

JAPANESE STRIKE UTH OKINAWA CITIES SHELLED BY FIRE RIFLES

Tokyo Heart Destroyed; Yokohama Area Burned

Wood and paper ash drifted over the fire-ravaged ruins here on today's southerly wind blowing from Yokohama, Tokyo's twelfth largest city, children miles north, where fires were kindled Tuesday, by 3,200 tons of incendiary bombs dropped by more than 450 LeMay's jet planes.

It was the biggest daylight incendiary strike against Japan since the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Photographs of Tokyo and Yokohama, the youthful cigar-chewing LeMay declared.

"We destroyed every target we set out to destroy."

The 1,000 Superfortresses scattered more than 11,000 tons of incendiaries upon Tokyo and Yokohama Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

33 SHIPS LOST

Thirty-three of the giant four-engine bombers with crews of more than 350 failed to return in the past week's record fire raids. Twelve were lost in the Tokyo night attack; two in Tuesday's daylight raid in which 1,000 Mustangs gave fighter coverage.

The two Mustang pilots who accompanied the 450 Superfortresses to Yokohama and scored air 100 Japanese interceptors—of which they shot down six—damaged 100 of the city's industrial area with a scorching deluge of burning flames.

U. S. Gen. S. Talbot of Wood Camp, said that Yokohama was a "great mass of smoke billowing into the sky from a fire more than four miles wide beneath its side were rolling flames that looked like an ocean on fire. The smoke carried as far as we could see toward Tokyo by a good breeze wind."

Japanese Headquarters acknowledged that the damage to Yokohama was "enormous." Each Tokyo quoted a Government official as saying that 60,000 houses have been destroyed and "millions of war refugees" numbered between 200,000 and a quarter million.

U. S. Gen. Talbot said that the devastation of an area nearly as large as the 54 square miles of the city of San Francisco has been pointed out photographs to illustrate his remarks.

In the last 24 hours, almost 500 important industries and especially manufacturing plants—have been destroyed or badly damaged. They include oil plants, rubber and heavy war products of electrical equipment, fourteen transportation lines, three electric power plants, eight hospitals, three of the city's main hospitals, and 100 of the city's main hospitals and police stations on the East End. The

Shipping Repair Problem Major Worry To Navy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy let it be known today that it is frankly and openly worried over the problem of repairing ships damaged in the Pacific.

At an unusual news conference attended by the department's three civilian heads as well as uniformed officers, reporters were told that any relaxation in the repair yards "means more and more people killed on the beaches."

The Secretary said naval casualties in the Pacific for October, 1944, through March 15, totaled 4,230 through May 23 including killed and missing in action, combined with ground force totals for the same period of 5,332.

Admiral Frederick J. Horn, who presided over the news conference, said that the Navy should give some idea of the ship repair on page 7.

Big Five's Powers Cut In Hot Vote

Small Nations Win Two Points

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Small nations checked off two notable gains at the World Security Conference today in their struggle with the Big Five over more power in a World Peace League.

These nations held the prospect of tempering their fight on the Big Five vote voting formula, although on one only debated question they demonstrated an ability to outvote the Big Powers and score a clear victory for themselves.

Here is what they gained:

1. The United States, Russia, China and France finally accepted a Canadian proposal that any country whose armed forces were to be employed by the Security Council should take in making the decision for their use.
2. A conference committee on political functions of the General Assembly voted 27 to 11—overriding the Big Power opposition—that the assembly should have authority to discuss any matter within the sphere of international relations.

The opposition was led by Russia, the United States, Britain, France and South Africa, while Egypt, Mexico, Colombia, China and Iran backed the proposal, which originated with Australia. The Big Powers had wanted to limit the right of discussion in the Assembly to matters connected with "the maintenance of international peace and security."

In their struggle against Great Power domination of a World Organization, the small nations sought to reach to modify the authority of the Security Council—in which the Big Powers must always agree before a decision can be made—and to build up the Assembly in which all member nations would have equal vote.

Behind this is the constant striving for greater security of all the nations represented here. Most of the Big Powers agree they could not have a League at all without the veto. The small nations contend that at some future time when one of them is in trouble the veto may be used against it.



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Shuri Castle Penetrated By American Marine Unit

Naha Investment About Complete

By HAMILTON W. FARON
GUAM (AP)—American Marines have penetrated rockwalled Shuri Castle, sixteenth century fortress and keystone of Japanese defense on Okinawa which withstood attack for eighteen days, as gains elsewhere led to the prediction half the remainder of the island would fall within a week.

Associated Press War Correspondent Left Erickson reported from the front that Company "C" Marines of the Fifth Regiment, First Division, spearheaded their battalion's advance on Shuri and entered the castle yesterday after surprising Japanese defenders swimming in the moat.

By mid-morning, Col. John H. Orbel, regimental commander of Hartford, Conn., reported 100 enemy First Battalion had reached the castle. Orbel reported resistance was only from rifle and light mortar fire during the advance.

