



PATTERN FOR SHOWDOWN IN THE PACIFIC—The chips are down on Japan's Great gamble for victory in the Pacific. The enemy raked in some fat pots in the early days of the war, when the Allies thought he was bluffing, but found he held many an ace. Now, with his luck running out, the Japs are playing 'em close to his vest. Troops withdrawn from central China will solidify northern defenses, for strongest possible stand there. Forces several hundred thousand strong in southwest Asia and the East Indies may be left to their fate, with orders to fight suicide stands and impede Allied advance as much as possible. U. S. aerial, submarine and surface forces, cutting their vital sea-borne "life-line" at many points, have virtually isolated them from Japan, anyway.

U. S. Base Re-Won
Chinese Cut Into Nippon Corridor

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Chinese troops, pushing deeply into the enemy's overland corridor to India, have reached the vicinity of Pingyang, 60 miles north of recaptured Nanning, the Chinese High Command announced today. The march carried the Chinese about a third of the way from Nanning, Kwelin in the eastern Kwantung, one of the first U. S. Air Force bases in the Japanese advance zone. The month ago, when the Chinese had established a base across China from Manchuria to Indo-China. PORT RECAPTURED The island port of Nanning, a strategic one of the most important stations on the overland route through Chanchia, Kwelin and Hanchow, was recaptured over the weekend in one of the most promising Chinese counter-offensives of the war. Breakthrough of Nanning was the feat of troops commanded by Gen. Chang Fa-kuei, veteran leader of the old Fourth Nationalist Army. "The Ironclads," which earned wide fame in the turbulent days of China's Civil War, are now concentrated in the area.

Heads For Home
Most Yanks Captured By Nazis Safe

PARIS — (AP) — A majority of the American troops taken prisoner by the Germans have been evacuated to France and England, and more than 20,000 are already on their way to the United States, communications zone headquarters announced today. "The exceptions are those still being held by the Russians for repatriation and those who are still to be accounted for," the announcement said. More than a half-million Allied prisoners of war and displaced French civilians have been brought out of Germany since April 1 by the U. S. Army Transportation Corps and Air Transport Command, the statement said.

WEATHER
Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Tuesday. Scattered showers Tuesday.

Japs Report New Raids

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — American Superfortresses P-51 Mustang fighters carried out new raids against the Japanese home islands today, Tokyo reported. Radio Tokyo said a dozen of the B-29s bombed the Shikoku area in southern Japan and that four more shot down. Reported attacks against suicide plane bases in the area, on Kyushu Island, have been taken out. About 20 Mustangs, "headed by three Marauders," Tokyo reported, attacked airfields in the Tokyo vicinity for 40 minutes shortly after dawn today. "Tokyo time," Daniel News Agency reported. The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission in San Francisco, said the planes carried out "strategic and bombing" attacks in the Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures. "Chiba, or Shiba, prefecture is the southernmost of the Tokyo prefectures, fronting on the western shores of Tokyo Bay and directly south of the area burned out in last week's great Superfortress raid." WATERS MINED In earlier broadcasts, Tokyo reported 27 Superfortresses again mined Japanese waters, sinking the explosives from the southern shore of Kyushu, southernmost of the home islands, to the northwestern shores of Honshu, on which Tokyo is situated. Point of the mine-sowing Superfortresses were shot down and were damaged, but heavily, it was unlikely they could return to their bases, Tokyo claimed.

Yanks Arrive On Two Troopships

NEW YORK — (AP) — Two troopships carrying 1,200 American soldiers and 376 wounded soldiers docked today at Staten Island. Chiving soldiers lined the rails and cheered to the live music of the 37th Army Service Forces band from Fort Hamilton as the ships pulled into the pier. Wars for the first time helped unload the ships, brought whistles from the veterans who kissed the part and American soil as they left the gangplanks. Ungraded Lumber Ceilings Fixed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Dollar-and-cents price ceilings for ungraded lumber sold by small mills in the Appalachian region were fixed by the OPA yesterday. Affected will be small mills in the western parts of Virginia and the eastern parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

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Enemy May Be Cracking After Long Island Fight

Many Nip Guns Knocked Out
By HAMILTON FARON
GUAM — (AP) — Japanese appeared today to be withdrawing from the Okinawa town of Shuri after a fierce 38-day defense of the key fortress. If the indicated withdrawal becomes a full-scale retreat it will have been forced by the U. S. Seventh Infantry Division's breakthrough on the east coast which has flanked Shuri and now threatens to cut it off from the rear.

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