

Superforts Spread New Destruction in Nagoya Industry

16 SQUARE MILES ADDED TO RUINS IN PLANE CENTER

Great Waves of B-29s Rain 3,500-Ton Bombs; Mitsubishi Plant Among Targets

Guam, May 17—(U.P.)—The enemy reported today that mine-laying Superfortresses and two-based Mustang fighters attacked Tokyo and its inland sea lanes several hours after 500 B-29s touched off huge fires, visible 150 miles, in industrial Nagoya.

Tokyo said Superfortresses dropped mines in waters near Cape Kamin at the outlet to Tokyo bay. Cape Kamin juts into Uraga strait south of Tokosuka, site of Japan's largest naval base.

By United Press

Great waves of American superfortresses spread fires thru 16 more square miles of industrial Nagoya today in the fourth of a series of raids to obliterate the enemy's largest aircraft manufacturing center.

A Japanese Domei dispatch recorded by the FCC said that 40 small allied planes from Iwo bases flew over Tokyo for 30 minutes today, strafing the Fuji-sawa area outside the metropolitan area.

Drop Huge Bombs

The Nagoya raiding force, equaling or perhaps exceeding the record 500-plane B-29 force which fired nine square miles in the city Monday, rained 575,000 tons of fire bombs weighing 3,500 tons on the city's southern factory district in 90 minutes before dawn.

In each of the last two raids, the bombers unloaded a greater weight of fire bombs than ever was dumped on a German city in a single allied raid.

The target area included the Mitsubishi aircraft plant, largest of its kind in the world, five other major war plants and less important war factories, transportation facilities, warehouses and workers' home industries.

Half In Ruins

Coupled with previous raids, the damage possibly left half of the city, Japan's third largest, in ruins.

Meanwhile the battle across southern Okinawa raged with unparalleled fury.

Tenth army troops, killing Japanese at the rate of one a minute, drove into the outskirts of Yonabaru on the east coast and lightened a pincers within 200 yards of inland stronghold of Shuri.

At the western end of the line, marine patrols probed through Naha, the capital, within 300 yards of the business center. They found streets and buildings littered with hundreds of dead Japanese.

A Pacific fleet communique said 48,505 Japanese had been killed and 1,038 captured thru Tuesday. In the last five days the Americans have been killing Japanese at the rate of 1,400 every 24 hours.

20,950 U. S. Casualties

American casualties for the first 44 days of the campaign were set at 3,781 dead, 17,004 wounded and 185 missing—a total of 20,950.

Twelve Japanese planes approached American warships off Okinawa Tuesday night but were intercepted before they could cause damage. Nine were shot down.

U. S. navy planes continued attacks on shipping off the Japanese homeland yesterday, sinking two small vessels and five fishing craft off southern Honshu.

Tokyo said today that a British task force had penetrated Malacca strait between Malaya and Sumatra for the first time in nearly three years and engaged Japanese warships. A Tokyo broadcast said the Japanese ships, presumably based at Singapore, south of the strait, sank one destroyer.

American troops on Mindanao advanced another five miles to within eight miles of Valencia, the enemy's last big air base on the island. Troops closing in on Valencia from the south were within 40 miles of another force driving from the north. A junction of the two forces would bisect the island lengthwise.

Two British forces which have been mopping up north of Rangoon have linked up at a point 80 miles north of the city.

Golf Club Making Given Green Light
Wash., May 17—(U.P.)—The War Production Board today lifted the ban on manufacture of golf clubs, which up to now have been manufactured only to meet military needs.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with showers tonight. Clearing and slightly warmer Friday.
Temp. 50
Highest Yesterday 50
Lowest this Morning 45
To 5 a. m., today 43

