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OKINAWA-BASED PLANES HIT JAPAN

AUSSIES PLUNGE TOWARD OIL FIELDS

Diggers In Push Across Mined Areas On Borneo

All Of Balikpapan Is Occupied

By SPENCER DAVIS

MANILA — (AP) — Australian invaders pushed across heavily mined areas today toward the last remaining Japanese-held oil field in Southeast Borneo, guided by the towering fires of Koelasambodja, a large refinery and pumping station put to the torch by retreating Nipponese.

The battle-hardened Seventh Australian Infantry occupied the remaining Japanese-held part of Balikpapan yesterday, overran Manggar Airfield in a five mile advance to the northeast and plunged on toward the great salt-marsh oil fields of the Samarinda district.

GREAT JUNK PILE

The Samarinda fields are approximately 55 airmiles northeast of Balikpapan, now a giant junk pile of burned and blasted refinery equipment and oil pipes.

Koelasambodja, on the pipe line approximately halfway between Balikpapan and Samarinda, is on the coast.

(Radio Tokyo said today that the Allies had poured ashore 15,000 men by Wednesday. It claimed the Japanese garrison had inflicted 2,000 casualties up to Tuesday, but Allied sources had reported casualties as light.

(The enemy broadcast reported daily strafing of Japanese positions by an average of 150 fighter and bomber planes, with "persistent" night naval bombardments. Tokyo claimed that despite furious Allied attacks the garrison was fighting ritedly.)

Pitted and cratered roads from littered bombardments, booby traps and land mines left by the retreating enemy constituted most of the hazards encountered by the hard-driving Diggers as they doggedly expanded their invasion area.

AIR BASES HELD

The capture of Manggar with its two 4,000-foot runways gave the Allies control of the only two worthwhile airbases in the Balikpapan area. Sepinggang airstrip, already in use by the Australians, fell early this week.

American minesweepers were busy clearing Balikpapan bay, where two Yankee-manned Army Engineer LCM boats earlier steamed through the mines to set up repair shops.

Columns of Aussies swept through the main industrial and dock areas of the port, then smashed remaining Japanese in the Pandansari refinery region on the left flank and doubled through the swampy Pandansari river to the native quarters of the town. A flanking movement from the rubber in the north knocked out Japanese field pieces which had been shelling the advancing Diggers.

Belgians Fly To See Leopold

BRUSSELS —(AP)— Former Premier Achille Van Acker flew to St Wolfgang, Austria, today with a group of government officials for his fourth series of conferences with King Leopold III.

Van Acker resigned recently in protest to Leopold's intention to return to the throne. It was believed that Van Acker had gone to the King's Bavarian villa to renew pressure for the monarch's abdication.

Confusion and contradiction mounted here following an attack by the pro-Leopold newspaper La Libre Belgique on Supreme Allied Headquarters and the Belgian government. Meanwhile Leopold was being held prisoner.

Four Jap Admirals Die

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)— A Japanese vice-admiral and three rear admirals, today joined the enemy Navy's long death list of top officers. Radio Tokyo listed the dead as Vice Adm. Katsukiyo Shimada and Rear Admirals Osaburo Nishizuhi, Ryoichi Hashimoto and Kitezo Yamauchi in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission. No details were given.

After Big 3 Meeting

Morgenthau Will Leave Treasury

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Henry Morgenthau Jr., will step down as Secretary of the Treasury when President Truman returns from the Big Three meeting in Berlin.

At that time, several weeks hence, Mr. Truman will name a successor to the Dutchess County, N. Y., apple grower who has held the office 11 1-2 years.

VINSON MAY SUCCEED

The Chief Executive told reporters yesterday he has a man in mind for his sixth Cabinet appointment, but he wouldn't say who he is. War Mobilizer Fred Vinson topped a long list of names heard in speculation today.

Mr. Truman announced acceptance of Morgenthau's long-rumored resignation at another headline-catching news conference at which he also disclosed that:

Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts will retire July 31.

