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Prewar Notes

Goering Cites Plan To Build Big Air Force

This is the fourth of several articles based on a personal notebook in which Reich Marshal Goering made notes of conferences he had with important personages between July, 1938, and August, 1942. The notes, written in red or green pencil in a leather-bound volume were found in the Reich Marshal's personal possessions after his capture.

REICH MARSHAL GOERING, as his notebook shows, occasionally diverted his mind from war and political intrigue to deal with matters of purely personal interest to people who came to see him.

An example was on Oct. 12, 1938, when he received Frau von Essen, wife of a former Swedish Minister to Berlin. A page and a half of his notebook are taken up with this discussion, which concerned her daughter and son-in-law, Baron Goldschmidt-Rothschild.

There is a long list of family details including the past and present activities of its various members mentioned. Goering's notes conclude with the words: "She pleads that her children shall be allowed to keep their passports for traveling abroad."

The next day Goering saw Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi specialist on racial theories, and switched his mind to espionage and the complicated politics of Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

ORGANIZING REFUGEES

First they discussed Codreanu, Romanian Fascist Iron Guard leader, who was then a headache for the Nazis because he had been jailed by King Carol. If he remained in jail, it would undermine the confidence of Germany's "fifth columnists" in other countries. (This problem was settled for them a month later, but not as they had wished; Codreanu was shot dead "while trying to escape.")

Rosenberg switched to a matter which interested him personally—German high command interference with his plans for organizing Russian and Ukrainian refugees inside Germany and for espionage abroad. Goering's notes contain these phrases

"Rosenberg: Oct. 13

"Codreanu case!

"Confidential office in Berlin for refugees who fled from all parts of Russia.

"Now there's non-political confidential office for Ukrainians because these don't want to be in Russian committee.

"All German departments concerned agree but Rosenberg's against it.

"Suggestion came from high command of Wehrmacht.

"There exists committee for espionage, etc. This cannot be at same time a political organ.

"Wehrmacht maintains that it must be leading department for East."

What Goering finally did about it and who finally won the struggle for control of Eastern affairs it is difficult to know now.

COLONEL ETHERTON'S VISIT

Goering's next set of notes refer to a meeting with a British visitor to Germany, Col. P. T. Etherton, who had been one of the organizers of an air expedition to Mt. Everest in 1933. He was in Germany in October, 1938, as a delegate to a meeting of the Lilienthal Association (Lilienthal was a German air pioneer) and he visited Goering at his hunting lodge, Karinhall.

Goering apparently thought Col. Etherton was a member of Parliament, which he was not. The notes say:

"Etherton (British Colonel) Member of Parliament. Oct 17.

"Took part in Lilienthal meeting as delegate. Wants to lecture in England about new Germany. Has seen Sudeten territory. Traveled 500 kilometers. Carlsbad-Aussig.

"Very pro-German. Conversation about mutual relations.

"Disarmament in air at least air pact. Always same phrases.

"Recognized that Czechoslovakia is bone of Britain's business and can not understand Hitler friendship with Germany; hostile attitude by Czechoslovakia would be insupportable.

"Britain in that position wouldn't tolerate anything like that either.

"Invitation to me in name of several hundred members of Parliament."

GOERING A LIAR, SAYS ETHERTON

Col. Etherton denies having given any such invitation. On being shown Goering's notes, he made the following statement:

"Goering is a jovial old murderer and I should say a first-class liar, like all Nazis. His statement in his diary about my visit gives the case an entirely false aspect.

"He asked if I would sound the powers-that-be as to his paying a visit to London. I told him quite frankly I considered such a visit quite impracticable.

"He boasted to me of the power of the German air force and said no enemy aircraft would ever get through to Berlin. He was obviously annoyed when I said: 'Well, Marshal, that remains to be seen.'

