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Russians Break Into Vienna, Dramatic Broadcast Reports; Warning Bells Heard in City

Home Guards Called Into Line as Soviets Battle Way Into Heart of Metropolis and Red Legions Gain; Final Stand Is Expected

London, April 7 (UP)—A dramatic broadcast from Vienna said today that the Russians had broken into the Austrian capital and were nearing the center in heavy street fighting. The rattle of gunfire punctuated the broadcast, London newspapers said. Speakers called on the inhabitants—nearly 2,000,000 in 1939—to stand firm.

"Volkssturmers (home guards) are going into line," the broadcast said. "With the German wehrmacht, grenadiers and SS men, they are going to defend their homes."

"Every yard of ground is being defended to the last, but the Russians have increased the momentum of their attacks. Fighting is now going on around and in Vienna itself... garrison units are fighting against the Russians on the edge of the city's center."

In Vienna Battle



House-to-house fighting was under way, the broadcast said. Monitors said the announcement interrupted a program of patriotic songs over the Vienna station. It was preceded by the ringing of the bells of St. Stephen's cathedral, which also sounded the alarm when Turks stood at the gates of Vienna many years ago.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report that the Russians were nearing the center of Vienna, but Moscow dispatches said the red army was fighting for the Simmering district just inside the city limits on the southwest.

The red army reached Simmering, site of Vienna's main gas, power and water stations after capturing adjoining Schwechat on the edge of the city yesterday.

Fighting Reported
(A German Transocean broadcast reported by the FCC said fierce street fighting was in progress in the residential suburb of Moedling, six miles southwest of Vienna.)

Two Soviet army groups were storming Vienna, back door to Germany and the Bavarian Alps where Nazi diehards were plotting a final stand.

Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army group captured Schwechat and presumably was the first to enter Vienna itself. Altkettenhof and Rothneuseid, both four miles west of Vienna, also fell to the Third army group as it clamped a pincers around the city.

Manila, April 7 (UP)—Airborne troops, who hopped 20 miles to seize the provincial capital of Lucena, sparked an American drive that was rapidly clearing the entire southern half of Luzon today.

Elements of the 11th airborne division landed at Lucena, capital of Tayabas province, in small liaison planes Wednesday and quickly seized the city and its two airstrips, two miles inland from Tayabas bay.

The airborne units were piling the American drive down the southeastern part of Luzon to ward a junction with other U. S. troops which already had cleared Sorosogon province at the end of the island's long tail.

Seizure of Lucena's airfield provided another base for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's aerial forces which were maintaining a firm blockade of Japanese shipping through the China seas.

The Philippines-based bombers and fighters were revealed to have hit Hong Kong for the third consecutive day Wednesday and sunk 14 ocean-going freighters, totalling at least 440,000 tons, in widespread attacks throughout the southwest Pacific.

Nearly 50 Liberators carried out the latest raid on the big port of Hong Kong, plastering the port area with 164 tons of high explosives. In the three days, the Liberators dropped more than 450 tons of bombs on Hong Kong without the loss of a single plane.

Two of the sunken Japanese vessels were 10,000-ton freighters. One was caught in the Hong Kong harbor and the other just east of the port.

Sneeze Unmasks AWOL Sailor

Vancouver, Wash., April 7 (UP)—A cough served to unmask a snappy blonde at a bus station here.

MPs noted the curls and the demure manner of the person, but a coughing spell disclosed a bass voice and brought on an investigation at the police station.

The blonde proved to be Seaman 1/c Harold Garner Hughes, wanted for being AWOL from the San Diego naval base.

The curls were just part of a wig.

BIG JAP WARSHIP SUNK NAZIS' NORTH FLANK SHATTERED

2 Large Cities Bypassed By Armored Units

Bremen and Hannover Reported Isolated as Armies Rush to East

Paris, April 7 (UP)—Flying tank columns of the American Ninth and British second armies ripped 22 to 26 miles through disorganized opposition on the north German plain today in twin breakthroughs that outflanked Bremen and Hannover and carried within 133 miles of Berlin.

The entire northern flank of the German battle screen covering the North sea ports, the Danish peninsula and Berlin itself appeared to have broken wide open under the double-barreled Allied assault.

A rigid military security blackout was thrown over the speeding armored forces of the British second army after a terse official announcement that their vanguards had reached an undisclosed point 150 miles beyond the Rhine.

British Near Bremen

Delayed front dispatches, admittedly lagging hours behind the battle, placed the British within 10 or 12 miles southwest of Bremen. At their new location 150 miles past the Rhine the Tommies apparently were somewhere between Bremen and Hamburg, less than 70 miles from the Baltic port of Lubeck.

