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Tokyo Predicts Year-Long Invasion Within 30 to 60 Days

OKINAWA TO BE SPRINGBOARD FOR FINAL CONQUEST

MacArthur Takes Command —Japan Boasts But Admits Success

Washington, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Invasion-frightened Japan admitted indirectly today that an American invasion of the home islands would be successful if sufficiently powerful and predicted that the first wave would number 800,000 troops.

Tokyo broadcasts heard by the United Press at San Francisco said that "Against this force Japan is able immediately to gather a force several times larger, regardless of where the enemy might choose to land on the mainland."

Tokyo admitted, however, that Japan is basking almost her full hope for repelling the invasion on suicide pilots and newly-developed wooden planes. Tokyo said the wooden planes will play "a vital part in the forthcoming showdown battle."

Twelve more Japanese cities received their B-29 "death" notices Saturday and Gen. Douglas MacArthur assumed command of all the Okinawa invasion-springboard islands to prepare a mighty force for the final conquest of Japan.

Carrier pilots already have surveyed the Japanese coast, it was disclosed. Many beaches excellently suited for invasion have been found. The confused Japanese, given all but a blueprint of advanced plans, boasted of their ability to meet the impending assault but nervously admitted that an invasion of Japan will be successful if powerful enough.

Slowly strangled by allied air and sea blockade, Japan faced the prospect of losing the war-making potential of 12 cities spread the entire length of the homeland. Superforts spread 720,000 leaflets over Nippon to grimly warn 1,400,000 Japanese to evacuate their doomed cities or die. Thirty-one war centers have been placed on the death list. Ten already have been bombed on schedule and Saturday's third pre-raid warning in nine days bluntly said "some or all" of the new 12 could expect to be hit shortly.

Weather Halts Raids Bad weather blocked raids against Japan. But navy planes swept the southern coast of Shantung province of China and sank one ship. Other craft were hit in Hangchow bay south of Shanghai. Bombers also ranged over the Tushima strait between Japan and Korea and hit shipping south of Honshu.

Tokyo radio predicted the American invasion of Japan would come within 30 to 60 days. Three U. S. armies and enough marine divisions to form a fourth are ready in the Pacific and the powerful 1st army of European fame is preparing to join the drive.

MacArthur assumed command of Okinawa and 17 other U. S. held islands in the Ryukyus. He controls all army forces with the exception of the 8th air force, the 10th army and 5th and 7th air forces are in the area. The 13th air force is moving to the Ryukyus from the southwestern area.

Two other powerful armies, the 6th and 8th, are in the Philippines. At least six veteran marine divisions are in the Ryukyus and Marianas. The 1st army is being deployed from Europe to join the Pacific assault. Other forces from Europe may also be thrown into the Pacific theater.

The broadening of MacArthur's command was the first step toward speeding an early conclusion of the Japanese war. But if the Japanese cling to their announced determination to fight to the bitter end, military observers believed final victory will not come before next spring at the earliest.

Describes Pact With Mussolini



Pierre Laval testifies at Paris Court in treason trial for Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, as former marshal listens (right). Laval tells court of secret military agreement he had signed with Mussolini in 1936 against German aggression. Photo by Harold Slegman, NEA-Acme photographer. Radio photo from Acme Telephoto.

NO ALLOTMENT OR JAIL FOR UNTRUE WIFE OF SOLDIER

Newark, N. J., Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Unfaithful wives of Newark's servicemen faced today a possible choice between jail or no allotment after a family court judge ruled that a wife who has time to philander has time to support herself.

Judge P. James Pellechia made his decision yesterday when a serviceman's wife came into court in an adultery case. He sentenced the girl to prison but suspended sentence for 30 days on condition that she apply to the war department's office of dependency benefits to stop her allotment. The girl's husband, a wounded Pacific veteran, was said to be in a west coast hospital.

"I don't think that an unfaithful wife should get money from or through her husband," he said, "and I will make further decisions upon that conviction. Any wife proven unfaithful can make her choice."

POST-WAR LINER BUILDING AHEAD

Washington, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—The maritime commission is planning to build some "kitchenette" liners—small, compact and economical passenger carriers—to enter postwar trade competition.

The ships, it was learned tonight, will be somewhat like the Washington class which proved so successful in the Transatlantic business before the war. They will be somewhere between 20,000 and 25,000 gross tons. This is considerably smaller than the liner America, the largest passenger vessel ever built in this country, which is now a troop transport.

Under plans now in the informal discussion stage, the maritime commission could build the ships for private accounts with a government construction subsidy.

Jap Hospital Ship With Guns, Seized

Manila, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—A Japanese hospital ship plying the Banda Sea was boarded and searched yesterday and found to be carrying contraband guns and ammunition as well as serving as a wartime transport in defiance of international law. Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today.

