

JAPS VULNERABLE TO CARRIER BLOW EXPERTS AGREED

Operations in Philippines Provide Pattern For Attacks Against Foes.

Washington, Oct. 3.—(U.P.)—Military experts were convinced today that the Japanese homeland is vulnerable to American carrier-based air attack.

There had been some question in their minds about this because the enemy's home islands constitute land masses which permit great concentration as well as dispersal of defensive air strength.

Pattern Given

But Admiral William F. Halsey's devastating aerial strikes against enemy bases and shipping in the Philippines last month have dispelled that doubt. Some believe that Halsey's operations provide the pattern for the long awaited American carrier-based air blows against Japan proper.

In their bold thrusts at the Philippines, American carrier forces for the first time in this war came up against heavily defended enemy-held land masses comparable to the Japanese home islands. And they inflicted tremendous damage on the enemy at little cost to themselves.

Although the Philippines air blows provide a pattern for the anticipated assault on the enemy home land, the likelihood is that the targets will be of a different nature. These are expected to be Japan's highly concentrated war industries which already have been hit by China-based B-29 Superfortresses, generally, have carried out high level horizontal attacks.

Accuracy Needed

The navy fliers, by the very nature of their aircraft, will have to engage in pinpoint bombing when they visit Japan, a more accurate type of attack.

The Japanese had available comparatively strong aerial forces in the Philippines and they had advantage of dispersal over a wide area. Yet they were able to accomplish little in the way of effective defense. Some of Halsey's ships sailed within sight of land in an outright challenge to Japan's ground based air power.

There are many reasons for this. First, the navy demonstrated that it could bring air power in great strength right up to the enemy. Another factor was the aggressive fighting spirit of the carrier fliers. Still another was the ability of the carrier forces to protect themselves while their striking power was absent on the mission of destruction.

Jap Fliers Inferior

Another possible explanation is that the Japanese are relying on their army air force to defend the Philippines. American experts believe that Japanese army airmen are inferior to the Japanese navy fliers. The U. S. navy men also feel that Japan's first string airmen were lost in the battle of Midway and that most of the fliers who have appeared since that time have been relatively inferior.

In seven days of attack, Halsey's third fleet accounted for 1,014 enemy planes in the Philippines. It sank 160 Japanese ships and probably sank or damaged at least 200 others.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS FAR UNDER YEAR BEFORE

Building applications filed in the city superintendent's office totaled \$6766 for the month of September as compared to \$97,965 for September, 1943. Last year's total was boosted by the construction of 30 houses on a federal housing project on Haven and North Holly streets.

Included in applications for last month were five garages at \$3,850; repairs on six residences \$1,216; repairs on two business establishments, \$1,700 and application to build one cottage, \$200.

BIRTHS

MEIER—To Mr. and Mrs. Hans, Rte. 2, Box 346, Oct. 3, 1944, a girl, 8 lbs., at Sacred Heart Hospital.

SCOTT—To Mr. and Mrs. James, Route 1, Box 210, Oct. 2, 1944, a boy, 4 lbs., at Community Hospital.

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CLERK PREPARES POLL SUPPLIES FOR NOV. 7 VOTE

Preliminary preparations for the general election November 7, are now underway by the county clerk's office. Precinct supplies such as pencils, ink, pens, and other paraphernalia have been assembled and placed in ballot boxes.

The number of ballots to be given each precinct will not be known, until a count is made of the registered voters, to be made after the closing of the books next Saturday—final day for registering. There will be a ballot for each voter registered in a precinct.

There was brisk registration again today and a rush is expected next Friday and Saturday. To accommodate belated voters, the county clerk's office which generally closes Saturday at noon, will be kept open that afternoon, in the evening until eight o'clock.

County Clerk George R. Carter predicts the registered vote will be higher than in the May primary, and he makes an off-hand guess that it will be from 15,000 to 17,000. Ballots for between 12,000 and 15,000 residents in the armed services have increased the total. Most of the soldier ballot applications have been received. Only five were received this morning from the secretary of state.

