

Carrier Planes Rock Japanese Homeland

OSAKA AND KOBE INDUSTRY AREA TARGET FOR DAY

Nagoya Still Blazing From Greatest Superfort Attack of War; Formosa Raided.

American carrier planes rocked the Japanese homeland again today, according to Tokyo, and other U. S. aerial forces joined in a rapidly growing offensive against the enemy's inner defense bases.

Tokyo said waves of U. S. navy planes attacked the vital Osaka-Kobe war industrial area for at least nine hours today and also hit Shikoku Island and Kyushu, southernmost of the home islands.

Kyushu Hit Hard Kyushu was the main target yesterday of a carrier force, which Tokyo estimated at 1,400 planes.

Just east of the Osaka-Kobe area, Japan's third largest city, Nagoya, still was ablaze from a pre-dawn attack early yesterday by 325 to 350 Superfortresses, the greatest B-29 armada of the war.

While the carrier planes were again blasting the shattered Japanese home cities, American Liberator bombers were revealed to have raided Formosa, 700 miles southwest of Kyushu, for the fifth consecutive day.

No Opposition A record 300 tons of high explosives were showered on the island fortress, off the China coast, in the latest attack Friday and the Japanese failed to put up a single interceptor.

The Liberators, which dropped 825 tons of bombs on Formosa in five days, flew from bases in the Philippines, where American troops continued to compress the Japanese. U. S. troops made another shore-to-shore amphibious operation which sealed Calumpan peninsula in southwestern Luzon, and made new gains in the fighting east of Luzon.

Mitchell medium bombers also were active in attacks through the South China sea and set afire a destroyer and a destroyer escort off Swatow on the China coast.

Japs Worried The onslaught against the Japanese echoed into their own capital, where the war situation was becoming more critical.

Tokyo broadcasts indicated that the Japanese intend to draft all school children from eight years old and up for work in factories and air defenses. The plan was implicit in an announcement that all Japanese schools, excepting the first grade, would be closed for a year beginning April 1.

The draft apparently was part of a broad plan proposed by Premier Kuniaki Koiso for reconstructing the Japanese government so that it could "dove-tail with the military strategy."

STOCK ROUNDED UP ON BEAGLE-ANTELOPE LAND

The sheriff's office Sunday rounded up 18 head of horses at large on the Camp White reservation, and located all but three of the owners of the animals. Deputy Sheriff William Grebner reports the land is leased from the government by the Beagle-Antelope Stock association and other stock is not allowed to graze in the area. The deputy sheriff says there has been misapprehension of this point, many assuming the land was open to all.

German "Spit-and-Polish" Costly When P-47 Pilots Spot Formation

Paris, March 19.—(U.P.)—Some German spit-and-polish officer's insistence on holding morning inspection today resulted in an estimated 150 dead and wounded German soldiers.

Capt. Thomas Hergert, Milwaukee, Wis., was leader of a group of P-47 fighter plane pilots who disrupted the proceedings in the first tactical air force attack on the Saar basin. "I could hardly believe my

Leon's Executives



Larry Balch



C. F. Foulger



Parker Woods

LADIES' APPAREL STORE TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW

With the opening tomorrow of Leon's, 21 North Central avenue, Medford will have a new shop for women which will reflect the latest trends in design and decorating detail and which will compare favorably with the most modern of the west coast women's stores. From the arresting black glass front, with oval display windows, and the specially made all-glass doors to the multi-colored walls and ceilings of the interior, the entire shop has been planned to present the most attractive background possible for the display of merchandise.

Main floor of the new store will have a modern sportswear "bar" of circular design, display and storage space for accessories and the shoe department. Walls and pillars of the interior, and the background of windows and display niches, are in pastel green, peach, dusty pink and blue shades and the woodwork is beautiful blonde prima vera mahogany. The stair and mezzanine railing are inset with glass.

Special airplane type carpeting gives a luxurious floor covering, these being in green shades for the main floor and office and in a fuchsia shade for the mezzanine. Ready-to-wear and millinery will be handled on the mezzanine, with four fitting rooms decorated in various shades. The second floor will house alteration and stock rooms.

A staff of eight local people will be employed.

The new store is sixth of a chain operated in the Pacific northwest by a firm made up of Larry Balch, general manager, and C. F. Foulger, secretary-treasurer. Balch formerly was in the shoe business in Missouri and Utah and opened the first store, a shoe establishment, in Klamath Falls 12 years ago. The second was in Salem, where firm headquarters are maintained, and other stores are in Astoria, Vancouver and Longview.