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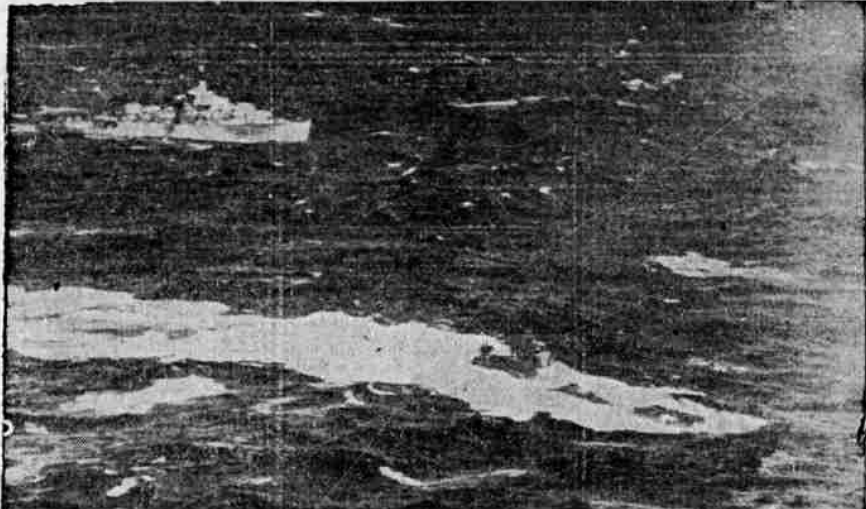
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Nazi U-Boat Surrenders Off Nova Scotia



A German submarine, the U889, proceeds under escort of a Canadian naval vessel to Shelburne, Nova Scotia, after surfacing and surrendering to an RCAF Liberator.

OFFICIALS BACK FROM PORTLAND HIWAY MEETING

Representatives of county courts, chambers of commerce and city officials who attended a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Tuesday to consider the proposed change of highway 99 as the inter-regional highway for Oregon, returned yesterday and this morning. About 30 men from districts adjacent to highway 99 and coast counties reached from 99, attended the meeting.

A comprehensive brief covering facts showing why the change to 97 should not be made was presented and a few speakers backed up the brief with personal comment.

Salem for 99

Included among the material presented was a letter from the Salem Chamber of Commerce requesting that the highway commission designate highway 99 as the main inter-regional road. Previously the Portland Chamber of Commerce committee on roads and highways had taken similar action and the chairman of the committee attended a special meeting held here earlier this month to discuss the matter.

Attending from Jackson county were Commissioner A. E. Powell, Engineer Paul Rynning, Mayor C. A. Meeker, Medford; Mayor T. S. Wiley, Ashland; W. M. Briggs, Ashland city attorney; H. L. Claycomb, Ashland automobile dealer; Representative Frank Van Dyke, Senator Earl T. Newberry and Ralph Kooser, president of the Pacific Highway association, all of Ashland; Archie Pierce, Medford auto freight operator, and Herb Grey, Medford, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Sacramento, May 17—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission today listened to arguments by Redwood Empire and Yreka civic groups favoring designation of U. S. Highway 99 from Weed, Calif., to Eugene, Ore., via Ashland, as an interstate route.

Charles H. Purcell, director of public works, said the Oregon State Highway Commission favors an interstate route by way of Lamath Falls. He added that the California and Oregon commissions must designate the route between the two states by July 1 as part of the National Interstate System of Highways.

FREIGHT LOADING DIPS

Washington, May 17—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight dropped 24,892 cars in the week ended May 12 to 838,507 cars, the smallest volume since the week ended April 7, a report by the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Don Newbury flashing two \$50 bills all at the same time.
Joe Earley receiving a letter from Bing Francis addressed to "the man with the gold pan in his hand."

Victor Sether successfully interfering with the freedom of the press.

John Eby struggling with the wording of a church notice.

Nazi Big Shots May Try Escape To Japan Aboard U-Boat, Surmise

Washington, May 17—(U.P.)—Surrender of a German submarine heading for Japan with three Luftwaffe generals and two Japanese aboard led to speculation today that Adolf Hitler, Heinrich Himmler or other high Nazis might be trying to escape under the sea to Japan.

Adm. Jonas H. Ingram, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, revealed the surrender to newsmen yesterday at a press conference in which he reviewed the entire course of the battle of the Atlantic.

In addition to capture of the Japan-bound U-boat Ingram revealed that:

1. Three weeks before Germany surrendered, one of the

most powerful U. S. carrier and destroyer-escort forces ever to operate in mid-Atlantic broke up a formidable U-boat pack. The U-boat force had orders to "blanket the east coast from Maine to Florida."

