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# TOKYO REPORTS NEW B-29 RAIDS

## KURE NAVY BASE AND CITY UNDER AERIAL ATTACKS

No Washington Confirmation; More Dead Admirals of Enemy Listed.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Japan reported an American B-29 Superfortress "raid" on the inland sea area of Japan, site of the great Kure naval base, today and said that two other B-29s appeared over Tokyo, one dropping incendiary bombs.

Tokyo also announced the death in action of 13 admirals, many of them presumably in the great October battle of the Philippines sea, bringing to 67 the number of Japanese admirals who have been killed or died of illness since the start of the Pacific war.

There was no confirmation of the Japanese reports of new B-29 raids against Japan, hit in strength 12 times thus far by Superfortresses operating from China and Saipan, in the Marianas.

It was possible that the planes which struck the Seto Naikai (inland sea) area might have been searching out crippled units of the Japanese fleet which escaped after the Philippines sea battle, in which American forces sank or damaged 58 warships.

The inland sea lies between the main home islands of Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. The naval base is on the southwest coast of Honshu.

As recorded by the FCC, Tokyo said that the two sorties over Tokyo early this morning were followed about an hour later "by a raid on the Seto Naikai coastal area for about one hour."

Although the broadcast termed it a "raid" and did not say how many planes participated, a later broadcast said it was "a lone B-29 from a base in the Marianas that made a reconnaissance flight for about an hour." Tokyo claimed no bombs were dropped but failed to explain its earlier report that the area had been raided.

"That the enemy is making raids in this way with a very small number of planes, night and day, is indicative of the fact that they are aimed at a war of nerves," Tokyo said.

The enemy reported that one B-29 flew over Tokyo at 3 a. m. (2 p. m. Friday EWT), scattering incendiaries and that about 9:30 another appeared, but did not bomb.

Tokyo announced that headquarters of the Yokosuka naval station, largest Japanese home base, announced the deaths in action of four vice admirals and nine rear admirals. The office of war information said that increased the number of enemy flag officers lost to 67.

Among the latest killed was Vice Adm. Hideo Yano, former chief of the navy press section. It was assumed all were killed after October 4 since on that day Yokosuka announced the deaths of seven other admirals in previous actions.

Tokyo identified the other dead officers as Vice Admirals Takehisa Tsujimura, Yasunoshi Ito and Ichimatsu Takahashi and Rear Admirals Senzaburo Tonomura, Rinzo Kurosaki, Kakuo Kishigawa, Saburo Ashina, Migi Horiechi, Shigeru Takeshita, Iwao Oka and Masayasu Tsuji and Surgeon Rear Adm. Yokichi Odajima.

## Mighty Armada

Saipan Island, Dec. 9.—(Via navy radio)—(U.P.)—Approximately 900 tons of aerial bombs were spread across Japan's island fortress of Iwo Jima in the Volcanoes Pearl Harbor day when the largest number of Liberators and B-29 Superfortresses ever assembled in the Pacific for a joint operation teamed with U. S. warships in a heavy five-hour bombardment of the enemy base.

Twenty-eight Lightning fighters—flying a greater distance than ever flown by Britain-based fighters attacking Europe—joined the bombers, cruisers and destroyers of the Pacific fleet for a mighty five-hour and 15 minute assault against the Japanese stronghold. The warships alone blasted the island for one hour.

## Superfortress View of Fujiyama



Pictured through the nose of a Tokyo-bound B-29 Superfortress, Fujiyama, sacred mountain of Japan, marks the course of the giant planes on their way to bring death and destruction to the production centers of Japan.

## NAVY ESTIMATES 5 YEARS MORE TO CONQUER NIPPON

Boston, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The navy estimates it will take five more years of fighting in the Pacific before the Japanese are defeated, Regional Director Walker Mason of the war production board told the WPB's conference of labor officials here today.

