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### Pattern for Japan

Cashing in on the experience gained in the invasion of Italy and France, the United States and her British, Australian, Dutch, Chinese and other allies have mapped a very definite pattern of warfare for the annihilation of Japan, one in which airpower is to play a major role. And they are making no secret of their general plan. It is already well under way.

The key to the whole strategy is the destruction of Japanese capacity to produce and transport munitions and supplies, a job delegated to the air forces and the navy once the necessary bases have been won and established. That explains the emphasis placed on the conquest and occupation of such strategic islands as Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the cost of occupying which has to many laymen seemed all out of proportion to their apparent importance.

But viewed in the light of the master plan that is gradually unfolding they become all-important. Along with the Philippines and such points as are later acquired along the China coast, they will become the operating bases for such fleets of heavy and medium bombers as have never before been placed in the air—untold thousands of B-29s, Liberators and B-17s supported by additional thousands of twin-engine light bombers augmented by land and carrier based fighters in numbers sufficient to blacken the skies over all Japan. The concentration of airpower in the western Pacific will surpass anything loosed against Germany, it is promised.

Already the blasting is under way. It will mount in ferocity as air units in Europe are redeployed to the new battle area and that ferocity will be intensified by the smaller target area to be covered and by the added fact that no part of the Japanese home islands lies beyond the practical operating range of carrier planes.

If the Japs do not wilt and surrender under such a sustained bombardment, they will be so softened as to offer but little resistance to invasion by ground forces mobilized for the mopping up operation. In dollars and cents such strategy is costly, but cheap in its cost of American lives. That is where your bond dollars come in—buy now and make them count.

### The Powder Keg Splutters

The Balkans are living up to their reputation as the "Powder Keg of Europe." Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, whose forces were armed, equipped and fed by the Allies, who forced the liberation of his country, has occupied Trieste and other Italian as well as Austrian territories with large garrisons and refused to accede to joint occupation pending peace settlements.

Tito's refusal to co-operate with the Allies brought forth the charge from Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean area, that the Yugoslav leader acted with the "apparent intention of establishing claims on northeast Italy and southern Austria by force of arms, which was all too reminiscent of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan," as all efforts "to come to a friendly agreement had failed."

Tito replied in a Belgrade broadcast that "the honor of our army and the honor of our country demands the presence of the Yugoslav army in Austria, Trieste and the Slovene coast line and the presence of our troops in these areas does not prejudice the decisions of the peace conference as to whom these territories belong. I declare that Yugoslavia is ready to co-operate and come to an agreement on a basis which will not be insulting or humiliating to Yugoslavia as an ally."

All of which means that Tito will co-operate if he gets what he wants in the line of territory sought, otherwise he won't play ball with his benefactors—all of which shows again how power goes to a man's head, for Tito had agreed only last February that for military purposes, allied forces should occupy Venezia and Giulia regions, which include Trieste while the Yugoslavs should occupy the Fiume area. British and New Zealand forces remain in Trieste but are outnumbered by Tito's forces. Other Yugoslav forces are withdrawing from Austrian Carinthia for the time being.

It is strange that the polyglot Balkan nations do not unite in a federation similar to that of Switzerland and co-operate with each other for mutual development instead of eternally bickering and fighting. Only by following the Swiss pattern can abiding peace come to the Balkans.

### Balancing the Budget

Faced with the problem of lopping some \$80,000 off from preliminary city budget estimates to bring them within the six percent increase limitation, some members of the council are reported to be considering the possibility of eliminating the \$22,000 earmarked as the city's initial contribution to the firemen's pension fund, approved by voters last year.

In that the levy is mandatory as long as the pension amendment stands the proposal does not seem practicable, although repeal of the amendment might be accomplished by reference to the voters at the June 22 election. The budget, however, must be completed before that time.

There is another good reason, however, why the firemen's pension plan should be resubmitted if the city proposes to come under the statewide retirement and pension system for all employees set up by the 1945 legislature to avoid discrimination, as well as to avoid duplication of administrative functions. As a matter of fairness, all city employees should be entitled to the same benefits. But as the two systems are set up, the firemen would get a decidedly better deal than members of the police force and other departments. To apply the uniform state system to all would also be less costly to the city.

An advisory expression of public opinion as to whether the city is to come under the state act would also be advisable at the June 22 balloting, as the city must elect to go in or stay out before next May.

### Funeral Today for Truman Butler

Portland, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Services will be held Monday in Portland for Truman Butler, 73, who died Thursday at Nelscott.

Mr. Butler, who had engaged in real estate and insurance enterprises the last few years, had been a resident of Hood River and The Dalles since 1882.

Born in Ottawa, Kans., he attended Lane university. He was a steamboat purser from 1890 to 1897. Surviving is a daughter in San Francisco, and sisters in Muskegon, Mich., and a son in service.

