

YANKS SINK NIP REINFORCEMENTS

Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 YES! YESTERDAY we learned first of the thrilling raid by our B-29s on Tokyo. Today we're busy appraising its results. In our task of accurate appraisal, we are aided immensely by the able, clear-thinking, REALISTIC officer—General Haywood Hansell, commander of the new B-29 base on Saipan.

The raid, General Hansell says, obviously hurt Japan, but even so it DIDN'T come up to expectations because while the first formations had clear weather and did a good job the later planes ran into a thick cloud cover.

BUT, he adds, in spite of that handicap only FOUR of the "dozens" of big planes over Tokyo failed to hit worthwhile targets.

HANSELL gives us DETAILED reports of the losses sustained.

TWO of the big planes were lost. One went down in enemy hands—its tail hit by a Jap fighter (either out of control or deliberate suicide attack). It crashed in the sea east of Japan and apparently none of its crew got out.

The other failed to return, for reasons unknown. Two life rafts, possibly bearing survivors of its crew, have been reported. A destroyer is investigating.

One B-29 came down at Saipan and only two of its four engines with only three engines going. Others landed at Guam, 150 miles to the south.

"I THINK," he says, "we caught the Jap flat-footed, but for reasons beyond my understanding. I imagine there will be a slight shift in the fighter command at Tokyo today."

"By and large, we can only be pleased with the mission as a whole. It wasn't perfect, not as good as we expected. It is a mistake to assume an attitude of over-confidence. Nevertheless, I am sure we can take care of ourselves and do a good job."

THIS is the point to keep in mind.

This raid on Tokyo is only the BEGINNING. The bombing of Japan's industrial heart will go on and on—like the bombing of Germany, which began so long ago and has been continued so relentlessly. It will become INCREASINGLY effective, as we LEARN NEW LESSONS from each raid.

The weight of this attack was directed at a big Jap plane factory. Hitherto we've been destroying Jap planes in action. Now we're beginning to destroy the nests in which they are hatched.

MOST of the Jap radio talk is the usual propaganda bunk. This sentence from a Tokyo broadcast, however, is significant.

"SAFETY DEVICES found on B-29s that have been shot down by us illustrate the COWARDICE of American aviators."

THEY ALSO illustrate the fundamental differences in the Jap mind and the American mind. The Jap idea is to DIE USELESSLY if you can't die usefully—to DIE in any event. Our idea is to WASTE NO LIVES—to make the Jap do the useless dying.

As a result of these differences, Jap casualties in the Philippines, at the latest report, are EIGHT TIMES ours.

When the Jap is finally beaten, his weird, subhuman mind will be largely responsible.

THERE is little change in the European fighting as this is written.

The big battle is still in the Aachen-Cologne area. The fighting there is unbelievably bitter. There are reports today of German units fighting to the last man "who falls dead among the bodies of his comrades."

Keep in mind that the Germans are fighting with their backs TO A RIVER, whose bridges will probably be destroyed.

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Weather News

Max. (Nov. 25)	November 25, 1944	Min.	21	
Precipitation last 24 hours				0.00
Stream year to date				.....	3.07
Normal year to date				.....	2.51
Forecast: Showers		Last year		.....	1.91
Green: Open	Sunday	Closing	Hours	.....	5:14
Tulelake: Open	7:28	Closing	Hours	.....	5:36

FIGHTERS HIT CONVOY NEAR LEYTE ISLAND

Three Transports, One Destroyer Escort Downed

GENERAL Mac ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 25 (AP)—A four-ship convoy carrying reinforcements for the embattled Japanese on Leyte island has been destroyed by American fighter planes and an estimated 3500 Nipponese were killed or drowned, a communique announced today.

The Leyte-based planes, strafing at great height and acting as dive-bombers, sank three transports and a destroyer escort, bringing to about 15,000 the number of Nipponese perishing in attempts to reach the island fight scene.

In a bombing attack on the Celebes and Borneo, an enemy destroyer and a transport were sunk, and a gunboat and 11 freighters damaged, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported. Twenty-six Japanese fighters and bombers were destroyed on the ground.

Improved weather conditions quickened the tempo, and encouraged the Japanese to increased air activity, with the result that 42 enemy planes were shot down, 33 by American planes and seven by anti-aircraft batteries.