2. In more than 16,000 convoys escorted by the Atlantic fleet a total of 15 merchantmen were lost to enemy submarines.

3. The U. S. navy definitely accounted for 126 German U-boats during the battle of the Atlantic out of a total of about 500 sunk by the allies.

4. Convoy operations will continue in the Atlantic until every Nazi submarine is accounted for.

The two Japanese aboard the Japan-bound submarine were not identified. They committed hara kari—the Japanese version of suicide—before the vessel surrendered.

The identity of the three Nazi air generals was not known either.

TORCH CLUB HOLDS FORMAL INITIATION

Second formal initiation of the Y.M.C.A. Torch club was held May 16 in the "Y" club-rooms. Bill Todd, Ralph Roth-ermer, Wayne Rose, Wayne O'Neil, Bill Tams and Dean Eppinger staged the initiation for Bruce Stafford, David Chirgwin and Ramon Marion. Director was Ben H. Schmidt.

Two guests were present to observe the ceremony.

ATHLETE SENTENCED

Boston, May 17—(U.P.)—Former Colgate athlete Josiah R. Lancaster of New York was under a two-year federal penitentiary sentence today for failing to report for his army induction.

Hitler Surprised By Luftwaffe Absence After Allied Landing On Normandy Shore

By Jack Fleischer
United Press Correspondent
Obersalzberg, Germany, May 17—(U.P.)—The absence of the Luftwaffe after the Normandy invasion surprised allied leaders, but it surprised Adolf Hitler much more.

Hitler's official stenographers said today he had counted on the Luftwaffe to play the main part in defeating the invasion. When the necessary planes did not appear, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering began right away to slip in Hitler's esteem.

Laughed At F. R. Death
The stenographers, Heinz Buchholz and Gerhardt Mergeselle, also made these disclosures:

When Hitler learned of President Roosevelt's death, he laughed gleefully "like a devil." Hitler and Admiral Karl Doenitz turned down a Japanese request for Germany's U-boat fleet.

The shorthand reporters attended the daily conferences at Hitler's headquarters during the Normandy campaign. They said he was not surprised by news of the allied landing.

They said Hitler had counted on having 1,000 to 1,200 fighter planes to hurl against the invasion forces. Goering reportedly had assured him the fighters would be on hand.

"Up to the time of the invasion Goering had been Hitler's number one confidante, but from then on the Fuehrer steadily lost confidence in him," Buchholz said. "After the Luftwaffe's failure Hitler personally took charge of air force production. Hitler many times and in an increasingly obvious manner showed his lowered respect for Goering. Usually he just ignored the reichsmarshal and often just pushed him aside when Goering tried to express his opinion at conferences."

Hitler and the high command, the shorthand reporters said, were handicapped in their decisions on disposing their reserves by the continued presence in England of "another army group." They apparently meant Gen. George S. Patton's third U. S. army, which landed in France July fourth.

My informants said Hitler was highly agitated by the way the allied air forces paralyzed his communications, forcing him to move only by night and even then with limited success. They said he made one last desperate effort to have his roads to Normandy be lined solidly with flak guns. That, too, failed.

They said Hitler was deeply disappointed when he saw Germany would lose all hold on

BIG 5 MAY ACT ON COMPROMISE WITHOUT RUSSIA

U. S. Delegates Irritated by 48-Hour Delay Caused by Reds Waiting Instructions

San Francisco, May 17—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., called another meeting of the Big Five today to decide whether the United Nations Conference should act on the proposed regional arrangements compromise without advance Russian approval.

If Russian instructions on that issue are not here when the Big Five convene late today, Stettinius is expected to serve notice that the United States will sponsor the Regional Formula alone. Several members of the U. S. delegation are known to be extremely irritated by the 48-hour delay already caused by the Russians.

Other Progress

On the major unsolved issue—trusteeships—there were better signs of progress. The full conference trusteeship committee began discussing the "working paper" drafted by Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen. The Russians also were understood to be awaiting instructions from Moscow on this issue.

