

700 Aircraft Raid 770 Mile Stretch of Japan

No Air Opposition
Offered As Japs Save
Planes for Invasion

Guam, July 13 (AP)—Virtually unopposed air blows by around 700 B-29s, heavy and medium bombers, fighters and long range search planes across a 770-mile arc of Japan, extending north and south of Tokyo, were announced today. Promptly a U. S. air general on Okinawa declared "the Japs, in my opinion, don't intend to engage us in the air."

As enemy homeland factories and railroads were wrecked and even the smallest shipping sunk offshore, Brig. Gen. David F. Hutchison of the Far East Air forces told Associated Press correspondent Richard Cushing at Okinawa that Japan obviously was hoarding planes to use in suicide tactics when Yank infantrymen storm Nippon's invasion beaches.

1000 Jap Planes
Rear Adm. D. C. Ramsey, new chief of staff of the Fifth fleet, estimated Japan might have 9,000 planes available and probably could throw about 4,000 into the battle over Japan.

Only weak fighter opposition was encountered over Tokyo Bay and a city to the north as Superforts dumped 3,000 tons of fire and demolition bombs on five homeland centers before dawn today, returning pilots reported.

Two B-29s were lost and one was missing in the strike.

No enemy fighters could be found aloft yesterday as more than 120 Liberators and Mitchell bombers and escorting fighters from Okinawa ripped into factories and railroads, the Port of Aburatsubo and the naval air station of Naoya on Kyushu.

Small Shipping List

The enemy air force relinquished homeland skies so completely that fleet search planes flew nearly 200 miles north of Tokyo to hit small shipping off Sendai, then returned to Iwo—a roundtrip flight of nearly 2,000 miles.

It is approximately 770 miles from Sendai to the southernmost target hit on Kyushu.

Superfort bombardiers, building up the number of Japanese cities they have hit to 38, had to bomb by instrument through cloud banks but crews brought back these reports:

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New Bans on Travel Likely

Washington, July 13 (AP)—ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson says further civilian travel restrictions are forthcoming "in all categories, not aimed particularly at sports."

Johnson's comment to reporters followed the ban against shipping race horses or show animals by rail or other public carriers.

Other office of defense transportation officials, reiterating hope that actual travel rationing can be avoided, said other steps, possibly a shifting of additional day coaches to the military pool, may satisfy the mounting troop deployment demand on accommodations.

Last week, in announcing withdrawal of sleeping car service between points 450 miles or less apart, Johnson said still more sleeping cars might have to be taken over to carry troops across the country.

Along with Johnson's prediction yesterday of new bans "in all categories" of travel, Rep. De Lacy (D., Wash.) in a house speech demanded that use of all private railroad cars be halted until the transportation crisis eases.

De Lacy said he had learned that members of the Weyerhaeuser family, officials of the Great Northern and others were using private cars for vacation trips, while returning veterans were crowded into hot day coaches.

"If we are to provide luxury, let us provide it to those who deserve it most—the returning, battle-weary GIs," De Lacy insisted.

The Weather

(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Temperatures during day time will be lower Saturday. Minimum tonight about 54. Conditions will be alright for dusting over most of this area. Max. yesterday, 95. Min. today, 54. Mean temperature yesterday, 74, which was 8 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, .6. Total precipitation for the month, 6.5, which is 20 inches below normal. Willamette river height, -3.3 ft.

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British Bombard Nicobar Island, Raid Sumatra

Calcutta, July 13 (AP)—British fleet units have bombarded the strategic Nicobar islands while carrier planes attacked airfields in northwest Sumatra, southwest Asia command headquarters announced tonight in a special communique.

British minesweepers swept the approaches to Malacca strait, which lie between Sumatra and the great naval base of Singapore, from July 5 to 10 without sighting a Japanese vessel.

While fleet units attacked the Nicobars, planes also laid their explosives on the islands. The Nicobars lie 280 miles northwest of Sumatra, rich Dutch oil producing island, and about 900 miles off Singapore. They are 400 miles west of the Kra peninsula of Malaya, linking Singapore to the mainland of Asia.

