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NINTH ARMY TROOPS PRESS ON JULICH FIRES RAGE AFTER B-29 RAID ON TOKYO

Blow Hailed As Beginning Of Big Campaign

TWENTY-FIRST U. S. BOMBER COMMAND, Saipan—(AP)—Mighty Super-Fortress bombers left industrial sections of central Tokyo in flames as American commanders today proclaimed the historic moonday bombing as the opening blow of a relentless campaign to knock out Japan's war plants.

Flying 3,000 miles round trip from Saipan bases captured only five months ago, the fearsome armada (Tokyo said there were 70 planes) flew in high above the capital at more than 400 miles an hour yesterday noon and placed their bombs with deadly skill.

SMOKE RISES HIGH

Reconnaissance photographs showed fires still burning several hours later with smoke rising to great heights.

Two of the Super-Forts were acknowledged lost in this first land-based raid on Tokyo, a city of nearly 7,000,000. The industrial heart of the Japanese Empire was bombed once before, April 18, 1942, by carrier-launched B-25 Mitchell medium bombers led by Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

The bombers approached Tokyo through a hazy overcast but found a clear area over the city. They funnelled a substantial portion of their bombloads on the Musashino aircraft plant, a principal supplier of Japan's Army and Navy planes. Other choice target were ripped and razed.

ALL JAPAN MENACED

Lt. Gen. Millard S. Harmon, interviewed at Saipan, said "We have the whole of Japan under our bomb-sights now."

"We are not bombing people; we are bombing the Japanese war machine," he said. "When we have seriously crippled the war industries, all the toughness in the world won't save the Japanese."

Harmon, deputy commander of the Twentieth Air Force, indicated a bleak prospect for Japan saying:

"The time is not far now when Japan will be subjected to the combined efforts of air units based from Alaska through the Philippines and over China—a ring of

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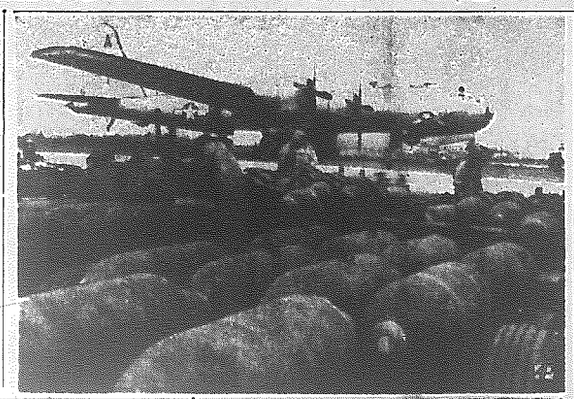
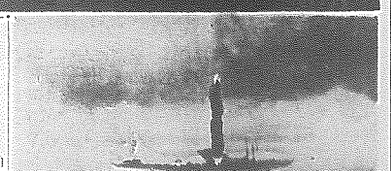


SUPERFORTRESSES HAVEN—In the picture at top, ground crewmen are preparing to load bombs on one of the B-29 Superfortresses at the Saipan base in the Marianas Islands. Note the double bomb-bay doors open on the ship. The B-29's took off from Saipan to bomb Tokyo Nov. 24. The picture below shows one of the Superforts flying over the harbor of Saipan. (AP Photo).



'Pierlot Assassin'

Clash Occurs As Belgians Parade

BRUSSELS, Belgium—(AP)—Shooting and widespread fist-fighting broke out during a parade of demonstrators against the Hubert Pierlot Government today and at least eight men were shot.

Among those named were five demonstrators, two gendarmes and a Brussels policeman.

The shooting occurred in front of Premier Pierlot's office on the Rue De La Loi, the heaviest of the fist-fighting also took place there.

CHANT CHANGES

Word of the clash spread quickly along the marching line, which possibly was three miles long. Although police had not confirmed that any one was killed the marchers quickly changed their chant from "down with Pierlot" to "Pierlot assassin."

Some reports said that three persons were killed, two of them women and that seven others were badly wounded.

The crowd was marching to a mass meeting at the Palais de Sport and clamoring for Pierlot's resignation when it

joined through police cordons stretched across the street. It had surged to within 50 yards of the Chamber of Deputies when a series of shots rang out.

A spokesman for the demonstrators said they were entirely unarmed, but the police declared the marchers threw hand grenades and touched off the clash.

White-helmeted Belgian gendarmes reluctantly gave way when the demonstrators broke through the first cordon. They quickly regrouped farther down the street near the government buildings.

When the crowd burst through the second cordon and explosions were heard the gendarmes brought their pistols and rifles firing first into the air.

FIRE AT LEGS

Then they opened up at the legs of the demonstrators.

Approximately 50 shots were fired in the clash, which lasted about 30 seconds.