### Driver of Auto May Face Charges

Oregon City, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Clackamas county officials said Saturday Ernest Handy of Woodburn, Ore., would be charged in justice court at Canby with negligent homicide in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton L. Powers.

The Powers were occupants of a car driven by Handy which sideswiped an oil truck Thursday. Witnesses said the Handy car was traveling at high speed.

A muskrat can travel 50 yards under water without coming up for air.



New Japanese Admiral sails out to his command

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Iolo Smith, well known automobile license expert in Bob Farrell's department at the statehouse, went one better than the guy who loses his shirt when he was around town after having lost his pants. He dropped into the office of our favorite paper and it seems it was there he lost said pants.

Anyway he came back and found them there after having made a hurried search in other places. O yes, the pants were an extra pair he had wrapped up in a bundle and inadvertently he'd laid 'em down and gone away and left 'em. In justice to Iolo we should say when he was hunting around

town for his lost pants he had his other pair on. We didn't learn whether Iolo has a suit with two pairs of pants or whether he owns two suits.

**Nailing Down the Vote**  
(Art Perry in Medford Mail-Tribune)

The Governor of Oregon has had the house he was occupying in Salem, sold from under him, and is unable to find another one. The chief executive reports, "it looks as though we may have to sleep in the street." This assures him of the sleep-in-the-street vote in the next election.

The Snells might do a bit of light housekeeping for a while in one of the legislative chambers not now in use until they can locate a place where to lay their heads. Anyway they're not troubled with horses like the Wayne Morris' when they invaded Washington.

Heard some complaint from the younger generation over the week end that while mother and father have been taken care of no provision has been made for a Daughter's day and a Son's day. These are projects that should be commercialized by all means and when they're well under way there'll still be the uncles and aunts. Come to think of it the card racks around town look almost bare without any Uncle cards or Auntie cards therein.

Young Walt Cline has knocked out another city golf championship and that chap seems to be virtually unbeatable on the home front. He's sorta the Joe Louis of the local golf course, as it were.

Incidentally maybe we were a wee bit early the other evening in our eulogy on the Portland Beavers as being a top ball club and not just lucky. A lot of glum looking guys came back from Portland Sunday evening. They'd started out earlier in the day all hepped up over the shelling the Beavers were going to hand out to the visitors. It seems the shellack ran out.

So far we've seen no letter from a service man over in Europe who plans to buy some little business in Germany and settle down.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

### Cooperation

Denver—A corporal wearing overseas campaign ribbons with stars asked the housing desk of the servicemen's center for a house for himself, his wife and their three-year-old son—a near impossibility in Denver. An excited attendant who had just finished talking on the phone, told the corporal a landlord had offered a desirable vacancy, but that a family with two children was wanted.

"Tell him we'll take it," said the corporal. "If he insists on two children, we'll have another one."

### Love

Seattle—Seaman Rudolf Sengebosh, Newark, N. J., on leave here, and his fiancée from Newark, Mary Alexander, discussed their marriage plans as they blissfully taxied away from the railroad station.

Some time later Miss Alexander discovered she had left her purse containing \$500 in cash and \$15,000 in jewels in the cab.

The cab company was notified and they began questioning their drivers. The 52nd one queried found the purse and valuables on his back seat, ignored by several other fares.

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## The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

The unity of the Big Three is likely to get a sharp and revealing test in the explosive situation created by Yugoslavia's territorial claims against Italy and Austria—and the Anglo-American order to their diplomatic representatives and nationals in Yugoslavia to prepare for possible evacuation indicates that a showdown is near. This crisis revolves about dynamic Marshal Tito, Yugoslavia's red politico-military chief, and the position in nutshell is this:

Tito is claiming Italian territory around Trieste and Gorizia, and east of the Isonzo river. He also claims Austrian territory in the Allach-Klagenfurt one. His troops occupied these areas.

British Field Marshal Alexander, as supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean theater, asked Tito to withdraw his soldiers from the disputed territory and let his claims be settled at the peace conference. Tito, while expressing willingness to have his claims thus adjudicated, replied that his military occupation wouldn't "prejudice the decision of the peace conference."

**Recollection Unpleasant**  
This brought a pungent message at the week-end from Alexander to the allied troops in his command. He declared that it is "Marshal Tito's apparent intention to establish his claims

by force of arms and military occupation. Action of this kind would be too reminiscent of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan. It is to prevent such actions that we have been fighting this war." He said the American and British governments had taken the matter up direct with Tito and that Moscow has been kept fully informed.

Alexander's statement was issued Saturday and yesterday the United States and Britain ordered their diplomatic corps and citizens in Yugoslavia to be prepared for evacuation. Meanwhile Tito's commanders moved their main headquarters out of Trieste (though there was no relaxation of Yugoslav military control to be seen in the city) and it was reported without confirmation that Tito had agreed to withdraw from Austrian territory.

