

68 Jap Ships Bagged in 3 Days in Philippine Area

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announced about 40 India-based B-29s obtained excellent results in a surprise daylight raid on Bangkok, transportation center and capital of Thailand, hit for the fourth time Tuesday.

Radio Tokyo claimed that a U. S. aircraft carrier and two battleships or cruisers were sunk in western Philippine waters as opposing commanders intensified the air war swirling around invasion-threatened Luzon island and the advanced American base of Mindoro.

MacArthur indirectly confirmed Tokyo reports of continuing ship movements toward Mindoro. Japanese broadcasters said another transport convoy had arrived. Adm. Nimitz conveyed Japanese reports that the carrier attack on Formosa, enemy air, troop and fleet assembly grounds north of the Philippines, carried into its second day.

On Formosa and Okinawa, largest of the Ryukyu islands, continued lack of details indicated the attack was still under way. Japs Quit Garrison

Adm. Mountbatten announced that seaborne Indian and English troops swarmed ashore on Akyab island, off southwest Burma, early Wednesday morning—simultaneously with the opening of the attack on Formosa. The Japanese garrison had pulled out the night before leaving behind booby traps and land mines.

Invasion troops landed from three directions and today firmly hold the island and the city of Akyab, third largest port in Burma and the goal of British jungle campaign drives for two years.

A Chinese army spokesman reported that Japanese commanders are regrouping approximately 70 divisions of invaders—more than 300,000 men—in south and central China for their next campaign. He predicted this would be a drive to close the gap in the Canton-Hankow railway.

Russia Backs Lublin Poles, Splits Allies

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break with the Polish government-in-exile in London, which still is recognized by the United States and Britain.

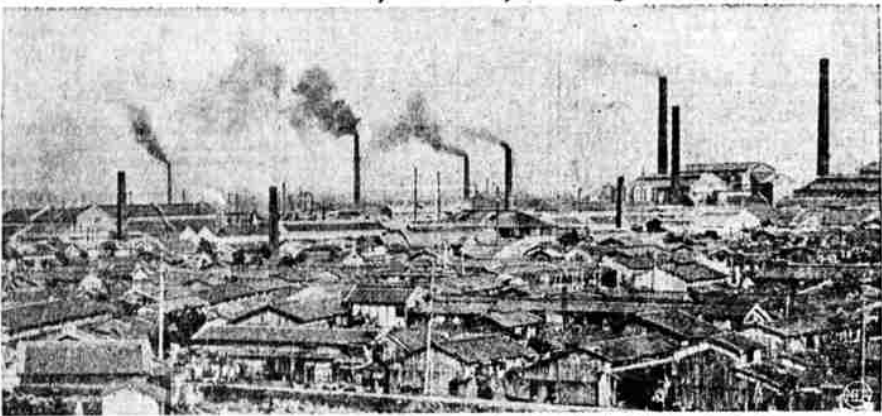
Bringing to a head one of the thorniest questions facing the im-

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Osaka—City of Flimsy Buildings



Factory chimneys rise skyward in contrast to the two-story "skyline" of the hundreds of paper-and-wood buildings that make up most of Osaka, Japan. With about the population of Chicago, Osaka covers some 70 square miles on a mud flat on Osaka Bay, is traversed by hundreds of canals. With Kobe, Amagasaki and other contiguous cities, it forms the most important industrial and commercial unit in Japan.

They Brought Yanks to Mindoro



Rear Adm. Arthur D. Struble (left), commander of Mindoro attack force, confers with Rear Adm. R. S. Berkey, commander of Navy support group aboard Admiral Kinkaid's flagship before launching assault on Mindoro U. S. Navy photo.

pending big three parley, the broadcast announcement came within four days of the joint announcement by the United States and Britain that they stood by the London Polish government.

Leaders of the Polish peasant party in London had sensed a possibility that Moscow would announce recognition of the Lublin government before the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meetings. They charged that if Russia acted before that meeting it would be an attempt to present the other two powers with a "fait accompli."

Russia broke relations with the London Polish government April 28, 1943, in a dispute over the reported discovery of graves of Polish officers in the Shmolenk forests. Russia accused the Germans of executing the Poles, but the London Polish government requested that the International Red Cross make an investigation. Moscow's recognition of the Lublin group made no reference to the rival London government.

Azalea

AZALEA — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wenderoth made a trip to Portland Tuesday where Mr. Wenderoth will receive further treatment for an injured leg. They were accompanied by Cpl. Paul Newman, Jr., who has been here for the past two weeks visiting

Allies Launch Major Assault in Ardennes

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dozens of planes into support of their tanks, and the Russians were reported holding their ground grimly.

The Russians said the planes had been brought directly from the Reich and were flung in recklessly in a bid to break the Budapest siege line. The red army claimed destruction of more than 100 tanks in two days in the relatively narrow Soviet-held corridor 20 miles from Komarom.

Inside the Hungarian capital Soviet shock troops now have occupied 1,400 blocks of the shattered city.

Marshal Tito announced that Yugoslav partisan forces had crossed the Austrian frontier and were menacing a German area between Klagenfurt and Graz.

The new Greek government has barred further discussions with left-wing ELAS leaders concerning their political grievances, pending compliance with a British demand that they lay down their arms and leave Athens.

Canadian troops in the Italian Adriatic sector advanced against strong counterattacks by Nazi tanks and veteran infantry, to within 13 miles of San Alberto, eight miles north of Ravenna. Progress also was reported north of Faenza on the Bologna-Rimini highway.

In the air war RAF Mosquitos bombed Berlin twice during the night.