Then the demonstrators broke and ran, leaving their fallen comrades on the bloody street.

Two-Minute

News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

The battle for the little German town of Juelich—two miles on the Roer River has gone into pitch gear. Today American Ninth Army troops got air support for the first time in several days during a stretch of clear weather. The Ninth Army units captured Bourheim (Red dot) less than a mile from the Roer River line and two miles from Juelich. And the doughboys knocked out seven more Nazi tanks, destroyed a total of 125 German tanks destroyed in eight days.

The American First Army on the same front absorbed three Nazi counter-attacks in the Huertgen Forest zone. The Yanks have bowled over almost through the dense forest-scene of some of the toughest fighting of the war.

First Army units are fighting a house-to-house battle in Weisweiler (Vice-ey-lair), Southeast of that town, American troops have cut the railroad at Langenaecke (Lahng-en-ay-cha).

French troops have cleaned up all of Strasbourg except for a German pocket in the dock area. A battle still rages for the main bridge across the Rhine from Strasbourg. Supreme Allied Headquarters says there is no basis for rumors that Allied patrols had crossed the Rhine.

So far, there is no confirmation for the Paris radio statement that only eight miles separate the French around Strasbourg from the French units moving north through the Vosges Mountain area.

There was fighting in Belgium too today, but it was not a military affair. Shooting and fist-fighting broke out while a three-mile long parade of demonstrators marched through Brussels. The parades were demonstrating against the Belgian Government of Hubert Pierlot.

Air Warfare

Two thousand American planes from Britain took advantage of clearing weather today to batter Nazi oil and rail targets. More than 1,000 heavy bombers, flying with 1,000 fighter planes, concentrated on the big Nazi synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg. The Fortresses and Liberators also hit oil facilities and rail yards at Ruegen (Reegen) in the Saar industrial area.

Eastern Front

A new Russian gain in northeastern Hungary has been admitted by the Germans. The Soviet news agency Transocean says without confirmation that the Red Army has entered the important rail center of Miskolc (Mesh-kolzh), 85 miles northeast of Budapest. Earlier the Berlin radio said Russian troops also had fought their way into Harsan (Hahr-zahn), a transport hub 20 miles from Budapest, but had been repulsed.

The Far East

The Navy has revealed that American submarines operating in Far Eastern waters have sent 27 more Japanese ships to Davy Jones' locker. A destroyer and a sailboat were among the new bag.

The commander of our B-29 Super-Fortress base on Saipan, Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, says that yesterday's Superbomber raid on Tokyo was good, but not as good as expected. Gen. Hansell said thick clouds hampered part of the B-29's over Tokyo. The general added that one of the two missing Super-Forts went down when a Japanese fighter plane crashed into the tail of the B-29.

Home Front

Baseball officials have declared that the death of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis today will cause no change in the baseball commissioners' office until next month. American League President Will Harridge says Judge Landis' secretary, Leslie O'Connor, will handle things until the next major league meeting in Chicago Dec. 11th.

Judge Landis, commissioner of baseball for 24 years, died this morning in a Chicago hospital of the age of 78.

In Washington, the House Committee on Postwar Military Policy has made a formal report urging early consideration of peacetime compulsory military training. The committee report listed compulsory military training as one of the most important items on the Congressional agenda.

The Zemke family of Missoula, Mo., is pretty happy today. The Zemkes have just received word that Col. Hubert Zemke, the leading American air ace in the European theater, is alive and safe as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Don't Worry

Japs Advised To Be Calm About Raids

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenichi Kumagai, Japan's assistant air raid defense chief, the Tokyo radio said today, assured the Japanese people they have nothing to be afraid of in air raids yet to come.

"If we continue to act at this tempo," the radio heard he the Federal Communications Commission, quoted him as saying, "there is not the least need for fear in future raids."

The B-29 attack yesterday, he said, was less a real raid than "a bombing raid for the purpose of reconnaissance." "In another broadcast Domei, the Japanese news agency, called it a "propaganda attack".

Kumagai declared yesterday's raid would mean increased war production because it had "heightened the anger of the industrial soldier."

Domei said that the B-29s maintained high altitudes "of 6,000 to 10,000 meters", and carried only a "light load of small caliber missiles and incendiary bombs" because of fear of the Japanese "interceptors and anti-aircraft batteries."

SAY LITTLE ACHIEVED

The Super Fortresses were "not able to achieve much of anything" the Tokyo radio told the Japanese.

Atlanta Has A Little Snow

ATLANTA—(AP)—Snow pellets, the first of the Winter, lightly sprinkled the heart of downtown Atlanta shortly before 9 A. M. today.

The Weather Bureau said the fall was a phenomena as the temperature at the time was 40 degrees and the indicated freezing level was 13,000 feet above Atlanta.

The pellets, landing on window ledges, melted almost instantly.

