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AMERICA READY TO HIT JAPAN

SAIPAN WILL BE SPRINGBOARD FOR BOMBER ATTACKS

Adm. King and Nimitz Confer on Operations in West Pacific.

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 22—(U.P.)—United States forces which are now in a position to strike Japan and the Japanese empire anywhere along a huge arc in the western Pacific are planning widespread future operations against the enemy who is already feeling the most seriousness of the situation, Adm. Ernest J. King and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today in a joint press conference.

The two admirals—one responsible for the navy's operations throughout the world and the other in supreme command of the joint operations in the Pacific—met the press shortly after returning from a trip which took them to America's most advanced base at Saipan.

"The primary purpose of my trip here is to confer with Nimitz and his staff," Adm. King said, "in connection with current and future operations—some involving quite long range."

Range Increased

He pointed out that the seizure of Saipan makes it possible for U. S. forces—including the Pacific fleet—to operate on a 120-degree arc over a 1500-mile radius.

Admiral Nimitz indicated that Saipan would be used as a heavy bomber base, thus making possible more frequent and heavier strikes against the Japanese homeland.

Admiral King, commenting on the Saipan campaign and its relation to the future, said:

"I feel strongly that measures taken to overrun Saipan in the briefest time practicable were essential for the nature of the operations to follow."

Admiral King said he was impressed with the mobile base establishments at Majuro, Eniwetok and Kwajalein in the Marshalls which are partly responsible for the enormous success of U. S. fleet trains—supply ships and auxiliaries—in keeping the fleet operating for long periods in the most forward areas without returning to bases.

In response to questions of the possibilities of Saipan for land-based aircraft, Nimitz called attention to the fact that the U. S. has used each new base to extend heavy bomber operations farther west.

His statement indicated that heavy bombers could be expected to strike from Saipan and Guam against other Japanese bases, including the southern homeland and the Philippines.

Progress Pleases

Nimitz said American forces had suffered fewer casualties in the landings on Guam than at Saipan and said progress was satisfactory thus far but that he was unable to predict the severity of fighting still to be met.

"There are indications the Japanese defending force is not as large as at Saipan but it is probable we have not encountered the full force yet."

Commenting on the Japanese cabinet shakeup when asked if he thought Premier Hideki Tojo was really "out" or if the change was merely a smoke-screen, Nimitz said:

"If the situation has been reported correctly, I think Tojo has actually stepped out."

"And I don't think he would have stepped out if the situation was satisfactory. I think they are concerned in Tokyo."

Asked if he thought the Japanese navy would make another attempt to hit our fleet during the Guam operations, he said it was reasonable to expect the Japanese to use every opportunity to damage the U. S. fleet while it is tied down protecting the landings.

Senator Truman and Family



Senator Harry Truman, Missouri senator, who is Wallace's chief contender, for Democratic convention nomination as vice presidential candidate, chats with his wife (right) and daughter, Margaret, as battle for hotly contested position threatens to split party wide open.

REDS' AVALANCHE CAPTURE POLISH, LITHUANIA KEYS

London, July 22—(U.P.)—Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian army, covering almost half the distance from the Dnepr river to Berlin in the first month of the Red army's summer offensive, today captured the Polish city of Chelm, Nazi bastion guarding the fortress of Lublin.

Soviet troops also broke into the streets of Pskov, the southern gateway to Estonia and the last German-held city in Russia, and on the Finnish battlefronts reached the border of Finland established in 1940 after the winter war, Moscow's operational communique announced tonight.

Chelm was seized as Soviet tanks, cavalry and infantry raced across flat Polish plains toward Lublin, one of the primary Nazi strongholds on the road to Warsaw.

Simultaneously, Gen. Ivan C. Bagamian's 1st Baltic army captured the rail junction of Panevezys in Lithuania, 86 miles south of Riga, which Marshal Josef Stalin described in an order of the day as "an important German defense base covering the main ways from the Baltic to East Prussia."

