

U. S. FLEET RETURNS TO BORNEO WATERS

American Warships In Makassar Straits Area Bombardment Of Coast Reported

By SPENCER DAVIS MANILA (AP) — An American fleet has returned to the Makassar Straits east of Borneo for the first time since the forlorn days of January, 1942.

A Dutch correspondent who flew over the port of Balikpapan...

MacArthur gave no confirmation of any of these reports...

The ships involved undoubtedly belong to the U. S. Seventh Fleet...

The Australians had been reported to have taken Bandung...

The Australians still had not met any formidable Japanese resistance...

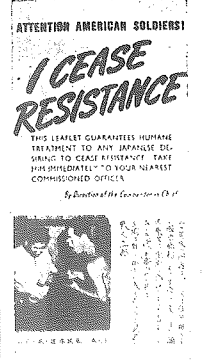
The communication and intelligence services in the area...

The planes also were in the air over the area...

The American bombers were in the air over the area...

In the Philippines, where Gen. MacArthur announced yesterday...

Psychological Warfare Pays Off Printed And Spoken Words First Aid To Surrender In Pacific



Increasing bombing of Japanese in the islands of the Pacific by bombs and shells and leaflets issued by the Army's Psychological Warfare Branch...



At left is reproduced a surrender pass dropped behind the Jap lines...



Right, a surrendered Jap on Guam broadcasts through a Marine public address system...



Not even Japanese in all pictures are marked out in order to protect their families from reprisals.

Victory On Luzon Hailed

KANSAS CITY (AP) — President Truman predicted today a powerful blow being achieved in the liberated Philippines...

In a message to Gen. Douglas MacArthur...

"My most sincere congratulations to you and your command for the successful conclusion of the Luzon campaign..."

"All American are happy that victory has been won with the least possible loss in lives..."

The development came after the President had spoken to the Senate...

AGED KILLER OF HUSBAND Paroled To Attend Trials NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. Mary Quinn, 28, who shot and fatally wounded her husband...

U. S. Execution Team 3 Germans Hanged For Killing Aviator

REINHARDT, Germany — Three German soldiers were hanged at dawn today by American Army aviators...

1,000 Men Furloughed Army Takes Step To Aid Railroads

WASHINGTON (AP) — The War Department announced today that 1,000 soldiers will be furloughed for work on U. S. railroads...

The soldiers, all experienced railroaders in civilian life...

The secretary of War Patterson said the action was authorized in response to an "urgent appeal from the railroads for aid in coping a critical labor situation..."

The War Department took the step, Patterson added in a formal statement...

Patterson said the furloughing of troops to fill civilian jobs is not an attempt to do "fill a gap" and that the Army had hoped the need of releasing soldiers to industry had been eliminated...

Bradley & Tedder To Be Guests Of Omar King

OSLO (AP) — Gen. Omar N. Bradley, acting Allied Supreme Commander in Europe...

known flyer to death a fourth defendant, Matthias Reith, who was sentenced to death by the same military commission...

Approve Tax Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax revision legislation intended to improve the cash position of business and industry by \$5,000,000 per year...

The measure raises the excise tax on automobiles from \$100 to \$150...

Effects to broaden the inclusion of tax on individual tax burdens were included in the bill...

The legislation is designed primarily to make more cash available to business and industry...

PROVISIONS The five specific provisions of the bill are: 1. Increase the excess-profits tax exemption from \$100,000 to \$200,000...

2. Provide that the postwar rate of 10 per cent of the excess profits tax be taken currently with respect to tax liabilities of 1943 and subsequent years.

3. Spread-out of refunds resulting from carry-backs of lost operating losses and of unused investment credits.

4. Hasten refunds resulting from imputation of deductions for imputation of emergency tax benefits.

Bombs Rock Balikpapan

MANILA (AP) — Southeast Borneo's big refinery center of Balikpapan and nearby airfields have been shaken by the impact of more than 2,300 tons of bombs in the past two weeks.

Medium and low-level bombers of Gen. George C. Kenney's Far Eastern Air Force have stepped up their average aerial attacks...

"They have concentrated on striking our numerous gun positions which guard Tokon Hill..."

In the latest attacks, announced today, more than 150 Liberator, Mitchell and Lightning dropplanes tossed tons of bombs Tuesday on Balikpapan and the Mangrove area...

There was no official confirmation of enemy claims that Allied naval forces were engaging in mine sweeping operations preparatory to a landing...

It was the first American admission that a task force was operating south of Tarakan...

Radar Tokon claimed that one Allied destroyer was sunk in an aerial attack Monday night and that two patrol boats approaching the coast were exploded yesterday.

Japs Look To North Say U. S. Mountain Soldiers And Paratroops Massed In Aleutians

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Japan top brass today said it has learned that the United States is massing mountain-trained fighters and paratroopers.

The transfer of such units to the Asia mainland was disclosed by Tokyo radio in a broadcast issued by the Federal Communications Commission...

Sen. Vandenberg Urges Charter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, told his colleagues today they must accept the United Nations Charter as a brave experiment to protect the world of "its only collective chance" for peace.

In a vigorous endorsement of the San Francisco conference agreement for formation of an international organization...

Before the tall Michigan Senator took the floor, Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Republican Steering Committee, said he and others are thinking of trying to amend the ratification resolution...

Speaking from a prepared manuscript, Vandenberg said he would support the charter in the Senate...

"I shall do it because there must be no default in our obligation to the world..."

"I shall do it because there must not be created out of us an anti-collective chance."

Vandenberg who helped draft the Charter as an American delegate said the Pacific war...

The broadcast claimed that the United States had learned that Japan had learned that the United States is massing mountain-trained fighters and paratroopers.

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Nearly 500 Superforts Rain Bombs On Islands

Great Fires Rage In Ship Center

GUAM (AP) — Huge fires raged in Japan's great shipbuilding center of Sasebo and three other industrial cities today after nearly 500 Superfortresses rained 3,000 tons of fire bombs on the hope islands.

The unrelenting war of annihilation from the sky caught the Japanese without a defense. Not

WASHINGTON (AP) — Superfortresses today blasted out facilities at Fukuyama on the Japanese home island of Honshu.

A medium force of B-29s, possibly 150, took part in the attack, which came less than 24 hours after four-star strike against three important ports on Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands...

The new blow was struck at night against the mammoth plant of the Nippon Oil Company at Fukuyama...

Returning pilots said large fires broke out in at least two of the centers. They said their raid was challenged only by anti-aircraft fire in the pre-dawn attack...

ONE BOMBER MISSING "One bomber of the fleet failed to return."

Japanese broadcasts said the raiders also attacked the industrial city of Shimizu on the southern tip of Honshu and Kanoya, on southern Kyushu.

These reports said the fires were brought under control by "early morning" several hours after the American bombers turned for home.

The raids were announced by the 21st Bomber Command while fleet headquarters was disclosing new successes in search planes against supply shipping in enemy home waters.

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WENTHER Clear to partly cloudy, continued hot and humid today...

Temperature at 3:50 Today High and Low Last 24 Hours Yesterday