Rear Adm. Z. R. Patterson commanded the attacking warships—the Fifth cruiser squadron—which included the cruiser Negeri, the carriers Amerer and Emiror, the destroyer Roebuck and the Sixth minesweeping flotilla.

Landing Expected
Japanese broadcasts, first to tell of the attacks on the Nicobars, speculated that a landing attempt would be made.

The fleet bombarded Car Nicobar island twice, once by night. Two merchant ships were attacked by planes at Nancowry island. One of the ships was burning furiously when the Japanese beached it. The other also was set afire.

In Bay of Bengal

A correspondent aboard the carrier Emperor reported:

"For seven days we had been steaming up and down within sight of Japanese-occupied territory in one of the cheekiest operations yet carried out by the British East Indies fleet—the widespread sweep in the area of the Nicobars and Andaman islands in the Bay of Bengal."

"By doing so, we gave the Japanese in effect a challenge to come out and meet us. The Japanese, however, shied off completely. Obviously the Japanese are worried about future developments in southeast Asia. It is possible they are conserving their fast dwindling strength to meet the next big landing assault."

The lack of indication as to just where the blow will fall is giving their island garrisons a severe case of jitters."

The British used Hellcat planes against Japanese shipping, airfields and radar stations. They destroyed buildings and military installations.

Chinese Driving on Kweilin, Kanhsien

Chungking, July 13 (AP)—Chinese troops are moving on Japanese-held Kweilin and Kanhsien, formerly two of the main American air bases in southern China, and have completely isolated the big east coast port of Amoy, a Chinese army spokesman said today.

The spokesman said four Chinese columns were closing in rapidly on Kweilin, in northern Kwangsi province, and that the air base city is now directly threatened.

Aussies Knife Deeper into Jap Defenses North of Balikpapan

Manila, July 13 (AP)—Aussie Seventh division troops, paced by flame throwers and tanks, have knifed deep into Japanese defenses of Smashed Stone ridge north of captured Balikpapan on south-east Borneo in heavy fighting. At the same time, headquarters reported today, Dutch units joined the Australians in a left flank march up Kariang peninsula to execute a brilliant encircling maneuver against the entrenched Japanese who are pocketed some six miles north of Balikpapan town.

The Borneo campaign is being fought in steaming, rain-drenched forests and deceptive bogs overgrown with mangrove under a blazing tropical sun.

In the main assault, north-east of Balikpapan in the Sepinggang Ketil river sector, the Australians are advancing over a scrubby, rolling terrain permitting use of their famed medium "Matilda" tanks.

In the northwestern Borneo, the Aussie ninth division made a surprise landing near Andus, 26 miles northeast of Beaufort,

Green, Murray, Dulles, Thomas Urge Charter

Washington, July 13 (AP)—Four leaders of different political views declared today that the senate ought to ratify the United Nations charter speedily to establish American responsibility in international peace-keeping.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor; John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs advisor to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the 1944 presidential campaign; Norman Thomas, former socialist candidate for president; and Philip Murray, president of the CIO, all endorsed the charter.

Green First Witness

They appeared at witnesses in the senate foreign relations committee's final day of hearings on the 50-nation agreement signed at San Francisco.

Green, first on the stand, told committee members the charter will make possible "collective bargaining" between the nations that ought to go a long way toward preventing war.

"The document itself is evidence of the will to peace dominating so many nations," he declared. "No nation would draft the charter as it now stands, but all in the spirit of tolerance are willing to accept a document which represents the high point of mutual agreement."

At Parting of Ways

Dulles, who served as chief advisor to the American delegation at San Francisco, said in a statement prepared for delivery before the committee that "The United States is at the parting of the ways."

"Either we must act to continue the association of the United Nations or we must let that association lapse and go it alone," he declared in urging approval of the charter.

