# JAPANESE SEEK STRONGHOLD ON ASIA MAINLAND

## Enemy Concentrates on Perfection of Home Defenses as Empire Dwindles.

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The Japanese offensive in China is designed to consolidate an Asiatic stronghold in which Japanese resistance can continue in the face of the irresistible American offensive in the Pacific which is driving the Japanese from the Philippines, threatening their life-lines to Malaya and the East Indies and bringing Japan itself under threat of direct assault.

The Japanese, faced with inevitable loss of their gains in the southwest Pacific, are apparently concentrating on the perfection of their home defenses. The sudden appearance of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz in the Marianas has brought the war to Japan's doorstep.

**Need Home Defense**

Japan's efforts henceforth almost certainly will be based on the need for home defense.

The Japanese offensive in Kwangsi and Kwangtung has a triple purpose. Firstly, it deprives the Americans and Chinese of air bases from which her continental communications and storehouses, as well as the Japanese islands themselves could be attacked. Secondly, if successful the current drive will open a land route from Indo-China to occupied China; an important gain in view of the destructive effort of American air and submarine attacks on Japanese coastal shipping. Thirdly, (and probably most important) it will permit Japan to consolidate her coastal defenses by taking from the enemy bases which undoubtedly would have been used for offensive operations supporting American landings on the coast.

**Success Costly**

It is almost certain that the Japanese will succeed in eastern China. But the Chinese armies defending Kweilin, Liuchow and Namning are giving every indication that they will make the success a costly one. China's ill-armed, ill-fed, and ill-trained troops, seasoned in defeat, are putting up desperate resistance to the Japanese effort to take the last key points in the eastern offensive. Despite the trickle of American supplies reaching them over a tortuous supply line the Chinese are almost certain to lose. They have only one hope; that the Japanese supply line falter under guerrilla and 14th air force attacks.

The true importance of the loss of Kweilin and other key cities and air bases in eastern China can be known only by those sitting in on highly military strategy in Washington and Chungking. If it is true that Nimitz intends landing his troops directly on the Japanese islands and by-passing China and the strong Japanese armies garrisoned there, then it is possible that the current defeats will not prolong the war unduly. Military and political opinion is divided on the question of whether the continental armies of Japan will fold if Japan itself is occupied.

**Manchuria Strongpoint**

Some informed political and military observers in China believe that Japan's armies in China would continue the war even if the Japanese islands were occupied. Japan has, in Manchuria, some of its largest war factories, producing everything the Japanese army uses. In Manchuria it has the steel, coal and other raw materials necessary to carry on its war industry and those raw materials not theer have undoubtedly been piled up from the plentitude in Malaysia and the East Indies. China herself can and does produce the food necessary to keep the Japanese army fighting a long time on the continent.

Since 1931, when the Japanese occupied Manchuria, the Kwantung and Wwangtung armies have been an almost independent of the government in Tokyo. The Manchurian campaign was started against the opposition of the then-government in Tokyo. The north China campaign similarly. There is no reason why these armies, after so many years of operating as an almost independent entity, could not continue fighting the allies if the Tokyo government surrenders.

If this viewpoint proves true, then the loss of Kweilin, Liuchow and Nanning will mean in the last stages of the war, a considerable cost in Chinese and American lives.

# Popular Vote for President

New York, Nov. 8—(U.P.)—Popular vote for president at 1:30 p. m. EWT:

| State | Total Precincts | Precincts Reporting | Roosevelt | Dewey | Electoral Vote |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 2,307 | 741 | 117,981 | 23,517 | 11 |
| Arizona | 439 | 140 | 12,149 | 7,947 | 4 |
| Arkansas | 2,067 | 586 | 37,500 | 13,000 | 9 |
| California | 14,841 | 10,036 | 1,144,468 | 859,845 | 25 |
| Colorado | 1,663 | 869 | 123,335 | 142,615 | 6 |
| Connecticut | 169 | 169 | 436,967 | 392,824 | 8 |
| Delaware | 250 | 192 | 45,791 | 34,382 | 3 |
| Florida | 1,496 | 761 | 224,734 | 94,735 | 8 |
| Georgia | 1,735 | 575 | 173,650 | 24,807 | 12 |
| Idaho | 845 | 581 | 69,652 | 63,841 | 4 |
| Illinois | 8,748 | 7,702 | 1,849,546 | 1,655,298 | 28 |
| Indiana | 4,016 | 3,131 | 637,761 | 714,748 | 13 |
| Iowa | 2,466 | 2,120 | 422,157 | 458,692 | 10 |
| Kansas | 2,742 | 1,697 | 153,791 | 227,353 | 8 |
| Kentucky | 4,291 | 2,765 | 312,202 | 263,956 | 11 |
| Louisiana | 1,871 | 735 | 152,943 | 36,865 | 10 |
| Maine | 627 | 615 | 139,989 | 154,976 | 5 |
| Maryland | 1,325 | 1,275 | 283,234 | 264,249 | 8 |
| Massachusetts | 1,852 | 1,552 | 823,608 | 737,059 | 16 |
| Michigan | 3,841 | 3,145 | 837,215 | 854,178 | 19 |
| Minnesota | 3,703 | 1,408 | 384,626 | 246,600 | 11 |
| Mississippi | 1,683 | 724 | 84,061 | 6,426 | 9 |
| Missouri | 4,543 | 4,207 | 708,559 | 668,804 | 15 |
| Montana | 1,175 | 499 | 67,677 | 54,959 | 4 |
| Nebraska | 2,026 | 1,602 | 178,696 | 245,375 | 6 |
| Nevada | 283 | 215 | 11,346 | 11,313 | 3 |
| New Hampshire | 296 | 296 | 120,549 | 110,592 | 4 |
| New Jersey | 3,647 | 3,505 | 892,296 | 878,627 | 16 |
| New Mexico | 900 | 446 | 45,662 | 37,408 | 4 |
| New York | 9,124 | 8,941 | 3,283,600 | 2,939,329 | 47 |
| North Carolina | 1,922 | 1,540 | 416,771 | 192,042 | 14 |
| North Dakota | 2,254 | 595 | 35,907 | 36,310 | 4 |
| Ohio | 9,306 | 8,703 | 1,444,833 | 1,465,056 | 25 |
| Oklahoma | 3,672 | 3,272 | 373,487 | 279,694 | 10 |
| Oregon | 1,829 | 1,198 | 106,003 | 107,871 | 6 |
| Pennsylvania | 8,208 | 8,156 | 1,776,637 | 1,717,979 | 35 |
| Rhode Island | 261 | 260 | 158,817 | 114,100 | 4 |
| South Carolina | 1,282 | 644 | 73,733 | 3,811 | 8 |
| South Dakota | 1,948 | 1,213 | 62,527 | 87,413 | 4 |
| Tennessee | 2,300 | 2,007 | 260,377 | 166,454 | 12 |
| Texas | X-254 | 230 | 511,895 | 109,560 | 23 |
| Utah | 870 | 665 | 112,599 | 74,325 | 4 |
| Vermont | 246 | 231 | 44,435 | 61,783 | 3 |
| Virginia | 1,703 | 1,359 | 198,376 | 116,412 | 11 |
| Washington | 3,163 | 1,617 | 210,700 | 154,017 | 8 |
| West Virginia | 2,793 | 1,571 | 243,150 | 190,136 | 8 |
| Wisconsin | 3,098 | 2,758 | 553,303 | 584,109 | 12 |
| Wyoming | 673 | 583 | 45,264 | 46,600 | 3 |
| Totals | 130,753 | 98,784 | 20,404,469 | 17,731,992 | 531 |

X—Counties.

# OPEN HOUSE AT YMCA WILL BE HELD THURSDAY

Open house for the Y. M. C. A. recreation center for young people in the Masonic building will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. 'Teen agers and their parents are invited between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m. and all parents, interested adults and representatives from civic organizations of the city are asked to call between the hours of 8 and 10 p. m.

Members of the Medford Council of Church Women will serve refreshments during both the afternoon and evening hours and members of the City Council of Parent-Teacher associations are in charge of decorations and the program. It is stated that choruses from both senior and junior high schools will sing and Mrs. Eve Prentice's Accordion band will play from time to time during the open house.