An announcement from MacArthur's headquarters said the ship, with its crew of 13 officers and 63 men, is being brought into an allied port for further examination.

BULLETIN

At the end of the fourth inning the Klamath Falls Navy team was leading the Medford Craters 8 to 2, in a night game at the fairgrounds. The visitors garnered nine hits off Freer and Lange, while Norman Worthley, former junior high coach here, held the Craters to three bingos.

COAST (Night Games)

Portland..... 6 10 0
Hollywood..... 3 10 2
Tising, Pulford (9) and Souza, Adams (9); Williams, Mishasek (9) and Hill.
Los Angeles..... 1 11 1
Sacramento..... 3 10 1
Comellas and Kreitner; Fletcher, Attanzio (3) and Schmarucci (3).

WHOLESALE THEFT FROM SHIPS LAID TO COAST CREWS

Seattle, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—James L. Adams, San Francisco, Pacific Coast Regional Counsel for the War Shipping Administration, said today many Pacific coast dock workmen were "walking off with food and equipment from merchant ships."

"They're taking all they can get their hands on," the WSA official said. "Theft of such government property has reached the proportion where it must be stamped out."

Conferring with federal officials here, Adams said many vessels bound with provisions for forward areas, reached their destinations without enough food for operation of the ship.

Valuable instruments, butter and bacon disappeared, often he said in San Francisco, thieves took sheets off ships by wrapping them around their bodies under their clothing.

There is scarcely a day when three or four thefts from ships are not reported to the FBI," he said.

Grew Explains Why Fares To U. S. Paid Washington, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—The United States Government has footed the bill for repatriating Americans from the Philippines because the State Department in 1941 was unable "for political reasons"—to warn them to leave before the Japanese struck. Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew said tonight.

Grew issued a statement giving details of the repatriation program under which several thousand Americans have been brought out of war zones in all parts of the world.

LAVAL TESTIFIES PETAIN ORDERED YANK ARMY AIDED

Secret Treaty With Britain Kept French Navy In Port —Both 'Patriots'

Paris, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Pierre Laval asserted today that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain while Vichy Chief of State repeatedly instructed French troops in North Africa to aid the Allied landings, which occurred in November, 1942.

Testifying for the second day at Petain's treason trial, Laval said there had been secret agreements between Vichy and Britain, negotiated in North Africa, by which Britain agreed to the French fleet remaining in port on condition that it was to be scuttled if the Germans tried to seize it.

The swarthy Premier of Vichy—France's "evil genius"—depicted himself and Petain as patriots who worked only for the best interests of France but were helpless before German power. Laval said the French army in North Africa had had direct orders from Adm. Jean Francois Darlan, Chief of Vichy armed forces, to resist any aggression, "American, British, or German," in November, 1942.

Laval constantly parried the questions of Presiding Judge Pierre Mongibeaux and the jurors. Insisting he and Petain had collaborated with Germany only "because the German dagger was at our throats." He said that because of the great influx of inhabitants of northern France into the unoccupied zone under Vichy rule, it faced economic strangulation.

"Without German aid it was impossible to assure even minimum living conditions," he said. "There was no other way out but what we did."

He claimed he had saved the lives of former Premier Leon Blum, Edouard Daladier and Paul Reynaud, and Gen. Maurice Gamelin Germans wanted to execute them in 1943 as a reprisal for the execution of Vichyite Pierre Pucheu by the Free French in Algiers, he said.

JAPS BURN, LOOT KIANGSI SECTOR

Chungking, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Two looting and pillaging Japanese columns have blazed a 130-mile path of destruction through the Kiangsi province rice bowl region to within less than 20 miles of a junction west of Nanchang, a communistic city today.

Some 300 miles to the west, counter-attacking Japanese troops blunted a Chinese spearhead about 12 miles west of Chuanshen, 40 miles from the old Flying Tiger air base at Lingling. A Chinese column moved east of recaptured Sinning to ward Tungan. That city is on the vital Kwelin-Hengyang rail line and only 23 miles from Lingling.

ATLEE'S FRIENDS IN CABINET JOBS

London, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee formed a 20-man cabinet today, composed mostly of staunch Laborites who campaigned on a promise to convert Britain into a socialist commonwealth.

Perhaps the most striking feature of his cabinet was its smallness. The wartime average was 39 and the pre-war average 26. Furthermore, his 19 colleagues apparently were chosen on personal grounds, rather than on the comparative importance of their respective departments.

HALSEY CANT ATTEND Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Adm. William F. (Bill) Halsey won't be able to attend the 1945 Pendleton round up but if he could, he'd still prefer to ride Hirohito's white horse instead of the "good outlaw bronc" offered him.

