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MARINES BATTLE TO NAHA SUBURB; YANK SHIPS HIT

Fury Mounts In Okinawa Struggle—Enemy Planes Lost—City Ruined.

Guam, Sunday, May 13—(U.P.)—U. S. Marines drove into the northern suburbs of Naha, ruined city of Okinawa, Saturday despite Japanese air attacks which damaged four American ships, including one major fleet unit, and army forces occupied Tori Island, 55 miles west of Okinawa.

Today's communique also reported "several other surface ships" damaged during the attacks in the Okinawa area but did not specify the type or number.

There were no details of the Tori Island operation, carried out without opposition. The island serves as an outpost guarding approaches to Okinawa from the west.

Japanese air attacks against Pacific fleet units began Thursday evening. The enemy lost 125 planes in these actions, including 19 shot down by one destroyer, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced.

The already bloody Okinawa fighting rose to new bitterness Saturday as four 10th Army Divisions assaulted Japanese defenses. Heavy naval gunfire, artillery and sustained aerial attacks supported the drive.

On the west coast, the 6th Marine Division smashed through the little town of Amike just north of Naha. The Marines swept on into the town of Takomotoji, on the Awasa river just across from the capital.

The 98th Infantry Division on the east coast plunged past the town of Gaja to about a half mile north of Yonabaru City.

In the center of the line the 1st Marine Division and the 77th Army Division were inching forward over rough terrain. The Japanese fought back desperately from caves and interlocking defenses.

The four divisions were using tanks as much as possible but the rough ground prevented the most efficient use of mechanized equipment.

The Japanese launched their aerial attack against fleet units off Okinawa Thursday evening, as reported in yesterday's communique, which disclosed that three light American units were damaged. The attacks continued through Friday and the aerial fighting spread over a wide arc of the Ryukyus chain.

More than 90,000 American troops and Japanese are engaged in the bloody struggle on southern Okinawa. The line now runs from the suburbs of Naha on the west coast, to a point in high ground overlooking Shuri City three miles inland, to the U. S. positions a half-mile above Yonabaru on the east.

The fall of Naha seemed certain to come soon. But the ruined city, whose pre-war population of 65,000 has apparently evacuated the area, will not be of great military importance.

TRUMAN TO LEAD NATION'S PRAYER

Washington, May 12—(U.P.)—President Truman tomorrow will lead the nation in prayer for victory over Japan and guidance "into the way of peace."

The president will offer his personal prayer in one of Washington's churches. Throughout the country special prayers will be said in houses of worship of all creeds.

In proclaiming victory in Europe last Tuesday, Mr. Truman designated tomorrow, which also is Mother's Day, as a special day of thanks and supplication.

British Secretary Heads For London

Hamilton Field, Cal., May 12—(U.P.)—The public relations office of this army air base announced today that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was scheduled to leave by army plane at 9:45 a. m. Sunday.

At San Francisco, officials of the British delegation confirmed the time of Eden's departure. They said he was not planning a farewell press conference before he leaves for Washington, en route to London.

Candid Shots of Steering Committee



In top photo Edward R. Stettinius, chairman of UNCTO steering committee, turns to confer with Senator Arthur Vandenberg (smoking cigar). On Vandenberg's right is Charles L. Watkins, and on left Hayden G. Ryaner and Charles Darlington of International Secretariat. Bottom photo shows Secretary Stettinius (seated) turning to confer with advisors during the committee meeting in San Francisco's Veterans' Building.

BIG FIVE FAILS TO AGREE UPON LATIN SECURITY

San Francisco, May 12—(U.P.)—The Big Five conferred twice today on the controversial issue of regional security arrangements, and while some progress was made, it was learned authoritatively tonight that the conferees still are far from a final understanding on the matter.

It was learned authoritatively that the Big Five representatives recognized the need for maintaining the integrity of the western hemisphere regional system but feared opening the door too wide because that might mean admitting many other military alliances that could threaten the efficacy of the world organization.

They also recognized the need for insuring that the world organization be the primary mechanism is unable to deal properly and effectively, nations may then invoke the right of self-defense.