Thomas, in a prepared statement, said he thought the senate should ratify the charter "Not because I believe it an adequate basis for lasting peace, but because I believe that the United States will be in a better position to lead in the establishment of such a basis if it should ratify the charter and in good faith use its constructive provisions for an increase in world cooperation."

CIO President Philip Murray, in a statement submitted to the committee, called for "the early and overwhelming approval of the charter." He declared that "Reservations or limitations of any description to the United Nations charter must be understood as simply an attempt to defeat its enactment."

Mercury Slowly Edging Downward

Portland, July 13 (AP)—A decline in Oregon's heat spell, with the mercury slowly edging downwards today and tomorrow was predicted today by the weather bureau.

Portland, which has been sizzling in the nineties, was expected to record only an 85 degree maximum today and 78 tomorrow. Other Oregon cities, except on the coast, may anticipate slightly cooler—though not cool—weather.



B-29 Tail Clipped Over Jap Empire (AP)—Tail gunner Sgt. Ellis Mattingly of Washington, Ind., inspects the damage inflicted on his Tinian-based Superfortress while on a bombing run over the Japanese Empire. The huge B-29 returned the 1400 miles distance without a rudder. The "E" is for efficiency, notes the bomber command caption. (AP wirephoto from Twenty-first bomber command.)

Kenney in Command of Army Airforces in Pacific

Manila, July 13 (AP)—Gen. George C. Kenney was handed the army air forces' top tactical command against Japan today and promptly promised that his Far Eastern air forces with advanced headquarters now on Okinawa would bomb the enemy homeland 24 hours a day at all altitudes from 10 to 10,000 feet.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who has had Kenney as his right-hand man for air since the early days on the defensive in Australia and New Guinea, announced that the army Seventh Air Force, veteran of the Central Pacific, had been transferred to Kenney's command.

All army air operations from Okinawa now are under MacArthur's over-all command as chief of army forces in the Pacific. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed two days ago that the Seventh Air Force was reverting to army control.

MacArthur said this force was "in the process of deployment to forward bases to participate in the air saturation of Japan." His force includes Liberators heavy bombers and Mitchell mediums.

(A dispatch from Guam today told of a blow against a naval air station in Japan by more than 100 Liberators and Mitchells which it did not identify otherwise but which may have been part of the Seventh Air Force.)

Status of the Seventh fighter command, based on Iwo Jima, was not made clear. Much of its work in the past has involved escorting superfortresses of the strategic air forces over Japan.

State Almost Doubles Quota

Portland, July 13 (AP)—Release of final figures in Oregon's role in the 7th war loan drive disclosed today that the state almost doubled its quota, reaching \$204,403,442 for 185.8 percent of the \$110,000,000 quota.

E bond sales throughout the state, the toughest quota to meet achieved the sum of \$48,030,060 for 105.5 percent of the \$55,000,000 goal.

Multnomah county recorded \$136,434,367 of all series for the drive's final figure and a record of 198.7 percent of the \$68,670,000 quota.

Marlene Dietrich Brings Home Pistols

New York, July 13 (AP)—Marlene Dietrich arrived at La Guardia field today toting a handful of sidearms, but she had to give them up to customs officials.

Miss Dietrich arrived aboard an army transport command plane from Paris just 11 months after she took off on a USO tour of France, Belgium, England, Greenland, Holland and Iceland. She carried the five pistols, two of them Lugers, in her baggage. Customs officials said the firearms would eventually be returned to the blonde movie actress.

Senate Confirms Bradley

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The senate unanimously confirmed today the nomination of General Omar N. Bradley to be administrator of veterans' affairs. He succeeds Brig. Gen. Frank Hines, resigned.

President to Land Sunday

Antwerp, July 13 (AP)—President Truman was expected to dock here Sunday morning, it was understood today, and probably will motor to Brussels where he will take a plane to Berlin and the big three discussions.

Details of the president's arrival and his itinerary were blacked out because of security regulations.

However, it was believed certain that he will drive to Brussels since Antwerp does not have an airfield regarded as safe for the presidential plane.