"I told him that unless Ger-

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Sports Extra

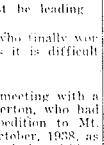
Buddy Lewis Will Return To Senators

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Buddy Lewis will be out of the Army and back with the Washington Senators next season, it was learned this week, he advised owner Clark Griffith today.

The former third baseman-outfielder, an Air Corps captain, saw months of service as a transport pilot in the CBI Theater.

Griffith came from Stout Field, Indianapolis.

Griffith said he made application to the league immediately to have his former star returned to the active list. Lewis has been out of baseball since the 1941 season.



Cap'n Lewis

OVER 500 B-29'S ATTACK

Big Three Parley May Be Prolonged

Conference Begins Early Next Week

Truman In Touch With War In East

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

ABOARD THE CRUISER AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN — (AP) — The Big Three meeting of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin will begin next Monday or Tuesday, it was learned today, amid indications it would be a prolonged one.

President Truman prepared for the possibility of a long conference while keeping in hourly touch with Third Fleet successes off Japan.

WEATHER BOUGHER

As this veteran warship edged closer to the British Isles and its ultimate destination in north Europe it ran into low-hanging clouds and a chilled shower for the first time since leaving Newport News Saturday morning.

Remaining in the Admiral's Cabin, the President went over with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy his agenda covering a world wide range expected for discussion by the United States, Britain and Russia at the Potsdam meeting opening next Monday or Tuesday.

A review of the suggested topics, including proposed territorial adjustments, feeding, occupation and scores of others, was said to have convinced the President that his first major power conference might outlast those of Yalta, Teheran and Quebec. The Yalta meeting took eight days.

Opinions here are that there is hope that some of the Big Three questions can be adjusted speedily, but no one is interested in attempting to fix a deadline on the deliberations.

The President's major concern for the moment is speedy victory over Japan in the interest of saving thousands of American lives.

WATCHES CHARTS

Elated over reports that the Third Fleet air forces now dominate the sea as well as the air over Japan President Truman followed the new and most powerful Pacific operations through detailed sea charts covering all the waters of the Pacific kept constantly up to date by Comdr. John A. Tyree, assistant naval aide.

Tyree brought along smaller editions of all the White House maps and new developments are posted hourly.

The President is in constant and instantaneous communication by powerful radio with the White House, State, War and Navy Departments as well as advance units of the American delegation to Potsdam, now at the site of the conference, with SHAEF headquarters and with European embassies.

The presumption is that Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower will join other members of the joint chiefs of staff at the Potsdam meeting.

Because of the uncertainty over the length of the conference, the President has not finally committed himself to any side trips following its conclusion. Even a reported visit to London is classed as tentative and there is no prospect that the President will visit France or talk with Gen. Charles de Gaulle on this trip.

Altmeyer Nominated

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today nominated Arthur J. Altmeyer of Wisconsin for reappointment as a member of the Social Security Board.

Altmeyer is chairman of the board.

LEADERS IN TOKYO ATTACK MAP STRATEGY—Teamed up in delivering a devastating 1,000 plane attack on the Tokyo area are Admiral William F. Halsey (right) and Vice Adm. John S. McCain, (left) carrier task force commander, shown talking over strategy in a stateroom of Halsey's flagship.

Convoys Attacked

Nip Effort To Get Troops Home From Shanghai Fails

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM — (AP) — Japanese attempts to run two troop laden convoys of soldiers from Shanghai to bolster homeland defenses against an American invasion were apparently broken up by blockading U. S. Naval aircraft, Rear Adm. John Dale Price reported today.

One of the ships in the second convoy looked like the former Italian liner Contessa De Savoia, 28,000-ton pre-war luxury ship. (Lloyds Shipping Register does not list a Contessa De Savoia. The Conte Di Savoia was reported under German control at Venice in Nov. 1943.)

Price said none of the transports was sunk in the combined attack by Fleet Air Wing One Mariners and Privateers and strafing Thunderbolt fighters, but none of the transports got across the Yellow Sea to Korea or through the Korean Straits to the Sea of Japan.

