

Truman Stressing Need Of Quick Pacific Victory

Couldn't Attack Gamelin Tells About 'Phony War' Of 1939

(This is the fourth of a series of articles by the former commander of the French armies.)

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PARIS—Many people wonder why the French and British armies remained inactive during the first months in that period known as "the phony war."

My answer is simple and it is an old French military axiom: "You never have a good reason for a blunder."

But consider the situation that had been created for us at the end of September of 1939.

If Belgium had been allied with us if she had let us pass through her territory during the time while the Germans were tied up in Poland, we could, in the first onslaught, have turned the Siegfried Line which stopped at that time in front of Luxembourg and only extended in a thin row of pillboxes into the plains of Aix la Chapelle (Aachen). But France and England couldn't enter Belgium and Luxembourg forcibly. We were therefore committed to attack between the Rhine and Moselle, taking the bull by the horns.

In the night of Sept. 6, we began moving forward in order to approach our border and after Sept. 9, took the offensive to do our best to relieve Poland. Between Sarre and Ypres, we approached the Siegfried Line which took the form there, as you know, of a bulge. We prepared to attack Spaarbaekelen. But it was rapidly becoming obvious that Belgium would be prostrate. Therefore, the bulk of German forces committed against her would rapidly be directed against us. It was a matter of only 15 days to bring them from east to west.

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Would Wind Up Attack On Nippon Third Potsdam Meeting Stated

By DANIEL DE LUCE AND ERNEST B. VACCARO

POTSDAM (AP)—President Truman was believed emphasizing to his Russian and British allies today the necessity of winning a quick victory in the Pacific in order to speed the reconstruction of Europe and allow the world economy the benefit of global peace.

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The Blunt Truth U. S. Is Planning For War Lasting Until Late 1946

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON—The Army and Navy leaders are planning for the war against Japan to run at least into the next month of 1946. This is the blunt truth, as of today, despite a flood of rumors in Washington that some significant development is imminent in the Pacific theater.

Military leaders, assuming the Japanese will fight to the bitter end, are planning campaign in China, although what happens there specifically depends on Russia.

Russia comes into the war fairly soon—a development the chiefs of staff at Berlin could plan. The Western Allies may have very little to do in the Pacific theater.

The military plans here disclosed by both Army and Navy officials of unregistered authorities but announced in their own papers—based on the view that the Japanese will do as the Germans did—fight on until they are thoroughly defeated in battle.

The recent waves of "peace talk" have left this view unshaken although officials point to the present mood in Japan which might decide to surrender at any time.

Biggest B-29 Fleet Ever To Take Air Hits Cities

Target Area Not Far From Tokyo

By MORRIE LANDSBERG

GUAM, Friday, July 20 (AP)—A force of more than 600 B-29s, the greatest Superfort fleet ever sent out against Japan, took the torch to four more Nipponese cities early today.

The targets included Hitachi, Shizuoka, and other cities. The fleet was the largest ever sent out against Japan.

Fighting On Indo Border

By SPENCER MOORE

CHENNAI (AP)—In a new outbreak of fighting along the Indo-Pakistan border, Indian troops have been ordered to attack across three points in the border area.

The fighting is continuing in the border area between India and Pakistan.

Naval Guns Roar U. S. Third Fleet Pounds Entrance To Tokyo Bay

By HAMILTON W. FARRON

GUAM (AP)—The relentless U. S. Third Fleet pounded the entrance to Tokyo Bay today to carry the air and sea battering of the Mikado's capital into its third straight day.

The fleet's guns roared against the entrance to Tokyo Bay.

Advance On Two Fronts Australians Gain In Borneo Battle

By JAMES HUTCHESON

MANILA (AP)—Australian infantry advances on both sides of the vital oil island of Borneo were reported today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

The Australians are making gains in Borneo.

Weather Forecast

Mostly cloudy, but much change in temperature today, tonight and Friday. Windy, scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tonight.

Giant Forest Fires Rage

PORTLAND, Ore.—28—Three-foot forest fires are now rampaging after several days of rain were blazing uncontrollably today.

The fires are burning in the forest near Portland.

Lehman Is Not Quitting UNRRA

ALBANY, N. Y.—Herbert H. Lehman denied today he planned to leave the United States.

Lehman is continuing his work with UNRRA.

Air Blitz Stepped Up American Airpower, Reinforced From Europe, Sweeps Enemy Sky

Seventh Air Force units which started today to strike the east coast of Europe, are sweeping Pacific skies from Paramaribo to Borneo and from the Kaseki Bay area to China coast.

The American air force is stepping up its attacks.

Canadian First Army To Dissolve

OTTAWA (AP)—The Canadian First Army which was organized to fight under Gen. Eisenhower's supreme command will be dissolved July 31. Defense Minister, Gen. Andrew McNanagh announced today.

The Canadian First Army is being disbanded.

German Girls Hair Cropped

WITH BRITISH OCCUPATION FORCES IN GERMANY, German girls have cropped the hair of their German friends.

The British forces are enforcing the hair crop.

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Why May Be Replaced As Ambassador To London

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The reports are that the current ambassador is being considered for replacement.

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