On the British right flank, the U. S. Ninth army's second armored division burst out of its Weser river bridgehead and raced 26 miles east of Kamelin to reach the Hannover-Hildersheim road at a point 133 miles due west of Berlin.

There were Yanks 11 miles southeast of Hannover, and that great armament and railway center was effectively outflanked.

Germans In Flight

Front dispatches said the Anglo-American advance was still surging ahead so rapidly that the fleeing Germans were unable even to sow mines across the path. The only opposition reported from most sectors came from occasional snipers who were cut down by the charging Allied tanks.

Schulenberg, 19 miles east of Hamelin, was taken by the Americans early today and the advance carried seven miles or more beyond that point, crossing the Leine river.

The twin break-through threatened momentarily to close off the entire northwestern corner of Germany, numbering perhaps 50,000 men, in northern Holland.

U. S. First army headquarters, meanwhile, disclosed that the great German force trapped in the Ruhr basin, estimated unofficially as high as 150,000 men, was made up of the German fifth panzer and 15th armies.

APPOINTMENTS MADE

Salem, Ore., April 7 (UP)—Reappointment of Earl Fisher and Charles V. Galloway as members of the state tax commission was announced by the state board of control following a special meeting of the board this morning.

DRIVERS EXCEED SPEED

Salem, Ore., April 7 (UP)—Only nine per cent of the drivers using the Pacific highway during March kept their speeds at or below the 35-mile wartime limit, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell disclosed today.

BRITISH FORCES GAIN

With British Second Army in Germany, April 7 (UP)—British armored forces advanced today to an undisclosed point 150 miles beyond the Rhine.

New Jap Premier



(NEA Telephoto)
Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, 77, president of the Japanese Privy Council, was ordered by Emperor Hirohito to form a new Japanese cabinet to succeed cabinet of Premier General Kuniaki Koiso which resigned en bloc "because of the gravity of the situation."

Nazi Wealth Found Stored In Deep Mine

With 90th Infantry Division, April 7 (UP)—American troops today probed into a salt mine and captured what is believed to be the entire gold reserve of the German Reichsbank.

The treasure trove, evacuated from Berlin in the last six weeks, was found here in one of the largest salt mines in Europe 90 miles west of Weimar.

German officials, captured at the mine, estimated there were 100 tons of gold in the mine. That would be \$84,000,000 at the American rate of \$35 a Troy ounce.

U. S. Money Included

In addition, the Germans said, there were about \$3,000,000,000 in paper Reichsmarks, \$2,000,000 in U. S. dollars, about \$440,000 in English pounds, as well as 100,000,000 French francs, 4,000,000 Norwegian crowns, and lesser amounts of other currency in the mine.

The art treasures include originals by Raphael, Rembrandt, Durer, and Renoir. The Germans said there were 1,000 cases of paintings and statues, 150 tapestries, thousands of engravings and 120 cases of the original Goethe collection from Weimar.

Stored in Chamber

The gold was stored in a chamber 2,100 feet below the ground. The doors of the gold vault had been jammed and it was impossible immediately to verify the story of the German officials.

Lt. Col. William I. Russell, Chevy Chase, Md., military government officer of the 90th, said there was no reason to doubt the story.

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400 Air Forts Blast Honshu, Hit Factories

Largest Sky Armada Ever Hurlled Against Jap Empire Is Used

Guam, April 7 (UP)—Long-range Mustang fighters of the Seventh air force teamed for the first time with an estimated 400 Superfortresses in a double attack on Japanese aircraft factories on the island of Honshu today.

The air armada, largest land-based force ever to hit the enemy homeland, raided the Musashina factory at Nakajima near Tokyo and the giant Mitsubishi plant at Nagoya.

These factories account for roughly three-fourths of the production of Japanese combat aircraft engines. They have been the targets of several previous raids by Superforts and serious damage to these plants would badly cripple enemy aircraft production.

Today's strike was made at medium altitude and the big bombers dropped hundreds of tons of demolition bombs. The planes dived over the targets just before noon in what early reports indicated was good weather, permitting visual bombing.

It was the first time the Superforts ever hit Japan at this hour of the day.

Tokyo Target

The fighters came from bases on Iwo Jima only 750 miles south of Tokyo. They have been in action against nearby targets in Bonin since before Iwo was captured, but this was their first mission to Tokyo. The 7th AAF fighter command is headed by Brig. Gen. Ernest M. Mickey Moore, a former West Point track star.

Tokyo radio said 40 of the Mustangs bombed and strafed western Tokyo and the nearby port of Yokohama.

Tokyo broadcasts said the raid began at 9:30 a. m. Tokyo time and lasted an hour.

"Our air defense forces in interception battles against the enemy raiders scored good results, although the exact number of enemy planes shot down or damaged at present is being checked up," radio Tokyo said.

