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Enemy Tries Desperately To Hold Off U.S. Forces

Battle Rages In Capital
GUAM — (AP) — Japanese threw in fresh reserves today and laid down thunderous artillery barrages in an effort to hold off the American offensive which had reached the outskirts of Naha, shell blasted and heavily mined capital of Okinawa.

Marines advanced into the outskirts of Naha's business district, and foot soldiers under command of Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley staged a fierce assault on a hill position near the center of the Okinawa line from which the enemy was directing artillery fire.

Many enemy troops killed in the Okinawa sector wore new uniforms, indicating they probably were reserves who were being sent to the front for the first time for the Japanese "back door" island.

Enemy defense was growing more desperate by the hour, and in addition to anti-tank guns and mines, savage one-man sorties by Japanese carrying satchel charges of explosives were increasing.

Japanese artillery fire roared constantly during daylight, and continued down to dawn, when the night as the enemy's defense was reduced largely to rubble.

Churchill In War Pledge

LONDON — (AP) — The efforts of the British and United States Prime Minister Churchill today to the twin tasks of perfecting the peace organization of the United Nations and to joining with the United States in inflicting total defeat upon Japan.

The wartime leader, in a worldwide broadcast address last night, made it plain that with these tasks ahead he does not intend to relinquish voluntarily the reins of government.

He recalled the Irish Government's promise in 1941 to the United States to remain neutral while Britain was under attack by Germany, and said that he would not repeat that policy.

Violation Of Orders Eisenhower Raps Friendly Handling Of Nazi Leaders

PARIS — (AP) — Gen. Eisenhower said today he regrets instances in which some officers treated captured Nazi and high German officials on a "friendly enemy" basis in direct violation of his orders.

The Supreme Commander said in a statement: "My attention has been called to press reports of instances of lenient treatment of captured Nazi and high German officials on a 'friendly enemy' basis in direct violation of his orders.

"Drastic measures have been set in motion to assure termination of these errors forthwith. However, any lenient treatment of this kind is by no means indicative of the attitude of this Army and the results of faulty judgment of individuals concerned, who will be personally acquainted with expressions of my definite disapproval.

"In the name of this great force and of our own I regret these occurrences."

The Supreme Commander's statement was made following widespread criticism appearing in the British and American Press on treatment of Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering by the Seventh Army.

Dispatches from the Seventh Army last Wednesday said Goering was given lunch of chicken and peas at the headquarters of 53d, Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 20th Infantry Division, after "brief greetings and a handshake" and passed for prisoners with Dahlquist and Brig. Gen. Robert Stack of Schenectady, N. Y.

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Last Nazi Holdouts Rounded Up Soviets Seize 360,000 More

LONDON — (AP) — The last small pockets of German die-hard resistance in Czechoslovakia and Austria were being overrun by four Russian armies today, the Moscow Radio announced the rounding up of 360,000 additional Nazi troops in the past 24 hours.

Five days after fanatical German troops refused to lay down their arms and continued to fight against the Red Army, Moscow declared that troops of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Ukrainian Armies had closed in on Nazi holdouts in Austria, Bohemia, regions and the woods of Czechoslovakia and "were clearing the forests of isolated German troops from groupings." It stated that mopping up was almost complete.

The Russians announced that the total number of Germans captured since December had swollen to 1,080,000, boasting to 2,369,000 the number killed or captured since the German drive began on Jan. 18, and to 13,880,000 the number killed or captured in nearly four years of war, according to Soviet counts.

SENT TO RUSSIA German captives were being rapidly crated into prisoner camps to join thousands of their comrades being shipped across Poland to be put to work restoring Russia's war-torn cities.

In the last day of the roundup in Czechoslovakia and Austria, Moscow revealed that equipment relinquished by the Germans included 1,258 planes, 1,842 tanks and 6,618 field guns.

The German forces which had resisted the Russians in violation of unconditional surrender terms were commanded by Field Marshal Gen. Ferdinand Scherger and Col. Otto Wenzel, but neither officer was reported to be among Nazis seized. The Russians have not stated whether they were taken prisoner in Latvia, while another 74,920 were rounded up in the Baltic coast area of Danzig and Gdynia.

Reds Lauded For Liberating Czechs MOSCOW — (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin today lauded the Czechs for their fight for defeating Germany and their help to the Soviet Union.

His words were expressed in a message to Premier Marshal Stalin. "This tremendous military victory was achieved thanks over all to the Czechs, brave and unassuming leaders of the Czechs, and to the Soviet Union."

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Note Of Urgency Suzuki Appeals For Home Defense

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Premier Kantaro Suzuki appealed today to Japan's 46 prefectural governments for "spontaneous organization of the civilian volunteer corps" for defense of the homeland, racked by new and heavy air raids.

The Governors conferred with Suzuki in Tokyo, said an FCG record broadcast from the Japanese capital, as waves of carrier planes from two U. S. Task Forces smacked airbases on Kyushu for the second day.

