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WORLD WAR II REPORTS

European Angle

Hoover Called By Truman For Parley On Food

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman has invited former President Herbert Hoover for a conference on the food situation in Europe.

The former Republican chief executive was asked to call next Monday morning, Mr. Hoover has accepted the invitation.

Charles G. Ross, Mr. Truman's press secretary, said Mr. Hoover would be here at 10:30 A. M. Eastern War Time, Monday.

The former President was food administrator in the first World War and made several trips to Europe during and after that war to arrange for feeding the starving in Belgium and other countries.

Ross said the President felt that Mr. Hoover had information which would be valuable to him.

Mr. Hoover is now in New York. The White House spokesman recalled the former President having visited the White House since he left it in March, 1933, to be succeeded by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In New York, Mr. Hoover's secretary said the former President would go to the White House in response to "a very cordial invitation" from Mr. Truman.

She said Mr. Hoover would have nothing to say about his views on the European food situation until he had seen the President.



HOOPER

Security Plans

Cut In Arms May Follow V-J Day

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The probability of a United Nations arms conference following close on the defeat of Japan emerged today from the plans for future world security now being put into final form.

Luzon Japs Folding Up

By FRED HAMPSON
MANILA—(AP)—A disintegrating Japanese force, encircled northeast of Manila in mountains suited for a long, delaying stand, is showing disposition to surrender.

When the 43rd Division and guerrillas captured Ipo Dam, chief source of Manila's water, last week, for the first time in this theater an enemy garrison of considerable size was trapped. Since then, the dragoons, aided by the Fifth Air Force, have been killing Japanese at a rate of 100 to 1 daily. Only a few surrendered.

Yesterday, however, twenty Japanese, including two medical officers, gave up in a group. They indicated others would like to give up.

On Mindanao, southernmost of the Philippines, although close quarters fighting continues north of Davao, reports from the 24th Division indicate the peak of enemy resistance has been passed. Fighting still is so close that Pfc. Harold Jones, Alabaster, Neb., killed a Japanese who was clearing a jammed machinegun.

Lanceman Artfield, the last of six enemy air bases around Davao, fell to the 24th Thursday.

Today's communique reported the capture on Luzon's east coast of the towns of Infanta and Misita by guerrilla forces absorbed into the Philippine Army. American and Filipino forces thus hold a solid line of the east coast from the tip of the southern Bicol Peninsula north to the central part of the island.

WEATHER

Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms today. Partly cloudy and warm tonight and Sunday.

Temperature at 7:30 Today 68
High & Low Last 24 Hours 81-57
Sunset Today 8:27
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:12

Fleet Units Damaged In Jap Attacks

Series Of Raids Off Okinawa

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM (AP)—Eleven light units of the Pacific fleet were damaged in Okinawa waters in a dramatic series of raids Thursday night and Friday morning by a carrier force of 14 Japanese aircraft carriers, some of which carried airborne troops.

During the eighteen hour battle, 11 Japanese aircraft were shot down. One bomber died in a tip-over belly landing on American-held Yontan airfield and discarded a handful of outside assault troops. They set fire to a number of American planes before they were cut down.

FEW CASUALTIES
Surprisingly few casualties were suffered on the eleven damaged American ships, Associated Press War Correspondent Vera Hainland reported from Okinawa. He said each craft shot down from one of their decks, in modern times and after they were hit. One vessel was hit amidships and, surprisingly, no one was killed. Five were wounded.

A Pacific Fleet communique today announced the strongest of all air attacks gave no details as to the types of ships hit or the extent of damage. Hainland said attacking formations included all types of aircraft, ranging from light one-engine fighters to modern heavy bombers and medium bombers.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported this heaviest counterblow in weeks today at Marianas. The figure through the mined streets of Naha, Okinawa's shattered capital, and artillery pounded the half-wrecked fortress city of Shuri. Mud and rain hampered ground operations.

U. S. CASUALTIES
Nimitz announced overall American casualties 24, 14 including 9,622 dead, for the Army, Marine Corps and Navy since the Okinawa campaign began in March. This preliminary carrier sweep, Japanese dead in ground attacks alone were listed nine days ago at 48,103.

Destruction of 111 Japanese planes in the first aerial engagement since the start of the war, to a 247 the staggering number of enemy aircraft wiped out to date in the Pacific theater. This figure includes 318 destroyed by Japanese fighters.

The Japanese made the fantastic attempt to land grenade-armed troops on the Yontan airfield. The air force shot down and destroyed the new C-47 transport unit of the Kamikaze special attack corps tumbled out, beat upon exploding nearby. Japped planes and Hainland said "eight or more men rushed from the plane in the moonlight, setting fire to propellers."

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A Report And A Summary

The News' Lawyer-Reporter Winds Up His 'Frisco Duty

By C. W. TILLET
SAN FRANCISCO—This is my last report. Today I bow off the newspaper stage. Tonight my assistant, correspondent, and I take the Overland for Chicago. I have been a constitutional lawyer, reporting a constitutional convention, an arrangement with J. Edgar Hoover, and a Charlotte News when I applied for the commission. Ditto to me when I was with first-class people here to come through with a press pass.