Vital Statistics

BORN

SAMPSON — To Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sampson, 1359 Umpqua avenue, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Wednesday, January 3, a daughter, Nancy Ann; weight six pounds eleven ounces.

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County Recreational Plan Strongly Advocated

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pleable to any county in the state wishing to act under its provisions.

Taxing Power Needed
Speakers in the behalf of the plan were the originator himself, Mr. Taylor; Charles V. Stanton, editor of the News-Review; W. J. Smith, past president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation, and County Judge R. A. Busenbark. Pending final action on the program, the county court will close no more roads to fishing grounds, the club's president, Roy Sullivan, announced, and Secretary V. M. Orr reported progress on steps toward the establishment of public camping and park sites. Judge Busenbark declared himself in favor of the county recreational district project and advised that it was in conformity with consulted law, but that a question as to the right of special taxation for the purpose would have to be settled by legislative action.

Duty To Veterans Cited
Saving of recreational resources is a home-front obligation for the boys in the armed services, so that they could once again enjoy such advantages upon returning from the war, Mr. Smith said. Touching upon defeat, by popular referendum, of Bill No. 53, banning commercial fishing from coastal streams, Mr. Smith explained that the failure to gain public approval was due to lack of contact by proponents with various elements of the electorate and specious wartime arguments by opponents. Only remedy for the situation, he said, was education as to the economic value of the plan and full cooperation toward its fulfillment. He closed with a note of warning against public approval of proposed dams in coastal streams, quoting authority for an assertion that the erection of proposed dams in the Willamette river would spell the end of the salmon industry in that stream. He urged that in the consideration of any proposed dam, the anticipated ultimate cost and business benefit should be weighed in proportion to the economic value of involved recreational resources.

Officers Elected
In the club's election of officers, Sullivan and Orr were retained in their respective positions, as was Treasurer Ivan Pickens. Bill Machen was chosen vice-president as successor to Gaye Mowery. Elected as directors for the ensuing two years were Fred Kuck, Fred Lockwood, Steve Cooper, George West and Mel Ingram. They will serve with an equal number of holdovers. Honorary membership in the club was voted to A. C. Masters, one of its most diligent members. More than 100 persons were present. They were entertained with a buffet dinner at the close of the business session, and then enjoyed a Dutch feed.

Prineville Equipment To Replace Burned Mill

REDMOND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Planning mill equipment from a Prineville plant will be installed here at the Dent & Russell, Ltd., mill to replace that destroyed by fire last June, a company official said today.

Victor H. Clark said the firm's lumbering operations would be resumed here with production of 100,000 board feet a day. The superintendent will be E. V. Anderson, formerly with a Prineville firm.

Myrtle Creek

MYRTLE CREEK — Harley L. Mitts, who was home for a two weeks' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mitts at their home in Myrtle Creek left last week for a new station in Rhode Island where he will put in six months training in radar work.

Mrs. Anna Potter has received word from her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Valentine of Winchester, Bay of the birth of a daughter, Grace Vivian, weight 5 pounds 14 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boyd. Mrs. Boyd was formerly Virginia Valentine. Her husband is on overseas duty and she is with her parents. The baby is a great-grandchild of Mrs. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Feizette have built an addition to their house which gives them much more room.

Time Off? Huh!



Coal miner Victor Pegoris, above, of Smithtown, Pa., hasn't had a day off during this century—and what's more, has a letter from his boss, president of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., to prove it. Pegoris, three times a grandfather, has worked steadily since Jan. 1, 1900, has never lost time through illness or accident, and says: "Work? I love it!"

OUR ARMY IN EUROPE NEEDS...



Pass the ammunition and more of it, is the cry from the Western Front, according to Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, indicating that production must be boosted on the home front. Chart above shows items which must be produced in greater numbers, with heavy artillery and mortar shells leading the ammunition groups. Troops are reported firing 35 days planned supply in 10 days—and there are no reserves in this country.

Better Collection of Tin Cans Urged on Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Tin can collections were too sporadic in "far too many" Oregon counties last year, Chairman Claude Seranous of the state salvage committee declared today. Oregon residents should "recognize the extreme seriousness of the tin shortage" in 1945, he said. The state last year averaged 1.79 pounds a person for a total of 1047 tons of tin cans.

Glendale

GLENDAL — Miss Corven and Miss Virginia Richmond and Curtis Richmond of Medford arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Mattie Heller.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Howard of Oakland, Ore., spent the Christmas vacation at their home at Fir Point, out of Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock are spending a few weeks in California visiting.

Charles Kiefer is home spending the vacation with his family. Mrs. Lief Edson, Mrs. Ruth Miller and Mrs. Bunny Daniels spent Friday in Grants Pass shopping.

Miss Jenny Sparks spent Sunday in Medford visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Dubb Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Lassen and son, Jerry, spent the Christmas holidays in Ashland visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harvey spent Christmas day in Roseburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Henninger and family. Mrs. R. B. Gardner and Beverly

Lewis spent Tuesday in Grants Pass shopping.

Miss Gwen Howard spent the Christmas vacation visiting at the home of her parents in Riddle.

Miss Gloria Wunch of Salem, Ore., is home spending her Christmas vacation. Miss Wunch is a student at Willamette University.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Otis of Grants Pass moved to Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith and daughter, Geraldine, of Coquille, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Cowley and daughter, Winita, spent Christmas day in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Karger of Eureka, Calif., spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Mattie Heller.

Miss Mildred Armstrong arrived home Friday to spend the weekend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Heller and daughter, Barbara, spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Mattie Heller.

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