Panevezys was taken in a 33-mile advance west along the Daugavpils-Memel railroad from last reported Soviet positions at Skapielis. Panevezys is 43 miles east southeast of Siauliai, junction of the Riga-Konigsberg and Daugavpils-Memel railroads. The Riga-Konigsberg railroad is the main railroad escape route for an estimated 30-odd German divisions in the Baltic states.

FIRST LADY PAYS VISIT TO COAST

Los Angeles, July 22—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, looking fresh and rested after a visit to San Diego, arrived today but refused to talk to reporters who met her at Union station.

"I have nothing to say," she said and went directly to a hotel. She did not disclose how long she plans to remain or where she will go from here.

Mrs. Roosevelt was accompanied only by her secretary, Malvina Thompson. However, she was met at the station by secret service agents.

The first lady paid a surprise visit to the San Diego naval hospital yesterday bringing a special message from the president to wounded veterans.

MEXICO FILM STRIKE

Mexico City, July 22—(U.P.)—A strike by the electricians and technicians' section of the Mexican Cinema Workers' union tonight virtually halted production in the republic's film industry.

YANKEES WITHIN 4 MILES OF PISA, GOTHIC LINE KEY

Rome, July 22—(U.P.)—American doughboys drove up the Tyrrhenian coast today to within four miles of Pisa, western anchor of the Nazi Gothic line, while other units advanced 4½ miles along the road to Florence to within 14 miles of that mid-Italian rail center.

Battling toward Pisa the Americans encountered large numbers of circular concrete pillboxes, placed at strategic road junctions and behind sharp curves and from which "stand-or-die" Nazi units fired automatic weapons from horizontal slits.

The ancient Tuscan city, birthplace of famed Italian astronomer and experimental philosopher Galileo, stands only six miles from the mouth of the Arno river on the Tyrrhenian coast. It would be a prize for the Allies, not only as an important river port, but as a springboard against the bustling Nazi Gothic line eastward across the peninsula to Rimini on the Adriatic.

Reconnaissance along the Arno river, which combat patrols forced yesterday, revealed large concentrations of German artillery on high ground to the north.

Other patrols probed both sides of the Antifossetto and Arno canals and Highway 1 between the wrecked port of Livorno (Leghorn) and Pisa.

RATION VALUE OF BUTTER BOOSTED

Washington, July 22—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles tonight boosted the ration value of creamery butter from 12 to 16 red points a pound, effective at midnight tonight.

Bowles said the higher point value was necessary because civilian consumption was running at the rate of 20 per cent over the July allocation of 100,000,000 pounds.

Butter has been pegged at 12 points since April 30. Before that date the ration value of 16 points had prevailed since last Oct. 3.

Farm butter will continue at eight red points a pound and processed butter will remain at four red points a pound.

BULLETINS

Philadelphia, July 22—(U.P.)—Frank McCormick's home run with two on base in the seventh and Steve Mesner's single in the ninth with two out and Ray Mueller on second base gave the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 triumph over Philadelphia in the first of a four-game series here tonight.

San Francisco 8 15 1
Seattle 1 10 4
Gibson, Joyce (4) and Sprinz, Turpin, Tincup (8) and Spindel.

DEMOCRATS PLAN HOUSE-TO-HOUSE PLEA FOR VOTES

Heavy Registration Urged; C. I. O. Backs Truman—"Bess" Kelly Talks.

Chicago, July 22—(U.P.)—Sidney Hillman, political spokesman of the CIO, threw to the Democratic Roosevelt-Thuman ticket today the support of two independent political committees which have a potential campaign war chest of \$8,000,000.

Democratic Headquarters, Chicago, July 22—(U.P.)—The democratic party tonight pitched its campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt on keynote that mass voting is the secret to success in November.

That was the theme of Chairman Robert E. Hannegan's final instructions to the closing meeting of the Democratic National committee. It was the essence of a brief speech to the committee by Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri, new vice presidential nominee.

Hannegan, re-elected unanimously, predicted ultimate victory for the Roosevelt-Truman ticket but warned that it would not be easy.