The U. S. delegation meanwhile continued its study of amendments submitted by other nations. The objective is to determine the American position in advance so that the U. S. representative on the committees can act without continuous reference back to the full delegation.

The U. S. delegation also received from a group of consultants representing labor, industry, agriculture and education a series of proposed amendments designed to broaden the scope of the economic and social council. One of the recommendations was that the proposed council arrange conferences with and receive recommendations from the major non-governmental organizations.

Delegates were weary after more than three weeks of deliberations and many were openly annoyed at the new delays. Hopes of adjourning this conference by June 1 again were fading.

Claudette Colbert Collapses on Set

Hollywood, May 17—(U.P.)—Screen Star Claudette Colbert collapsed today on a sound stage at International Studios for the second time within ten days.

The actress had returned to work today after spending the last 10 days at home with influenza. Dr. Myron Prinzmetal ordered Miss Colbert home for an indefinite stay.

Abandon Hunt For U-Boat Off Coast

Seattle, May 17—(U.P.)—A search was abandoned today for a German submarine reportedly seeking surrender off the Washington coast near Westport.

The search began after the receipt late yesterday by the coast guard radio station at Westport of a message purportedly from the skipper of a German submarine.

Officials of the 13th naval district told of the incident and expressed doubt as to the authenticity of the message.

Light Earthquake Jars Bay Region

San Francisco, May 17—(U.P.)—A light earthquake shook San Francisco at 8:06 a. m. PWT today. There were no reports of damage.

The Santa Clara university seismograph registered the tremor and reported the epicenter as 50 miles north or south of Santa Clara.

Occupants of downtown buildings felt the jar.

BASEBALL

National
St. Louis 7 11 0
Boston 4 7 1
Partenheimer, Burkhardt and O'Dea; Andrews, Hutchings, Shecker and Klutz.

Eludes N



W. H. McDonald, 70, Australian-born friend and advisor to Chiang Kai-shek, pictured in San Francisco after his liberation from Philippine prison camp. High on Jap reprisal list, he escaped detection because Nips believed he was a much younger man.

JAP EXTREMIST PARTY DISBANDED

By United Press

The Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Japan's totalitarian party, will be disbanded and its member organizations absorbed into the new "People's Volunteer Corps," Tokyo reported Thursday in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

Imminent dissolution of the fascist-like association, or "Yokosankai," was announced by Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki. It was expected to be completed by June 10.

The Imperial Rule Assistance Association, whose members included some of Japan's most influential friends of nazism and fascism, was formed in 1940 to assist the government to execute the nation's imperial aims.

It has been under domination of Japanese military extremists generally credited with instigating the attack on Pearl Harbor.

VICIOUS BULLDOGS KILL PASSERBY

Miami, Fla., May 17—(U.P.)—Joe Munn, owner of seven bulldogs was held on a manslaughter charge today after the dogs attacked Mrs. Micko Zinke, 38, so viciously that she died in a hospital a few hours later.

Mrs. Zinke, mother of a Mitchell Field, N. Y., army sergeant, was set upon as she walked near the city limits last night.

Physicians said she "literally was chewed to pieces."

Passing soldiers rescued Mrs. Zinke and took her to a hospital, where attendants said her condition was the "worst ever seen at the institution" and that all sections of the body were mutilated. Her clothing was torn completely from her body. She still was conscious when brought to the hospital.

High Wind Levels Circus "Big Top"

Greensburg, Pa., May 17—(U.P.)—A crowd of 3,500 spectators was led to safety as high winds capped the "big top" of the Clyde Beatty wild animal show on the hillside circus grounds here.

Three circus attendants and one spectator were injured slightly as the crowd fled out. None of the animals escaped. A few seconds after the last of the wild beasts had returned to their cages, the main tent collapsed.

GESTAPO CHARGED

San Diego, Cal., May 17—(U.P.)—San Diego grand jury members today subpoenaed a half dozen police officers and jail matrons for questioning in an investigation of police methods and jail conditions. The investigation was prompted by a number of deaths in the city jail, especially that of Patricia Lee Tragle, 16, of Oakland, Cal., who died last November of pneumonia while held as a runaway.

