

Huge Fires Kindled As Jap Arsenal City Raided

More Than 500 B-29's Strike

By JAMES LINDSEY

GUAM — (AP) — A great fleet of more than 500 Superfortresses kindled huge new conflagrations today in Nagoya, war vital Japanese aircraft and arsenal center still in flames from Monday's incendiary raid.

The B-29s struck shortly after midnight, dropping more than a million fire bombs from medium altitude by the light of flares and fire started in Monday's 500-plane strike.

FIGHTERS IN FORAY — Japanese fighters reported that twelve hours later 40 fighters from two Jma strafed the Fujisawa district on the southern outskirts of metropolitan Tokyo.

Today's B-29s dropped more than 3,500 tons of fire bombs on a sixteen-square-mile target area centered on the section adjoining Nagoya's inner harbor and estuary docks, the only portion of the city not previously hit by incendiaries.

Heavy fires were left roaring along the waterfront, reported Lt. George Walker, Superfortress navigator from Boston, Mass.

"I don't believe there's much left of the city," third largest in Japan, added Sgt. Ray Karpowicz, radioman from Madison, Ill., who has been on fourteen Nagoya raids.

Returning crewmen reported antiaircraft fire was meager and the few interceptor planes were anxious not to fly. There was no report of any B-29's lost.

A Japanese Imperial communiqué claimed nine B-29s were shot down, almost identical with the tally after Monday's raid in which two Superfortresses were destroyed. The enemy communiqué said the Asaka shrine was bombed. As usual it made no mention of industrial damage and claimed most fires were under control by dawn.

SMOKE BILLOWS HIGH — "We were over the target early, but even then large fires were burning in the southern part of the city," reported Lt. W. C. Lochner of Milwaukee, Wis., instrument specialist.

A few days back Nagoya, smoke billowing thousands of feet into the air.

The target area included the Mitsubishi aircraft assembly plant which has been called the world's largest.

Also attacked today were small home factories and shops operated by many of Nagoya's 1,500,000 residents; the Aichi Aircraft Co.'s Mizuho plant, Aichi Engine Co.'s aluminum plant, and a number of munitions factories, warehouses and storage facilities.

Other major plants in the area included a steel mill and electric arc furnaces and ordnance plants; a vehicle company; a large hospital in the empire; Sumitomo Aluminum Co. works; Hokoku Machinery Co.'s Aichi plant; Yachiyo Steel Co.'s Osaka plant; Osaka Machinery Works; Tokai Light Metal Co.'s Aichi plant and Nagoya steam power plant.

Unreconstructed

German Re-Affirms Belief In Nazism

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. — (AP) — A pink-cheeked German submarine officer re-affirmed today his belief in Nazism in an interview he and a fellow captive gave to newsmen in the naval prison here.

The officer, tall, blonde, Oberleutnant Albert Finner, 29, executive officer of the submarine U-87, said he considered Hitler's policies best for Germany, for Europe and possibly, all mankind.

Huge Manhunt Three German Bigwigs Sought In Alpine Area

By A. I. GOLDBERG

BERCHTESGADEN — (AP) — An unrelenting search was being pressed today for Heinrich Himmler, Joachim von Ribbentrop and the notorious Anti-Semite Julius Streicher in the Alpine Pinnacles and chalets of Bavaria and Austria.

Alexis — In Allied hands are Lt. Col. Otto Skorzeny, No. 2 man in Himmler's organization, Ernst Knochenhauer, Himmler's first adjutant, and Dr. Robert Ley, labor front leader and creator of the Nazi "Strength Through Joy" organization.

Himmler, Ribbentrop and Streicher remained the three most important Nazi bigwigs at last. If it is true that Hitler is dead, and all three may be caught in this area.

Skorzeny headed a select band of saboteurs and special agents who led the German raiding party which rescued Benito Mussolini in September, 1943. Kattenbuehner admitted undertaking to organize an Anti-Russian underground resistance movement. Ley, officers said, was the mastermind of the Nazi "Strength Through Joy" organization.

GENERAL'S HELP —

Even generals of divisions in this area were taking a personal part in the huge manhunt.

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By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

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Truman Goes To See Hull

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Northwest of Davao, the 24th slowly dug enemy troops out of entrenched positions between the Talo and Davao Rivers. Deep raids permitted the Japanese to stall through Yank lines and guns were abandoned for knives and fists in the jungle.

NAVAL GUN SILENCED — A Marine dive bomber silenced one of several torpedo boats in the Naval Gun Silenced.

On Luzon, guerrilla forces harassed Japanese garrisons at Tuguegarao and along Highway four in southern Cagayan Valley, but the southern drive down the road from Balete Pass was halted by heavy rains.

PINCERS CLOSING — East of Manila, two prongs of a powerful 6th Infantry Division pincers closed to within 1,600 yards of each other and compressed a strong enemy force near the Pincers Closing.

The First Cavalry Division pushed up the east coast toward a small, unopposed Japanese seaplane base south of Iloilo.

The Dutch troops landed unopposed on the southern tip of Terakian Island off the Borneo coast and captured a strong Japanese garrison.

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U. S., Britain In Accord On Polish Issue

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Secretary of State Stettinius declared today there is "no question of any difference between the American and British viewpoint on the formation of a new Polish coalition government."

The Secretary of State made this statement in response to inquiries prompted by a New York Herald Tribune dispatch from San Francisco that the British had agreed to exchange of letters with Prime Minister Churchill, differed from the American position.