He does not expect to accept the resignation of Secretary of the Interior Ickes who, in fact, is going to Eng-

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No Reservations

Predicts Charter Won't Be Changed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, predicted today that all attempts to attach reservations to United States ratification of the United Nations Charter will be beaten down.

Saying he had been informed that at least two Senators plan to present reservations, Connally added to a reporter:

"I'm of the firm conviction that we shall be able to defeat all reservations and ratify the Charter without amendment."

SHORT HEARINGS

At the same time, Connally said hearings before the Foreign Relations Committee he heads will be shortened as much as possible.

"I hope that we can finish them in a week," he said. "That's just a hope, however."

The hearings open Monday in the caucus room of the Senate Office Building.

The House, meanwhile arranged a session to hear reports on the Charter from Chairman Bloom, Democrat, New York, and Representative Eaton, New Jersey, ranking Republican member of that chamber's Foreign Affairs Committee. Both were delegates to the San Francisco Conference.

Bloom called on the Senate to "lead the world" in ratification, asserting in a prepared address:

"The new Charter has all the machinery we need to make a brave beginning for a new and better world."

"No one claims it is either final or perfect," Bloom said, "but its principles have been tested and found successful in war and we are now about to test and prove them in peace.

"The Charter offers a workable means of providing for the self-protection and self-preservation of civilization without overwhelming upon these ideals of freedom and liberty which are so dear to all Americans."

East Is West

'China Boy' Learns That He Is White

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Mah Jung Don, 25-year-old resident of San Francisco's Chinatown, is white, has always thought he was Chinese, and now doesn't know what nationality he prefers.

Details of his predicament came out in Superior Court yesterday when he appeared on a charge of stealing some gold coins and watches from the room of a Chinese.

Police Sgt Jack Manion of the Chinatown squad reported a routine check of immigration files disclosed Jung was born in Sacramento of white parents, but when he was a year old he was adopted by a Chinese couple and taken to Hong Kong where he was reared as their child. He returned to this country in 1941 and has worked as a bus boy in several restaurants here.

Superior Judge Edward Murphy asked him, "You want to be an American?"

"Yes, American," he replied.

"You rather be China boy?" Murphy then queried.

"Yes, China boy," answered Jung.

That was too much for the judge, who said he would get an interpreter Monday.

Gesture Of Mercy

Let Japs Take Sick & Wounded Off Wake

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM —(AP)— A Japanese hospital ship evacuated 974 wounded and sick Japanese soldiers and sailors from Wake Island with the permission of the United States Navy, Pacific Fleet Headquarters announced today.

The incident was unprecedented in the Pacific war.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported that the enemy ship was stopped and searched by an American destroyer as it approached and again as it left Wake Island, where U. S. Marines held out gallantly early in the war until overrun by overwhelming numbers of Japanese assault troops.

American boarding parties found that the bulk of the 974 taken off Wake were suffering from malnutrition, testifying to the effectiveness of the long American air and sea blockade of the island, 1,965 miles southeast of Tokyo. Nipponese medical officers estimated 15 per cent of these wouldn't survive the voyage to Tokyo. Fifteen per cent of the rescued enemy garrison taken off were suffering from tuberculosis. Fourteen were wounded.

The evacuation presumably removed most of the Japanese garrison and was a virtual admission that American forces could take Wake any time they wish.

London Pole Group Tries To Carry On

Calls On Army To Stay Loyal

By DON DOANE

LONDON — (AP) — The repudiated London Polish Government called upon the 250,000 men in its armed forces today to remain loyal —an action which apparently challenged the pending plans of the Big Three to give these men a choice between returning home or remaining abroad.

Shorn of recognition by Britain and the United States, the exiled regime of Premier Tomasz Arciszewski declared that it would hand over its authority "solely" to a government formed on free Polish soil.