TO SEEK STRIKE END

Hollywood, May 17—(U.P.)—The National Labor Relations Board moved today to end a nine-week film studio strike by setting May 24 for a bargaining election among set decorators, over whose jurisdiction the walkout began.

PLANS SPEEDED FOR PROSECUTION OF NAZI LEADERS

Von Papen Indictment Virtually Assured; Eden Hopes For Early Goering Trial.

London, May 17—(U.P.)—Indictment of Baron Von Papen as a German war criminal was reported today to be virtually assured as signs increased that plans were being speeded up for bringing Nazi leaders to justice.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, fresh from the San Francisco conference, told Commons that he hoped swift justice would be visited upon Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering. He was unable to specify the date for beginning the trial of war criminals, but said the allies were busy with arrangements.

Investigate Von Papen
Sources close to the allied war crimes commission revealed that it was investigating Von Papen, ace diplomat of Germany in both world wars. These sources said he already had been charged with complicity in systematic terrorism and other crimes.

The commission was disclosed to have indicted Hjalmar Schacht, German financial wizard, and Count Schwerin von Krosigk, former Nazi finance minister now designated as foreign minister by Admiral Karl Doentz.

Eden told Commons that the question of Doentz' guilt in connection with war crimes is under investigation, and that according to newspaper reports he has been arrested.

Ribbentrop Missing
Former German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop is missing, Eden said, adding that every effort is being made to arrest him and bring him to justice.

The status of other big names in the actual or potential field of war criminality included:

Heinrich Himmler—according to his wife who was found near Bolzano, Italy, he was believed killed in Berlin with Adolf Hitler. This view lacked convincing support.

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Von Papen Record Eyed by Captors

London, May 17—(U.P.)—The United Nations War Crimes commission is examining the records of Baron Von Papen, Germany's ace diplomatic troubleshooter in two wars, and his indictment as a war criminal was reported today to be a virtual certainty.

Responsible sources said Von Papen had been charged before the commission with "complicity in systematic terrorism and other crimes."

Von Papen, the so-called "Gray Fox" of German diplomacy, was taken when the allies encircled the Ruhr.

COMBAT CASUALTIES OVER MILLION

Washington, May 17—(U.P.)—U. S. combat casualties officially announced here totaled 986,214 today. This means that the actual total, including thousands not yet transferred to the records in Washington, has passed 1,000,000.

The 986,214 figure is 13,560 greater than that for a week ago. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson reported that the Philippines campaign up to May 9 has cost 46,638 army casualties.

Patterson estimated that army forces in the Pacific have killed about 360,000 Japanese since the Guadalcanal campaign but not counting the fighting on Okinawa.

Of army wounded in all theaters, Patterson said 294,208 have returned to duty.

The overall casualty table:

	Army	Navy	Total
Killed	178,854	41,986	220,840
Wounded	544,249	50,421	594,670
Missing	66,684	10,820	77,504
Prisoners	89,152	4,248	93,400
Totals	878,939	107,275	986,214

Hermann Worries



Hermann Goering, No. 2 Nazi, appears sober and apprehensive as he was interviewed after his surrender. He attempted to shift blame for atrocities to Hitler.

BURMA PROMISED OWN GOVERNMENT

San Francisco, May 17—(U.P.)—The British Information Service distributed an announcement today that Britain, after the war, will grant full self-government to Burma when internal conditions permit free elections.

In London, a government statement of policy on Burma suggested that an executive council be formed to supplement the present government of Burma until a general election can be held.

The BIS said that when it becomes possible to hold elections, a new Burmese legislature will take over law-making functions.

BRITISH JOBLESS SHOUT FOR WORK

London, May 17—(U.P.)—Eight engineering factories in suburban Acton marched into Hyde Park today, shouting "We want work."

About 2,000 of the workers had been declared "redundant"—no longer needed for war work—and the remainder declared a strike in sympathy.

Demonstrators carried banners bearing the slogans "We produced for war, we can produce for peace" and "Unemployment in 1918, has this war been in vain?"

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