

Jalopies and Sewer Pipes Are Latest Summer Play Equipment



Playground directors are beginning to give up foisting on children the sort of play apparatus they think they should enjoy, and are installing gadgets youngsters really want—unfinished foundations, steps, sewer pipes and old jalopies. Child psychologists and recreational leaders enthusiastically endorse the odd new play props. Not only do they afford excellent means of developing muscles and imagination, but they are as inexpensive as they are indestructible. Overton park in Memphis, Tenn., is one of the many playgrounds around the country which has installed these unusual gadgets. Above, youngsters from 2 to 12 climb the walls of their "pink palace," the most popular spot in the park. In the background is a sewer pipe "cave." Below, children desert slides and swings to climb aboard an old Reo touring car, which is chained to the ground.



HERO OF DAREDEVIL EXPLOIT—One of the most spectacular exploits of the sea war in the Pacific won for Comdr. Eugene Fluckey the congressional medal of honor, as well as a presidential unit citation for the entire crew of the submarine Barb. Slipping into a Japanese harbor jammed with enemy ships, in water so shallow the "pig-boat" could not submerge, the Barb let go with all its torpedoes, did tremendous damage of extent known only to the enemy, and then, by sensational "broken field running" during which it was exposed to enemy fire for more than an hour, escaped without the loss of a man. Above, Mrs. Fluckey fastens on the medal, which was awarded in March.



MR. AMERICA—Army life did its share cutting Pfc. Clarence W. Ross in perfect shape. Ross, formerly of Oakland, Calif., and now stationed at Las Vegas army air field, won the 1945 title as most perfectly developed man in the national A. A. U. weightlifting championships at American Legion stadium.

Back of the Headlines

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE, UP War Analyst

The war against Japan will be divided into three principal phases this summer, all in progress at the same time. Now that the bloody battle of Okinawa is over and the clean-up of the Philippines near, American strength will be directed increasingly toward the central goal, Japan itself. Nevertheless there will be other widespread operations, the progress of which, day by day, will provide a true chart of the course of the war.

The main phases of the campaign are as follows:

1. Tightening of the blockade against Japan and the destruction of her war industries and communications by aerial bombardment.
2. Expansion of allied supply lines, rapid development of air, sea and land bases, and the transfer of full allied strength from Europe.
3. Military operations on an increasing scale over the vast war theater from the Asiatic mainland to the central Pacific.

The invasion of Japan proper, like that of Normandy, will come when the allies have amassed sufficient land, sea and air power in striking position to ensure its success. For the Japanese, little remains but to speculate on whether it will come this summer or later, and to make passive preparations for defense. It is highly improbable that the Japanese will be capable of any offensive action which could disrupt or seriously delay the allied time table.

"Fronts" are Widespread
Apart from the home islands, the chief "fronts" or areas where important military operations are in prospect may be classified for convenience as follows:

(1) Southern and eastern China, perhaps as far north as Shanghai; Manchuria and Korea only possibly, depending mainly on Asiatic developments; (2) French Indo-China, Thailand and Malaya (Singapore); (3) the Dutch East Indies; (4) the central and southwest Pacific islands still held by the Japanese.

Operations in southeastern China may well involve allied landings to open a sea supply line to the Chinese. A sign of expanding activities in China is evident in Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer's plan to establish American tactical headquarters in Chungking. Occupation of Formosa, or at least its complete isolation, is possible in connection with the China campaign.

Singapore Area Menaced
The French Indo-China, Thailand and Singapore area, with which for tactical reasons the Dutch island of Sumatra is linked, is threatened by the allies from the west and from Borneo in the east. Singapore commands Malacca strait, between Sumatra and Malaya.

Occupation of Singapore not only will seal the fate of Sumatra and later Java, but will open the straits for co-ordination of naval operations between the Indian ocean and the Pacific. Occupation of all the important areas of Borneo appears in prospect. That is certain to result in the acquisition of valuable oil supplies for use against Japan, and maybe some natural rubber. It also will wedge off the remaining Japanese positions in Nava, Celebes, Halmahera and northeastern New Guinea.

None of these widely-separated operations, some of them so far from the heart of Japan, can be considered diversionary and unimportant. They add up the the complete crushing of Japan and her stolen empire, in the shortest possible time, by the total application of allied power.

ANCIENT NORTH POLE STAR
When the Pyramids were being built 5000 years ago, Thuban, a star you probably never heard of, was the Pole Star, but because of the earth's "wobble" it is now far from the celestial pole, halfway between the bowl of the Little Dipper, and the middle star in the Big Dipper's handle.

Nearly 100,000 Are Idle as Strikes Spread Across U. S.

By United Press

Nearly 100,000 members of the nation's wartime labor force were on strike today in a wave of stoppages that hampered production in many industrial areas. The newest flareups affected the Pittsburgh plate glass co., and Libbey-Owens-Ford plants in ten cities. Nearly 16,000 glass, ceramics and silica workers, CIO employed in the plants left work late yesterday.

Chicago's truck drivers' strike went into its seventh day, with soldiers taking over idle vehicles. Many of the drivers began returning to work today. At the same time, the war labor board ordered 5,500 United farm equipment workers, CIO, to end a walkout at the McCormick works of the International harvester co., Chicago.

Five major war plants were shut down in Detroit. The biggest labor dispute there—a jurisdictional fight between AFL and CIO unions—had thrown 20,000 workers of the Packard main aircraft motor plant into idleness. Another 5,600 workers were idle at the Ford River Rouge plant, three units of Chrysler corp., and 12 Detroit lumber yards.