"People are not registered," he said. "The republican party is not interested in doing anything about it. The more votes cast the better it is for us. We must wage a vigorous campaign of registration. The only way to do it is a door-to-door campaign."

Truman, a Kansas City Pendergast machine, reminded the committee that, "I am a practical politician and I know what I talk of" when he warned them: "This campaign is not just words. Let's get the votes out."

They drew confidence from the unqualified endorsement of Truman by Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO political action committee, who had supported renomination of Vice President Henry A. Wallace in the bitter vice presidential contest.

Treasurer Edwin W. Pauley of the Democratic National committee reported, however, that he was closing the convention with a cash balance on hand of only \$116,000 and a warning that "it's a very small amount to have on hand for a campaign year."

Despite the intensity of the vice presidential contest, a note of harmony with Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago absolving Hannegan of charges that he used his high office to scuttle Wallace in favor of Truman, his personal friend and political mentor.

RAYBURN TRAILS IN TEXAS COUNT

Dallas, Texas, July 22—(U.P.)—Rep. Sam Rayburn, speaker of the house of representatives, trailed a vigorous, hard-hitting state senator tonight on the basis of scattered returns from six of the seven counties in his first Texas district in the North Democratic primary.

The 10 o'clock tabulation by the Texas election bureau gave Rayburn 4043 votes to 4611 for G. V. Morris, a third candidate. George T. Balch trailed with 156.

At least seven of the state's 16 congressmen who sought reelection were confronted with the possibility of defeat or of being forced into a run-off election. Only a smattering of the anticipated 900,000 ballots cast had been counted, however.

The state cast a comparatively light vote despite the powder-keg possibilities presented by supreme court permission of Negroes to mark ballots.

SEN. DOWNEY FIRM

Sacramento, July 22—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey, California, said today he does not believe testimony at Central Valley project hearings will alter his opposition to applying a 160-acre limit to lands which will be served from project irrigation facilities.

COUNTER ATTACKS OF JAPS ON GUAM BEACHES CRUSHED

Marines Capture Roads and Heights—Enemy Tanks Blasted.

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 22—(U.P.)—Tank-led American marines and army forces on Guam, supported by air, naval and artillery bombardments, smashed two Japanese counter-attacks Friday morning and expanded their beachheads on the western coast with the capture of strategic heights and roads from Agaña to Piti Town, it was announced today.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz revealed in a communique that approximately 270 Japanese were killed and at least five tanks knocked out when the two enemy attacks were repulsed.

As the severity of fighting on Guam increased around the two beachheads, seven miles apart on both sides of the Orote peninsula, the marines and army troops cut across the coastal road between Agaña Town and Piti, the largest town on Guam.

Both beachheads now cover areas of approximately two and a half miles. In the southern sector, troops pushing a mile and an eighth inland captured Mount Alifan, a low-lying peak.

The northern and southern forces now are in a position to drive toward each other for a juncture to cut off the Orote Peninsula and its 4700-foot airstrip. The peninsula already is threatened by American control of Cabras island opposite the peninsula.

STEADY RAIN OF ROBOTS POUR ON BRITISH CITIES

London, Sunday, July 23—(U.P.)—London and southern England early today rocked under a continuation of the Nazis' flying bomb offensive following Saturday's steady rain of the deadly missiles against the British civilian front.

Germany's internal strife failed to lessen the intensity of the terror attack as the Germans today increased the tempo of the "robot" as yesterday saw more of the flying bombs land among the embattled civilians in this area than on the first day of the attacks five weeks ago.

Anti-aircraft batteries, some of them newly established, scored many successes as they blazed away in a spectacular concentration of fire while fighter added to the toll of robots shot down.

Reports from some sectors along the civilian front indicated that yesterday's death toll was not as heavy as might have been expected, although houses and shops suffered extensive damage.

RUSSIA COMES ACROSS

Bretton Woods, N. H., July 22—(U.P.)—Russia tonight raised its quota to the international bank for reconstruction and development by \$300,000,000 and delegates to the United Nations monetary and financial conference immediately voted to raise the capital of the bank by that amount to a total of \$9,100,000,000.