He said that a European victory will "have absolutely no effect on arms and armament for the navy... so great is their offensive program against Japan." He quoted the navy as saying the "astronomical amounts of ammunition that are being used in the Pacific war have just nicked the skin."

Mason added that if more and more ammunition is not poured into the European and Pacific fronts, men must be substituted, he said the navy is planning on 30 new carriers in 1945 and that these will require 3,000 new planes.

## CLEMONS CHOSEN STATE HORT. HEAD

Hood River, Ore., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—C. C. Clemons of Medford was today elected president of the Oregon Horticultural society and Medford was named as the site for the 1945 meeting.

Other officers chosen were: Wendell Bartholomew of Eugene, first vice president; A. P. Mohr of Hood River, second vice president; Leonard Carpenter of Medford, third vice president; O. T. McWhorter of Corvallis, secretary-treasurer, and Ray Reter of Medford, Lyle McIsaac of Parkdale and Howard S. Merriam of Eugene, trustees.

## PLUMP WACS GET SPECIAL REDUCER

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The army has authorized special low calorie balanced rations to help Wacs reduce, warning that "dietary habits acquired in the training period may persist, causing undesirable obesity," the Army and Navy Journal disclosed tonight.

The war department issued a table of "range of ideal weights for women of 21 and over" to help Wacs who have settled down to sedentary activities after their hard initial training.

## CANCEL HORSE MEET

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Meeting of the California horse racing board for Wednesday, Dec. 13, has been cancelled.

## BULLETIN

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The University of California varsity basketballers downed a fast Coast Guard Pilot team 40-31 here in one of the three games played tonight.

The Bears boosted their lead from a half-time score of 18-16 as Jim Farrell, center, hopped 13 points for high scoring place.

In the No. 2 and 3 games of the night, the California Junior varsity fell before a strong San Bruno naval depot club 39-35 and the Gallie high school quint drubbed the Bear Cubs 28-23.

## PEGLER ARTICLES BASIS OF SUIT BY UNION CHIEF

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Libel suits totaling \$600,000 were filed here today against Columnist Westbrook Pegler, King Features Syndicate, Inc., and 10 newspapers by Harry Bridges, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union chief, and three other ILWU officials.

The suits charged the San Francisco Call-Bulletin and the Oakland Post-Enquirer with publishing alleged libelous articles written by Pegler on Sept. 26, and contend the defendants refused to make any retractions or corrections.

Each of the plaintiffs, including Louis Goldblatt, Michael P. Johnson and Harry Wilson, secretary of the Harry Bridges Victory committee, are asking \$150,000 damages.

## WHITE'S BOOK ON RUSSIA BLASTED

Moscow, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The Moscow newspaper Pravda today attacked William L. White's forthcoming book about Russia as "the usual standard product from the fascist kitchen with all the usual aroma of stupid slander, ignorance and frank hatred."

The book, entitled "Report on Russia," has not yet appeared, but an American magazine recently published excerpts from it. The book was a report on a recent trip to Russia which White made with U. S. Chamber of Commerce President Eric Johnston.

The article, entitled "The Shady Traveler," was written by Davir Zaslavsky and charged that White "deceived" Johnston.

## FIX BOUNDARY LINE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Argentina and Paraguay have virtually concluded an agreement fixing their boundary line on the Pilcomayo River area, it was announced today.

## LADY ROBIN HOOD STOLE \$40,000 TO BENEFIT OTHERS

New York, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Lady Robin Hood's husband, a little confused by recent goings-on in Manhattan's Sherwood forest of skyscrapers, stood loyally at her side in felony court where she pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing \$40,000.

"She's just too good and kind. And she had too many responsibilities," Joseph Dunningan, a young defense plant worker, had no idea that his 22-year-old wife, Madeline, was robbing her employer for the benefit of her fellow employees and her friends but rarely for herself, until she confessed to the district attorney. Said the astonished district attorney: "Why, she's a Lady Robin Hood."

