

Vet Baiters
The American Nationalists, who thrive on a diet of lies, are trying to stir up hatred among veterans of World War I. In a recent issue of their magazine, "The American Nationalist," Eugene Regan, Georgetown writer, has the story in the form of an article on Page 2-A of today's News.

ARTHUR TARRANT'S RAIL SYSTEM

Petain Trial Witness
Collaboration With Nazis
Defended By Pierre Laval

By LOUIS NEVIN
PARIS—(AP)—Pierre Laval testified today that the Germans ordered him and Marshal Petain to speak out against the Allies' 1942 landings in North Africa, and contended they were forced to obey.
Reminded by the judge in Petain's treason trial that the old Marshal meant certain messages which he sought not to have sent, Laval said:
"Petain was not free. He was ordered by the Germans to send those messages. I also was instructed to speak publicly on the subject. The Germans told me it was no real protest."
Petain's defense contends he made every effort to see that French commanders in North Africa did not oppose the landings.
PREVIEW OF OWN DEFENSE
Giving a preview of part of the defense at his own forthcoming trial, Laval said:
"It would have been impossible for France to survive without collaboration."
France, he contended, faced better enemies than Germany and Belgium, and obtained release of 50,000 prisoners in return.

Locomotives Destroyed
By Mustangs
Enemy Planes Smashed Up

GUAM—(AP)—Shipping-paralyzed Japan, her ports mired, 2,346,932 tons of her ships sunk or damaged this year by the Far East Air Force alone, now is seeing her railroad system torn up by American planes, latest official reports disclosed today.
Only ten enemy interceptors showed up against 97 Mustangs from 100 yesterday over the Tokyo area where the raiders destroyed 14 locomotives, damaged six more and 30 railcars.
General Spaatz' II S. Army Strategic Air Force headquarters, reporting the mission, said the Mustangs shot down two, and a third and destroyed or damaged 14 locomotives, 30 railcars and a total of six tank cars.
Reports for the first three days of August both by Spaatz and by General C. Kenney, of the Far East Air Force, have listed effective blows on railroad yards, bridges, both on Kyushu and Honshu.
The weak air defense uniting Japan's remaining industry to board her air force for use in case of a "All the air bases on the Japanese homeland, and succeeded in used as bases for special suicide attacks against the continental mainland," said Spaatz, who commanded a commander of the Japanese Kamikaze Corps on Okinawa.
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Island Chain Being Forged
Attack Base
13th Air Force Goes To Ryukyu

By JAMES HUTCHESON
MANILA—(AP)—General MacArthur announced today that he had taken command of all American-occupied islands in the Ryukyu chain south of Japan—including Okinawa—as bases "from which a mighty invasion force is being forged" for the subjugation of the enemy.
Okinawa and about a dozen islands in the line were conquered by combined forces under Admiral Nimitz, but recently MacArthur's Far East Force has moved in to air bases there and have staged daily raids on the southernmost "fortress island" of Kyushu.
The Japanese still hold those portions of the Ryukyu chain south of the Sakishima group between Okinawa and Formosa, and the Amami, Tokara and Chichi groups between Okinawa and Kyushu.
In Washington it was stated that MacArthur's selection was made by the joint chiefs of staff there. The high command of the nation's unified forces includes Adm. William D. Leahy, chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff; Adm. Ernest King, Navy chief of staff; and Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of Army Air Forces.
The assignment apparently was made under the order of last April 18 which set up the joint command system in the Pacific between Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and MacArthur. That order provided that the joint chiefs would select the commander for each campaign, depending upon its importance and strategic nature. It provided also that, in general, MacArthur would command the Pacific area and the Pacific Ocean Area (that part of the sea north of the original South Pacific Area) and Nimitz would direct all naval forces in the Pacific theater.
MacArthur's statement emphasized the increasing importance of Okinawa as a base for the climactic assault against the Japanese home islands.
BEAT AT KYUSHU
Okinawa is less than 300 miles south of Kyushu, the largest of the islands and fighters ranging up to 500 in number have been based there in recent weeks. The island's transport and shipping.
MacArthur announced that the change in command would be effective as of midnight Tuesday.
MacArthur disclosed for the first time that the 13th Air Force, which is based in India, was being moved to the Ryukyus.
General MacArthur had announced that the Fifth and Seventh Air Forces under Gen. George C. Kenney were being moved into the Ryukyus.
MacArthur's statement added, however, that Lt. Gen. James Doolittle and his 28th Bomber Command were being moved to Okinawa in concert with the 20th Bomber Command, B-29's from the Marianas—still was operating on Okinawa independently of his command.

