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OKINAWA BATTLE GROWS IN FURY; BOMBERS BUSY

Americans Killing 3 to 18 Japs for Each Loss to Own Side—Amami Isles Hit

By United Press

Fighting on Okinawa island was reported approaching the fury of Iwo's bloody campaign today as American invasion troops drove into the first major Japanese defense line before Naha, the capital.

Dispatches from the front said casualties were mounting on both sides with the Americans killing from three to 18 Japanese for every American killed.

Yanks Advance

Units of the 24th corps penetrated the Japanese line in advances of 200 to 400 yards Sunday after capturing Uchikomari, four miles north of Naha, and Kaniku, four and a half miles northeast, Saturday.

The Japanese were fighting from caves, interlocking pillboxes and hills from which they could sweep the advancing Americans with a savage crossfire.

Superfortresses and carrier planes followed up Saturday's smashing victory over the Japanese fleet with new attacks on Japan and the Amami islands.

The B-29s smashed at airfields on Kanoya and Kanoya East at the southern tip of Kyushu, presumably the bases from which the Japanese carried out mass attacks Friday and Saturday against the American fleet off Okinawa.

Japs Boast

A Japanese communique said aerial attacks were continuing against the American fleet. A Tokyo dispatch, reported by the FCC, said the Japanese navy was "mobilized for a grand offensive" and told of naval bases "resounding with the roar of special attacking planes taking off for Okinawa."

Japan's new premier, Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki, told the people in a gloomy broadcast Sunday that he could expect invasion "soon." He called on 100,000,000 Japanese to "rise with every ounce of strength to the momentous task for safeguarding our homes."

In the Philippines, 1st cavalry division troops neared a junction with airborne forces along Tayabas bay after a 17-mile advance which virtually cut all enemy escape routes from southern Luzon.

WAR BULLETINS

A British broadcast recorded by CBS today said the great Krupp armament works in Essen "are in the hands of the American ninth army." Front dispatches had reported street fighting in Essen.

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Clothing Drive Makes Nudists of Lions



The Los Angeles Lions Club really rolled out the barrels in their all-out drive for donations to the United National Clothing Collection Drive. The "oaken suits" were conveniently handy when they staged this impromptu demonstration. Note the gent draped in a tablecloth. He was caught in the barrel shortage.

20 REPUBLICS TO TAKE ARGENTINA BACK INTO FOLD

Washington, April 9.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., announced today that the 20 American republics have decided to resume diplomatic relations with Argentina.

London, April 9.—(U.P.)—The Paris radio said today that France had recognized the government of Argentina.

The announcement was made by Stettinius at a press conference. The department instructed its charge d'affaires in Buenos Aires to inform the acting foreign minister of Argentina of the action.

The charge d'affaires' call on the foreign minister was the first formal contact that the United States has had with the regime of President Edelmiro Farrell since it assumed office more than a year ago.

Stettinius said that all of the American republics had reached their decision unanimously after consultation.

He said "this decision followed the reorientation of Argentine foreign policy reflected by her declaration of a state of war against axis countries and her adherence to the acts of the Mexico City conference on March 27 and her subsequent steps of a practical nature contemplated in the declarations made in the resolution on Argentina by the inter-American conference on problems on war and peace."

American officials said they expected the resumption of diplomatic relations to have a very powerful effect within Argentina and possibly to result in an election being held there some time this fall.

One state of Venezuela, Bolivar, takes up more than a quarter of the territory of the entire country.

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Drop Clothing for Needy Allies In Street Receptacles, is Plea

Reginald A. Stagg, general chairman of the United National Clothing Drive in Jackson county, today urged all persons to contribute old clothing for the aid of needy persons in foreign countries.

Stagg said anything usable will be accepted and a great need is placed on children's clothing. All suits and other articles which contain more than one piece are to be tied together, Stagg said. Hats are not wanted. All old clothing will be processed at state prisons, it was stated.

Receptacles were being placed on the streets today in which persons may place their donations. This work is being carried on under the direction of E. C. Corn, chairman of the promotion and special events committee of the Rotary club, which is cooperating with the junior chamber of commerce in promoting the drive.

E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of city schools, has arranged for all school children to bring in clothing today and Tuesday. It will be the only collection by students and Hedrick said he hoped that citizens will give the children their support by donating serviceable and discarded clothing.

The Kiwanis club committee, headed by Joe Early, will receive clothing donations at the Holland Hotel from outlying schools and granges after Humphrey's Motors and Fichtner's Garage, other receiving depots, are closed at night.