Japs Bomb Posts
 Dogfights ranged from eastern Leyte to the nearby Visayan islands to the west as the Japanese pressed heavy and sustained attacks against American positions and installations. A few American planes were destroyed on their own air fields and others were damaged.

"Our own losses were very light," Gen. MacArthur said.

On the ground the Americans were doing equally well. A headquarters communique said that the 32nd infantry division had crossed the Leyte river below Limon, which fell to the Yanks Wednesday, and was shoving southward. A counter-attack by the Japanese 26th division "which has now been fully committed southwest of Limon" was repulsed, the communique reported.

Transports Downed
 The blow at the Japanese relief convoy was struck by Thunderbolt, a not Warhawk fighter planes off Masbate island, about 20 miles north of Leyte. Two transports, of 11,000 and 2000 tons were sunk. (Continued on Page Three)

SUBS SCORE 27 VESSELS IN PACIFIC

Destroyer, Converted Gunboat Included In Bag

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Submarines operating in Pacific and far east waters have sunk 27 additional enemy vessels including a destroyer and a converted gunboat.

The navy reported this today in a communique. The additional sinkings brought total Japanese losses inflicted by submarines to 854 sunk, 37 probably sunk and 119 damaged.

The other 25 reported today, all merchant craft, included a large transport, a large tanker, a large cargo transport, two medium tankers, two medium cargo transports, 11 medium cargo vessels, a small tanker and six small cargo vessels.

A navy communique also disclosed that a Netherlands submarine, built in England operating under United States control in Netherlands East Indian waters, has sunk 4500 tons of enemy shipping.

The 854 enemy vessels sunk by submarines to date included 80 combat ships and 774 non-combatant vessels. The combat vessel total included 83 destroyers, 11 cruisers, three tenders and 27 others.

Cutting Remarks



Capt. Nieves Fernandez, only known Filipino female guerrilla leader and formerly a school teacher, was only kidding when this picture was made, but she really used the above method to silently kill Jap soldiers during the Nips' long domination of Leyte island. Getting first-hand information on the woman's killing tactics is Pvt. Andrew Lupiba, former Los Angeles bellhop. (Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme Picturepool photographer.)

Premier's Resignation May Delay Settling of Dispute

By JAMES F. KING
 LONDON, Nov. 25 (AP)—The sudden resignation of peasant-born Stanislaw Mikolajczyk as premier of the Polish government-in-exile dealt a severe blow today to British and American efforts to settle the Russian-Polish dispute.

Mikolajczyk was one man in the Polish government in London acceptable to Moscow and the soviet-recognized Polish committee of national liberation at Lublin. Both Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt openly had placed their entire hopes on him in settling the dispute threatening allied unity.

Socialist Named
 Jan Wyapinski, a socialist and deputy premier in Mikolajczyk's cabinet, has been asked by President Wladyslaw Raczewicz, to form a new government. Kwapinski is a member of a group that has been denounced by Moscow. The Polish president asked Mikolajczyk and members of his cabinet to remain at their posts until the appointment of a new cabinet.

While British circles awaited Kwapinski's first move, there was a feeling here—as expressed by the Laborite London Daily Herald—that "presumably he will refuse to carry on" the negotiations with Russia started by Mikolajczyk.

Moscow radio made no immediate comment on the Polish developments.

Power Doubt
 Meantime grave doubt developed today that Kwapinski would be able to form a regime strong enough to overcome the challenge to its authority by the soviet-sponsored national liberation committee.

Leaders of Poland's peasant party, headed by Mikolajczyk, were authoritatively reported to have decided against joining in any coalition cabinet and their decision was expected to be a severe blow to Kwapinski.

MICHAEL RUECK TAKEN BY DEATH

Michael Rueck, 80, for 56 years a resident of the Bonanza area and one of its most beloved pioneers, died at 11:45 o'clock Friday night at his home.

Mr. Rueck was born in Steinbach, Germany, November 3, 1863. At the age of 16, he came to the United States with his parents, Adam and Margaret Rueck, and one brother and two sisters. Following the death of his father in Indiana, Michael Rueck and his mother moved to Bonanza, arriving here in 1888. Jacob Rueck, a brother of Michael, settled here in 1884 on a homestead in Yonna valley. He now resides in Aumsville, Ore.