Don't think I should be placed on the fact that this is a constitutional and not a political convention. It is the evolution of ideas that is most important, that is what should claim one's attention if he is to view this affair properly.

PACKED WITH DRAMA
Don't think there is any plenty of drama involved in the evolution of ideas to one with seeing such an undertaking. Each sentence, phrase and word used, and its proper placement, is freighted with millions of lives.

C. W. TILLET
and billions of dollars in the world of the future.

You can imagine how impatient I became when I read that some

Two Palaces Destroyed By U. S. Raiders

Nip Premier Says Imperial Palace Gone But Other Accounts Differ

By HAMILTON W. FARON
GUAM (AP)—Superfortresses, carrying their fire bomb scourge to the heart of the enemy empire for the second time in 48 hours, by Radio Tokyo account destroyed two palaces and left metropolitan Tokyo "literally scorched to the ground today."

The attack was announced by Washington yesterday.

The 500-plane raid "practically laid waste what was once the world's third largest metropolis," the broadcast reported.

"The Outer Palace within the Imperial Palace compounds, as well as the Omyia detached palace were destroyed by fire," it added.

Stung by the strike into the very nerve center of the empire, Radio Tokyo diverged from a later recital of damages to declare the "enemy's inhuman atrocities" had "sobered the Japanese" feeling of hostility and (they) are firmly determined to fight to the last Japanese."

Damages listed in the Tokyo metropolitan area, generally forming a horseshoe from east to west southward around the Imperial Palace compounds, included destruction by fire of the Imperial University, Bunriki University, a number of elementary and middle schools, "several" hospitals, the Atago Shrine and the Zojo Temple.

The Swedish and Finnish legations were reported completely razed and the former United States Embassy partly destroyed.

In succeeding broadcasts, the Japanese themselves developed a controversy as to what part of the Imperial Palace was burned, with Premier Kantaro Suzuki reporting to the Cabinet, according to a Domei news agency dispatch, he had switched the fire start and that the Imperial Palace itself had been destroyed.

The statement seemed to be corroborated by a Tokyo radio commentator who said the "Imperial Palace, the focal point of the Japanese peoples' foremost affection and undying loyalty was destroyed for the most part."

Another commentator, however, observed that the "Imperial sanctuary, symbol of the nation's sacred spiritual traditions," had "escaped destruction."

B-29 crewmen who participated in the raid said the Army and Navy Department and the Diet Buildings, as well as the palace, were probably damaged. Although none was a specific target.

One returning pilot observed he would be surprised if the raid had not scorched the emperor's hair a little, but a Tokyo broadcast reported that "the emperor's hair" was not injured. The Omyia Palace was the home of the Emperor Dowager.

GALE FANS FLAMES
The flames, fanned by a 70-mile gale, "wrought havoc on the sprawling concrete business districts and residential sections of the city," a Jap broadcast said.

The "falling of the Japanese over-Americans has turned" today with the flames of a "B-29 Superfortress fire-bomb raid."

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Grim Prospect For Nips

Japan To Be Bombed Twice As Hard As Was Germany

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON (AP)—Japan in the next year will be the target of more than twice as many bombs as fell on Germany during the last 12 months.

The House Appropriations Committee members made this disclosure today after a closed-door session with Gen. George C. Marshall.

The chief of staff met with the general yesterday to lay the groundwork for the War Department appropriation bill for the fiscal year starting July 1.

"We can see that in the coming year, more than two and one-half times as many tons of bombs will be dropped on Japan as the Allies dropped in Europe this year," Rep. J. E. Russell (Dem., Ill.) said.

The war against Japan will be longer and tougher than is generally expected, War Department spokesmen said.

"The year soon may be another sharp reduction in the size of the Army."

But, according to Gen. Marshall, many members believe the Army's fiscal year 1946 budget could be cut as much as 30 percent from the \$49,000,000,000 approved for the current year.

"We will be pleased with a 10 percent cut," he said.

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House Showdown

Democrats Win In Tariff Test

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No More Punishment

Yank Who Hit Nazis Given A Clean Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Department today canceled any further punishment for Pvt. Joseph McGee, who was sentenced to two years at hard labor for punching German war prisoners in France.

The 22-year-old Weaver, Mass. soldier, now confined in disciplinary barracks at Fort Benning, Ga., was ordered restored to duty and his discharge was revoked.

Acting Secretary of War Patterson personally reviewed the case at the request of House Democratic Leader McCormack, who had introduced a bill to restore McGee to duty as a soldier as of this date.

McGee was court martialed at Le Mans, France, on Oct. 15, 1944. He was charged with "assaults and batteries" on nine German prisoners, near a stockade where in France. The prisoners testified that McGee struck them with his hands or kicked them in one instance used his club.

The transcript of the court martial indicated that McGee did not testify in his own behalf and pleaded innocent to all charges which were based on violations of the Geneva Convention,

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