Jackson county's quota of clothing is 250,000 pounds, Stagg said.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Sharyon, son of Mrs. Angela C. Sharyon, 31 Gresham street, Ashland, is reported wounded while serving with the army in the Pacific theatre.

MEAT SHORTAGE MAY CLOSE DETROIT SHOPS
Detroit, April 9.—(U.P.)—Half of Detroit's meat markets were expected to close today as a result of a severe meat shortage which Martin Bonkovich, president of the Detroit meat dealers, blamed on shipments to England, impractical price ceilings, and increased consumption by rural communities.

Bonkovich said that there was "no immediate relief in sight," and pointed out that 136,000 hogs were delivered to the marketing centers in 1944 as compared with 23,000 during the same period this year.

Also Make Lignin
The alcohol comes out of one spigot; from another comes lignin—a kind of chemists' Chinese puzzle, but similar to coal and petroleum. From it is made the vanilla, the aspirin, and all the other products upon which the chemists now are working.

"If we can sell the lignin for 2½ cents a pound, the alcohol won't cost us anything," Ellsworth said. "What we need is further experimentation and

that takes more money for the federal forest products laboratories at Madison, Wis., which have been doing a marvelous job on limited appropriations."

He said—and it's not easy to disagree—that here's one place the government can sink some cash and come out with a profit. When you chop down a tree and make lumber, it develops, you waste 70 per cent of the wood in the form of sawdust, chips and useless branches. The sawdust conversion plant uses the waste.

"Which makes the process a little like finding a gold mine in the sky," Ellsworth added. "We're getting something most of us never knew existed."

Germany Has 20
Germany has some 20 of these sawdust factories. Japan has two. The original developer of the German sawdust plant was Jewish. So were his chief engineers. They eventually es-

caped a concentration camp, went to England and finally came to America to work for the National Lumber Manufacturers' association.

"But when they saw what was being done by Dr. J. Alfred Hall, then chief biochemist of the forest service, they almost stood around with their mouths open," Ellsworth said. "They had never seen anything like this plant in Oregon. It is four times bigger than the biggest German factory. Where the Germans took 24 hours to turn one pile of sawdust into alcohol, we do it in seven."

The new factory, ordered by the War Production Board, built by the Defense Plant Corp., and operated by the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Co., cost the taxpayers \$2,237,000.

If they don't get their money back, Ellsworth will eat sawdust. Maybe he will anyway. And you, too, some time in the future. Properly prepared, sawdust makes a tasty dish.

VETERAN HOSPITAL ON SHASTA SHORE IS REDDING PLAN

Rep. Engle to Lay Proposal Before Veterans Administration; Committee Busy

Washington, April 9.—(U.P.)—A proposal to construct a Veterans' Hospital on the shores of sprawling Shasta Lake near Redding, Calif., will be laid before the Veterans' Administration by Rep. Clair Engle, D., Calif.

He will submit a 26 page illustrated and indexed brochure, including maps, sent to him by the Redding Veterans' Hospital Committee which has selected five possible sites for the project.

"Redding would be a logical place for the location of the Veterans' Hospital to fill in between the facility in Oregon and the one in San Francisco," Engle said.

On Wooded Slope
Site C, and the one favored by the Redding Committee, is located on a wooded slope above the 23,000 acre lake created by construction of the Shasta dam.

The only disadvantage the committee could think of was the considerable cost of construction because of the slope which would afford patients an unobstructed view of the lake.

"That view in itself should have a certain curative value," Engle said.

The Redding Committee, in its attractive and comprehensive brochure, described the sites from standpoints of transportation, climate and medical facilities as ideal. The sites are from 11 to 30 miles north of Redding.

Merchants Decide V-E Day Program On Store Closure

Looking ahead to victory day for the war in Europe, the Retail Merchants' division of the Chamber of Commerce today issued a statement concerning the recommended plan for closing of businesses in Medford in celebration of the day. It is suggested that the statement be saved for reference.

According to the statement, if the victory announcement is received after 12 noon, stores will be closed immediately and will remain closed the following day. If the announcement is received before 12 noon; when the stores are open, the stores are to be closed immediately for that day only, and will be open the next business day unless announcements to the contrary are made. If the announcement is received at night, stores will remain closed the next business day.

There are twenty-two colleges and three private halls in the University of Oxford; seventeen colleges and one hall in the University of Cambridge.