At Toledo, O., strikes were in progress at four Libbey-Owens-Ford plants, the Akelin stamping co., and the Mather spring co.

The government continued operating the Diamond alkali co. plant at Plainville, O., where 2,000 United mine workers were on strike.

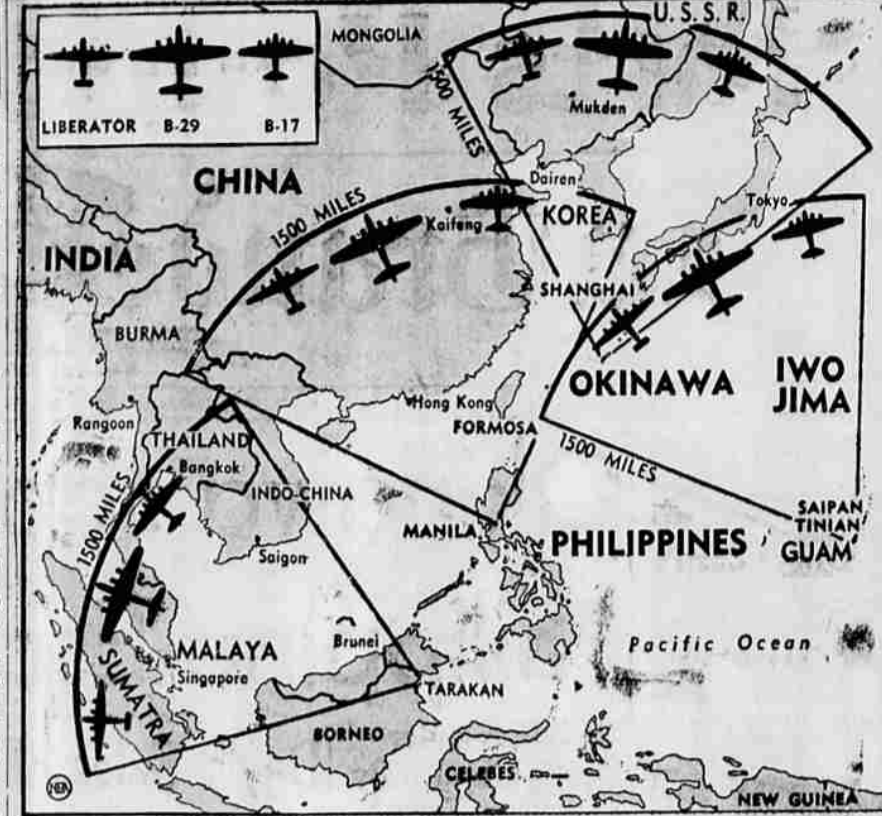
Other strikes were in progress as follows: Akron, O., 13,000 United rubber workers, CIO, were idle at the Goodyear co., and 16,000 at the Firestone co. voted to strike; Ashland, Ky., 2,600 steelworkers, (CIO); Bell City, Ky., 300 coal miners; Pittsburgh, 200 brake shoe company workers, and Seattle, 700 glass workers.

Chinese Battle To Take Former Yank Air Base

CHUNGKING, June 22 (UP)—Chinese troops stormed the Liuchow airfield today, and a spokesman for the high command said the enemy was expected to evacuate the former American base any time now.

A communique reported that the Chinese columns attacking the airfield already had inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy. The spokesman said the Japanese left less than 1,200 troops as a holding force. He predicted the base would be taken after a brief battle.

The big airfield at Liuchow, abandoned by the U. S. fourteenth air force Nov. 11, 1944, is on the outskirts of the city. Chinese forces stormed the field



TERRIBLE TRIPLETS OF SKY TO BLAST JAPS—Uncle Sam is set for an aerial triple play against the Japs with the shift to the Pacific of air power released from Europe. Liberators and B-17 Fortresses, which played an important part in pounding the Nazis to defeat, now are joining the mighty B-29 Superfortresses for the final act of the Far Eastern war. Reports spot their base in the Philippines. These mighty triplets of the sky have approximately the same operating range—1500 miles—and all are four-motored, the chief difference being that the Supers can carry a heavier bomb load. Bases close to Japan will enable the Liberators and B-17s to blast interior Nippon with huge cargoes of destruction. Targets within effective range of the three sky giants are clearly apparent on the map above.

Cove News

COVE (Special) — Mrs. L. M. Lantz recently had as visitors Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nolin, friends of her daughter, Mrs. George Kazanis in Egypt. The Nolins and their four children came from Vaston, Wash., while en route to Ohio to spend the summer where he is educational director and treasurer of the American missionary society in Egypt. The family lived in Egypt for 20 years, and he will

to climax a sensational drive in which they closed in on Liuchow from three directions.

Today's Chinese communique also reported that Chinese forces, battling to break the Japanese counter-offensive along the Kiangsi-Kwantung border, have reached the vicinity of Lungnan. The Chinese also captured Totang, in southern Kiangsi province, and claimed that the Japanese in that area were retreating to the northwest.

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return there in the fall. Misses Inez Towle and Shirley Brazille, students at the Oregon State college at Corvallis are home for the summer vacation.

The summer school for church workers at the Ascension campus closed Thursday. The church services Sunday morning were shared by several of the boys including Roderick French, John Badger, and Dan French of Baker. The various classes presented programs each night. A fun program termed "Horrible Night" was presented Tuesday. Last evening was given over to a pageant.

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