

Japs Hit Hard To Escape Trap In New Guinea

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In eastern China, is 180 miles southwest of Hengyang, scene of the fiercest fighting in China this year.

Hengyang Encircled
Chungking admitted the Japanese had again encircled Hengyang and pushed 32 miles farther down the Hankow-Canton railway toward the coast. Apparently fearful of the fall of Hengyang, Chinese military authorities ordered civilians evacuated from Luichow, more than 200 miles southwest of Hengyang and 100 miles southwest of Kweilin.

American air forces heavily damaged enemy installations at Tengchung, encircled key point of Japan's defense of the Yunnan province sector of the Burma road. Chinese were attacking the eastern gate of the walled city.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz promised his forces would use Saipan, once "the principal fortress guarding the southern approaches to Japan," as a base for further cracking the enemy's inner defense line.

Pearl Harbor Avenged

Among the 16,000 Japanese killed and buried on the bloody island was Vice Adm. Chuichi Nagumo, who directed the attack on Pearl Harbor that started the war. He was the imperial navy's commander in chief for the central Pacific area.

"Rear Admiral Yano" was killed at the same time, Nimitz said. Rear Adm. Shigazo Yano was director of Japanese naval education and a member of the naval technical council. Recent deaths of a full admiral, a vice admiral and two rear admirals were previously announced by Tokyo. One was in the Marianas area.

Tokyo radio reported a powerful U.S. fleet was "still wandering around" the Marianas, blasting Japanese islands. It said a battleship twice bombarded Guam on Thursday, while 60 American planes attacked the former U.S. naval station. This was the first mention of a battleship turning its big guns on the island.

A special navy court of inquiry was ordered by Secretary Forrestal to meet in Washington next Monday to open "an investigation into the facts surrounding the catastrophe" at Pearl Harbor when Admiral Nagumo's planes attacked December 7, 1941. Commanding army and navy officers then at Pearl Harbor are awaiting court martial on charges of dereliction of duty.

First Army Advances Up To 3 Miles

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Agency dispatch from enemy headquarters said the Germans had withdrawn a few thousand yards between the Gorges marshes and the coast, a distance of about 10 miles, "according to plan."

On some parts of the Lessay sector, the Americans advanced against waning resistance, particularly on the east, where they drove to Pissot, less than two miles due east of the anchor town, supreme headquarters announced at midnight.

But the Germans were known to have from 11 to 12 divisions on the American front, apparently massed for a desperate defense.

Villages Yielded
In abandoning the point of land west of Lessay, the Germans yielded without a fight the villages of Sallenel, La Gaverie, Fenouilliere and Froqueville.

In the center, midway between St. Lo and Peziers, the Americans captured the crossroads town of Les Champs de Loque, then withdrew under strong German pressure.

On the British flank, supreme headquarters disclosed the Tommies had withdrawn from Hill 112 in the Odon-Orne wedge and described this as a withdrawal from an untenable position left in no-man's-land.

Gold Question Delays Confab

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 14-(P)—Technical experts of the United Nations monetary conference wrapped up virtually all the loose ends relating to an international currency fund today, but still were unable to tie in the quotas of the participating nations because of the prolonged silence of the soviet delegation.

The impasse over quotas caused by Russia's demand for a smaller gold subscription has now reached the state where the only question of the conference is: What's the news from Moscow?

The soviet, seeking a smaller gold quota on the plea they need gold for postwar reconstruction, cabled again today to Moscow for instructions on what procedure to take concerning the question, on which the United States has taken a firm stand in opposition. Until the quota question is solved, the conference cannot go ahead with its final draft for the fund which now is about 95 per cent completed.

Japs Go Over Side of Sinking Oiler



Crew members of a Japanese oiler scramble over the side to abandon their sinking vessel after a York torpedo bomber scored a hit on it 15 miles north of Saipan three days prior to American landings there. White spots in upper left are members of the ship's crew already in the water. Oil drums are spewing from the tilted deck. (AP photo from navy.)

Reign of Terror Increases As Nazis Plead for "Peace"

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, July 14-(P)—A Nazi "reign of terror" throughout occupied Europe was reported officially today to be increasing in savagery as the enemy's desperation grows with the relentless approach of his day of defeat.

Some authorities suggested that Hitler and his Gestapo leaders, in a final mad frenzy of failure, are now moving into a period of blood lust and ruin that will make the hour of Europe's liberation its darkest hour.

From Secretary of State Hull came the statement that a reign of terror has begun. In London, another state department official, Herbert Claiborne Pell, said he believed the Germans would attempt to wreck occupied Europe as preparation for another war.

Pell said that by such violence—"beyond anything the world has seen"—the Germans would seek to weaken their neighbors permanently while they remained relatively strong.

Mass Killings Reported
It was the reported wiping out of the Grecian village of Distomo and mass killings of Jews in Hungary which prompted Secretary Hull today to denounce atrocities anew and to promise that punishment will be dealt out to the Nazi perpetrators. More than 1000 persons were reported killed at Distomo in dispatches from Ankara.

