Allied advances due to the ferocity of German resistance and our own supply problems, but there will be no letup in aggressive action on the part of the Allies.

NOT GENERAL POLICY

The present destruction of Aachen by the American First Army following the refusal of the German commander to surrender to spare the town is a matter of field tactics, rather than general American policy toward German cities, he said. Field commanders, it was made clear, can use their own methods as long as they observe the rules of war.

While the general regards a sudden German collapse as always a possibility, he sees no reason to rely on its coming at any given time. The threat of the Red Army in the East and the Allied Army on German soil in the West can have no effect on the leaders who face the loss of everything, once they admit defeat, in Eisenhower's opinion.

He told correspondents today:

"I have every confidence in the peoples of the United States, Great Britain, France and all the United Nations to see this war through to final victory, and as long as they will see it through. I know that the soldiers and sailors and

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