The big powers thoroughly analyzed the United States proposal on regional arrangements but no decision was reached on any phase of it and it was understood that some representatives were referring the issues back to their governments.

It was not expected that there would be any meeting of minds at least until sometime next week. The fact that Eden is leaving the conference and that Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov has left may handicap discussions because of the necessity for more frequent consultations with their governments.

Moscow, May 12—(U.P.)—An article by the newspaper Izvestia's correspondent at the San Francisco conference said today that proposals of Latin American countries concerning exclusion of hemispheric problems from the jurisdiction of a security organization were a "complete deviation from Dumbarton Oaks."

The writer, Eugene Zhukov, said such action would be a violation of the "principles of the indivisibility of peace and would leave a wide loophole for aggressor nations."

"This is especially dangerous," Zhukov said, "because precisely in certain Latin American countries, for instance Argentina, fascists are operating illegally and even enjoying special favors."

Bulletin NIGHT GAMES

Table with columns for location and score. Includes entries for Portland, San Diego, Tising and Adams, Ferguson and Ballinger, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Gassaway, Black (7) and Hayes, Jakucki and Mancuso, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, Walters and Riddle, Gregg and Owen.

BIG THREE HEADS TAKE OVER TOUGH POLISH PROBLEM

Grew Denies Report Stalin Stymies Negotiations—British Worried.

Washington, May 12—(U.P.)—Reliable sources said tonight that President Truman, Premier Stalin, and Prime Minister Churchill have taken over thus far faltering efforts of lesser officials to solve the big three's toughest diplomatic problem, the dispute over Poland.

Meanwhile, Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew officially denied a published report that Stalin had said in messages to Mr. Truman and Churchill that there was "no possibility of cooperation" between Russia and the western allies.

Both developments heightened speculation that the three leaders would meet soon to thresh out the Polish issue and other threats to big three unity.

Grew's statement failed to silence reports that Stalin had stymied big three negotiations in Poland for the time being by notifying the president and Churchill that he considered further discussions of the subject useless on the present basis.

London, May 12—(U.P.)—The victory honeymoon in Europe ended today and commentators began asking how closely Russia, Great Britain and the United States would cooperate in settling post-war problems.

Now that the "big three" no longer is bound by the common goal of defeating Germany, many diplomats and political observers believe the alliance is facing its greatest crisis. They are asking whether its parties actually intend to carry out a joint policy in Europe or whether the continent will be split into two spheres of influence, one dominated by Russia and the other by Great Britain and the United States.

The Weekly Economist, in its current issue, called the situation, particularly in regard to Poland, the "gravest political dissonance that has yet divided" the three allied nations.

U-BOAT DUE FOR YANK SURRENDER

Cape May, N. J., May 12—(U.P.)—The first German submarine to surrender at an American port is expected to arrive off Cape May harbor Monday under U. S. naval escort, the navy announced today.

Vice Adm. F. F. Leary, commander of the eastern sea frontier, said the submarine, the U-858, will come in on the surface, flying a black surrender flag, with a majority of her crew on deck.

London, May 12—(U.P.)—The British naval base at Gibraltar received its first surrender of a German U-boat this afternoon and another was expected to arrive shortly.

Dispatches from Gibraltar said the first put into harbor flying a white flag over the Swastika emblem. It was escorted by two destroyers.

MILITARY DECREE ENDS NAZI PARTY

London, Sunday, May 13—(U.P.)—The Flensburg German radio said today that alleged military authorities had issued decrees dissolving the Nazi party and the Hitler Youth Organization and repealing German laws regarding "pure blood."

The broadcast said other decrees provided that: Allied military tribunals be established and German jurisdiction be restricted; the Nazi propaganda ministry and its institutions be dissolved; a curfew be instituted; no Germans may cross their country's frontiers.

NEW ARMY PAPER

Honolulu, T. H., May 12—(U.P.)—As the world focused attention on the Pacific war today, Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, commander of army forces in the Pacific, announced establishment of a Pacific edition of stars and stripes, armed forces daily newspaper.