"The cold blooded murder of the population of Distomo is another shocking example of the reign of terror which the Nazis have instituted in Europe and which becomes more savage as they become more desperate," Hull said.

German Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels declares in this week's issue of the German magazine Das Reich that Germany and her enemies both "want peace and calm," according to a summary broadcast by the Berlin radio.

Would Soften Demands
The office of war information

Aumsville Girl Injured in Fall

AUMSVILLE—Evelyn Hough, 6 years old, is recovering from a severe cut on her leg, received when she fell on a nail while at play. She was given first aid here, and taken to the Salem Deaconess hospital where 15 stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Kenneth Hough has been confined to his home the past two weeks with bronchitis.

Northwest to Spend Millions To Get Tourists

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 14-(CP)—William Edris of Seattle, hotel owner and financier, arrived here today to place before S. S. McKean of Vancouver, president of the Pacific Northwest Trade association, a plan to spend nearly \$2,000,000 on postwar development of the tourist trade in the Pacific northwest.

Seattle, Spokane and Portland businessmen were prepared to place at the association's disposal \$1,000,000, Mr. Edris said. Vast sums were to be invested in a four-year publicity campaign.

Mr. McKean said a day would be set aside for discussion of this plan at the association meeting in Bellingham, Wash., next September.

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Soviet Army Captures 315 More Towns

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and 16 miles northeast of Grodno. Still nearer to Grodno was the captured town of Ozer, 14 miles east of that German fortress.

Pinsk, metropolis of the Pripet marshes, fell to troops of Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian front who forced the Yaseldo and Pripet rivers and stormed the city with the aid of river gunboats, Marshall Stalin announced.

Near Bug River Line

The Germans a few hours earlier said they had withdrawn from the deeply-outflanked city.

In a second order of the day, Stalin announced the capture of Wolokysk, 50 miles east of Bialystok and 80 miles northeast of Brest Litovsk, as the Russians drew steadily nearer to the Bug river line on which Hitler and Stalin partitioned Poland in 1939 and from which the Germans attacked the Russians June 22, 1941.

At the present rate of Russian progress, observers here predicted they might be in Brest Litovsk in four or five days.

A supplement to the Soviet communiques said at least 2500 Germans had been killed and 800 captured in the Opochna sector.

Next Industries Moved

The Germans appeared to be stripping East Prussia of everything except the means of immediate defense.

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Quick Divorce Given Blondell

LOS ANGELES, July 14-(P)—Actress Joan Blondell got a four-minute divorce today from singer Dick Powell on her testimony that he had been guilty of numerous acts of cruelty, including a demand that she "get the hell out of the house."

The blue-eyed actress wore a broad-brimmed black hat over her blonde curls, with a black wool suit, a green shirt, black silk hose and white gloves.

Powell, whom she married eight years ago aboard a liner en route to New York, told her he didn't care whether she got a divorce or not, Miss Blondell testified. She said he insisted on using their home for his office, that two telephones were ringing almost constantly, and that she was unable to get any rest or privacy.

Powell did not appear to oppose the divorce. Under a property settlement previously agreed upon, Miss Blondell gets custody of their two children, Ellen, 5, and Norman, 9, the son of cameraman George Barnes, whom she divorced in 1935, the year before she married Powell.

Gen. Ben Lear Takes McNair's Place in Army

WASHINGTON, July 14-(P)—The first shift in the top-level command of the army in more than two years was disclosed today with the announcement that Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, ground forces commander who has been called "the brains of the army," has been ordered overseas on an important assignment.

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Small (he is 5 feet 8 inches tall), neat, energetic and soft spoken, McNair is the designer of the training program that has produced combat units which fought like veterans in their first battles.

He is credited with streamlining the old "square" division of nearly 20,000 men into the "triangular" infantry division of 15,000, and is said to have originated the tank destroyer.

No hint of the nature of McNair's new job was given but the war department stressed that it was important.

Northwest Net Meet Set for Final Rounds
TACOMA, July 14-(P)—The Pacific Northwest Tennis tourney held here this week will go into the finals tomorrow, with boys' and junior boys' singles, mixed doubles and the Junior girls' and women's singles. Men's singles and doubles will be played off Sunday.

NEW YORK, July 14-(P)—A 29-year-old former woman welder, weeping and laughing hysterically, admitted today, police said, she had taken infant Barbara Anne Goggin from the New York Foundling hospital yesterday "because I have a great love for children."

Ending one of the most intensive police searches in the city's history, the child was found with Mrs. Joan Schlutter today in a West 95th street rooming house. Mrs. Schlutter, who said she was a native of Elmira, N.Y., was charged late this afternoon with kidnapping and abduction. The double charge was not explained by representatives of the district attorney's office.

The blonde, six-months-old infant was returned in good health to the hospital from which she had disappeared shortly before dawn yesterday. Her mother, Mrs. Anne Goggin, 30, is in a serious condition following a major operation yesterday. She had not been informed of her child's disappearance.

