

Imphal Not Yet Freed Of Japanese Threat

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since last October 26. Battle Area Widespread.

Mountbatten's communique also reported Japanese activity in the hilly jungle country 50 miles northeast of Imphal, but allied troops drove the enemy back in the Chin hills farther to the south, where they inflicted casualties and captured valuable enemy equipment in successful operations on the Tiddim-Imphal road.

Allied forces were also holding their positions on the Tamo-Palei road leading to Lake Loktak, but the Japanese are stubbornly resisting attempts to clear them from a small block on the upper part of the Tiddim-Imphal highway.

Stillwell's American-trained Chinese troops who stormed the village of Khawnglawyang in the upper Mogoke valley early in the week were reported attacking Japanese positions south of

the Khawnglaw river and east of the only motorable road in that area.

Allied air formations maintained a ceaseless offensive against enemy installations in all parts of Japanese-occupied Burma, blasting troop concentrations, landing and river communications and military stores. Three allied planes were missing from the extensive air operations.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 29 — (AP)—American and Australian bombers in far-ranging sweeps punished the Japanese at more than a dozen points ranging from 1,500 miles from Dutch New Guinea to the northern Solomons. Gen. MacArthur reported today.

The dumped 292 tons of bombs on such Japanese holdings as Bougainville, Rabaul on New Britain, Kavieng on New Ireland, and Wewak and Hanso bay, New Guinea.

Reds Capture Nikolaev, Lunge Toward Odessa

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smashing down through approximately 9,000 square miles of steppe country still held by the Germans in the area above Odessa, but there were few natural barriers to delay their drive to that port. On the west they captured a junction point on the Odessa-Lvov railways.

The Berlin radio last night indicated that red army troops had encircled Kovel, 170 miles from Warsaw in the east-central part of Old Poland. The broadcast said that German troops in that area were being supplied by air, but the Russian communique did not mention operations in this area.

Warning Given Balkans
As the Russians knifed deeper into Bessarabia and Bucovina, the official Moscow newspaper Ivestia invited Rumania and Bulgaria to join the "democratic countries" or have their lands turned into battlefields. The Russian Tass agency said a state of siege had been proclaimed on the Ploesti oil fields where the nazis were removing all stored oil.

Only 9,000 square miles of southern Russia proper remained in German hands and Odessa was the core of this salient.

Democrats Triumph in Oklahoma's "Test" Race

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Imposed its will on the people. "This election," Clark asserted, "was only a preliminary skirmish in the war here on the home front to preserve those free institutions that our armed forces are fighting overseas to preserve and that war on the home front will be won in the November elections."

In Washington, Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan said Stigler's victory "exploded completely and decisively the myth of a nationwide republican trend."

He referred to republican claims based on eight wins out of 11 special congressional elections since 1942. The democrats have retained two seats, including the second Oklahoma district, and captured one from the republicans. The republicans have taken three away from the democrats and held five of their own, giving them a present house lineup of 210 against 217 democrats.

In Bag for Roosevelt.

While all this was going on, fourth term advocates were making a preliminary survey of national prospects and reaching the conclusion that Mr. Roosevelt can win re-nomination on the first ballot if he gives them the nod.

They claim the president already can be sure of at least 694 of the convention's 1,176 delegate votes, and House Speaker Rayburn predicted in Los Angeles that Mr. Roosevelt will be re-nominated by acclamation unless he declares he does not want it. Even such outspoken opponents of a fourth term as democratic Senators Johnson of Colorado and Gillette of Iowa were not inclined to disagree with them.

Red Taint Envisaged.

A note of discord in the fourth term medley was sounded by the American labor party in New York, where the democrats yesterday elected 86 convention delegates generally regarded as favoring President Roosevelt. Left wing forces of the labor party, which claim to hold the balance of power in New York state, won control from the right wing, and the latter faction promptly charged this would mean that the party's support of Mr. Roosevelt would be tainted with communism.

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