The convoys were presumably driven into the former German port of Tsingtao, churning yellow mud in the shallow water.

ROCKETS START FIRES

Heavy anti-aircraft fire from the convoy prevented effective bombing attacks, but rockets from Thunderbolt fighters started fires lasting about 20 minutes on one ship.

The plain-spoken, Arkansas-born admiral in relinquishing command of Fleet Air Wing One to become commander of the Okinawa operating base. In this assignment the 53-year-old Price will direct the development of Okinawa as an advance naval operating base. The best potential harbor on Okinawa is Buckner Bay, which the Japanese used as a fleet anchorage when it was known as Nakagusuku Wan.

Price is being succeeded as fleet air wing one commander by Rear Adm. John Perry of 4140 Jamison Greenville, S. C.

Price's new assignment was announced simultaneously with the award to him of the Navy Cross by Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz for directing the fleet air wing's operations from Okinawa in which 139 sea-going ships, aggregating 1,000,000 tons were sunk and 194 other vessels totaling 130,000 tons were damaged.

PATROL MAINTAINED

Admiral Price said Fleet Air Wing One is able to maintain a patrol over Korea and Tsushima Strait more than 16 hours daily.

The Japanese can't get started on a run across from the continent to Japan without being detected and are forced to use small 60 ton "Sugar Dog" fighters almost exclusively.

The aerial blockade of the Yellow Sea and Korea Straits has virtually stopped what used to be a fast and safe three-day ship run between Shanghai and the homeland, Price said.

Belgian Leaders Leave To See King Leopold

BRUSSELS — (AP) — Regent Prince Charles and high leaders in the Belgian Government left by plane today for St. Wolfgang, Austria, where the question whether King Leopold will abdicate is being discussed. The Government had decided yesterday that Prince Charles planned such a trip.

A Brussels radio broadcast recorded in London said a ballot posing that a popular vote be held on the question of whether King Leopold should abdicate was pigeonhole in the Chamber of Deputies.

Island Invasion

Advance On Rich Borneo Oil Area

By SPENCER DAVIS

MANILA — (AP) — Australian Seventh Infantry and Dutch colonial troops advanced slowly today on Borneo's rich Sambodja oil fields despite the tough delaying action being fought by beached Japanese naval personnel in the steaming, rain-soaked equatorial forests.

Some six miles north of the Balikpapan town area, the Aussies, their path cleared by P-38 fighters of the 13th Army Air Force which sprayed a twelve-mile area with jelled gasoline, breached the outer lines of the Japanese hinterland defense in an advance on "Smashed Stone" Ridge.

WEDGE DRIVEN

The forward Digger elements in driving a three-mile wedge into the Japanese position moved to within a half-mile of the ridge, Mt. Batochampar, a 200-foot hill feature on which the Nipponese are well fortified.

On the central sector, other Aussies repulsed Japanese counter-attacks three miles inland from the mouth of the Sepinggang Kerjil River, where the perimeter guards the Sepinggang airfield.

Associated Press War Correspondent Russell Brines reported the captured Sepinggang field within ten days of completion and its Japanese built asphalt runways capable of extension to 1,700 feet.

Dutch airmen, piloting Mitchell bombers, are ready to move into operation from the field as soon as it is completed.

On the right flank, the Australians fighting along the single lane highway five and a half miles northeast of captured Manggar airfield received both naval and aerial bombardment support to smash Japanese artillery and mortar fire Melbourne radio reported they had reached the Adjeranden River.

FORMOSA ATTACKED

More than 40 Fifth Air Force liberators pounded three west coast Formosa airfields in continuation of the neutralization raids there, while in by-passed New Guinea the Australian 9th Division has achieved greater than half its objectives in taking the big island of the enemy. Melbourne reported. The radio quoted the Army Department as saying the Aussies had counted the 6,000th dead Japanese on New Guinea.