SERVICE BOARDS REGISTER GROUP

Selective service boards No. 1 and 2 released today the names of men who registered with their respective boards during September.

The list includes: board No. 1: Lee Alvin Martin, Harry Elmer Haertle, Roy Elsworth Hoover, Jr., Wallace Harold Woods.

Board No. 2: Edgar Allen Pool, Kenneth Arthur Northey, Don Harland Conley, William Loren Oden, Marvin Spencer Barker, Don Ivan Evans, Reuel K. Rians, Sr., Glenn Ray Fairchild, Edward Trusdale France and Dwight Arthur Burrell.

Burglars Snatch Counterfeit Bills

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 3.—(U.P.)—Burglars broke into the Dallas Power and Light Company offices last night and made off with an assortment of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills.

The bills were part of a display by the secret service—near perfect examples of counterfeit money.

GODOY RETURNING FOR ANOTHER TITLE CRACK

Los Angeles, Oct. 3.—(U.P.)—Arturo Godoy, Chilean boxing champion who went 15 rounds with Joe Louis in 1940, will return to this country "within the next few weeks" to take another crack at the title, Al Weill, Godoy's manager, said today.

"I sent Godoy money for a plane flight and expect him to leave as soon as he can get a passport," Weill said.

RAIN PROVES BOON FOR PEAR PACKING HOUSES

Following the rain of last Friday and early Saturday pear picking has been resumed in the orchards. The lay-off gave the packing plants, suffering from a lack of experienced packers, time to catch up with work. It is now figured another two weeks of picking remains. Packing will continue until the first of the year.

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MILLION TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES DROPPED ON FOES

Half of Total Used in Europe Since D-Day — Second Million Tons Due Faster.

Washington, Oct. 3.—(U.P.)—The American air forces have dropped 1,000,000 tons of bombs on the enemy since Pearl Harbor, and almost half that total has been dropped since D-day in Europe last June 6, Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the AAF, revealed today.

Bombs composing the million ton fell on the Ammoniak oil refinery at Merseberg-Leuna, close to the geographic center of Germany last Thursday Arnold said. This synthetic oil plant at one time had a capacity of about 10 per cent of Germany's entire synthetic production.

Arnold revealed that the air forces had dropped 432,000 tons of bombs since D-day.

Next Million Sooner

Arnold promised that the second million tons of bombs would be dropped "in only a fraction of the time required for the first."

"Dropping 1,000,000 tons means that 5,000,000 individual bombs have plummeted down on German and Japanese targets," Arnold said.

"In recent months the rate was 4,400 tons per day or three tons each minute around the clock. This shows what Germany and Japan are now up against in contrast to the first year of war for the United States, 1942, when the rate was 28 tons per day."

He said army planes have flown 1,350,000 sorties since Dec. 7, 1941, and 71 per cent, or 958,000, of these sorties took place in the first nine months of 1944, as compared with 365,000 in 1943 and 27,000 in 1942.

Where Hurt Most

"The million tons of bombs have been used where they would hurt the enemy most," Arnold said. "Approximately 175,000 tons, concentrated on aircraft factories and air fields destroyed the effectiveness of his (the enemy's) air power. Another 140,000 tons have been dropped on oil plants, ball bearing works, and other industrial targets."

"The remainder have been used against shipping, submarine works, many types of military installations, transportation facilities and in direct support of ground troops."

Arnold also revealed that five per cent, or 50,000 tons, of the first 1,000,000 tons of bombs were incendiaries.

The army air force has flown 13,900,000 hours, consumed more than 2,000,000 gallons of 100-octane gasoline overseas, and has used 238,000 rounds of ammunition to destroy more than 27,000 enemy planes, probably destroyed 6,000 more, and damage an additional 10,000, he reported.

48,000 Planes Used

To do this job, Arnold said, the AAF has sent aboard approximately 48,000 combat and transport planes. More than half of them were flown over, the others transported by ship. The army air forces has 1,082,000 personnel overseas, of which approximately 111,700 are members of 23,293 combat crews.