Even more surprised was her employer, Oscar H. Gropper, head of a Fifth Avenue leather goods store, to learn that the handy man he thought he was paying \$3 a day, actually was being paid \$15 a day, and that the \$15 a week errand boy was getting \$25. In fact, all his employees, thanks to the benevolence of his bookkeeper, Mrs. Dunningan, had had fat raises. And she had compiled a list of 50 servicemen to whom she sent little gifts from time to time selected from his stock.

Assistant District Attorney Francis X. Clark said that of all Mrs. Dunningan's alleged peculations ranging over two years, less than \$2,000 had she spent on herself. She hadn't even raised her own salary.

## YULE GREETINGS TO COST G.I. \$65

With the Eighth U. S. Infantry Division, Germany, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—There is a \$65 fine awaiting any American G.I. who says "Merry Christmas" to a German civilian, Lt. Col. Richard C. Croft of Greenwich, Conn., warned today.

Croft, division military government officer, was approached by a delegation of young German women who asked that the strict non-fraternization rules be relaxed Christmas Day.

"The same rules will apply to the Yuletide as any other day—and that's a \$65 fine for talking to enemy civilians," Croft said.

## WILSON CHOSEN

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Lyle C. Wilson, manager of the Washington bureau of the United Press, today was elected president of the Gridiron club, a noted organization of Washington newspapermen.

## YANKEES TIGHTEN TRAP ROUND JAPS ON CAMOTES SEA

Army Junction Nears—Tropical Rains Hinder Ground Moves.

Allied Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—U. S. 7th division troops, advancing three miles up the west coast of Leyte, hammered to within two miles of a junction with the 77th division below Ormoc yesterday in a drive that tightened the trap around several thousand Japanese of the 26th division, pinned against the Camotes sea, it was announced today.

The men of the 7th, veterans of Attu and Kawaialein, captured the coastal village of Albuera, 8½ miles southeast of Ormoc, after stiff fighting in which the Japanese suffered heavy losses, and trimmed the enemy pocket to approximately ten square miles.

There was no estimate as to the exact number of Japanese trapped but headquarters said the force was expected to "run into the thousands."

The left wing of the 77th, which made an amphibious landing on the west coast Thursday to open the all-out American offensive, was fighting its way into Ormoc, main Japanese defense bastion on Leyte. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's daily war bulletin did not report on the progress of that drive, but it was believed the Yanks might be fighting in Ormoc proper.

A renewal of torrential tropical rains "greatly slowed all ground movement," MacArthur announced, rendering the terrain almost impassable. The bulletin said, however, that the U. S. 32d division in that area was maintaining pressure on the Japanese, capturing a field battery and large ammunition and supply dumps.

## TWO JIMA ATTACK 'CURTAIN RAISER'

Saipan Island, Dec. 9.—(Via navy radio)—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Milford F. Harmon, newly appointed commander of the Pacific ocean areas, today said that the five and one-quarter hour assault on Iwo Jima island Pearl Harbor day was just a "curtain raiser" and named four high ranking officers who will get new assignments as the result of formation of the new command.

Harmon said the new command will absorb the organization now headed by Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, commander of aircraft, forward area since May 1. Hale will take over a new assignment, as yet undisclosed, upon his return from leave in the U. S.

## SIXTH WAR LOAN GOAL IS PASSED

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The Sixth War Loan was approaching the \$15,000,000,000 mark tonight as the drive's third week ended.

The treasury's war finance division reported total sales at \$14,464,000,000, nearly half a million dollars over the \$14,000,000,000 goal, on the basis of returns through Friday night. Individual sales reached \$3,187,000,000, including "E" bond sales of \$1,248,000,000.

## LADY STAR LOSES

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The superiority of the sexes finally caught up with Mildred (Babe) Zaharias, America's foremost woman athlete, today when she was ousted in the quarter-finals of the Pasadena men's city golf championship, 5 and 4, by Oscar Hoberg, Recreation Park.