FRANCO REJECTS POTSDAM PARLEY STAND ON SPAIN

Dictator Defies Big Three, May Force Change Present Regime

London, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco tonight rejected as "arbitrary and unjust" the Potsdam declaration that Spain, under his government, was not worthy of a place in the world organization for international peace and security.

Franco said Spain did not "beg for a seat in any international conference" and would not accept one that was not "consonant with her history, her population, and her services to peace and culture."

The dictatorial Spanish regime thus defied Russia, Great Britain, America and France to force a change in the present government through economic or political pressures.

The Big Three communique had excluded Spain from membership in a world organization on grounds the Franco government was founded with the support of Axis powers and does not, "in view of its origins, its nature, its record and its close association with the aggressor states possess the qualifications necessary to justify such membership."

The Potsdam declaration had come as a shock to the Spanish government and people. Some criticism had been expected but not such severe action.

Spanish newspapers and informed government quarters blamed the defeat of the Churchill government in Britain by the Labor Party for the Potsdam denunciation.

ARABIAN PRINCE DETROIT MAIDEN BOTH DISAPPEAR

Detroit, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Mary Mohammed, 23-year-old Detroit stenographer, may be trying to "forget it all" at a nearby lake as her parents say, but her boss said tonight she had flown to New York to be with Prince Aziz of Arabia—her royal companion on a recent eight-day tour of New York night clubs.

H. M. Krause, personnel director of General Motors' Fleetwood body division, said Mary made the decision last night and flew to New York at noon today.

"The last I heard from her family, both she and the Prince were missing," he said. "Maybe they'll show up married for all I know—but I don't look for anything like that."

The Prince was quoted in a New York newspaper today as saying he did not remember meeting Miss Mohammed, whose father is a native of Syria and a Moslem.

But Mary already had told her story to reporters. She had met the second son of King Ibn Saud of Saudi at a Detroit banquet July 5. On July 14, she arrived in New York and spent eight days there as his guest, accompanying him to night clubs, dances and Coney Island.

She said she had no romantic interest in the 29-year-old Arabian Prince, but she thought he was "very handsome and a wonderful man."

In New York, the Prince was quoted: "I am a one-woman man. I already have a wife and six children."

WAR BULLETINS

Portland, Ore., Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Flames threatened the Forest Grove watershed in western Oregon tonight with some 500 acres of timber blazing out of control and defying all efforts to hold the fire line.

A sudden shift in the wind from northwest to east sent flames sweeping over the ridge, jumping the fire trail and heading into the main or south forest clearings. Forest Grove officials also reported that the fire is eating its way into Scroggins Valley after moving swiftly through slashings around Glenwood.

Calcutta, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—British troops in Burma have wiped out Japanese positions along the vital Pegu-Martaban rail line near Abye and inflicted heavy casualties on a trapped unit near Nyaung-Lebin, a southeast Asia command communique said today.

Manila, Sunday, Aug. 5—(U.P.)—Philippines-based Lightning Fighters of the 13th Air Force flew a 2000-mile round trip Thursday to batter Japanese communications in the Sorobaja area of eastern Java, destroying 37 enemy locomotives, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

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HOLLYWOOD ROMANCE Hollywood, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Actor Dick Powell, and blond starlet June Allyson confirmed today what everyone in Hollywood had known all along—that they will be married late this summer. The couple have been constantly together at Hollywood night spots since actress Joan Blondell got an interlocutory divorce decree from Powell a little over a year ago.

Hollywood, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Screen Actress June Vincent today gave birth to a 7 and 1/2 pound son, William Phayer Sterling.

Collaborator Executed Paris, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Paul Ferdonnet, the "Lord Haw Haw" of France, was executed at Ft. Montrouge today after a French court of justice found him guilty of collaboration with the enemy.

San Francisco, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Japan's third combat service force of the people's "volunteer corps" has been organized in five major port cities, Tokyo radio announced tonight.

Subsidy Rates On Vegetables Given San Francisco, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Subsidy payment rates to canners of peas, sweet corn, tomatoes, and tomato juice were announced jointly today by the Department of Agriculture and the OPA.

Prices per dozen number two cans are green peas, 20 cents; sweet corn, eight cents; tomatoes 18 cents; tomato juice six cents.

Wathins No Longer Seeks Federal Job Portland, Ore., Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Democratic National Committeeman Lee Wallace of Oregon today announced Elton Watkins, Portland attorney and former congressman, had withdrawn as a candidate for United States attorney for Oregon.

Democratic leaders had recommended Watkins to succeed Carl C. Donaghy, whose third term has expired. He said the press of private legal business would not permit him to take the post.

Henry Hess of La Grande, Democratic nominee for governor in 1938, and Bruce Spalding, of Salem, Democratic contender for attorney general two times, were possible nominees for the job after Watkins stepped aside.

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