Asked about this report, Stettinius authorized this quotation: "There has been no question of any difference between the American and British viewpoint on the formation of a new Polish coalition government."

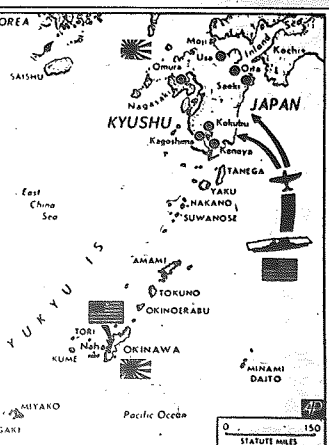
Florida Tragedy

Woman Killed When Attacked By Trained Fighting Dogs

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — A woman was killed today when she was attacked by nine pit bull terriers.

Complete Hudson said Munn's dog had been trained for pit fighting but that he despised the dog. The dog was being held by the humane Society today.

At the hospital physicians said the flesh had been torn from both the victim's arms, there were many gashes on her legs, and



U. S. PLANES HIT JAP AIRFIELDS—Arrows from aircraft carrier symbols indicate American air raids on Japanese airfields (star symbols) on the Japanese island of Kyushu. To the south on Okinawa Island, the Americans repelled a fierce Jap counter-attack and entered Naha, demoralized capital of Okinawa. (AP Wirephoto Map.)

Got Cold Feet Germans Planned Last Stand In Air

LONDON — (AP) — Information now in Allied hands has disclosed that the Nazi High Command planned a great last stand in the air.

The plan hoped for destruction of between 750 and 1,000 American planes—about 500 bombers and 250 fighters. Every available German combat fighter was to have been thrown into the gun-battle during the war. The plan hoped for destruction of between 750 and 1,000 American planes—about 500 bombers and 250 fighters.

As the time approached the plot, many of whom had got cold feet, said the plan was dropped.

It was disclosed yesterday that American and British bombers had dropped 1,877,000 tons of bombs on Germany and German-occupied Europe during the war. The RAF dropped 986,000, and the Americans 891,500.

Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told the House of Commons that well over a million tons were dropped by bombers in the last two years alone, excluding tonnage dropped by tactical forces.

Col. Kenneth E. Worthing, 15th Corps Military Government officer for the Salzburg region, rates gave greater applause to American bombers than to the British.

Three enlisted men and three Wacs went through the jitterbug routines naturally and without inhibition through their audience.

The 12th Army Group commander and the 12th Army Group commander and the 12th Army Group commander.

Glenn Miller started the hep cats.

WEATHER

Warm this afternoon followed by partly cloudy and cooler to night. Tomorrow partly cloudy and cooler.

Temperature at 2:30 Today, 74 High and Low Last 24 Hours 87, 68

Sunrise Today 6:21 Sunset Tomorrow 6:17

Main Part Of Okinawa Capital City Penetrated

Shuri Fortress Approached

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM — (AP) — A total of 46,505 Japanese have been killed on Okinawa by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr.'s Tenth Army which today pierced the heart of Naha and was fighting on the blood-soaked approaches to Shuri and Yonabaru.

Naha, Shuri and Yonabaru are strongholds of the four-nail "Ito" line across the island.

U. S. CASUALTIES — American casualties through Monday were 20,800:

Killed—2,771 soldiers; 1,810 Marines—total 4,581.

Wounded—11,675 soldiers; 8,239 Marines—total 19,914.

Missing—124 soldiers; 94 Marines—total 218.

The Yanks captured 1,000 Japanese.

For the 45 days of savage battling U. S. forces have lost an average of 1,011 daily—a ratio of one American to twelve Japanese.

Associated Press Correspondent Al Dopping's handily dispatch Wednesday indicated U. S. casualties continued heavy. In a Japanese counter-attack Tuesday in the Naha sector one company of 360 Marines had two men left while another had eight.

An estimated 50,000 Japanese remain on the island.

Patrols of Maj. Gen. Samuel B. Grimes' 7th and 8th Air Divisions crossed the muddy Asa River and entered the main part of Naha, a rubble-strewn Okinawa capital and the first major Japanese city to be captured.

NEAR EASTERN ANGORS — Across the island, a 28th Infantry Division tank platoon led by 1st Lt. Elton P. Andrews, Wheeling, W. Va., and 1st Lt. James H. Hines, recently captured Good Hill and drove 800 yards north to within a couple hundred yards of Yonabaru, eastern anchor of the enemy defense line.

Meanwhile, elements of three divisions—the 7th and 8th Air Divisions and the First Marine—approached Shuri, a heavily fortified town.

After a heavy morning of fighting in the town, the 7th and 8th Air Divisions gained the top of a nearby hill and worked down the southeast slope to within 100 yards of Shuri's northeast corner.

Tanks of Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's First Marine Division have been rushing into the town from the west of Shuri's northern end.

KEY TO CAMPAIGN — Meanwhile, Shuri regarded as the key to the whole Okinawa campaign was given a terrific pounding by Army and Marine artillery.

Once Shuri's inner ring defenses were penetrated, said a Tenth Army spokesman, the end of the Okinawa campaign will be in sight.

Twelve Japanese planes approached shipping off Okinawa Tuesday evening. Eight were shot down and the others were forced to retire without inflicting damage. A few other bombers were shot down and the others were forced to retire without inflicting damage.

Credentialed Restored

To Two Correspondents

PARIS — (AP) — Press credentials have been restored to two American correspondents who were expelled from France last year for failing to provide accurate news.