Police said a coastguardsman told his superiors he suspected that a baby Mrs. Schlutter had shown him might be the missing child he had read about in the papers. A coastguard warrant officer informed police, who discovered Barbara Anne in Mrs. Schlutter's room and took her to the hospital for positive identification. Police quoted Mrs. Schlutter as saying she was unable to have children of her own, and suddenly decided she would get one, if she had to steal it.

She climbed the high iron fence around the hospital, police continued, entered a room where several children were sleeping and picked up Barbara Anne. She wrapped the baby in a blanket and took it home, where she later told her coastguardsman friend it was her own child she had been boarding with "a family on Long Island," police said.

The baby was being cared for at the foundling hospital until Mrs. Goggin recovered from her operation.

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Battle of Midway Stopped Jap Threat, Says W. Webb

PORTLAND, July 14-(P)—The possibility that the battle of Midway won the "war of the Pacific" was expressed here today by Wendell Webb, Salem, who "covered" the battle for the Associated Press.

Webb, now managing editor of The Oregon Statesman, was the principal speaker at the City club.

Webb said that if the Japanese had won that important struggle the ill-defended road to the Hawaiian Islands thus would have been cleared, as possibly would have been the road to the Pacific coast mainland.

"That was the Nips' first and last attempt to get to our west coast," Webb said.

The Salem editor expressed doubt whether clearcut responsibility for the Pearl Harbor debacle ever can be fixed.

He praised the job that has been done by both the army and the navy since December 7, 1941.

"If anybody two years ago had told me that we would take Saipan inside of 10 years, I would have thought he was crazy," he said.

It was a fitting victory for France's national holiday, for among Gen. Alphonse Juin's troops were officers and men who could recall vividly the despair that gripped their homeland four years ago.

Spearheading the thrust into San Luce late yesterday was a hard-fighting regimental combat team composed of American soldiers of Japanese origin which has distinguished itself in the Fifth army's push up the Italian west coast.

In a bloody, close-quarter bayonet and hand grenade engagement the Americans first cleaned out the village of Pastina, two miles south of San Luce, and then repelled a furious Nazi counter-attack as they pressed on through the latter village and dug in on nearby high ground.

This Yankee column is smashing its way along a secondary road about 10 miles inland from the coast while a much stronger force battles down the Era river valley north of captured Lajatico, some 21 miles inland.

The climax was capped, however, when the BB responded to our query about what was doing with "Nothing. Everything just seems kinda dead."

And we wondered if Martha, had she been awake, would have had the long list of exciting events with which she was once accustomed to regale us—you know, the marine who thought her eyes were just bee-yootiful, and the stranger from the hotel who thought we looked distinguished and reminded him of his mother, the new job that Joe had and so on.

Or would she, from the vantage point behind the larger counter, in her more spacious surroundings, also have looked out upon a world much smaller by comparison than that she saw from the little shop on South Commercial? Would "everything" have seemed "kinda dead" to her, too?

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Women Hailed By FDR, Dewey

NEW YORK, July 14-(P)—President Roosevelt and Governor Thomas E. Dewey, GOP presidential nominee, hailed the contributions of women to the war effort tonight as the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs opened its 25th anniversary celebration.

In a message to the group's biennial convention here, the president declared: "The women of our nation have assumed responsibility for a large share of the work here at home in business and industry. They have made a magnificent contribution to the war effort."

Governor Dewey wrote that American victories on the battlefronts "could not have been obtained without the vigorous and effective part taken by American women."

Addressing delegates to the convention, representing every state, Dr. Minnie L. Maffett of Dallas, Tex., president of the federation, urged women to elect more members of their own sex to congress and other important posts.

HOLLYWOOD
Continuous from 2 P.M.
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Automakers Would Keep 1942 Models

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON, July 14-(P)—Members of the automobile industry advisory committee, displayed a lack of enthusiasm today at news from the war production board that they are free after next week to design new passenger car models against the day of Germany's collapse.

Without a dissenting voice, the top automobile executive reported that their designers and engineers are still so tied up with a continuing and even increasing burden of munitions work that it probably would be impossible to offer cars very radically different from the 1942 models.

Members of the committee said also they preferred to pass over two major items on WPB's meeting agenda, on grounds that it was "unrealistic" to make plans now which might be affected by unforeseeable circumstances in the future.

The meeting therefore broke up without action on these two widely heralded proposals:

First, a request that each company present figures on the minimum production rate at which it could reasonably resume the manufacture of passenger cars. WPB officials have aimed at an industry-wide starting goal of about 2,150,000 a year, about half of 1941 production.

Second, the so-called "blue order" plan, under which each manufacturer would place orders for parts and materials for civilian cars, the orders to be filled at some later time when WPB gives the go-ahead signal. The plan was offered as a means of clearing up priority and paper work ahead of actual reconversion, besides revealing potential bottlenecks.

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