## MEN 7 NOT IN ESSIAL WORK FAC INDUCTION

Replace Soldiers Released for Critical Jobs Under White House Order.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Thousands of men in the 26-37 age group who are not now in essential war jobs will be inducted to replace men released from the armed forces to man critical war jobs, the White House announced today.

Director James F. Byrnes of the office of war mobilization and reconversion directed Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey to increase the number of calls from this group and also to consider reclassification of men now occupationally deferred to meet manpower shortages which have been blamed in part for lags in production goals for several critical war items, including ammunition of all kinds.

It means a resumption on a presumably limited scale of inductions, stopped last May, of men in the higher age brackets. Maj. Gen. Hershey on May 11 ordered a stay for at least six months of inductions of men 26 through 29 who were "necessary to and regularly engaged in" a war or war-supporting activity. From 30 through 37 the test for deferment was whether the registrant was merely "regularly engaged in" such work.

The men called under Byrnes' new directive, according to the White House statement, will be inducted not as combat replacements, but to take the place of "men in the armed services who have been or may have to be released for war production purposes."

## WARD, WAR PLANT, RUM, STRIKE HIT

Detroit, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Pickets ringed Montgomery Ward & Co. stores here tonight as the Christmas rush got underway following a renewal of odds between the union representing 2,200 employees and Sewell Avery, chairman of Ward's board of directors.

Other developments in this labor capital during the day included a flat refusal of 19,500 Fruehauf Trailer Co. workers to end a three-day strike despite appeals from the Detroit area ordinance district, and a threatened pre-Christmas strike of all liquor store employees within the area.

## GERMAN U-BOATS NOW DIVE DEEPER

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—German submarines are now equipped with new devices which enable them to remain submerged for longer periods than before and to penetrate into areas hitherto denied them, a joint British-American announcement revealed tonight.

The announcement said shipping losses from German U-boats last month were again "very small" and the proportionate number of U-boats sunk was again "satisfactory."

## Deny Paris Report Franco Quits Post

Paris, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The Spanish embassy today denied reports circulated by Paris newspapers that Generalissimo Francisco Franco had resigned, but Spanish Republican quarters here insisted the Spanish leader was facing a cabinet crisis.

## War Bulletins

By United Press  
Royal Arch Gunnison, Mutual network correspondent, reported today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Philippine President Sergio Osmeña have called upon all Filipino guerrillas throughout the Philippines to arise against the Japanese to help prevent further reinforcement of the troops fighting on Leyte.

Athens, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Gen. Stefanos Serafis, commander-in-chief of the Greek forces opposing the Greek government, has issued assurances that he still accepts orders of the commander of British forces supporting the government, it was disclosed today as peace moves in the Greek civil war continued amidst unabated warfare in Athens.

(The Paris radio said that leaders of Greek political parties were to meet Saturday afternoon to try to find a solution to the nation's difficulties.)

## RUSSIANS CIRCLE BUDAPEST; BITTER BATTLE UNDERWAY

London, Sunday, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Russian troops, reaching the Danube river due north of Budapest in a 37-mile deep breakthrough of Nazi defenses, encircled almost two-thirds of the Hungarian capital.

Both Moscow and Berlin indicated that a bitter battle for Budapest and German tanks were clashing in a titanic struggle for control of the capital's last communications.

Moscow announced that three vital railroads leading into the city had been cut in twin surges northeast and southwest of the city, and the Nazi garrison was left with only two escape railroads and three highways, one of which was under fire, through a 35-mile gap between Lake Velencei and the Danube northwest of Budapest.

Pest, the larger modern section of the city and site of the capital's administrative, shopping and residential districts, was converted into a virtually isolated enemy bridgehead on the eastern bank of the Danube. Its only communications were seven bridges over the Danube to Buda.