Acting as hostesses will be members of the Y. M. C. A. board, women of the City Parent-Teacher association council and from the Council of Church Women. There will be a guest book for signatures of those attending and "Y" board members will be prepared to take memberships from young people interested in joining the club.

The center is located on the second floor of the Masonic building in the quarters formerly occupied by the West Main Street USO.

## Livestock

Portland, Ore., Nov. 8—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle 300, calves 50, opening rather slow. Early sales cutter-common grades about steady, better grades scarce. Canner cows not moving. Cutter cows $5.25@6.25, canners quotable down to $4 and below. Fat dairy-type cows to $7.50. Few common steers $10@11. Good beef bulls $9.25@10. Good vealers $13@13.50. Grass calves slow.

Hogs, 350. Strong to 25c higher. Good-choice 180-240 lbs. $15.25@15.50. Good sows $12.50@13. Feeder pigs salable $13.25@14.

Sheep, 300. Steady, quality considered. Good-choice wooled lambs quotable to $12.50. Good feeder lambs $10. Large lot medium-good shorn lambs $11 straight. Good ewes $3.50. Common to medium grades $2@2.50.

Chicago, Nov. 8—(UP)—(WFA)—Livestock:

Hogs, 10,000. Slow, 5 to 10 cents lower than Tuesday's average on weights 270 lbs. down; heavier weights and sows steady at $14; bulk good and choice 190-270 lbs. $14.40@14.50, top $14.50; few 150-180 $13.75@14.35; good clearance.

Cattle, 9,000. Calves, 1,000. Good and choice steers and yearlings active; top $18.50 paid for yearlings, best weighty steers $18.35; heifers $17.60; bulk fed steers and yearlings $14@18; bulk heifers $13.50@17; weighty cutter cows to $7; most canners $5.25@6.

Sheep, 3,000. Few early sales fully steady; scattered lots good and choice native slaughter lambs $14@14.25.

## Portland Produce

Portland, Nov. 8—(UP)—Wholesale produce market:

Cauliflower—No. 1 local $1.70@1.85 crate.

Onions—Green 60@65c dozen bunches.

Melons—Dillard casabas $2.25 per crate.

## Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Nov. 8—(UP)—Wheat:

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. | $1.64 | $1.64⅛ | $1.63@ | $1.64⅛ |
| May | 1.59⅞ | 1.60 | 1.59⅛ | 1.59⅜ |
| July | 1.48⅜ | 1.49 | 1.48⅛ | 1.48⅛ |
| Sept. | 1.46⅝ | 1.47⅜ | 1.46⅜ | 1.46⅞ |

**S. F. DAIRY PRICES**

San Francisco, Nov. 8—(U.P.)—Dairy market:

Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42½, 90 score 42½, 89 score 41¾.

Cheese: Wholesale prices: Loaf 27.9; triplets 2.2. 7

Eggs: Large, grade A 56½-57½; large grade B 43½-44½, medium grade A 51½-52½, small grade A 37½-38½.

## Wall Street

New York, Nov. 8—(U.P.)—The stock market took the Roosevelt re-election with scarcely a qualm today and traders resumed their purchases of special stocks which registered gains ranging to 4 points.

First reaction to the election returns was in exact line with Wall Street expectations. The market sagged with heavy dealings in the low-priced utilities. Net losses seldom ranged beyond a point and these were reduced or eliminated before closing time, notably in the Rails where the average registered a small advance.

Commonwealth & Southern and United Corporation had a heavy turnover. They suffered moderate losses on selling which was characterized as settling wagers on Dewey's defeat.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

| | |
|---|---|
| American Tel. & Teleg. | 163¾ |
| Anaconda | 27 |
| Chrysler | 91⅜ |
| Curtiss Wright | 6¾ |
| General Electric | 39⅜ |
| General Motors | 63¼ |
| Montgomery Ward | 53 |
| Penn. R. R. | 31⅜ |
| Phillips Petroleum | 43 |
| Radio | 10¼ |
| Southern Pacific | 26⅜ |
| Standard Oil of California | 36¾ |
| Texas Gulf Sulphur | 35 |
| Transamerica | 9⅜ |
| United Aircrafts | 31½ |
| U. S. Rubber | 49 |
| U. S. Steel | 58¾ |

## BIRTHS

LITTLE — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Rt. 1, Central Point, Nov. 7, 1944, a boy, 7 lbs., at Community Hospital.

