

Jap Oil Refineries, Navy Remnants Pounded

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aged in the 15 days beginning July 10.
Halsey Has One Regret
Between the hours of yesterday's carrier-plane attack and today's night fighters slashed at the enemy to make this the first around-the-clock carrier strike against Japan. In a broadcast from the scene, Admiral Halsey termed it "a new phase of naval warfare... the final plunge into the heart of Japan."

"If the Nips do not know they're a doomed nation, they're even stupider than I think," he added. "My only regret is that the ships do not have wheels—so we could chase them inland after we drive them from the coast."

Combined with a 625-plane B-29 strike on Osaka and Nagoya—the heaviest of the war—and other army air raids, the blows of the past two days were the hardest ever struck against Japan. Some 2,000 planes, in all, participated.

Japan risked a score or so of combat planes to oppose yesterday's carrier strikes, and lost eight of them to the guns of the American fliers. The Americans destroyed or damaged 31 others aground, and the British 25 aground. There was no report of any enemy aircraft attempting to reach the powerful allied fleet.

Shanghai Again Lashed
General MacArthur meanwhile reported more than 350 Far East air force bombers and fighters—grounded four days by typhoons—slashed anew at Shanghai Sunday, sinking or damaging 13 warships and freighters, blasting three big airfields, and destroying or damaging 45 enemy planes.

MacArthur's communiqué listed a destroyer, a 3,000-ton freighter-transport, and a smaller cargo vessel sunk, and a 10,000-ton freighter-transport, a destroyer escort, two sub chasers and six small freighters probably sunk. There was no air interception.

Pushing a general Japanese withdrawal in the Mt. Batecham par area, Australian troops have moved two miles down the East Borneo coast, MacArthur reported today.

This placed them within 50 miles of their next big objective, the oil field at Samarinda. Aussie Spitfires supporting the advance which was made on Monday, spotted a Japanese truck convoy and probably got 18 trucks loaded with enemy troops.

RAF Liberators meanwhile attacked Celebes islands to the east and Kittyhawks teamed up with American P-47s to shoot up Japanese water craft and buildings in Mandar gulf in the Celebes.

Rain, Humidity Rise Aid Fight to Halt Fires

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ber. The blaze still was out of control today, but it was hoped it would be controlled by tonight.

Two major fires in southeast Washington were virtually out, forestry officials said, but several new blazes sprang up in the area today. An estimated 900 acres of grain and 6,000 acres of pastureland were blackened in three days by the biggest fires—one near Pomeroy and one in the Delaney-Snake river sector.

Public Housing Projects In Douglas Yield Profit

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service and heating cost \$1,418.98. Utilities, including water, electricity, oil and wood, totaled \$5,330.03. Repairs, maintenance and replacements cost \$15,741, of which more than one-half was spent in repairs and improvements to the trailer houses.

Public services—fire protection, streets, sewers, refuse disposal, recreation, health and education being provided—involved total expenditure of \$3,426.46. Linen and housekeeping supplies amounted to \$41.16, and insurance cost \$291.59.

Losses Very Low
Losses from failure to collect rent were extremely low, amounting to only \$123.89. Mr. Seefeld reports very prompt payment of rents by the majority of tenants.

The federally owned properties were assessed at the same rate as privately owned property and a bill in lieu of taxation submitted to the commission, the payment being authorized in the sum of \$4,042.84.

Operating improvements amounted to \$2,161.80, bringing total expenditures for the year to \$44,964.14.

Clothing Price Cut Plan Due for Sidetrack

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coats, children's snowsuits, girls' skirts, women's coats and a wide variety of other items.
OPA acknowledged that adjustments granted to fabric producers had just about eliminated

any hope of price cuts for such garments this year. What can be achieved next year was left in doubt.

The adjustments for woolens and worsteds came close on the heels of retail increases for cotton garments. These also cancelled part of planned reductions. They were allowed, OPA explained last week, because expansion of the inexpensive clothing program left merchants with too-narrow profit margins for most of their garments.

Upward adjustments for manufacturers of rayon fabrics also have been allowed, and probably will be passed on in the retail cost of rayon clothing. OPA says, however, that most of the planned price cut for such garments still can be put into effect.

Clothing prices have climbed 12 per cent in the last 22 months. OPA officials have described the rise as the most serious inflation threat at present.

Face-Saving Now Only Alternative for Japan

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war, would indeed provide the necessary incident.

Stalin's Decision Awaited

We ought to know soon what Stalin has decided. We learn through an Associated Press dispatch from Potsdam that the belief prevails in sources close to President Truman that he has achieved a substantial accord with the Russians on impending developments in the Japanese war. What that accord may be, is left to the imagination, but the dispatch added:

"Among allied sources who have long enjoyed cordial contacts with the Soviet government it has not been doubted that the Russians, after their own fashion, will play a role in defeating Japan. These sources have sharply rejected the possibility of the Soviet union indefinitely sitting back while the United States and Japan fought on."

Appropos of this, there's another highly interesting event signaled from Moscow. An AP dispatch reports an informed source as saying the conference between Stalin and Chinese Premier Soong in the Russian capital paved the way for an understanding never before achieved by the two nations. And Tokyo, noting the cordial atmosphere surrounding the Stalin-Soong parley, has warned the Japanese public that this bodes Nippon no good.

Milk Lures Skunks, but Not Boy's Missing Pet

RATON, N. M., July 25.—(AP)—Tommy Burch lost his pet, a descended baby skunk.

A newspaper ad produced a phone call from a woman who said she had seen one of the striped animals in her yard. Tommy acted on the clue, set out a bowl of milk in the woman's yard and waited for developments.

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