WAR BU

Manila, Sun May 13—(U.P.)—American troops have advanced 10 miles from their northern Manila beachhead to within a few miles of the Del Monte airfield, the Allied communique announced today.

London, May 12—(U.P.)—The Japanese-sponsored Thailand government has broken off relations with Germany and all German subjects in Bangkok are under police supervision, a Swiss broadcast said tonight.

London, May 12—(U.P.)—Russian armies have captured more than 700,000 German officers and men in the last five days, mopping up virtually the last German-held pockets along the Baltic and in Czechoslovakia, a Soviet communique announced tonight.

JAP PLANE LOSS OKINAWA ATTACK MORE THAN 3500

Enemy Can't Stand High Rate Much Longer, Says Adm. Mitscher.

Guam, Sunday, May 13—(U.P.)—(Via Navy Radio)—The high rate of destruction of Japanese aircraft—more than 3,500 since the start of the Okinawa campaign—indicated today American airmen will find the skies relatively free of enemy planes when the all-out air war is launched against the Nipponese home islands.

Since March 18, when Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's fast carrier task force began clearing the way for the invasion of Okinawa, carrier and land-based planes in that area and over Japan have destroyed 3,211 Jap planes. B-29's, attacking Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu airfields added at least 300 to the total.

Reviewing the longest continuing carrier force operation in history, Mitscher recently told correspondents the Jap air force couldn't stand much longer "the murderous rate of destruction."

The dire straits of the Jap air arm is indicated in the large numbers of long obsolete planes which the enemy is using to attack our forces in the Okinawa area.

WOLF ACQUITTED MURDER CHARGE

A circuit court jury, late Friday afternoon returned a verdict acquitting James Alexander Wolf, 63, charged with second degree murder. He was indicted for the sharp instrument death of Percy H. James, 42, in a sidewalk altercation at Gold Hill on the night of February 4, last. Wolf was freed from the county jail following the verdict, after a three month's stay.

Members of the jury said the state had failed to prove Wolf guilty as charged beyond a reasonable doubt. The state also failed to produce the knife with which the stabbing was done.

Wolf, in his own defense, claimed he was not present at the scene of the crime, and had not seen James that night. They were good friends, and fellow cement plant workers.

The trial started last Monday, with a recess for V-Day last Tuesday. The jury deliberated slightly more than an hour. Wolf was defended by Attorney Don R. Newbury.

Millions of Fake Stamps Rounded Up

New York, May 12—(U.P.)—Millions of counterfeit food and sugar ration stamps and counterfeit stamps good for 2,500,000 gallons of gasoline were seized today in a raid on what Brooklyn police described as the biggest "drop" for counterfeit ration stamps in the country.

Five persons, all members of the same family, were arrested after police and OPA representatives raided the basement and first floor of a residential section of Brooklyn. They were not immediately booked on charges.

FOOD AID BACKED

Washington, May 12—(U.P.)—President Truman believes the American people "can and must" share their food with the hungry peoples of war-ravaged nations, it was disclosed tonight.

HI STUDENTS STRIKE

Hot Springs, N. M., May 12—(U.P.)—Junior and senior high school students here today were protesting against a decision of the Hot Springs school board not to renew the contract of Principal W. A. Stuart.

ONLY NATIONS AT WAR WITH JAPAN GET LEND LEASE

Russia Affected By Order of Crowley, Pending Review War Aid.

Washington, May 12—(U.P.)—Suspension of new lend-lease shipments to Soviet Russia, pending review of the whole mutual aid program in the light of Pacific war requirements, was disclosed tonight by Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley.

Crowley announced specifically that "new shipments to Europe are being held up, except those destined to countries now at war with Japan, or to countries through which redeployment of our troops now in Europe will be facilitated thereby."

Russia is the principal lend-lease recipient which is not at war with Japan. To date Russia has received about \$9,000,000, 000 of lend-lease shipments, or about 30 per cent of the total of shipments to all countries.

