

Sea Of Fire Engulfs Tokyo's Heart After Great Bombing

More Than 300 B-29s Stage Night Raid On City

Flames Reach Royal Palace

By ELMONT WHITE

21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Guam—(AP) A "hellish sea of fire" touched off by the greatest raid ever made by Superfortresses, engulfed the heart of Tokyo today and added up to the Imperial Palace grounds.

"It looked like the whole damn town was burning," said one observer. "The smoke rising from the first night-bomb raid on the smoky capital."

More than 300 B-29s poured thousands of incendiaries on the city center, 250 bombs alone dropping on the record Feb. 25 raid which devastated 240 city blocks, said Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Power.

GREAT SHOW—The night battle was the most intense since the war began, reported an eye witness. "The sky was lit up like a Fourth of July."

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Koiso Warns Japan May Be Invaded

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Premier Gen. Kuniida Koiso warned the Japanese tonight "the enemy will no doubt increase his bombings... and is planning for landings on the mainland."

Koiso, broadcasting 10 hours after some 300 Superfortresses turned the heart of Tokyo into a blazing furnace, expressed sympathy for the suffering of his people at the hands of "most cruel and barbaric" America.

But, he added to the broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, "you must never lose your determination and forge onward in the war."

THEIR WARNING
The Premier's warning of an imminent invasion was the third such warning in 10 days from Tokyo radio, which daily warns the Japanese that American naval task forces are soon to attack a pre-invasion base.

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Red Shells Hit Stettin And Danzig

Enter Altdamm, East of Oder

LONDON—(AP)—Russian forces apparently have won some streets in Altdamm, the east-bank suburb of Stettin, and may have gained a foothold on the westside of the Demminsee Lake just north of Berlin's Baltic port. Moscow dispatches reported today.

Stettin itself was under artillery fire for the first time, and the Russian planes were seen into the suburbs of Danzig where the war started in 1939.

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First Picture Crossing Of The Rhine

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Nazis Report New Crossing Made By Boats

Americans Said To Have Ferried Over Downstream From Remagen Bridge

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS—(AP)—U. S. troops, rolling by thousands over the Rhine bridge at Remagen, flung back a tank-supported Nazi counter-attack today and Berlin declared Americans also were crossing the river by boats four or five miles downstream and had entered Bonn.

A front dispatch said German reinforcements were racing up against the U. S. First Army's bridgehead, 50 square miles in size, for a showdown battle.

A Berlin broadcast said Americans in "eternal" tanks were crossing the Rhine near Bonn, at the northern end of the bridgehead. Bonn is five miles north of Remagen, on a superhighway leading to the Ruhr.

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