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EMPIRE STATE BUILD

Battleship Is Reported Sunk As Big Attack Made

Scores of Enemy Planes Blasted

By HAMILTON W. FARON

GUAM —(AP)—A Japanese battleship was reported sunk today as nearly 1,500 U. S. and British carrier planes battled through heavy flak and fighter screens and dealt the third heavy blow of the week on the broken and bleeding enemy fleet in the Inland Sea.

Better Clothing Situation Seen

Attack On Ogaki

Superfort Raid On First Marked City Reported

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Correspondent Ray Clark broadcast today that the city of Ogaki, one of the eleven Japanese war cities listed for attack in yesterday's bold mew policy announced by the U. S. 20th Bomber Command, was hombed today (Sunday Japanese Time).

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Premier Attee Goes To Potsdam

Conference Near Climax

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

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Big Three Freshman

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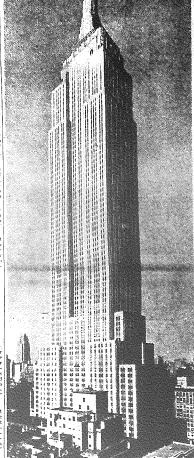
Enemy's Stand Still Vague

By JAMES D. WHITE

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)
—Japan's semi-official Domei agency said that Premier Suzuki would broadcast to the nation today "his determ-ination for the decisive battle in the streets', but a series of Tokyo broadcasts failed to repear I an official retrection of

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WEATHER



Treaty Action

Ballot On Charter Neared By Senate

Coering Suffers Heart Attack

15 Die, Tower Set Afire By Bomber Crash

Army Ship Creates Havoc As It **Drives Into Side of Great Structure**

NEW YORK—(AP)—An Arny bomber crashed into the fog-shrouded Empire State Building at 9:45 A. M. to-day, killed at least fifteen people, set the tower of the build-ing after and scattered debris over a wide area. Nine dead were civilian occupants of the building. Six were soldiers thought to be crew members of the plane, At least two other persons were badly burned.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL

The fire was brought under control 40 minutes later, Mayor F. H. La Guardia said.

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By noon twelve bodies had been recovered. They included ten civilians. Eleven, burned beyond recognition, were placed on burned tables on the 79th floor, where an emergency morgue was established by Dr. Thomas A. Gonzales, Chief Medical Examiner.

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The twelfth body, that of Paul Dearing, of Buffalo, N. Y., was on the offset of the '22nd floor, Mgr. Patrick A. O'Dovle, of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said Dearing was seated at a desk only a few feet from where the plane struck and was blown seven stories down.

Dearing was a publicity man for the conference.

Eleven floors of the building above and below the 86th floor of the towering structure were set after and the spire of the building soon was enveloped in a vast smoky, foggy serven.

of the building soon was entry.

Flaming gasoline and fumes poured into the building through a huge sear on the 34th St. side and a soldier who saw it said "it looked like a flame thrower in action." Showers of broken glass, masonry and other objects flew into the air, and broken glass splattered into Fifth Avenue as far gouth as 29th St.

When the fog lifted briefly about forty-five minutes after the crash the bomber could be seen still, wedged amid the flames.

"Billy Mitchell," which ordinarily would have a crew of three.

A naval officer on the 80th floor of the structure located at 34th Street and Fifth Avenue, said he believed part of the plane sheared off when it struck, passing completely around the tower and landing on the south side. A building on 33rd Street was set aftre and parts of the plane were found there.

The naval officer, who declined to give his name, said the building "swayed as though it was struck by a typhoon." A man who was on the 70th floor describing the crash said:

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"The building moved about two feet. Bits of it began
fall. Elevators were stopped. Crowds of those in the
file-were ushered to stairways and some had to be assted down the stairs."

ELEVATORS CRASH

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Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh said four tenants of killed on the 78th floor and one on the 78th floor. Commissioner said two elevators crashed from the floor to the basement at the time of the accident, He od that from one of them two persons were taken out, an and a woman. He said he believed one person still trapped in the other lift. Meantime, thousands of persons gathered in Fifthman, but pelice stopped traffic at 39th Street.

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windows. "I saw four bodies burned to a crisp," he said, rewere twenty persons in the affice. Many of them sut. I don't know how many." "Mayor La Guardia came down from the upper to said."

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