As the Yankees hunt down the close to 30,000 Japanese still holding out throughout the Philippines. On northern Luzon a pocket of from 12,000 to 14,000 Japanese are holding out in the rugged Cordillera central and Sierra Madre Mountains. The 6th Infantry Division reported the capture of an elaborate enemy stronghold in the Kiangan sector which had withstood artillery, air and infantry heavy weapons. Assault losses

Point Holiday On Cheese Refused

SEATTLE — (AP) — [illegible] Soldier on furlough [illegible] church by [illegible] there was [illegible] weight [illegible] days.

R. M. Rolfson, [illegible] since manager [illegible] home. Rolfson [illegible] Army [illegible] of foreign type [illegible]

"Now the man [illegible] turning his back [illegible] don't want to [illegible] want to tell the [illegible]

Senate Group Approves Bradley For VA Chief

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee today unanimously approved the nomination of Omar N. Bradley to be Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

House Ballot

$250,000 Is Voted To Operate FEPC

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House today voted $250,000 to keep the Fair Employment Practice Committee alive.

Southern critics unsuccessfully sought to limit use of the money, which is less than half the amount requested in the budget estimate of appropriations committee of the FEPC. But the fight over the measure is far from over. Senate-House conferees before the measure is finally

Western Allies Take Over

Red Pattern Of Rule Continues As Berlin Zones Change Hands

BERLIN — (AP) — The Inter-Allied Kommandatur of Berlin announced today that all existing Soviet regulations and orders would be continued in force "until special notice."

The announcement came a few hours after Red Army authorities formally relinquished control of 12 of Berlin's 20 boroughs to American and British officials.

There was no observable change in the Russian pattern of rule.

U. S. detachments which had been waiting since midnight of July 4 took over authority in the American zone at 9 A. M. (7 P. M. British and started legally at noon being organized to feed 750,000 Berliners in the U. S. sector from northern Germany and the British also assumed responsibility for 900,000 city dwellers.

Berlin's outward life went on undisturbed. Soviet - authorized schools were open. Communist Party district headquarters were active as ever; bucket brigades of civilians were still quenching incendiary stone by stone and tidy civilian cafe were goods for the mid-afternoon meal of Allied and German patrons.

In American-run boroughs military government officers frankly said they would test Germans and "live" unless the multi-Allied command for Berlin so decided.

British officers also were expected to follow this general policy.

So temporarily at least, the British and American governments in Berlin differed radically from those in western Germany.

American counter - intelligence officers are now screening Soviet-appointed German administrators and policemen for possible Nazis, but it was indicated that none have turned up yet. It was also indicated that if these civil servants are regarded as efficient they will be retained in office regardless of whether they are Communists. Soviet Russians are

Four Japanese Cities And Oil Centers Struck

Huge Air Fleet Hits Targets Spread Over 480 Miles Of Home Islands

By AL DOPKING

GUAM, Friday, July 13 — (AP) — An air fleet of from 500 to 550 Superfortresses poured more than 3,000 tons of flaming and explosive bombs before dawn today on four Japanese cities and oil centers spread over 480 miles of the home islands of Honshu and Shikoku.

The giant air raiders struck from Uwajima, on the west central coast of Shikoku, to as far east as Utsunomiya, a city of 80,000 lying 60 miles north of Tokyo on the north Tokyo plain.

Other cities hit along the way were the munitions center of Ichinomiya, nine miles northwest of Nagoya on a main double track mail line between Nagoya and Gifu, and Tsuruga, which lies on the west central part of the main home island of Honshu.

FIRE BOMBS FALL

They showered incendiaries on the cities and demolitions bombs on Kawasaki, a petroleum center on a declaimed island in Tokyo Bay.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that "strong forces of Corsair fighters and Avenger torpedo bombers" raided Kyushu and the northern Ryukyus Wednesday. They bomber, rocketed and strafed hangars, sheds and buildings at Miyazaki airfield on southeast Kyushu, the Inubo airfield on Tanega Island to the south and installations in the Amami Group, northern Ryukyus.

