

JAPANESE IN OKINAWA Trap Closing On Japanese Forces On Mindanao

Warn That Invasion Of Homeland Is Imminent



JAPANESE PRISONERS EAT UNDER GUARD — Troops of the U. S. 3rd Division feed their Japanese prisoners a meal of C-rations at Ipa Dam, Luzon, guarding the prisoners are left to right, standing: Pvt. August Bellino of New York City, Pfc. Camille Beard of Lewiston, Maine, and Pfc. Tom Dvorak of Chicago, Ill. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps.)

Last Enemy Stand May Be Made In Mountains

Americans Keep Initiative

By FRED HAMPSON MANILA (AP) — Japanese forces on Mindanao thrown back from all useful areas of the island, may have to make their last stand in the mountainous east of the Sayre Highway and west of Davao.

Body Of Hitler Believed To Have Been Discovered

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG JR. Representing the Combined American Press.

BERLIN — A high Russian military source said today a body found in Berlin has been identified with fair certainty as that of Adolf Hitler.



HITLER Asked why an official announcement of the discovery has been made yet by Moscow, this Russian source said that as long as any element of uncertainty exists, the Russians do not wish to state definitely that Hitler's body has been found.

Whether this was self-administered there is no sure means of knowing. It will be recalled, however, that Russian sources recently reported that Hitler died of an injection given him by his physician, Doctor Morel, after he had eaten maize and half-analyzed ground fava beans. According to a telegram sent by Propaganda Minister J. M. Goebbels to Hitler, dated 30 P. M. on May 1, Goebbels himself apparently committed suicide.

Yank Blackout On News Imposed

By HAMILTON FARON

GUAM (AP) — Japanese admitted today American invaders have reduced Okinawa to an "isolated island" and warned an invasion of Japan was "imminent."

The virtual admission that Okinawa was lost came as an unexplained American silence indicated a possible end of the campaign and the semi-official Domei agency claimed "vicious fighting" raged between the U. S. Tenth Army and Japanese "firmly entrenched in new positions."

Such news blackouts in the past often have preceded announcements of developments of major importance, such as conclusions of campaigns or the launching of new invasions.

Japan's invasion consciousness was sharpened further by a plea for its citizens to guard the children of Aka Jima, who were said to have died in hand grenade "Banza" charges against American troops, and by Radio Tokyo's claim the Japanese mainland has been converted into an "impenetrable fortress."

A "new kind of underground warfare" now being prepared by the Japanese to counter from anything used in Europe it will mark a new epoch in military history," it was said.

The powerful Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Heichi saw developments on Okinawa and "the recently intensified enemy air raids on Japanese cities" as "unquestionably significant of a direct invasion attempt" against the Japanese homeland.

"It is high time the entire nation burned its bridges and made the fullest preparations for this imminent development, whose outcome will decide the rise or fall of our country for centuries to come," said a broadcast version of Yomiuri's editorial.

Domei acknowledged the Japanese were making "numerically superior" American forces on Okinawa and reported the landing of a massive force on Okinawa, but said that the Japanese had disclosed yesterday. The landing force was reported by the Japanese to include 200,000 and 500 infantry reinforcements.

Domei also claimed "at least one transport" was sunk and another was damaged by American planes. "severely crippled with direct torpedo hits," as Japanese torpedo bombers attacked the island.

Only the mention of Okinawa in Navy communications was that adverse weather prevented enemy air attacks. Monday the day Domei said the torpedo bomber attack was carried out. The attack was reported by Domei to have been carried out by Japanese "incendiary bombers."

The Japanese report mentioned attacks against "enemy transports" on Okinawa waters, apparently in an attempt to land heavy needed supplies for the enemy ground forces.

Miss Winchell Weds And 'Scops' Walter NEW YORK (AP)—Wald Winchell, 21-year-old daughter of the late Senator Charles McNary, has had a husband and a "scop" over her 21st birthday.

Miss Winchell, who is appearing in the Broadway play "The Moon" under the stage name Pat Eden, eloped yesterday in West Shore, N. Y., with William Lawton, 22-year-old design student at Columbia.