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HALF OF VIENNA IN REDS' HANDS; CIVILIANS REVOLT

Ruthless SS Commander Is Assassinated—Hand Grenades Thrown at Nazis

London, April 9.—(U.P.)—Berlin admitted today that Russian siege forces had smashed more than half way through Vienna into the north part of the city, the fall of which appeared near.

Vienna's historic landmarks were falling by dozens to Red army forces fighting through the Austrian capital.

The free Austria radio said inhabitants of Vienna were rising against the Germans. Angry crowds demonstrated in the streets of the occupied portion of the capital and hand grenades were thrown at German troops, the broadcast said.

Radio Moscow reported that SS Gen. Sepp Dietrich, ruthless Nazi commander in Vienna, had been assassinated by patriots who pumped five revolver shots into him at virtually point-blank range while he was en route to give a pep talk to his troops.

Incomplete reports showed 6,000 Germans were killed in battle in 24 hours, a Soviet communique said.

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Armored Forces Wheel Through 25-Mile Breach

Paris, April 9.—(U.P.)—The American 1st army burst out of its Weser river bridgehead today and raced 18 miles or more to within 70 miles of Magdeburg, Berlin's main outer fortress on the Elbe river.

The new 1st army drive on Magdeburg came as American 9th and British 2nd army forces stormed the outskirts of flaming Hannover and Bremen and swung eastward for Brunswick, 104 miles from Berlin.

The 1st army's tanks and armored troop carriers were charging through a 25-mile breach in the German defenses in a heading drive to turn the northern flank of the Harz mountains covering Magdeburg and Berlin.

PARATROOPERS LAND BEHIND GERMANS
Berlin said hundreds of American paratroopers were loose behind the German lines farther south, apparently supporting the armored spearheads and paving the way for a juncture with the American 3rd army.

Late field dispatches said the Yanks drove 12 miles due east from their last reported position at Goettingen to reach Duderstadt. Another tank column spurred 18 miles northeast from the Weser river to Northeim, 73 miles from Magdeburg and 138 miles from Berlin, while a third striking force captured Einbeck, eight miles northwest of Northeim. At Einbeck, a German major general came out to meet the Americans and surrender the town.

Jittery German spokesmen said the American paratroopers, about 500 strong, dropped far behind the German lines facing the 1st army's southern flank, in the 38-mile corridor between Mueden and Muehlhausen.

SECOND AIRBORNE STRIKE IN HOURS
It was the second airborne allied strike against the crumbling German positions in little more than 24 hours. British paratroopers who showered down into northeastern Holland early Sunday morning joined up with the Canadian 1st army and sealed off possibly 50,000 Germans along the V-bomb coast to the west.

Hannover and Bremen were aflame and mysterious fires, apparently set by the fleeing Nazis, were reported leaping through Hamburg, Luebeck and dozens of other towns and cities in the path of the invaders.

American 9th army troops fanned out southeastward from besieged Hannover toward Brunswick and unconfirmed front reports said they were bypassing the latter city in a thrust for a giant Hermann Goering tank plant 15 miles farther south.

The Germans, shaken by casualties that headquarters spokesmen estimated at a half-million killed, wounded or captured in the past 10 days alone, faced a new threat from the reported paratroop assault on the 1st army front.



The British Second Army is pushing ahead at a rapid pace to come down on Bremen from the west and north while the U. S. Ninth Army is enveloping Hannover and Brunswick to strike at famous North Sea port from the south. Farther south, General Patton's Third Army has met frenzied counter-attacks on its road to Berlin, but is only temporarily halted on the drive for the German capital.

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Himmler's Paper Sees Fall Of Germany in Short Time

By W. R. Higginbotham (UP Staff Correspondent)
London, April 7.—(U.P.)—Das Schwartz Korps, organ of Heinrich Himmler's SS elite storm troops, confessed today that Germany was "perhaps only a few days or weeks" from complete collapse.

The remarkably frank article was quoted in a Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter. It added the implied warning, however, that SS troops would fight on to the death, despite the impending collapse.

"We feel we should give the world a last warning," Das Schwartz Korps said. "We might be defeated militarily, but we shall never lose faith in our task."

Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, writing in his newspaper Das Reich, said Germans already were beginning to look around for someone to blame for their plight.

"It is a cheap method to look for scapegoats at this moment," Goebbels said. "We must face this war in complete unity... the kernel of the German war effort is to prevent the allies under all circumstances and by the use of our national strength from distributing Germany between the... as their booty."

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