Mr. Balch states that for some time he had desired to open a store here and had waited until a suitable location could be obtained. "We have spared no expense," he said, "in giving Medford a first-class store. He, Mr. Foulger and Parker Woods, who will be local manager, emphasized that medium and better grade merchandise of recognized national brands would be carried in the local store. Mr. Woods comes here from the Astoria shop and plans to bring his wife and family here in the near future.

The opening tomorrow has been set for 9:30 and it was said that everything is expected to be in readiness with the exception of a few fixtures which failed to arrive.

Sgt. Noe of Ashland Wounded in Europe

Master Sgt. Charles L. Noe, Ashland, has been wounded in the European war theater, according to the latest release of the Office of War Information. Next-of-kin is Mrs. Mildred D. Noe, 93 Bush street, Ashland.

EDUCATOR DIES

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 19.—(U.P.)—Dr. Caroline Hazard, 89, president of Wellesley college from 1899 to 1910, died here today. She had been ill several months.

NEW FOOD CUTS BRING VOTE FOR SENATE INQUIRY

All Phases of Production, Distribution Due for Survey—Official Outlook Bad

Washington, March 19.—(U.P.)—The senate voted unanimously today for a thorough investigation of the nation's increasingly critical food situation.

Taking cognizance of new cuts in food quotas for civilians, the chamber passed a resolution by Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, (R., Neb.) authorizing a senate agriculture subcommittee to investigate all phases of the production and distribution of food in the United States.

Broad Authority The subcommittee was granted \$5,000 for the inquiry and given broad authority to inquire into any phases of the situation it desires.

The senate acted shortly after a resolution providing for a similar investigation by the house agriculture committee was introduced in the lower chamber by Rep. August H. Andresen (R., Minn.).

Meanwhile, government officials said the nation's food outlook can be described by one word—"bad."

Says F. R. Misinformation Rep. William D. Lemke (R., N. D.) charged that the president had a rosy outlook on the food situation because "he is being misinformed" by Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey. Lemke, who is pressing for a congressional investigation of the drafting of young farmers, said Hershey and other officials apparently think that "men who don't know the difference between a cow and a mule can take care of a dairy herd."

RUSSIANS WEDGE MILE DEEP INTO ODER FORTRESS

London, March 19.—(U.P.)—Russian sledge forces have driven a wedge almost a mile into the main defenses of Altidam, fortress city on the east bank of the Oder before Stettin, the Germans reported today.

The Soviet assault on the last German stronghold east of the lower Oder at Altidam entered its final phase, Russian victory there will secure Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's flank for the big push on Berlin.

Moscow dispatches reported that after the capture of the big port of Kolberg, 63 miles northeast of Stettin, the Baltic coast was clear from Stettin bay to the suburbs of besieged Gdynia.

Soviet dispatches said fighting went on unabated along the central Oder front before Berlin and in Silesia, although the red army command still withheld confirmation of Nazi reports that the Russians were across the Oder in force and gathering strength for a frontal assault on the capital.

AIRPLANE VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS STARTED

Palm Springs, Cal., March 19.—(U.P.)—Palm Springs today began once-a-week air line vegetable shipments to eastern markets.

The first consignment was 6,000 pounds of fresh asparagus sent by American Air Lines to Pittsburgh, Pa. The Imperial Valley-grown asparagus will be on sale in Pittsburgh tomorrow morning.

No ice is needed to refrigerate the aerial shipments. Low temperatures are maintained by flying at high altitudes.

BRITISH WONDER WHAT TO SERVE ON MEAT DISH

London, March 19.—(U.P.)—British housewives wondered today what they were going to use to fill in the pending meat ration cut which will leave them about enough for one meat serving per person each week.

Supplies of protein substitutes of fish, eggs, and cheeses are almost as scarce as meat.

Swallow Turn To Capistrano on Springtime's Eve

San Juan Capistrano, Cal., (U.P.)—The swallows came back to Mission San Juan Capistrano today—just as they've done for longer than the memory of the oldest padre.

Scores of watchers stood in silence before the ancient walls of the mission this morning, looking into the blue sky. There was a whir of tiny wings overhead. Then down the swallows came, dropping unerringly into the nests they'd abandoned last year.

There were no sparrows to be driven out this St. Joseph's Day—better known as Swallow Day at the mission.

FIREMEN PENSION FAILS AS SOLONS END 69 DAY MEET

Salem, Ore., March 19.—(U.P.)—Oregon's longest legislative session was history today. It adjourned sine die Saturday night, 69 days after it opened.

The senate spent the last days in parliamentary maneuvering, as attempts to push through a pension plan for firemen failed.

The house was in recess most of the day waiting for the senate to get through. Speaker Eugene Marsh dropped the gavel at 5:48 p. m. to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," cheers and speeches by the members.