Well, that's the way things stand at this writing—a tense and dangerous situation. Small wonder that the British press is urging an early meeting of President Truman, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill to iron out this and other pressing imbroglios.

Marshal Tito long has stood high with Moscow. Indeed, his leadership in Yugoslavia has been so efficient and strong that Britain and America also have given him moral and material support in this fight against the axis forces. There never has been any question but that he was orienting his program with his eyes on Russia.

### Moscow Watched

The big question now, of course, is what attitude Moscow will take toward Tito's stand regarding the Italian and Austrian territory. Logic frequently doesn't work in situations like this where passions run high, but the logical outcome would be for Tito to withdraw his troops, since this wouldn't prejudice his claims at the peace table. Therefore one would expect the soviet government to agree with its Anglo-American allies.

In considering the implications of this dispute, it's important to note that Yugoslavia falls within Russia's new sphere of influence in the Balkan peninsula. This also is Britain's pre-war zone of influence—which complicates the situation.

Yugoslavia is swinging hard towards the "left" and may abolish her monarchy. In any event she bids fair to become another of the nations which, like Poland, will become part of the security barrier which Russia is creating in eastern Europe and the Balkans.

## New Planet Swims Into Savant's Ken

Mt. Wilson, Calif., May 21 (AP)—Discovery of a new star of outstanding brilliance was announced Saturday by Milton L. Humanson, Mt. Wilson observatory astronomer.

Humanson said such stars, classified as super nova, were discovered only about every 500 years.

He said he noticed the new star last April 6 when he was photographing a spiral nebula. Close examination of old photographs proved the star had not been there before.

The nova, just south of the end of the big dipper, is 5,000,000 light years from the earth and not visible to the naked eye.

## Origin of Insurance Protection

- 4000 BC: CHINESE SHARED RISKS BY DISTRIBUTING THEIR CARGOES AMONG MANY BOATS BEFORE REACHING THE DANGEROUS YANGTZE RIVER RAPIDS
- 3000 BC: BABYLONIAN CODE OF KING HAMMURABI PROVIDED CRUDE FORM OF INSURANCE AGAINST THE PERILS OF TRAVELING 4,500 YEARS AGO
- 1000 BC: FAMOUS HINDU DOCUMENT RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS IN CONTRACT OF PROTECTION DEVELOPED BY THE EARLIER BABYLONIANS
- 1000 BC: MERCHANTS OF ISLAND OF RHODES ESTABLISHED "RHODIAN SEA LAW" INCORPORATING BASIC IDEA OF CONTRIBUTIONSHIP IN INSURANCE
- 529 AD: ROMAN EMPEROR JUSTINIAN INCLUDED RHODIAN SEA LAW IN RECODIFICATION OF STATUTES DRAWN UP TO GOVERN FAR-FLUNG EMPIRE
- 1282: ENGLISH GUILD OF BLESSED MARY WITH HELD FIRE INSURANCE BENEFITS FROM PERSONS GUILTY OF "LUST, DICE-PLAYING, AND GLUTTONY"
- 1347: EARLIEST KNOWN COMPLETE CONTRACT OF INSURANCE COVERING VOYAGE OF SHIP "SANTA CLARA" WAS RECORDED AT PORT OF GENOA, ITALY
- 1574: QUEEN ELIZABETH SIGNED BILL WHICH ESTABLISHED "CHAMBER OF INSURANCE" DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FACILITIES FOR SHIPPERS
- 1656: LONDON'S FIRE LED DR. NICOLAS BARBON TO OPEN FIRST FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE IN HISTORIC VENTURE ONE YEAR LATER
- 1680: COFFEE HOUSE OWNED BY EDWARD LLOYD BECAME A MEETING PLACE FOR SHIPPERS AND OTHERS WHO SOUGHT INSURANCE PROTECTION
- 1792: FIRST AMERICAN FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED IN ROOM WHERE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS SIGNED
- 1807: FIRST INSURANCE AGENT WAS APPOINTED AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, INAUGURATING PERSONAL SERVICE TO POLICYHOLDERS IN EVERY COMMUNITY
- 1863: FIRST AMERICAN ACCIDENT POLICY WAS ISSUED DURING PERIOD WHEN RAILROADS WERE OPENING UP NEW FRONTIERS THROUGHOUT NATION
- 1904: ANALYSIS OF BALTIMORE'S FIRE BY NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS LED TO PREVENTIVE INSPECTIONS OF ALL CITIES
- 1945: COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE EXAMINATIONS LED TO FIRST AWARDS OF THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION "CHARTERED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY UNDERWRITER"

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