MOY TO TOWARD HIGAYAWA

Other elements of the Regiment advanced southeast from the Azao village area toward the Naha-Yonabaru Highway, which runs east and west south of Shuri and which already has been cut at its eastern end by the Seventh Infantry.

Sixth Division Marines virtually completed investing Okinawa's Naha Peninsula, moving eastward across the Naha Canal. They met stiff opposition as the Japanese fought back furiously, including the Christian cemetery tombstones in the southeast part of the city.

Japanese in the area north of former Shuri also stubbornly resisted.

Associated Press War Correspondent Vern Haugland reported the First Battalion, Seventh Division was able to gain but slightly as it moved down Wana Ridge in the afternoon, and Shuri "against bitter defenses."

The 77th and 80th Army Divisions north and west of Shuri found the Japanese line strong and Haugland said, and failed to make gains.

Thus, although the garrison in and around Shuri, Seventh Division units pushed south to Chan, where a number of outnumbered enemy guns and vehicles were destroyed, to high hills a mile distant overlooking the south shore of the island.

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Syrian Situation Report Damascus Shelled By French

LONDON (AP)—The Syrian and Lebanese Legation said today that the French bombarded Damascus, capital of Syria, last night.

Intervention of the British Ministry stopped the bombardment. The legation said in a joint statement that the French statement did not explain the extent of the firing.

NEW OUTBREAKS

New outbreaks of violence were reported in Syria in the dispute between France and the Government of Syria and Lebanon.

The British radio said heavy fighting was in progress in Damascus and that French troops entered the city and the Damascus House. The report said the Syrian youth movement had decided to resume the general strike.

The Lebanese radio said Syrian soldiers had been sent into action against the office of the French Legation and all French military installations in Damascus last night. It added that French military authorities therefore have taken measures to insure the safety of the Legation and other French barracks.

Fighting, which started at Aleppo in the extreme north and has spread southward through Hama and Hama, was reported to have reached 50 miles south of Damascus near the Transjordan frontier, where attacks were said to have attracted French garrison barracks.

A train was reported derailed between Hamman and Kawsab, with three persons killed and fourteen injured.

Syrian Acting Premier Jamil Mardam Bey announced yesterday that he had ordered 100 to 150 killed and 200 to 300 wounded.

French planes were said to have attacked the city of Hama, but the French government showed any inclination to compromise.

French Foreign Ministry chiefs in Paris were quoted as saying they would not discuss mediation and the Paris radio emphasized that France "intends to insure the sovereignty of the state's interests, including the city of Hama, and to bring the war to the East End. The

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(Stories Included)

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Iran Demands Allies Leave

TEHRAN (AP)—The Iranian government has demanded the withdrawal of all British, United States, Russian troops from Iran.

Iran's Foreign Minister, Ghassem Ghannouchi, informed Parliament that identical notes had been sent to the British, American, and Soviet embassies, in which he demanded that in view of the cessation of hostilities, the Allies should withdraw their troops from Iran to restore a normal situation in the country. British, American and Soviet troops evacuated Iran as their bilateral alliance with Russia against Germany, should be brought under the World Organization except when the nations belonging to the treaties entered them there.

Jap City Stricken 250,000 Left Homeless, 60,000 Houses Razed In Yokohama Raid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—American fire bombs exploded in Yokohama yesterday left 250,000 Japanese homeless, killed and injured an uncounted number, destroyed 60,000 houses and knocked out communication and transportation systems, Tokyo Radio reported today.

Hundreds of doctors and nurses were rushed to the nation's eighth largest city from the outbreak of the raid.

"It may take some time before an estimate of the number of clothes food and hospital cases be made, pending the restoration of transportation and communication."

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Yanks Finish Job Japanese Luzon Line Collapses

By JAMES HUTCHESON

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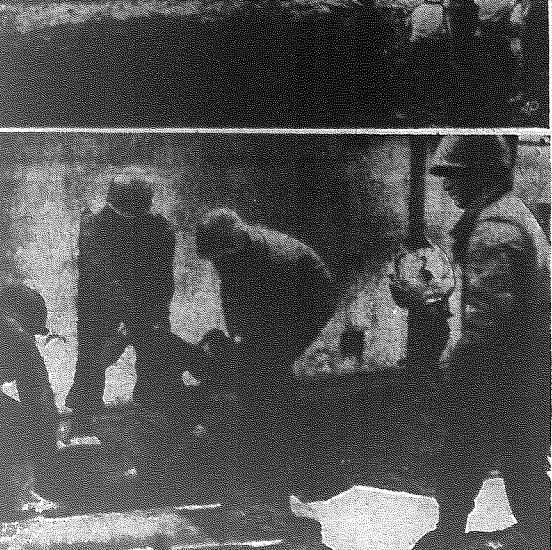
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Million-Dollar Fire

MAHANOY CITY, Pa. (AP)—Nearly two blocks in the middle section of this city were leveled early today in a fire which in three hours did damage worth estimated at \$1,000,000.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not quite so warm today, tonight and Thursday.

Temperature at 11:30 a.m. 74. High and Low: 74-50. Wind: Light and variable. Forecast: Partly cloudy today.