The senate followed a few minutes later, as President Howard Belmont adjourned the upper house at 6:04 p. m.

Governor's Mansion Out Last-minute business included a few more appropriation bills, and the controversial bill providing for the office of registrar of elections in Multnomah county. This was the bill that caused a two-day filibuster in the house about a month ago.

The senate refused to give passage to a house bill which would have given the emergency board and the board of control power to build a governor's mansion from state building funds.

The senate put final approval on a bill liberalizing tax exemptions for disabled veterans.

800 Bills in Hopper A good many important bills were among the more-than-800 which dropped into the hopper during the last two and a half months. The legislature completed action on many of them, with major legislation affecting schools, veterans, farming, taxes, injury and jobless compensation, fish, liquor, salaries, civil service, pensions, motor vehicles and forests.

YANKEE SUBS GET 15 JAP VESSELS

Washington, March 19.—(U.P.)—American submarines have sunk 15 more Japanese ships, including five combat vessels, the navy announced today.

The combat craft included three destroyers and two escort vessels.

The other victims were one large tanker, one large cargo transport, seven cargo vessels, and one medium transport.

By United Press

Japanese submarines operating in waters west of the Philippines attacked American surface craft Saturday sinking two large transports, the Tokyo radio claimed today.

Pope Pius Urges Forebearance In Drafting Peace Generous To All

Vatican City, March 19.—(U.P.)—The three great leaders of the world had before them today an appeal by Pope Pius to show forbearance and understanding in forming a peace generous to all peoples in the light of their tragic war sufferings.

Never before have the sufferings of the peoples given them a greater right to benevolent consideration, the pontiff said in a speech yesterday from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

An estimated 50,000 persons, including thousands of American soldiers who jammed the square, broke tradition repeatedly to interrupt the pope and shout acclaim when he referred to the coming peace.

The applause was long when he implored all the people of the world to pray to the "almighty, who pardons all, so that he may aid suffering humanity and put an end to this horrible catastrophe and bring about a just and lasting peace."

ANTI-WILLIAMS FORCES WIN IN TEST IN SENATE

Mexican Water Treaty Bill Laid Aside to Take Up Nomination of REA Head.

Washington, March 19.—(U.P.)—A coalition of senate republicans and southern democrats today defeated administration forces in the first senate test on nomination of Aubrey Williams to be rural electrification administrator.

The test came on a motion to lay aside temporarily the proposed Mexican water treaty and take up the Williams nomination. The motion was approved by a vote of 52 to 33.

The immediate consideration of Williams' nomination was favored generally by those seeking to defeat him.

Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., urged the senate to continue with the water treaty.

"I don't suppose Mr. Williams' most ardent friend would take the position that his nomination is of more importance than the treaty," he said. "The senate would put itself in a peculiarly indefensible position if it side-tracked the treaty to take up anybody's nomination."

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., pointing out that the senate took time last week to pass a number of small claims bills and other minor legislation, said it was his feeling "that the matter is of minor importance and should be cleaned up before we proceed to consideration of this important treaty."

NEGRO PAROLEE ADMITS SLAYING GIRL BUS DRIVER

San Francisco, March 19.—(U.P.)—Louis Jackson, 53-year-old Negro parolee from San Quentin prison, has confessed the slaying of Winifred Cecil, navy bus driver, last Jan. 4, police reported today.

After almost 10 hours of grilling at the hall of justice, homicide detectives said, Jackson broke down and admitted not only the murder of Miss Cecil, but also the shooting of Police Sgt. William Albrecht here Saturday night and several other crimes, including the rape of a 14-year-old girl.

Jackson was arrested in the Peerless theater after, police said, himself phoning Southern station that the murderer of Miss Cecil and the man who shot Sgt. Albrecht during a tavern holdup, was there.

A squad of police raided the theater, switching on lights and halting the showing of the movie Jackson, who had been questioned earlier about the shooting of Sgt. Albrecht after someone told the police he was implicated, was seized and taken to the hall of justice.

Captain of Inspectors Bernard McDonald said Jackson also confessed to the rape of an army wife, as well as an attack on a 45-year-old woman in a cleaning establishment.

TAX CUTS SHUNTED

Sacramento, March 19.—(U.P.)—The assembly today defeated a motion to bring tax reduction bills favored for early passage by Gov. Earl Warren to a vote on Thursday.

MOTHER WORRIES OVER NAVY SON, KILLS SELF

Salem, Mass., March 19.—(U.P.)—Worried for the safety of her 18-year-old navy son, Mrs. Anna La Boulay, 37, drowned herself in the harbor here yesterday—just before he telephoned from New York to say he was enroute home on leave.