War Bulletins

By United Press

The Stockholm newspaper Berlings Nyheter reported from Berlin that the gestapo had arrested two generals and "several colonels" of the staff of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander-in-chief in Italy. Kesselring's own position is precarious, the dispatch said, and he has not yet returned to Italy from an urgent conference at Hitler's headquarters.

FDR PRAISES

Bretton Woods, N. H., July 22—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight congratulated delegates to the United Nations Monetary and Financial conference on their work and said they had prepared "two further foundation stones for the structure of lasting peace and security."

WASHINGTON IS COOL TO SIGNS NAZI HOME FRONT SAGS

Military Operations of Next Weeks Held True Gauge of Situation.

Washington, July 22—(U.P.)—Military observers maintained a cool reserve tonight toward growing signs of internal combustion in Germany and pointed to the Nazis' military operations of the next few weeks as the true gauge of what is happening to Adolf Hitler's empire.

Until Germany battlelines begin to weaken, Washington officials warned, the purported deterioration of the Nazi home-front will mean little to the conduct of the war in Europe.

Steady reports of domestic strife were pieced together with cautious optimism by observers who, recalling the sudden German collapse of World War I, sought a clearer picture of what really goes on in Berlin.

Mingled with the hope that such developments as the reported German naval uprisings at Kiel and Stettin would evolve into a case of history repeating itself was the reminder that Germany still had shown no signs of pulling punches on the battlefield.

But optimism tinted the steady piling up of reports portraying the German people as a seething, fearful populace weary of war, the brink of throwing aside Nazi rule.

The reported execution of Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt added new encouragement, causing speculation that the one-time western commander was eliminated by Hitler for deliberately weakening Normandy defense to accelerate the fall of Nazism.

In analyzing the report that von Rundstedt has been killed, observers recalled that, while initial invasion casualties of the Allies were significant, they fell below original estimates. The Germans under von Rundstedt, if they had wanted to, could have inflicted greater losses on the Allies, they said.

SKY TRAIN HITS PLOESTI FIELDS; MOVE ON BERLIN

London, July 22—(U.P.)—A great sky train of possibly 1,500 Italian-based American warplanes blasted the Ploesti oil field in southern Romania today.

RAF bombers and fighters in relatively light strength struck through low-hanging storm clouds at Nazi robot bomb installations in northern France late today and the German radio said small raiding formations were over northwestern Germany, but the bulk of the British-based striking power was earthbound throughout the day.

The German radio said later that Allied "nuisance raiders" were stabbing at Berlin for the second straight night.

An estimated 750 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators sparked the shattering blow at Ploesti, the 11th assault of the war on that number one source of Axis oil production.

Long range Mustang and Lightning fighters, possibly in equal strength, accompanied the giant raiders and fought off swarms of German fighters that slashed at their formations all across southern Romania.

Returning crewmen said the Germans put up a desperate defensive battle over the battered oil center.

\$20,000 NEEDED

Tuesday night, July 25th, is the deadline for "E" war bond purchases to be credited against 5th war loan quotas. Although Jackson County has substantially exceeded its bond purchases for the drive, with a total of \$2,979,440 in all types of bonds, there still remains a balance of \$20,000 in "E" bonds if the quota for these smaller bonds is met in this area.

Eugene Thorndike, chairman for the 5th war loan campaign here, issued an urgent plea Saturday for local citizens to buy extra "E" bonds so that Jackson County will not fall in meeting its "E" bond quota. Purchases may be made at the local postoffice, banks, building and loan offices and other authorized bond sales depots.

CANADIANS WIPE GERMAN SALIENT, CAPTURE MALTOT

British Fighting in Deep Mud Gain Heights-Battle, Says.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, July 23—(U.P.)—Canadian troops virtually eliminated the German salient south of Caen Saturday by capturing the village of Etavaux, on the east bank of the Orne four miles below Caen, and recapturing Maltot.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, July 22—(U.P.)—British troops, fighting through morasses of mud like those in the last war, have won commanding heights inside Troarn, German stronghold seven miles east of Caen, and 14 enemy tanks have been knocked out in scattered actions across the wind and rain-swept front, it was disclosed today.