The British empire has received about 60 per cent of all U. S. lend-lease, and these shipments can continue, since Britain is at war with Japan. The same is true of France, and most other lend-lease recipients, except Russia.

"As I have frequently stated in testimony before committees of the congress, lend-lease is purely an instrument of winning the war," Crowley said.

Crowley explained that pending completion of the review, "new shipments" were being held up to countries not at war with Japan, or which would not be useful to our redeployment.

GEN. EISENHOWER PRAISES FRANCE

London, May 12—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle has received a message from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower praising the "contribution of the French forces to our common victory," the Paris radio said today.

"It is my sincerest and deepest hope that we will remain united in victory and peace as we have been during the war," Eisenhower said.

Paris, May 12—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle will pledge the active support of France in the Pacific war and forecast a major post-war role for his country when he speaks Tuesday before the consultative assembly, it was learned today.

LEOPOLD YIELDS BELGIUM THRONE

Brussels, May 12—(U.P.)—King Leopold III tonight informed the Belgian government he does not intend to return to Belgium immediately due to ill health and that he desires Regent Prince Charles to retain his post.

Leopold's action was received with some surprise as it had been reported that he planned to make a surprise appearance in Brussels Sunday at the celebration of the anniversary of the pope's coronation.

Girl Confesses, Man Held Mother Slayers

Los Angeles, May 12—(U.P.)—Barbara Adams, 17-year-old college student, confessed to police this afternoon she stabbed her mother to death "because I didn't like her," then remained with the body 11 hours before reporting the murder.

"I've been planning to kill my mother for a long time because I didn't like her," the co-ed sullenly told officers. "Early this morning I did it."

LARD, SALAD OIL POINTS BOOSTED

Washington, May 12—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles in an emergency action tonight raised the ration point values of lard, shortening, cooking and salad oils from six to 10 points a pound beginning tomorrow. Butter and margarine are not affected.

Bowles said the point increase was necessary because of a sudden cut of 42,300,000 pounds in the civilian allocation of these foods for the April-May-June period.

The OPA chief cited a recent government report which said that "the free world's needs" for fats and oils exceed prospective supplies by nearly 500,000 long tons.

GANGSTERS, YET

Seventh Army Headquarters, May 12—(U.P.)—Gen. Nikolaus Von Falkenhorst, former German commander in Norway, surrendered today with an assertion that the allies have liberated Germany from "a system of gangsters."

Speaker



Bishop Bruce Baxter (above), bishop of the Portland Methodist district and former president of Willamette University, has been secured as speaker for the graduating exercises of Medford high school, to be held May 31. E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, announced yesterday. A class of 82 boys and 99 girls is expected to receive diplomas.

ALLIES TO RULE TRIESTE; REBUKE IS HANDED TITO

Washington, May 12—(U.P.)—Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew in a sharp rebuke to Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia announced today that the disputed Adriatic port of Trieste will remain under allied control until a definite peace settlement.

The rebuke was made in a stern statement which said the dispute had raised "the issue of settlement of international disputes by orderly process rather than unilateral action." In effect, it also accused Tito of bad faith.

Grew's action was taken as a warning that all European resistance groups and factional armies must save their territorial claims for the peace conference. He said there are "30 or more territorial questions in Europe which require careful study before satisfactory decisions can be reached."

Trieste, an Italian port during the inter-war period, has been occupied by a mixture of allied troops. Tito has demanded that Yugoslav forces be allowed to occupy the area, and Italian demonstrators protested the possible loss of the port.

ARTHUR'S CIRCUS 'OUT OF BOUNDS'

Chico, Cal., May 13—(U.P.)—The Arthur Brothers' circus tonight was out of bounds for all northern California military personnel following disclosure that "crooked gambling devices" had "gypped" servicemen of hundreds of dollars. Col. A. W. Tyler, commanding officer of the Chico army air base, announced.

At Montague, Siskiyou county, circus officials made partial restitution of gambling losses to service personnel when informed they were liable to prosecution under state law.

The army's central security district, covering all of northern California, extended the off-limits order to cover the entire state. Oregon army officials may take similar action, Col. Tyler said.

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