**LEASHES CHECK BITES**

Los Angeles (U.P.)—A city ordinance reqquiring all dogs to be kept on leash has reduced the number of persons bitten by one-third and the number of dogs infected with rabies by one-half, City Health Officer George M. Uhl reports.

The thermal belt of Polk county, N. C., is said to have the greatest variety of plant life of any section in the United States.

# CARRIER PLANES INCREASE TOLL OF ENEMY SHIPS

## Jap General Who Captured Corregidor Is Returned to Command of Forces.

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Pearl Harbor, Nov. 8—(U.P.)—American carrier planes striking anew at the Manila area in preparation for the next phase of the liberation of the Philippines had raised their toll to 30 Japanese ships and 440 planes destroyed or damaged today.

At least five vessels were sunk, a heavy cruiser and a destroyer probably sunk, and 23 other vessels damaged in attacks Saturday and Sunday on the enemy's waning sea and air power by planes from Adm. William F. Halsey's 3d fleet.

The battle of the Philippines already was shaping up as the most decisive campaign fought in the Pacific since the United States regained the initiative.

**Jap Leader Back**

Tokyo, recognzing that her entire southern empire was threatened, announced that Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who captured Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore, had returned to the command of Japanese forces in the Philippines area.

On Leyte, some 350 miles south of Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American invasion forces finally joined battle with elements of four Japanese divisions in what probably will prove the final and decisive struggle for the central Philippines island.

Units of the American 24th division ran head-on into elements of the 1st, 30th and 102d Japanese divisions and remnants of the notorious 16th division some 15 miles north of Ormoc, west coast sea and air base and last enemy stronghold on Leyte.

**Sharp Fighting Reported**

"Sharp fighting" was under way, MacArthur reported in his daily communique. The Japanese launched three strong counter attacks, but all were thrown back with heavy enemy losses.

American long-range artillery firing into the heart of the enemy pocket around Ormac heavily damaged warehouses and supply dumps and started large fires. Dive bombers added to the destruction and damaged numerous barges and small craft in Ormac bay.

There were no fresh reports on the progress of American units pushing up the west coast south of Ormac, but 96th division troops liquidated several isolated enemy parties in the hills near Patok, four miles northwest of American-held Dagami and some 20 miles east of Ormoc.

Extension of the 3d fleet's carrier assault on the Manila bay area of Luzon into its second day was disclosed in a communique from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's Pacific fleet headquarters.

The communique reported that Hellcat fighters, Avenger torpedo planes and Helldiver dive bombers on the second day, Sunday, had sunk three cargo ships and an oil tanker, probably sunk a destroyer and damaged two destroyers, two destroyer escorts, a trawler and several cargo ships.

Sunday's bag raised the toll of ships for the two days to 30, divided as follows:

Five sunk—A submarine chaser, three cargo ships and an oil tanker.

Two probably sunk—A heavy cruiser and a destroyer.

Twenty-three damaged—A light cruiser, five destroyers, two destroyer escorts, 14 cargo ships and a trawler.

In addition, Nimitz said, the carrier-based planes shot down or destroyed 249 more planes on the ground Sunday to boost the two-day toll to 440 planes smashed. "Many others" were damaged in strafing attacks on airdromes.

American losses were not available, Nimitz said.

**Fields Hit**

Heavy damage also was said to have been inflicted on ground installations at Nichols, Clark and Nielson fields, all near Manila, and Lipa, Tarlac, Bamban and Mablacat fields, in southern Luzon.

Tokyo's announcement that Yamashita had been returned to the Philippines meant that one of Japan's most successful generals was about to fight a return engagement with MacArthur, who commanded American troops on Bataan and Corregidor until his departure to Australia to organize the "march back."

The 59-year-old Yamashita has been serving as commander of Japanese forces in Malaya and apparently took over the post of Lt. Gen. Shigenori Kuroda in the Philippines. Yamashita, like Kuroda, presumably will be responsible to Field Marshal Count Juichi Terauchi, commander of Japanese forces in the southern regions.

Tokyo also said that Lt. Gen. Yasuji Tominaga had been named commander of the Japanese air force in the Philippines.

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