It was thought likely that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would send his new C-54 transport plane from Frankfurt to pick up Mr. Truman at Brussels. It was not known whether Eisenhower himself would fly here to greet the president.

U.S. Ambassador Charles Sawyer will greet Mr. Truman and accompany him to Brussels.

News reports that Mr. Truman would dock here created great excitement among security officers and the American embassy in Brussels continued to maintain that it had no official information on Mr. Truman's impending arrival.

Mine Sweeper Lost in Borneo

Washington, July 13 (AP)—The motor minesweeper YMS-39 has been lost in the Borneo area as a result of enemy action, the navy announced today.

Casualties among her wartime complement of 35 officers and men totaled five, including three killed, one wounded and one missing. All casualties were enlisted men.

The vessel was under command of Lt. (j.g.) Alfred C. Vaughn, of Kenbridge, Va. The loss raised to 322 the total of naval vessels lost from all causes since the start of the war.

The vessel was built at the plant of Robert Jacob, Inc., City Island, New York, and commissioned March 11, 1942.

Ike and Monty to Decide Fate of German General Staff

Frankfurt, July 13 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery are expected to decide soon on what to do with the German general staff. At midnight tonight supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary force will be dissolved, but the problem of handling the hundreds of high ranking staff and field officers of the German army who are prisoners of the western allies awaits final disposition.

British and American officers held informal discussions on the matter during Eisenhower's absence. These conversations touched on the possibility of breaking up the German general staff and condemning its members to exile in British crown colonies throughout the world, but the talks were regarded as no more than ground clearing expeditions assembling data to be presented to Eisenhower and Montgomery.

Of the captured German military hierarchy one staff officer said:

"Some of them ought to be shot as criminals and undoubtedly will be. Others must be regarded purely as military figures who carried out military orders. All these officers are still in uniform and are classified strictly as military prisoners. The greatest emphasis, however, is placed on the members of the general staff. The general staff in Germany is a special clique, almost hereditary."

"Its members are identified by the red stripes on their trousers and they are all-powerful. They make the decisions. They are the ones who plan and execute wars."

"I don't know just how Eisenhower will do it, but I can promise you this—the German general staff will be broken up and destroyed so that it can never function again."

Typhoon Damaged 21 Warships Of Admiral Halsey's Task Fleet But All But One Back in Service

Tropical Storm Tore Off Bow of Cruiser Pittsburg
And Crippled 3 Battleships, 5 Carriers—Only
One Life Lost from Entire Force

Guam, July 13 (AP)—A tropical typhoon howled down at 100 miles an hour on Adm. William F. Halsey's Third fleet between the Philippines and Okinawa June 5, damaging more than 21 warships including three battleships and five carriers.

Pacific fleet headquarters, announcing the fleet's bout with the typhoon, said today that all the damaged warships have returned home except one. That was the heavy cruiser Pittsburg, which lost its entire bow section, about 100 feet long.

One ship was lost. A dispatch from aboard the flagship of admiral John S. McCain, task force commander under Halsey, said only one life was lost in the entire fleet—"in itself a miracle."

The fleet dispatch said groups of ships were scattered 125 miles by the storm. The front edge of the flight decks of two carriers were damaged. The dispatch said the storm "failed to stop operations against Japan, and we continued our offensive action."

Battleships damaged in the raging typhoon some 900 miles northwest of Guam were the Massachusetts, Indiana and Alabama. The other victims included the heavy cruisers Hornet and Bennington, the light carriers San Jacinto and Belleau Wood, the escort carrier Bougainville, the destroyers John Rodgers and Blue, three other cruisers and seven destroyers.

Other Ships Damaged

The navy said a number of other warships were damaged, but did not list the complete roster.

The typhoon swept directly over an arc portion of the Third fleet, whipping the seas into mountainous waves and tossing the giant warcraft around like toys.

The storm caught Halsey's Japanese-hunting naval force only about a week after it returned to action, bent on searching out and destroying the remnants of Emperor Hirohito's sea and air power.