"In skies over Tokyo alone, four or five enemy planes were reported to have been bagged."

A later Japanese communiqué said 120 planes raided Tokyo and 150, Nagoya.

BICYCLE HITS GIRL

Ann BOLDREAU, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boldreau, 1361 Federal street, was severely bruised today when she was struck by a bicycle while walking in Drake park, her parents told police. Witnesses said that the bicycle was being ridden by a boy of high school age, and that he was speeding on the sidewalk. The victim was returning to her home after attending the story hour at the library. Anne's father is a member of The Bulletin mechanical staff.

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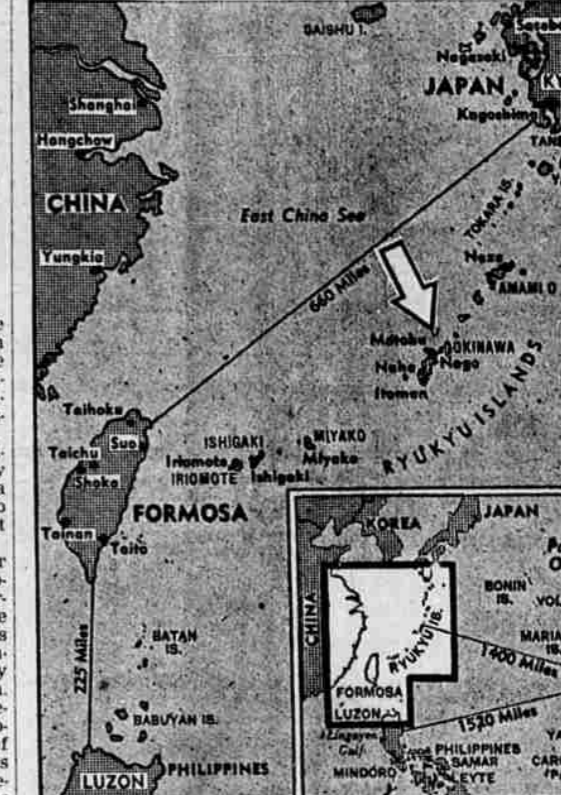
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East China Sea Battle Scene



In a battle fought in the East China Sea today and yesterday, Japan lost its great battleship, the Yamato, and five other warships. The Japs' strike at Okinawa also proved costly, as Yanks bagged a total of 391 aircraft. The area in which the air and navy battles occurred is charted here, with the arrow pointing to Okinawa.

Moscow Paper Accuses Japs Of Many Attacks on Russia

Stalin's Publication Cites Conflicts and Says Nips Waging War Against Reds' Allies

BY HENRY SHAPIRO
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Moscow, April 7 (UP)—The government newspaper, Izvestia, charged today that "during the most difficult time for the Soviet Union" Japan strengthened her collaboration with Germany, giving the reich "substantial aid against the Soviet Union."

Izvestia said that the Russo-Japanese neutrality pact had proved useful, especially during the period when "Germany sought new imperialistic conquests and the domination of Europe."

However, Izvestia said, Germany's initial successes in Russia "turned the heads of many Jap politicians who were ready to gamble on Germany's cards."

Izvestia said that in view of developments the Russo-Japanese pact had become meaningless.

Izvestia said that relations with Japan had been highly unsatisfactory for 20 years after the communist revolution and that soviet denunciation of the pact "is the direct consequence of the fact that Japan is the ally of Germany which is waging a bandit-like war against the Soviet Union and that Japan is waging war against the Soviet's allies, the United States and Britain."

Izvestia recalled Japan's intervention in Siberia in 1918, her occupation of northern Sakhalin, and the endless border conflicts which culminated in the battles in outer Mongolia in 1938.

"This is a far from complete list of acts testifying that the ruling circles in Japan in a space of many years waged an aggressive policy against the Soviet Union, leading to repeated sharp conflicts," Izvestia said.

Japs Accused

When the wehrmacht was halted before Moscow, Izvestia said, some of the "hottheads" of Japan sobered up, but the "ruling military and political circles even at that time developed the idea of the necessity of exploiting their golden opportunity and began to materialize their secret imperialistic designs in the south seas, leading to Pearl Harbor."

"Even when in the court of the war it became unmistakably clear that the German adventure was doomed to collapse," Izvestia said, "Japan did her utmost to solidify her alliance with Germany and aid the plunderous German imperialism."

The soviet press gave great display to the reaction in the United States and Britain to the treaty denunciation. A Tass dispatch from Washington said that "the American people are devoting extraordinary attention to the denunciation."

HODGES CROSSES WESER

U. S. First Army HQ, Germany, April 7 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops are across the Weser river northeast of Kassel, it was announced today.