Since Pearl Harbor, AAF combat crew personnel have suffered about 72,000 battle casualties of all types plus 5,300 non-battle casualties. It has lost 14,600 aircraft on combat missions and an additional 9,900 have been lost overseas on non-combat missions.

In the United States 17,500 losses have occurred since Pearl Harbor, bringing the overall plane losses to approximately 42,000.

During this time, he said, 163,147 pilots (including 5,122 glider pilots), 31,293 bombardiers, and 31,908 navigators have been trained and graduated. At one time, pilots were being trained at the rate of 93,000 per year, Arnold said.

AUTO PARADE TO PRECEDE RALLY

The Democratic rally will begin with an automobile parade Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Starting at the county courthouse, the procession will move west on Main street to Riverside avenue. From there the parade will continue north on Riverside to Sixth street, then west to Grape and will disband at the Knights of Pythias hall where a political rally is scheduled.

Following the parade a number of Democratic speakers will be heard including Henry Aiken, state democratic committee chairman; Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for U. S. senator, and Col. Ted Hopkins of Rogue River, who will speak on behalf of Floyd K. Dover, candidate for congress from the fourth district.

Short talks will be given by other Democratic candidates also.

All are invited to join in the parade of cars for the rally, which opens Demo activities in Medford.

Mr. Smith arrived in Medford today and will spend two days in southern Oregon in the interest of his political aspirations. He has scheduled meetings in Ashland as well as Medford it was stated.

Five Rivers—Salt Fork, Cimarron, Grand, Verdigris and Canadian—all flow in the Arkansas river within the borders of Oklahoma.

7000 GAS BOOKS ISSUED BY LOCAL RATIONING BOARD

Six thousand six hundred and seventy "A" gasoline books were issued by volunteers at the local OPA in the three week period ending with the September 21. There are enough more to be issued or which have been issued since September to bring the number above 7000. This is roughly the number of private automobiles now in use in the north part of Jackson County served by the Medford Ration Board.

The whole job was done by about 30 volunteers. A group headed by Mrs. Nettie Fry processed 2300 of the books.

Mrs. Minnie Jahnnow was by all odds the most hard working volunteer, getting out the amazing total of one thousand "A" books herself, ration board officials said.

The Imperial Council of Agricultural research at New Delhi, India, has a postwar plan for an increase in agricultural production of 50 per cent in 10 years and 100 per cent in 15 years. The commission seeks to promote a proper balance between food crops and cash crops of a better quality.

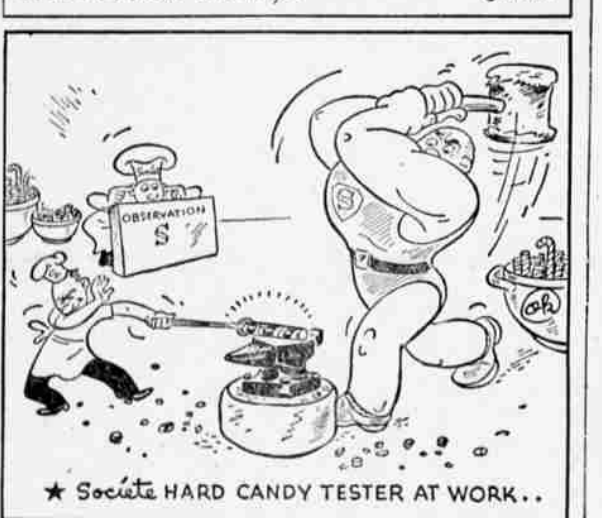


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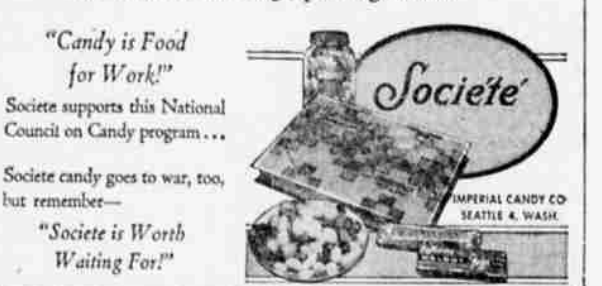
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