The Japanese themselves have as yet offered no formidable challenge. But the tropical blow hit the navy harder, it appeared on the basis of the first report, than the enemy ever has.

Is Second Typhoon

This was the second time Halsey's fleet has had to fight infuriated nature harder than the Japanese. In December, east of the Philippines, his force lost three destroyers when a storm struck while it was returning from supporting the American landings on Mindanao.

The damage to most of the listed ships included the ripping off of superstructures. By war the heaviest sufferer was the Pittsburg, a 13,000-ton cruiser in action less than a year.

The Pittsburg's crew brought her 900 miles to Guam under her own power, and she is being repaired at another port. The Pittsburg of the Baltimore heavy cruiser class, has an overall length of 665 feet. Thus more than one-seventh of her entire length was torn off and whipped away in the broiling seas.

Bow Breaks Away

For almost an hour and a half the massive waves beat over the Pittsburg's superstructure, beginning about 4 a.m. Then the bow broke away.

Capt. John Ginkrick of Dodge City, Kans., said everybody aboard the Pittsburg "took a beating." The crew had a 10-minute warning that the bow was about to go. All the men scrambled out of the forward section of the ship.

Not one of the more than 1000 men aboard was lost. The water-tight doors had been set for the storm. Even the severed bow section stayed afloat.

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Japs Resort to Mass Suicide

Headquarters, Army Forces of Pacific, P. I., July 13 (AP)—Helpless, terror-stricken and virtually deserted by their own army, Japanese civilians in interior Mindanao island are resorting to mass suicides to avoid capture, reports here disclose.

An estimated 13,000 of the hapless civilians are living on the slopes of Mt. Apo, commanding Davao gulf on southern Mindanao. Reports to officers of the 24th division have renewed the belief that thousands of them, all evacuated from their Davao City homes when the Japanese army fled before the Americans, may resort to a mass suicide and murder program.

Haruo Ito, Formosan civilian employe of the Japanese army, told Maj. B. M. Reed, Lexington, Va., staff officer of the 24th division, he had seen the group himself. All had their throats cut and some of the bodies were torn by artillery fire, he said.

The sole survivor, the Formosan claimed, was a girl about 12 years old. She said their party had been left behind by retreating imperial troops with thousands of other civilians who broke into small bands to search for food and water.

They had no medicine, the girl told the Formosan, and suffered from malaria. They were forced to depend on wild potatoes for food. Then sick and starving, they found themselves between the American and Japanese lines. The frightened mothers killed their children and then themselves, Ito quoted the girl as relating. Those who could not commit suicide were destroyed by their companions.

Taxi Hold-up Suspect Held

Salem police have in custody Bruce Douglas, route 4 a driver for the Salem Taxi service, who is accused of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon in connection with the hold-up early on the morning of Sunday, July 1, of Robert Clark, paymaster for the taxicab company. In justice court today Douglas, who has admitted nothing to the police, took 24 hours in which to decide on his plea and will appear again Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. He failed to make bail of \$3,500.

Clark was held up about 5 o'clock in the morning as he left his home at 2040 Madison street with the company payroll amounting to some \$1500. When he refused to give up the money, he told police, he was struck on the head with a gun and then his assailant fired several shots, a bullet grazing Clark's shoulder.

Clark succeeded in foiling the robbery by handing his attacker as a ruse a bag that contained no money. The robber took the bag, ran for his waiting automobile and drove rapidly away.

While the police claim strong evidence against Douglas there is suspicion that he may have engineered the attempted robbery while the hold-up was actually perpetrated by an accomplice. This could, it is believed, account for the fact that Clark, who is one of the owners of the company, did not recognize the unmasked robber. It is thought that more than one man rode in the robber's car.

Old Oregon to Return

Washington, July 13 (AP)—Both Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal have assured Rep. Homer Angell, (R., Ore.), that the battleship Oregon will be returned to its former mooring at Portland if it survives the war in the Pacific.