U. S. Task Unit Battles Enemy Near Mainland

3 Destroyers Are Lost In Action In East China Sea; 391 Planes Bagged

By Frank Tremaine
(United Press War Correspondent)

Guam, April 7 (UP)—Japan's greatest battleship, the 40,000-ton Yamato, and five other warships were sunk today by aircraft of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's carrier task forces in a naval-air battle fought in the East China sea. More than a fourth of the enemy's remaining fleet was destroyed in the engagement.

Three hundred and ninety-one Japanese aircraft were shot down or destroyed by American planes in air battles Friday and Saturday ranging from embattled Okinawa to Kyushu, Japan's most southerly home island.

Japan thus gambled her waning surface and air fleet in a desperate attempt to stem the inexorable advance of allied arms, and lost heavily again.

Cruiser Bagged

A light cruiser of the Agano class, a small cruiser and three destroyers were sunk by U. S. pilots in addition to the Yamato in the battle off southern Japan. The enemy's fleet consisted of 12 warships.

American battle losses were seven aircraft and three destroyers. Several destroyers and a smaller aircraft carrier were damaged. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced.

Twenty-two Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged on Kyushu airfield by navy search planes, in addition to the 391 shot down in a great aerial victory reminiscent of the "Marianas turkey shoot" off Guam June 18, 1944.

Today was the first time the sequestered Japanese navy has ventured forth to do battle since the great battle of Leyte gulf Oct. 24-25, when the U. S. Seventh and Fifth fleets inflicted a decisive defeat on a three-pronged surface thrust at the American Philippines bridgehead.

In both the aerial and naval counterattacks, the Japanese were attempting to disrupt our successful invasion of the Ryukyus. The counterattacks were divided into two phases.

The first was off Okinawa where large forces of Japanese planes attacked American ships and shore installations in the late afternoon of Friday.

The second was on Saturday when Mitscher's first carriers engaged at least 12 Japanese naval vessels caught emerging from the inland sea. They were sighted by naval search aircraft as they headed into the East China sea. The force of destroyers screened the Yamato, pride of the Japanese navy.

Mitscher steaming toward the Japanese force at high speed, brought it under attack at midday.

No Opposition Met

Helldivers, Avengers, Hellcats and Corsairs rose in great swarms from the carrier decks and roared in to the attack. They found no air opposition over the fleet, but they met heavy anti-aircraft fire.

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BULLETINS

London, April 7 (UP)—The Berlin radio said today that the German army had lost Moedling, southern suburb of Vienna, after bloody fighting from house to house.

With U. S. Ninth Army in Germany, April 7 (UP)—The American Ninth army drove another 26 miles east of its Weser river bridgehead today and reached a point 133 miles west of Berlin.

U. S. First Army Headquarters, Western Front, April 7 (UP)—Field Marshal Walter Von Model, commander of the German army group B, is believed to be among the Germans troops trapped in the Ruhr basin, First army headquarters said today.

War Situation Grave, Asserts New Premier of Jap Empire

(By United Press)
Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki Saturday announced a new "battle" cabinet for Japan and, in a foreboding inaugural statement, warned his people that the war situation "warrants not the least bit of optimism whatever for our nation's survival."

"The enemy has now firmly established themselves on our homeland," Suzuki said, referring to the American invasion of Japan's Okinawa prefecture less than 400 miles from Kyushu. He offered to die in battle, if necessary.

Following his investiture as premier, foreign minister and greater East Asia minister, succeeding the discredited Kuniaki Koiso, Suzuki revealed himself to be thoroughly pessimistic over Japan's chances of holding off the Pacific allies.

The present war, which is fought for the very existence of our empire, has come to the most important crucial stage, which warrants not the least bit of optimism whatever for our nation's survival. If the situation continues like this, the basis of our nation's existence might be threatened," Suzuki said.

"The resisting power to destroy the arch enemy and thereby protect our own fatherland can only be found in the sincerity shown to the throne by the entire nation now, Japanese, and only now is the time for the 100,000,000 people of Japan to rise as one to defend the honorable policy of our nation."

"I am firmly determined to lead the nation, prepared to offer my life itself at the foremost front in this task."

"My sincere wish is that you, the entire nation, will do your best to set the august mind of the throne at rest in elevating the fighting power of the nation with the bravery traditional to our country."

The statement was broadcast by Tokyo radio and recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

Along with announcement of a new cabinet, consisting of two other admirals, a general and a group of career civil servants, it was disclosed that the Japanese army administration had been reshuffled.

The reshuffle included creation of a general army command and a general army air command in the Japanese homeland, presumably to strengthen the nation's defense against an anticipated allied landing.

Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, war minister in the Koiso cabinet, and Marshal Shunroku Hata, former supreme commander of the Japanese expeditionary forces in