In a spectacular smash through a heavily-fortified enemy defense line northeast of Budapest along a 75-mile front, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army advanced 37 miles to capture the town of Balassgyarmat, 36 miles north of Budapest on the Czechoslovak border.

The advance, in which more than 150 towns and villages were swept up, was announced by Marshal Josef Stalin as Berlin said that Budapest was rocking to the thunder of approaching guns.

## SPORTS STADIUM BATTLE IS OVER

With the U. S. 9th Army, Germany, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—After seven days of almost constant attack, American infantry today ended organized enemy resistance on one of the most extraordinary battlefields of the war—the sports stadium and drained swimming pool on the west side of Jutlich.

The price of admission was blood and death, and whether the Americans will attempt to hold, or merely destroy, the German trenches and tunnels, is not known. German guns frown down on the field from bluffs across the Roer, and they have blasted the field area whenever the Americans moved.

## MORE TOOLS NEEDED

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The war production board said tonight there is an "urgent need" for production of 6,000 machine tools to meet the expanded mortar and medium and heavy artillery ammunition program.

## NAZI CASUALTIES IN WINTER DRIVE OF ALLIES HEAVY

Five Divisions a Week Lost; Enemy Resistance Stiffens on Long Front.

Paris, Sunday, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—U. S. Third army troops fought into Saarbrücken industrial suburbs Saturday after hurling back four counterattacks against their Saar bridgeheads and the Allies' great winter drive was disclosed to have cost the Germans 152,000 casualties in its first three weeks—the equivalent of five divisions a week.

Ninth army troops captured the big Jutlich sports stadium after a wild, eight-day battle as a swirling snow storm fell across the entire Rhineland front where the Germans admittedly had gained a temporary stalemate, despite their heavy losses. A snowfall of half a foot was reported from the U. S. First army front.

From the Dutch border to the Vosges mountains, German resistance mounted as allied armies crunched into the Reich's western defenses on a 450-mile front in the battle to which the enemy had committed its chances of existence.

Expanding seven bridgeheads across the Saar on a 30-mile front, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army captured 12 big Siegfried line pill-boxes in advances up to two miles. Patton's pace slowed perceptibly as his troops came to grips with powerful defenses in the heart of the coal and steel valley.

At one point, the fighting became so tense that thunderbolt planes of the 19th tactical air command flew over an unidentified Third army sector and dropped containers of blood plasma and blankets for the treatment of wounded doughboys.

The U. S. Seventh army on Patton's right flank also met more rugged defenses but managed to advance two miles, reaching within five miles of the Rhine palatinate border and capturing the towns of La Michelskopf, 12 miles northeast of Sarre Union, Blining three miles to the west and Bad Niederronne, the latter a famed resort 6½ miles south of the German frontier.

Gambsheln, nine miles northeast of Strasbourg, also fell as the Seventh army hewed through the old Maginot line, which in this sector has guns mounted on a 360-degree traverse so that the Germans could bring many of them to bear.

## 'BLACK CAT' AGES HEADED FOR HOME

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters Pearl Harbor, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—A group of the top plane commanders of the navy's famed "Black Cat" night-fighting Catalinas were heading home today after so harassing the Japanese that one captured enemy officer wanted to see the Yanks' "new secret weapon."

Sandy-haired Lt. Donald A. Dingwall, 23, of Coronado, Cal., and Tuckahoe, N. Y. air combat intelligence officer for the squadron, who is returning to the U. S. with five plane commanders, said the group is believed to have accounted for more enemy shipping than any other flying boat squadron in this war—19,400 tons of shipping sunk or damaged.

## CHILLY FLYING

London, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—More than 675 U. S. 8th airforce warplanes, defying a heavy snowstorm and temperatures of 54 degrees below zero, attacked railroads at Stuttgart and a big German airfield at Boblingen, 10 miles southwest, with 1,000 tons of bombs today and shot down the only German fighter plane met in the air.