ROCKET KILLS TWO IN FORT SILL EXERCISES

Fort Sill, Okla., March 19.—(U.P.)—Army authorities reported today that two soldiers were killed and three others injured Saturday when a rocket projectile exploded near their truck, which had been stuck during field exercises.

Confused Nazis Begin Retreat From Pocket As Yankees Close In

Paris, March 19.—(U.P.)—The German first and seventh armies began a general retreat from the Saar-Palatinate triangle today under a rain of American air bombs and gunfire.

A gap of 40 miles or less remained open between the American third and seventh armies, closing in around the confused Germans from the north and south.

GERMANS STREAM TOWARD RHINE Inside the pocket, long columns of German troops and armor were reported streaming eastward toward the Rhine in a belated and apparently disorderly attempt to withdraw before the points of the American pincers close.

American bombers attacked the packed roads at dawn. By mid-day the U. S. ninth air force had sent more than 1,300 medium bombers and fighter-bombers against the fleeing Nazis and the massed slaughter still was going on. Flying weather over the target area was perfect with indications that the number of sorties would be doubled by nightfall.

SCENES LIKE INVASION OF FRANCE Returning fliers said the highways were black with German troops and civilians. The scenes were reminiscent of the German invasion of France in 1940, the fliers said.

About 1,000 Nazi motor vehicles and 100 tanks or armored cars were destroyed or damaged yesterday. Today's toll promised to be greater.

80,000 In Pocket

An estimated 80,000 German soldiers were believed left inside the closing pocket. Their long delay in starting the retreat threatened to cost them heavily in the next few days.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. third army spearheads already were within 15 miles of Kaiserslautern, where the main escape roads center.

The Germans were reported putting up only sporadic opposition in the pocket. They fought hardest along the northeastern shoulder of the gap to keep open the roads to Mainz and Ludwigshafen, Rhine cities.

Pattonites Move Fast Patton's troops early today were only 14 miles southwest of Mainz and about 35 miles northwest of Ludwigshafen. They crossed the Nahe river, main German defensive position on the northern flank of the Rhine-Palatinate at several points. At last reports the Yanks were moving rapidly south and southeast.

Strong German covering forces were still manning the Siegfried line fortifications along the southern rim of the Saar against the advancing seventh army in a large-scale delaying action to cover the retreat.

Field dispatches said the seventh army and French first army troops moving down the Rhine valley, scored gains running to five miles and more today and were crowding hard on the heels of the retreating Nazis.

BERLIN BASHED BY AIR RAIDERS FOR SECOND DAY

Strong forces of American and British bombers dropped heavy loads of bombs—some the new 11-ton super-bombs—on widely scattered parts of Germany today.

The bombardment hit Germany a day after the heaviest raid of the war on any single city had wrecked and burned large sections of the concentrated war industries in and around Berlin.

More than 1,200 U. S. heavy bombers and upward of 600 fighters hit several targets today. They included a jet plane plant at Baunheim, 20 miles north of Augsburg.

The record attack on Berlin by upwards of 2,000 American planes yesterday cost the 8th air force 25 bombers and five fighters.

A communique reviewing the Berlin raid revealed that the U. S. planes scattered 3,000 tons of bombs through most of the capital's industries and left them ablaze or littered with wreckage.

Neutral correspondents in the devastated German capital were forbidden to send out anything except the bare official announcement that Berlin had been bombed.

Stockholm reports, however, said more Berliners had been killed or injured in the 2,000 plane, 3,000-ton raid than in any previous attack on the city.

Those who fled from their cellars to avoid asphyxiation by smoke were set afire themselves by the burning asphalt of streets and sidewalks, Atlantic said. A number of persons jumped into the Spree river to extinguish their flaming clothes and drowned.

In the Schlesischer railway station, only two miles from the heart of Berlin, Atlantic said, thousands of freight cars loaded with supplies for the eastern front and food for the defenders of Berlin were destroyed by fire.

CHURCH OF GOD BLAZE DAMAGED

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the roof and otherwise damaged the Church of God, Haven and Oakdale streets, shortly after noon today. Fire Chief Roy Elliott stated that the fire apparently started in a small room in one corner of the building and spread upward into the attic and to the roof, and that hampered by the wind, it proved stubborn to the department men.

Amount of the damage was unknown.

Sunday morning firemen were called to the home of the assistant chief, Ed. Canose, corner Ross court and Fourth streets, when a small roof fire spread from the chimney. Damage was slight, according to the report.

FBI GRILLS SUSPECT IN REDHEAD SLAYING

St. Louis, Mo., March 19.—(U.P.)—Federal bureau of investigation agents moved swiftly today to tighten a web of evidence around Joseph Dunbar Medley, 43, before removing him to Washington, D. C., to face a murder charge.

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