In a statement issued through the Polish Telegraph Agency, the London administration said any Polish government to which it would turn over its authority must be one which "reflects the will of the people as expressed in free elections."

RECOGNITION LOST

The statement was a clear indication of Arciszewski's intentions to carry on the exiled regime despite the bombshells of recognition and the imminent withdrawal of British financial support to all but the armed forces and a few agencies necessary to carry out the liquidation of affairs in London.

Meanwhile, the newly-formed Polish Provisional Government of National Unity in Warsaw started action to take over the assets of the rival London administration.

Polpress, news agency for the Warsaw government, announced the appointment of a three-member Polish commission "authorized to take over and secure all property of the Polish state in Great Britain."

The Polish Telegraph Agency said Lt. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski (Bor), commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the London administration, had issued an order of the day maintaining that proclamations of President Bronislaw Raczkiewicz of the exiled group "remain binding upon all Polish servicemen."

Other Polish questions remaining to be settled include: Control of the Bank of Poland's gold reserve, determination of whether the Warsaw government is at war with Japan and the question of whether 26 Polish newspapers printed in London will be allowed to continue.

The British Foreign Office announced creation of an interim Treasury committee for "Polish questions" to supervise the task of liquidation. Polish forces which have been serving with the Allies, receiving supplies from the British Government and pay from military credits provided the London Polish Government, will have arrangements for supplies and pay "substituted pending further decisions," the announcement added.

TROOPS MAINTAINED

The troops will be maintained until a plan is worked out letting them choose whether to accept the Warsaw Government's invitation for all "devoted to democratic principles" to come home, or to remain abroad.

Only such "essential" activities of the London Poles as educational and hospital services for Polish citizens in England and care of refugees abroad will continue to be financed by the British Government, the Foreign Office said.

Tributes Paid Premier Curtin

CANBERRA — (AP)— Representatives of the United Nations joined with Australians today in paying tribute to the memory of Prime Minister John Curtin at simple rites in Parliament House.

Members of Parliament and a guard of honor of Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen filed slowly past the flag-draped casket in King's Hall before attending services conducted by the Rev. Hector Harrison, Presbyterian Minister who was a close friend of the Prime Minister.

60 Patients Moved As Fire Sweeps Hospital

PUEBLO, Colo. —(AP)— Approximately 60 patients, including crippled children, were removed from an old section of St. Mary Hospital today after a basement fire began choking smoke through the four-story brick structure.

The Supreme Court

Stone May Follow Roberts In Retiring From Tribunal

By PAUL M. YOST

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Owen J. Roberts' surprise resignation from the Supreme Court spurred speculation today that he may be followed soon by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, oldest man on the tribunal.

President Truman announced Roberts' resignation late yesterday, to become effective at the end of this month. He has served on the high court fifteen years, becoming its leading dissenter and often caustic critic of his colleagues' views.

"GREAT DISSENTER"

Powerfully-built and pleasant, Roberts turned in a new high total of 54 dissents in the court term just ended. But close associates said he finished the term "very happy" in his work.

On his 70th birthday anniversary last May 2, friends said he

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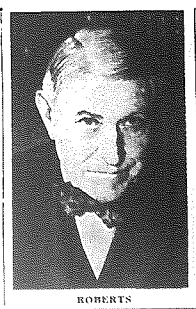

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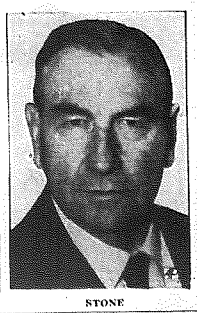

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Workers' Corps

Japan Mobilizes Civilian Fighters

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Japan has begun mobilization of civilian volunteer workers—both men and women —into combat corps to battle expected invaders of the home islands, Radio Tokyo revealed today.

