Japan Surrender Unlikely Until Homeland Invaded

Military Strategists Believe Nips Would Quit War Soon As Defeat Becomes Obvious

(Editor's Note: The air transport command of the army sirforce recently took 13 American war correspondents on a 28,000 mile flying military beese in the Pacific. The correspondents were received because with all the leading military strategists, American, British tralian, in the Gozanic thester. These leatiers were unhestitatingly discussing the war in all its phases. Many things were said tial, precluded from print by military security. Some general ons are presented here by the Associated Press representative or his return to the United States).

By Harold Streeter

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19 .- (A)-Many of the top ranking army, navy and air strategists, mounting the all-out offensive in the Pacific,

Japan will guit the war when her military defeat becomes obvious rather than continue the fanatical resistance for which her soldiers have gained a name on long byfor some 2,000 years, during which

Japan never lost a war, the belief

has been built up that the war

lords are endowed with an ability

never to make a serious mistake.

Once this belief, still preserved by

punctured brutally by rising air

blows and the appearance of in-

vading armies, this particular lead-

er foresees the distinct possibility of a revolution "the like of which

the world has never seen before."

situation currently is this:

cause trouble.

quality of airmen.

The broad assessment of the

Japanese Navy - Beyond all

doubt, it is a crushed force. Adm.

Thomas Kinkaid, commander of

the US 7th fleet, pointed out,

however, that should Japan ever

manage to get her still usable

warships all in one spot they could

Japanese Air Force-Although

deteriorating, it still has destruc-

tive power, particularly among its

suicide squadrons; its planes are

good and there still are many of

them; but the earlier losses in

personnel have been heavy, re-

sulting in a speeding up in train-

ing and a consequent drop in the

fourth of it either has been de-

stroyed or rendered strategically impotent. The other three fourths

comprise a formidable force; the Japanese are tough, relentless

fighters-but they can't hold out

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Japanese Army - At least one

passed islands. Defeat will not likely become

obvious to Japan until the Japanese homeland is invaded. The emperor is a key figure in he ever gives the word for his war- rigid propaganda measures, is the Pacific's war picture and if

ring subjects to cease fire every Japanese, wherever he is, immediately will lay down his wea-

Speculation Idle

There is no sound basis for speculating when the war will end. It could end in a relatively short time and efforts are bent toward that result but its duration is strictly up to Japan. Any effort of the enemy toward a compromise short of unconditional surrender is foredoomed. Japan cannot long wage an ef-

fective war in China and Manchuria if the homeland falls.

The key to success or failure in the Pacific is the supply line. The Allies are winning because of brilliant successes in bridging the Pacific's staggering distances. Japan is losing, despite tough, bitter-end resistance, primarily because her supply lines are cut.

These impressions were obtained on a 26,000 mile air tour of the Pacific which took in the Marianas, the Philippines, Australia and subsidiary island supply and service bases. Top Men Interviewed

They are the product of confer- if their factories fail them. One ences with such men as Gen. Doug- famed American leader said the las MacArthur, commander-inchief of all army ground forces "without bleeding us to death." in the Pacific; Adm. Chester W. An American Show Nimitz, commander-in-chief of The drive toward Tokyo seems Pacific naval forces; Adm. Sir destined to remain predominant-Bruce Fraser, commander of the ly an American show. British Pacific fleet; Gen. Sir In the air, the Aussies have Thomas Blamey, commander of Australian ground forces; and such | Card Club Entertained air leaders as Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the far eastern At Independence Home airforce, Lt. Gen. Curtis LeMay, INDEPENDENCE - The Night key man in the B-29 raids on Ja- Hawk Card club met at the Orley pan, and Maj. Gen. Willis Hale, Browns' May 11. Two tables were commanding army air forces in the in play. The traveling prize was Pacific ocean areas. Navy and won by Mrs. Jonas Graber; the marine air strategists also were high prizes for men and women

One of the high ranking lead- Jonas Graber, and the low prizes ers, a keen student of Japanese by Mrs. Clyde Comstock and Joe thinking, discussed frankly the Rogers. likelihood of the greatest revolution in history within the Japanese homeland once the Nipponese man on the street sees for himself that his war lords are not infallible. War Lords Idolized

This strategist pointed out that

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(Continued from page 4) been necessarily hard or dangerous. There was the time when they got an emergency call from a forward unit that a new type of German butterfly bomb had been found. It turned out to be a German gas mask cannister.

ed he saw two bombs drop without exploding. It took diplomacy for the boys to break the news to him that he had merely seen a P-47 jettison a couple of gas tanks.

they know that eventually they Japanese booby traps.

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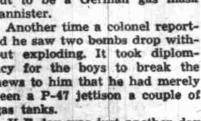
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