Judge Landis, Czar Of Baseball, Dies

By CHARLES DUNKLEY

CHICAGO—(AP)—Kenesaw Mountain Landis, 78, rigid ruler of baseball for 24 years, died at 5:35 A. M. today after an illness of 55 days.

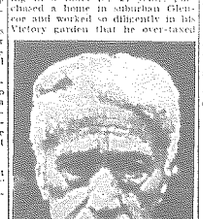
The immediate cause of his death was coronary thrombosis, said Dr. Joseph Capps, attending physician.

Landis died peacefully to an oxygen tent at St. Luke's Hospital with members of his immediate family at his bedside. He was conscious almost to the end. He was placed in the tent only an hour or so before his death after he had spoken the last words to the ones he left.

Landis entered the hospital on Oct. 2 suffering from a severe cold. On the same day his wife fell and fractured her right wrist and they occupied adjoining hospital rooms.

TOO MUCH WORK IN GARDEN

Only recently Landis, after living in a hotel for 27 years, purchased a home in suburban Glencoe and worked so diligently in his Victory garden that he over-taxed



JUDGE LANDIS

his heart. He was suddenly seized with a shortness of breath and his physicians prevailed upon him to enter a hospital for a long rest and checkup.

Landis missed his first World Series this Fall since he took office in 1921 as baseball commissioner. But even hospitalized his interest in the Series between the St. Louis Browns and Cardinals was intense.

Will Harridge, president of the American League, Ford Frick, National League president, and other baseball leaders were shocked at the news of the commissioner's death.

At noon Harridge announced there would be no change in the conduct of the commissioner's office until the major league meeting here Dec. 11 and 12 and that it presumable would be conducted by Leslie M. O'Connor, the commissioner's secretary.

"The commissioner left his affairs in the capable hands and under the guidance of Mr. O'Connor and speaking for Mr. Frick and myself, there will be no change until next month's meeting," Harridge said.

Only a week ago Frick and Harridge together with other members of the Major League Steering

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Reds Enter Hungarian Transportation Hubs

LONDON—(AP)—The Russians have entered Miskolc, strategic rail hub and strong point in Northeastern Hungary, the German Transocean News Agency said today.

The Germans said the Russians also had driven into Hatvan and other important transport centers 28 miles northeast of Budapest, but were thrown out.

The German Broadcast said the Russians penetrated Miskolc, 45 miles northeast of Budapest, and 25 miles south of the Czechoslovak frontier, after an attack by three divisions. And that the Germans and Hungarians "almost completely evacuated the town" in the face of the onslaught.

The defenders of Hatvan and Gyongyos, attacked with a counter-attack by the bitter battle in Hungary, the broadcast said.

Berlin also declared that eight Russian divisions had made bridgeheads in a wave of assaults in the Courland region of Latvia.

Soviet annihilation forces virtually had blocked any sea retreat for 30 German divisions being squeezed against the Baltic by capture of the fortified Estonian island of Saare (Osel).

Death Label

Designation Of Air Aces Is Deplored

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor—(AP)—Rear Adm. Thomas L. Sprague believes publicity accorded aces "disrupts teamwork" and leads to a decay of morale."

Admiral Sprague, who commanded a force of sixteen escort carriers in the second battle of the Philippine Sea, told a press conference "very few aces are still alive. Almost every time a fellow says 'I'll come in and shot down'—"

The Admiral said:

"The talking about 'ace-in-a-day' records and 'ace' designations that is important in the team spirit. Everybody is a member of the team.

"Aviators don't last long after they get famous. One airplane is sure to be shot down. The Germans got it, and the Japanese do it, and so will we.

"The Admiral means that if an ace went off alone seeking an ace-in-a-day record he was a comparatively easy victim.

Jap Convoy Is Smashed Off Leyte

3,500 Japanese Die In Affray

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—(AP)—A four-ship convoy carrying reinforcements for the embattled Japanese on Leyte Island has been destroyed by American fighter planes and an estimated 3,500 Nipponese were killed or drowned, a communique announced today.

The Leyte-based planes, strafing at mast height and acting as dive-bombers, sank three transports and a destroyer escort, bringing to about 15,000 the number of Nipponese perishing in attempts to reach the island fighting scene.

In a bombing attack on the Celebes and Borneo, an enemy destroyer and a transport were sunk, and a gunboat and eleven freighters damaged, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported. Twenty-six Japanese fighters and bombers were destroyed on the ground.

Improved weather conditions quickened the battle tempo, and encouraged the Japanese to increased air activity, with the result that 42 enemy planes were shot down, 35 by American planes and seven by anti-aircraft batteries.

"Our own losses were very light," Gen. MacArthur said.