The combat corpsmen will become members of the Imperial Army but will continue their war jobs while awaiting the time when they may have to "engage in actual fighting," said the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

First to be militarized as Japan tightened its defenses were 150,000 railroad workers, Domei agency said male railway workers between 16 and 60 years and women between 17 and 40 were included and that other industries will follow. Top commander is the Army Chief of Staff.

Relentless bombing has played havoc with Japan's transportation facilities and Tokyo broadcasts have reflected a crisis in movement of munitions, foodstuffs, coal and other war supplies.

The enemy radio sought some consolation amid bombings by reporting that in "raid devastated areas" of Tokyo residents are making kitchen knives from the cases of incendiary bombs dropped by American B-29s.

The cases were admittedly of such good quality that plans are under way to make frying pans and bowls of them, Tokyo said.

The Japanese Cabinet, meeting to discuss the new cuts in food rations, offered a week-postponed example by cutting staple food rations. The Cabinet decided to allow a combination of rice cakes and hardtack made from sweet potato flour, Tokyo said.

Strike Shuts Steel Mill

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The world's second largest steel mill was shut down today by a strike but in Akron, Ohio, tires began rolling off production lines in five Navy-seized rubber plants.

The first of 16,700 CIO United Rubber Workers reported for duty this morning at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plants which had been strikebound for 20 days.

Over the nation labor disputes idled a total of 52,250 persons.

The South Chicago plant of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company, a company spokesman said, was forced to shut down today, idling 13,000 employes, following a week-long stoppage by 50 plant CIO railroad operators. The plant's normal production of steel for the war effort is 10,500 tons every 24 hours, and it ranks second to the company's huge Gary (Ind.) plant in size.

STRIP MILL CLOSED

In Cleveland, Republic Steel Corporation's huge continuous strip mill was closed by an "unauthorized" stoppage by 100 CIO United Steel Workers and labor disputes kept idle 4,100 coal miners in Eastern Pennsylvania, cutting anthracite production 12,500 tons daily.

In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Owen Williams, regional director of the Solid Fuels Administration, said the work stoppage by 4,100 miners at the Prospect and Henry Workings, Hazleton shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and the Huber Mine of the Glen Alden Coal Co., is cutting anthracite production 12,500 tons daily.

FIRESTONE STRIKE

While the Navy operated the Goodyear plants, 16,500 employes of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in Akron remained on strike for the sixth day. In Toledo, there was no immediate indication of settlement of the stoppage by 6,000 employes of the Spicer Manufacturing Co., producer of jeep parts.

In New York the War Labor Board's deadline for 12,000 striking Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union members to take steps to end their strike passed with no announcement from the union since Saturday night the strike has paralyzed delivery of all but one of the major metropolitan dailies.

De Gaulle Will Visit Washington

PARIS—(AP)— Gen. de Gaulle's Headquarters announced today he has accepted an invitation from President Truman to visit Washington next month.

Chiang Expects Landing On Japan

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Premier Chiang Kai-Shek said today a landing on Japan would be "easier than Normandy."

In a Double Seventh message marking the anniversary of the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war July 7, 1937, the Generalissimo predicted victory would come when China would carry the war to the Japanese homelands.

Air Blitz On

Japs Say U. S. Hitting With 11,000 Planes

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The United States is using 11,000 planes against the Japanese Empire, Radio Tokyo said today.

The Japanese broadcast, recorded here by the Federal Communications Commission, said:

"The United States is using 11,000 planes against the Japanese Empire. Most of the Japanese planes are used for suicide attacks against Allied ships and military installations in Dutch Borneo, Wake, Borneo, the Tokyo area and the broadcast said the U. S. carriers will be able to hold out longer than Japan because of the greater distance.

Of the growing force of bombers available for U. S. bomber and fighter planes from Iwo and bad weather, Tokyo said.

Fifth Air Force Ships Moved From Philippines

Add Weight To Might Assault

MANILA — (AP) — U. S. Fifth Air Force planes newly moved from the Philippines to Okinawa are striking Japan, it was disclosed today, adding their weight to the Army Superfortresses, medium bombers, fighterbombers and Marine and Navy aircraft already hitting the enemy home islands.

As Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his air chief, Gen. George C. Kenney, announced this new power shift in the air war against the Japanese, dispatches from Guam and Iwo Jima recorded a series of blows by assorted Army, Navy and Marine plane against the main islands of Honshu and Kyushu, the Ryukyus and vital rail transport in Korea.

MUSTANG ATTACK

Forty-eight Mustangs of the 35th Fighter Group hit six places on Kyushu on Tuesday, within 36 hours of arriving at their new Fifth Air Force bases on Okinawa, Kenney disclosed the strike with this promise:

"This is just the start. We will continue to hammer Japan until she accepts unconditional surrender."

Slam-bang entry of the Fifth Air Force found these air units already engaged in the same campaign:

20th Air Force Superfortresses, based in the Marianas and commanded by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, newly-promoted from command of the 21st Bomber Group;

Army Mitchell medium bombers, Thunderbolt fighters and Second Marine Aircraft Wing Corsair fighters and Avenger torpedo planes of the Tactical Air Force based on Okinawa;

Fleet Air Wings One and 18, privateers and seaplanes based in the Okinawa area; and

Army Seventh Fighter Command Mustangs based on Iwo Jima.

To this lineup soon is to be added the Army Eighth Air Force of European fame, under Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, which is to include Superfortresses.

SPAATZ NAMED

The Strategic Air Forces, the Eighth and the 20th, have been placed under command of Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, whose Strategic Air Forces delivered the long-range knockout blow to German industry.

There has been no announcement concerning Kenney's 13th Air Force, now supporting Borneo operations.

Without waiting for additions, or for completion of the planned 25 miles of runways on Okinawa, the air forces already within reach of Japan were pounding away steadily in a war of attrition.

The 7th Air Force fighters hit the Kyushu cities of Tojimbara, Ibusi, Izumi, Chiran and Omura, and sank three enemy float planes in the northern Kyushu harbor of Fukoka. Those were the only enemy planes they sighted in a two-hour sweep over Japan although antiaircraft fire was moderate to heavy.

Canada Will Ration Meat

OTTAWA—(AP)—Canada will resume rationing of meat shortly Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced today. Meat has not been rationed here since March 1, 1944.

The Government will establish "a comprehensive control of slaughterings in order that supplies of meats may be divided equitably between export and domestic needs."

King said this step would put the Prices Board (Canadian OPA) in a position to stamp out black market operators.

"The rationing which is to be imposed shortly is designed to effect a reduction in Canadian consumption of meat," the statement said.

In consequence, the rationing organization and system which the prices board must now develop present much more difficult problems of establishment and administration. Several weeks must elapse before the machinery can be put into operation and the consumer can begin to use coupons for purchases of meat.

"The need for increased supplies for Europe is very urgent and immediate. The Government urges that all Canadians, by voluntarily reducing their consumption of meat at once and without waiting for the operation of the rationing machinery, cooperate with the Government in meeting the urgent need of the starving peoples of Europe."

Agriculture Department Promised 100,000 POWs

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Agriculture Department says it has been promised 100,000 prisoners of war for farm work during the heavy harvest season of October through mid-November.

This is 15,000 more than were allotted for agricultural work during the Spring and Summer planting and cultivating season (Japan Ads).

Prisoners will be available for farm work until mid-December, the Department's announcement said yesterday.

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Senator Taft Attacks Compulsory Training

NEW YORK—(AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican, Ohio, says compulsory military training would destroy every hope of peace in the world" and would make the United States "a militaristic, aggressive force."

Speaking on "America's Town Meeting" radio program (ABC) last night Senator Taft said he opposed such training "because we would be adopting the essence of the very totalitarianism which we denounce."

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and continued warm with scattered showers today and tonight. Partly cloudy and not quite so warm Saturday.

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