The two-day carrier strike, as yet unconfirmed by American sources, followed a recent attack by B29s against industrial Naha. Radio Tokyo said the carrier air force had been ordered to undertake a series of raids were coordinated.

Calling upon the Governors to act "with speed and firm determination," Suzuki said his Government would "shoulder the responsibility for any drastic measures" they might deem necessary.

The Governors were charged with the task of rallying the fighting spirit of the Japanese to the fullest and urged to obtain the people's "co-operation and confidence."

The Premier informed them, according to the Tokyo broadcast, that the "key to victory" in Japan's war existence by "more than anything else" in the "people's faith" in their leaders. He explained that the volunteer corps would be under Army supervision and would act as a fighting unit for the defense of the homeland when "the time comes."

Yanks And Allies Score In Pacific MANILA — (AP) — Americans of the 24th Infantry Division backed away at stubborn Japanese lines near Davao City on Mindanao today while the 40th Division, capturing the extensive Del Monte air center, moved south to block the big Philippine island.

On Northeastern New Guinea, meanwhile, Australians captured long-contested Wewak, by passed the center route to the coast. Douglas MacArthur announced in his communique today.

Everything they had in the fight north of Davao in an attempt to pin down the 24th Division, moved south to block the big Philippine island.

The Nipponese used rocket fire in hope of stemming the steady tank advance between the Talomo and Davao Rivers.

Kennedy Sent Home

PARIS — (AP) — Supreme Headquarters announced tonight the discharge of Edward Kennedy, a member of the Associated Press on a charge of breach of confidence in breaking prematurely the story of the signing of the German surrender.

Morton P. Guedrod of the Associated Press was discredited at the same time for failure to give a live part in the premature release of a news story.

Kennedy and Guedrod both were ordered to return to the United States.

Robert Bunnelle, managing executive for the United Kingdom for the Associated Press, was reinstated.

Kennedy and Guedrod were ordered to leave on May 17.

Guedrod was granted an extension however by Erik Gen. Guedrod, chief of public relations, in view of the fact that he is ill in a hospital with pneumonia and is not expected to be discharged for two weeks.

Bunnelle, with headquarters in London, had been suspended as a result of his failure to give a live part in the premature release of a news story.

Text of the Supreme Headquarters' investigation of premature transmission of the German surrender of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the Allies.

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Nagoya Set Ablaze With Big Load Of Fire Bombs

Tokyo Tells Of Carrier Blows

Record numbers of Superforts and carrier planes gave Japan the heaviest pounding of the war today in a two-pronged attack approaching the night of 2,000 plane raids of the European Theater.

An unprecedented flight of more than 500 Superforts poured more than 2,500 tons of new type incendiary bombs on Nagoya, transforming Japan's third largest city into a blazing fire box in the first daylight raid of its kind.

Tokyo Radio reported waves of carrier planes from two task forces struck simultaneously at southern Japanese cities. The first wave, which attacked that extended "through the entire night," Japanese broadcast said that for eight and a half hours yesterday 90 carrier aircraft bombed and strafed the advanced major source of aerial attacks on U. S. Okinawa. Incendiary forces which have seen the Nipponese suffer the severest losses in the Pacific theater.

25 pilots returning from the raid on Nagoya, reported "massive devastation" in the industrial city. Japanese Superforts, taking official complaints of Superforts raids for the first time in nearly two weeks, set fires were started in widely scattered sections but claimed most of them were brought under control by noon.

The Superforts came in such a continuous parade that the first wave was well on their way toward their Marianas bases before the last incendiary took off. Disbalance the Allies' bombing forces, they rained down on the coast of Japan before they were struck through the Ryukyu Islands.

A new type, six pound fire bomb was carried today for almost every inch of Nagoya's 1,000,000 inhabitants. The 6000 tonnage of the jolly gasoline bombs were dropped, they exploded moments after they were released and ignited flaming gasoline over a steaming area.

The great aerial armada swept over two Jims for a check—a first indication of the scale of that blood-stained battle around the U. S. Marianas garrisons. The Stars and Stripes gallantly hoisted the Stars and Stripes two months ago.

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Mr. Tillett Finds The Baltic Situation, As Explained By American-Lithuanians And Russians, A Bit Confused

(Note: City Attorney C. W. Tillett set forth yesterday for San Francisco last week, saying that he was bewildered by the conflicting reports and constitutional convention of all time to be held in his own country.

Tire Quota Increased

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A 50 per cent increase in passenger car tire allocations for this month was announced today by the War Production Board.

This will add 500,000 tires to the number to be distributed by OPA this month.

Such professional news gathering agencies as the Associated Press will at the end of the day discover at least in part what has been done and give a full report.

As for the special representative of the Associated Press, the day has given him his first direct contact with the problem of the Baltic States—Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

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Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today. Light showers Tuesday. Temperature at 2:30: 51. High at 3:00: 53. Low at 8:00: 31. 24 Hour: 31-53. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:19.

Mecklenburg Casualties

Mecklenburg casualties: 1 killed, 10 wounded. 100 missing. 100 captured.