Education Spokesman Heard Opposition To Peace-time Draft Program Voiced

WASHINGTON (AP)—The spokesman for a large segment of American education cautioned today against "regimentation of the mind" he said could result from a peacetime draft law.

First of a group of opposition witnesses expected to be heard during the next three days, A. J. Brumbaugh, vice-president of the American Council of Education, told the House Postwar Military Policy Committee.

"The opposition of representatives of higher education to immediate action on conscription is due primarily to the fear of what military training will do in regimenting the minds of our youth."

It is impossible to give each military trainee the best chance he can be given without regimentation of the mind. For Congress to act now on a peacetime draft program, Brumbaugh said, is to invite in advance that we have no faith in collective security and intervention as a means of maintaining the peace."

Brumbaugh said the summary of the executive committee of the American Council of Education, which was approved last week, indicates that it is now inclined to support legislation requiring universal military service.

Mecklenburg Casualties

(Stories Inside) KILLED: Sgt. Robert Maurice DeBerry, Capt. Mitchell B. Gordon, Pfc. William C. Wilson. WOUNDED: Pfc. Joe H. DeFazio.

More Ruin Expected Kobe Smouldering From Fire-Bombing

GIAM—Anticipating greater destruction of Japanese cities, the Tokyo government created a new postwar fire agency today as the great port city of Kobe smoldered from yesterday's 4th plane fire-bombing.

Domei news agency broadcast announced the explosion of the city from the destruction of the waterfront area. It said that to rebuild wrecked cities would require the transfer of 100,000 men from military to civilian work.

The immediate support of the division, Domei said, will be concentrated primarily in Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka and Kobe, where the bombing, it was said, had a "frantic effect of interception."

60,000 In 26-29 Group Face Loss Of Deferments

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sixty thousand currently "irreplaceable" industrial workers 26 through 29 stand to lose their draft deferments by Fall, Government officials estimated today.

Munitions cutbacks and diminished urgency of other war supporting activities will reduce by at least seven-tenths per cent the total of 500,000 key men of that age now covered by the draft law.

The survey is being made by the Government's interagency deferment committee in the war support activities section of the War Relocation Authority.

This committee, headed by War Relocation Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, was set up early this year to study the effect of the war on a "hard core" of irreplaceable industrial workers 26 through 29.

Most occupations were analyzed by given civilian deferments beginning in March or April. But selective deferment plans are being considered for the remainder of September or October expiration dates in cases where deferred men are laid off or their work can be classified indispensable.

The does not necessarily mean that the 60,000 men will be drafted. Some of the 60,000 will be drafted on physical standards. It was estimated that 20 percent of the 60,000 men will be drafted.

In announcing the new peacetime draft law, selective deferment was the program of retaining the 20 percent of the 60,000 men who are indispensable.

The new criteria will take into consideration, among other things, heavy cutbacks in the peacetime economy and those expected in other important fields. Another factor is the availability of peacetime work.

The general estimate that the blockade of Singapore is at least 200,000 planes shot down today.

The blockade work, Navy said, averts three four objectives: First to cut off the air force; second to keep the Japanese from receiving reinforcements; third, to weaken every military effort in the Pacific; and fourth, to cover and support landing forces.

Consistent cloudiness and slightly warmer with scattered showers tonight and Thursday. Temperature at 2:30 Today: High 74, Low 52. Tomorrow: High 74, Low 52. Source: NMCW 6:00

Home Defense Underground War Promised By Japs

By RUSSELL BRINES

MANILA (AP)—Tokyo broadcast an elaborate description today of vast underground fortifications and supply areas in the Japanese homeland, which it boasted would introduce "a new kind of underground warfare."

The report, broadcast by the Associated Press, stated that the Japanese mainland has been built into an "impenetrable fortress" during the war.

A representative of the Tokyo newspaper Asahi was quoted as saying "all of our operations since the time Japan has been in blood from the enemy."

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Barford Daddy Parades BARFORD TOWN, N. J.—It was announced today that the parade of the "Barford Daddy" parade will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 10 o'clock.

Plane Carrying 13 Wars Missing WASHINGTON (AP)—An Army plane carrying 13 war veterans was missing today, it was announced today.