Anglo-American Plans For Japs' Defeat Drawn Up

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Blueprints drawn by the combined American-British chiefs of staffs for conquest of Japan were carried home today by President Truman aboard the USS Augusta.
The announcement from the ship in London yesterday that Army and Navy leaders had perfected their plans for conquering up and destroying the Japanese military machine gave no details.
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James Doolittle, proposed that Gen. MacArthur be named supreme commander for the Pacific as Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was in North Africa and Europe.
Doolittle, commander of the Eighth Air Force, urged in a speech at Okinawa appointment of a single commander to hasten victory.
It seemed plain that the appointment of responsibility and delineated joint strategy for the final, all-out assault on the Japanese homeland and liberate occupied territories.
The military task force during the Big Three summit conference was discussed at length and approved by President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee, the announcement said. Russia, not at war with Japan, did not appear in the announcement.
The joint disclosure said in brief:
It was agreed that the British will direct assault on all naval and air forces, which can be used to advance.
Reevaluation of operational areas and the use of force, and consideration given to use of force furnished by other Allied nations, will be discussed.
Details of co-ordinating British and American Army and Navy operations will be discussed.
The British commander in chief of the Pacific, Lord Louis Mountbatten, will be placed in charge of an area extending from the South China Sea to the Philippines. This would make him responsible for liberation of Singapore, the Indies and the Malay states.
It would have General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz responsible for the Japanese homeland and other objectives in the Pacific.
Congress members taking their annual leave at a session by Lt. Gen.

Strike Idle Top 80,000

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Another walkout of 30,000 press engine makers at the giant Wright Aeronautical Corp. plant, Cincinnati, Ohio, by upwards of 4,000 workers virtually closed the entire plant employing 23,000 persons today and pushed the national idle labor total beyond the 80,000 mark.
A plant spokesman said there were between 4,000 and 4,500 absentees, while representatives of Local 697, United Automobile Workers (CIO), the bargaining agent, set the figure at 10,000.
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Chi Mayor's Police Escort Car Is Stolen

CHICAGO—(AP)—Chicago police officers today searched for a car of a burglar who looted the central police station staff a week ago.
The car, a similar one to the Dodge Chicago plant, also makes of B-29 engines, production of 100,000 a month on schedule.
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No Safe Areas
All Japan Under Bombers' Sights

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Not a single area in Japan is safe from American bombs, the Domei news agency admitted today in denying the U. S. State Department accusation that prisoner-of-war camps are placed to protect military installations.
Even if a camp "should be established on the summit of Mount Fuji," it eventually would be a target, Domei quoted well-informed quarters in a Tokyo broadcast monitored by the Federal Communications Commission.
An earlier Domei report that prisoners were killed in a B-29 raid on Kawasaki, heavily industrialized Tokyo suburb, brought the State Department protest. Today for the last time, Domei claimed the camp was in a wide-open safe zone to which residents had evacuated their families and sought a hospital.
The dispatch turned the U. S. charge at accused American pilots of bombing churches, temples, schools, historic relics, hospitals, dwellings and public buildings.
It is a lie, he said, that the Americans intentionally consider everything on the surface of Japan as military objectives, Domei remarked.
"In them, Japanese public fields are anti-tank dumps, potato fields, rice fields, and other things, American planes do this," he said.

Big Three Anger Spain

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Madrid radio said today that the "predilection of the Potsdam Conference to exclude Spain from the United Nations Organization caused 'outrage' among Spaniards who wanted to 'collaborate nobly with all other nations in their task.'"
The Big Three decision "addresses us directly," the broadcast added, "we unavoidably must exert ourselves on this matter."
The broadcast was directed to Latin America and recited by the FCC.
Spain, it said, now "is creating the conditions for a material, spiritual and political development of a national and orderly community in the interest of nations."
No mention was made of statements in the Potsdam communiqué that the Spanish Government in Gen. Francisco Franco had had friendly association with the aggressor states.

Marshall Took Own Life
Rommel Was Given Grim Choice
Of Suicide Or Trial By Hitler

By HOWARD COWAN
BAD NOLL, Germany—(AP)—A German official today said that Gen. Erwin Rommel declared in a sworn statement today that his father committed suicide as an alternative to a death sentence passed by a People's Court because he was convicted of complicity in the July 20, 1944, bomb plot on Hitler.
The statement, released by U. S. Third Army Headquarters, was made by Maxted Rommel, secretary of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, "Desert Fox."
"Allied officers at Wehrmacht said today that they had been told by Lt. Gen. Fritz Bayerlein, Rommel's former chief of staff, that the Field Marshal had committed suicide in order to avoid the death penalty for allegedly participating in the plot on Hitler."
"Three-quarters of an hour later he came from his room and told me he had just been told by Gen. Bayerlein that Hitler had given him a choice of poisoning himself or being imprisoned and later condemned by a People's Court," the statement said.
"He informed him that in case of suicide nothing would happen to the family. On the other hand, if he was tried in his military, with his two sons, he would be tried in a court where the two sons would be tried with him."
"Fifteen minutes later we were called by telephone and informed my father had been sentenced to death by a court in which by two generals, having died of a brain stroke."
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Soviet Helicopter In Production

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Zealand Will Cut Strength Of Army

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Chemarr Case Arouses Senator

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WEATHER
Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday with occasional moderate temperatures. Tomorrow, a heavy rain with moderate temperatures. High 70, low 50.