RIVER CROSSED

On the ground the Americans were doing equally well. A headquarters communique said that the 32nd Infantry Division had crossed the Leyte River below Limon, which fell to the Yanks Wednesday, and was shoving southward. A counter-attack by the Japanese 26th Division, which has now been fully committed southwest of Limon, was repulsed, the communique reported.

The blow at the Japanese relief convoys was struck by Thunderbolt and Warhawk fighter planes off Masbate Island, about twenty miles north of Leyte. Two transports, of 11,000 and 2,000 tons, were sunk, along with the destroyer, and a third 6,000-ton transport was set ablaze and beached. All hands aboard the destroyer were reported to have perished.

Hurtgen Area Advance Made By First Army

Germans Cling to Strasbourg Foothold—French Drive To Shut Trap

By WILLIAM FRYE

LONDON—(AP)—U. S. Ninth Army troops squeezed in tighter today on Julich—the Roer River bastion 25 miles from Cologne—and boosted their eight-day toll of German tanks to 125.

Farther south, First Army men pushed ahead 1,000 yards almost to the edge of gloomy Hurtgen Forest, which has been one of the bloodiest battlegrounds of the war. Other First Army units cleaned out the town of Putzlohn, north of Eschweiler, and fought house to house for Weisweiler. Fighter bombers hammered at enemy troops and supply lines.

PLANES AID 9TH ARMY

Warplanes helped in the Ninth Army push upon Julich.

The German High Command declared the German defensive battle in this area east of Aachen was "nearing a climax." One Berlin broadcast termed the action "the greatest battle of the present war."

Ninth Army doughboys seized Bourheim, 1,500 yards from the Roer River line and two miles southwest of Julich. They knocked out seven more tanks yesterday, for a total in this offensive of 125—as many as most German armored divisions now have.

Allied planes aided the Ninth Army push, hitting German reserves along the Roer Valley during a few hours of clearing weather.

To the south, remaining Germans in Strasbourg had been backed into the dock area, and at last advices were clinging to a foothold on the western end of the main Rhine bridge. Supreme Headquarters said reports that patrols had crossed the Rhine into Germany had been found to be without basis.

The Paris radio said French forces seeking to trap Germans in the Vosges Mountains between Strasbourg and Colmar were only eight miles apart, but there was no confirmation.

Two divisions of American infantry broadened the Alsatian corridor and beat off a German counter-attack northwest of the Saverne Gap above Strasbourg.

The Supreme Headquarters communique reported steady progress toward clearing the enemy from the Saales Pass in the Vosges above Colmar, and of the slopes of the commanding, round-topped mountain called the Ballon d' Alsace north of Belfort.

An admission that German lines in the Central Vosges were "taken back at several points" came from the Berlin radio today.

MULHOUSE SECTOR

In the Mulhouse region between Colmar and Belfort the Nazis were resisting desperately with isolated battles raging around a number of towns. The Germans claim 50 strongpoints and the French advance surged around and past them.

On the central portion of the Western Front Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third Army had won a crossing of the rain-swollen Saar, last big barrier to the Rhine, at a point 28 miles south of Saarbrucken.

STRUCK TUESDAY

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Yanks Blast Oil Refinery

LONDON—(AP)—More than 1,000 American heavy bombers accompanied by an equal number of fighter escorts bombed the Leuna synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg today—the second time in less than a week—with more than 3,000 tons of explosives.

The big Flying Fortresses and Liberators were accompanied by more than 1,000 Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings of both the U. S. Eighth and Ninth Air Force.

The great fleet of bombers and their guards against German interceptors, streaked across the Channel through cold skies.

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Nazi Ammunition Apparently Short

LONDON—(AP)—German documents captured by the Allies indicated today that Hitler's widespread armies faced a shortage of ammunition.

A British Ministry of Economic Warfare spokesman said the Nazi documents, distributed to various German commanders in the East and West, detailed types of ammunition and weapons which must be used sparingly.

However, there was no indication of a shortage of tanks and heavy guns and the spokesman warned against any wishful beliefs that the German armies would crack up because of the ammunition situation.

"We know," the spokesman said, "the Germans have no ammunition for training purposes. Documents handed show that the German armies are operating on a hand-to-mouth basis."

According to the documents German soldiers were instructed to leave nothing behind. They were ordered to take the weapons and ammunition from the bodies of their fallen comrades."

Allied air blows have hampered the transport of German ammunitions to the front. The liberation of France and Belgium and parts of Holland and Yugoslavia have reduced ammunition and weapon producing facilities.

Allied spokesmen estimate the reduction of Germany's war weapon output at 30 per cent or more.

WEATHER

Cloudy and continued cool today, tonight and tomorrow; becoming windy tomorrow with rain tonight and tomorrow.

Temperature at 2:30 Today	51
High—Low Last 24 Hours	58—32
Sunset Today	5:13
Sunrise Tomorrow	6:49