The Fleet Admiral, however, had nothing further to report on the powerful blast Tuesday by more than 1,000 carrier planes of Vice Adm. John S. McCain's Task Force 38 at a network of more than 70 airfields in the Tokyo area. His only "preliminary reports" on the action, making an incomplete assessment of results through Tuesday morning, had listed 134 enemy planes knocked out, all but two on the ground.

Tokyo Radio said the carrier assault continued for a twelve-hour period during which approximately land-based planes, including more than 500 Superfortresses, pushed to beyond 1,500 the number of American raiders over Honshu that day.

"Enemy propaganda on the intensifying air assault cannot be ignored," a Japanese military commentator said over Tokyo Radio to his people.

"Future attacks from the air undoubtedly will be the prelude to the decisive battle on the homeland.

"Without being able to resist this air challenge, we cannot annihilate the enemy on the homeland."

Previous enemy broadcasts had admitted to the Japanese that American air mastery did not necessarily assure a successful invasion.

Domei said Marine aircraft struck hard Tuesday night on a "number" of enemy ships of undetermined category off the south coast of Honshu. During the day, Navy search planes set three enemy small cargo ships afire off the China coast.

In Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed that Japanese antiaircraft fire on the Japanese island of Formosa is disappointingly light. Yesterday, a formation of more than [illegible] which sailed fearlessly among the Japanese flak [illegible] Fifth Air Force [illegible] Chinese airfields said [illegible] flak was in sharp [illegible] heavy ground [illegible]

Jap Fears Increase

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — As the constant blasting of Allied bombs tore at Japan's home soil today, a leading Nipponese journalist accused the Suzuki Cabinet of doing nothing "while the Empire is confronted by its most serious crisis," Radio Tokyo reported.

Eighty-two-year-old Ichiro (Soho) Tokutomi, dean of the Japanese press, exhorted the Cabinet to do better than hold routine meetings in the Premier's residence, said the enemy broadcast heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

Earlier Tokutomi severely criticized the Government for not telling the people the truth about the seriousness of military setbacks in the Pacific.

Tokyo Radio's broadcasts today brimmed over with fear for the future. They included:

Worry that Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet was still on the prowl and soon would launch another huge carrier plane attack.

Disclosure that Japanese civilian "deserters from the defense front" are attempting to "flee bombed cities such as Yamagata in north central Honshu instead of "digging-in."

RAID ON SUMATRA

A report that 210 planes from British aircraft carriers struck Sabang, off the northern end of distant Sumatra yesterday.

Speculation that the British intend to land on Car Nicobar Island, 450 miles north of Sumatra, west of the Malay Peninsula.

The second of the balloons was reported to have passed over Polotitlan about 100 miles northwest of Mexico City, yesterday afternoon at a great height.

Heavy Raids On Japan To Continue

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Undersecretary of War Patterson said today the build-up in the air attacks on Japan "is directly connected with the urgency of our redeployment from Europe to the Pacific."

Asked by reporters if the raids would be a news conference, "will be continued and intensified with the purpose of destroying the enemy's air force, softening up Japan and reducing her ability to make modern war."

Say Two Balloons Over Mexico May Be Japanese

MEXICO CITY — (AP) — Defense officials today made light of conjectures that two strange cigar-shaped balloons reported during the past two days over widely separated points in Mexico might be of Japanese origin.

Buy New Shoes With Airplane Stamp No. 4

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The new shoe stamp which becomes valid Aug. 1, will be airplane stamp No. 4, in ration book No. 3, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3 remain valid indefinitely.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with moderate temperatures today, tonight and Friday.

Temperature at 2:30 Today 78
High and Low Last 24 Hours 84, 67