The Germans launched two limited counter-attacks Friday despite the soggy weather, one south of St. Andrew-Sur-Orne on the Caen front and the other on the St. Lo-Perriers highway in the American sector. Both were thrown back with severe enemy losses.

The 11:30 p. m. Allied communique said a "number" of enemy counter-attacks had been thrown back.

The British entered Troarn for the third time Saturday and won the western half of the town before a torrential downpour caused a half-hour suspension of fighting. Smashing across the wooded rise just outside Troarn against fierce machine-gun and light arms opposition, they won high ground dominating the remaining German positions in the eastern half of town.

Both sides had bogged down, but German broadcasts said that Allied guns in the Caen area were drumming out a preparatory barrage for "a large-scale attack in the near future."

40 GERMAN SHIPS SUNK BY BRITISH

London, July 22—(U.P.)—One of the largest German convoys ever attacked by the coastal command—totaling 40 merchantmen and escort vessels—was reduced to a mass of flaming wreckage off Heligoland last night by British Beaufighter planes firing rockets, torpedoes and cannon, the air ministry announced today.

Four freighters were torpedoed, two of them left sinking; five escort vessels burned to the water line, and every remaining ship in the convoy was extensively damaged by cannon and rocket fire, the ministry said, basing its statement on battle photographs.

The entire Beaufighter force returned safely, and went off again today to sink two heavily armed German trawlers off the Frisian islands, Holland, with the loss of one plane.

NAZI IRON FIST NOW RULES ARMY TO HALT REVOLT

Hitler Begs Troops to Fight On—Powerful Generals Shot; Many Rumors.

London, Sunday, July 23—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler begged of the German army Saturday to fight on until victory is achieved "in spite of everything" and began placing the armed forces on the war fronts, like those at home, under the iron fist of Nazi party fanatics in what appeared a desperate attempt to stamp out rebellion.

Reports said that Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt and Walther von Brauchitsch, as well as scores of lesser military lights had been put to death as conspirators in the revolt and Hitler appeared to have won the first round of a struggle within Germany unprecedented since the internal collapse of 1918.

But it was at a cost of declaring a war to the death on the powerful junkers officers group which, although it had elevated him to power, had always been potentially the greatest menace to his regime.

While some reports, of doubtful authenticity, said that open civil war was raging in parts of East Prussia, Bavaria, former Polish Silesia and the Munich area, late Swiss dispatches said that southern Germany was quiet Saturday. Traffic into Switzerland was functioning normally and ordinary movement of German vessels on Lake Constance was resumed.

(NBC heard a report by the clandestine radio Atlantic that the Luftwaffe commercial airline would resume service to neutral capitals Saturday night and that the "anti Hitler revolt had ended.") The Atlantic station has carried some of the most sensational details of the situation inside the country in the last few days and the fact that it should abruptly announce that the turmoil had subsided might be regarded as significant.

(A BBC broadcast, on the other hand, quoted reports emanating from the German embassy in Madrid that formations of the regular army were fighting SS Elite Guards in southern Germany.)

Following swiftly on the placing of Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler in command of the German domestic army, it was learned at Allied headquarters that Gen. Paul Hauser, a strict SS general of the early Nazi prowling days, had been placed in command of the Seventh German army on the western front.

The Seventh army is one of the two German army groups under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, himself a devout party addict, opposing the Allied invasion armies. The placing of Hauser at its head appeared to be the beginning of a drastic program to bring the army under the party's fist.

Hinting at the type of reorganization the Wehrmacht is now undergoing, the Nazi party organ Voelkischer Beobachter, quoted by Berlin, said "Himmler's appointment 'guarantees that the task of mastering future revolts will be mastered.'"

Extending this policy to occupied territory, German police have been ordered to stand by for "any emergency" in Norway for "restitutions" have been placed on regular German army troops, according to a dispatch by the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive—	
"E" Sales	\$567,175.50
County Quota	\$600,000