With his mother, Mr. Rueck (Continued on Page Three)

Japs Claim Raid Sinks Transports

By The Associated Press
 A Japanese imperial communique claimed today that raiding Japanese planes sank two U. S. transports and damaged another transport and a destroyer in Leyte gulf of the Philippines. (The report is wholly unconfirmed by allied sources.)

The communique, broadcast by Tokyo radio and recorded by the federal communications commission, said 17 aircraft failed to return from this and other raids on Leyte and Morotai island Wednesday and Thursday.

An English language broadcast claimed that in the two-day strike at Morotai 74 planes were set afire and seven damaged.

Hansa Believed Torpedoed

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 25 (AP)—The newspaper Expressen said today opinion was developing that the Swedish steamer Hansa, which sunk off Gotland yesterday with a loss of almost 100 lives, had been torpedoed.

However, it emphasized that the cause of the disaster was not officially announced and the Swedish press in general took the view that the Hansa struck a drifting mine in the early morning darkness.

Chief Softens Blow for Japs

By The Associated Press
 Kenrick Kumagal, Japan's assistant air raid defense chief, the Tokyo radio said today, assured the Japanese people they have nothing to be afraid of in air raids yet to come.

"If we continue to act at this tempo," the radio, heard by the federal communications commission, quoted him as saying, "there is not the least need for fear in future raids."

Canadian Soldiers Demonstrate Against New Conscription for Overseas Service

OTTAWA, Nov. 25 (AP)—Canadian home defense soldiers bled in British Columbia last night in defiant protest last night.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King staked the life of his government on his new policy of partial conscription for overseas service. The policy already had precipitated violent demonstrations and political elections in Quebec.

Nearly 1000 soldiers from the military camp near Vernon, marched through the streets of the town shouting "Down with conscription," and a captain was reported struck down by the marchers when he attempted to stop them.

Parade Swells
 Forming spontaneously at the camp members of the sixth division stationed there would be among the first to be sent overseas, the parade swelled as the

marchers streamed four abreast past the administration buildings and toward the town.

The marchers also reportedly brushed aside a lieutenant with the captain, shouting "Conscription wealth and industry as well as manpower." The streets were lined with silent civilians and a scattering of soldiers who took no part in the demonstration.

Quebec Quiet
 Quebec was relatively quiet yesterday as Provincial Premier Maurice Duplessis in the face of earlier disturbances by drafted youths called for "respect for the laws of the country" and appealed to the people of the province to work "for national unity in considering the point of view of the other side."

Prime Minister King announced he would open a debate in parliament Monday on a vote of confidence motion, and he

9TH MENACES JULICH; ADDS TO TANK TOLL

First Army Men Shove Near Edge of Hurtgen

By WILLIAM FRYE
 LONDON, Nov. 25 (AP)—U. S. ninth army troops squeezed in tighter today on Julich—the Roer river bastion 25 miles from Cologne—and boosted their eight-day toll of German tanks to 125.

Farther south, first army men pushed ahead 1000 yards almost to the edge of gloomy Hurtgen forest, which has been one of the bloodiest battlegrounds of the war. Other first army units cleaned out the town of Putzlohn, north of Eschweiler, and fought house to house for Weisweiler. Fighter bombers hammered at enemy troops and supply lines.

Warplanes Aid
 Warplanes helped in the ninth army push upon Julich.

The German high command declared the German defensive battle in this area east of Aachen was "nearing a climax." One Berlin broadcast termed the action "the greatest battle of the present war."

To the south, remaining Germans in Strasbourg had been backed into the dock area, and at last advices were clinging to (Continued on Page Three)

YANK PLANES HIT MANILA TARGETS

By The Associated Press
 American carrier-borne planes returned to the attack on Manila today, the Japanese-controlled Manila radio reported.

About 60 planes raided Manila and nearby Clark field, the radio said in a broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission. The report was without American confirmation, but Manila or Tokyo radios have always been first to report new air strikes at the heart of the Philippines.

Raiders also swept over the Lipa and Batangas air fields on southern Luzon island, the broadcast said.

The radio asserted Japanese interceptors met the carrier planes and eye witnesses in Manila "saw two enemy bombers spectacularly shot down by accurate Nippon anti-aircraft fires."

Carrier planes first struck at shipping in Manila Bay, which American pilots have previously reported has been turned into a shipping graveyard.

A Domei dispatch broadcast from Tokyo said Hankow, China, was attacked by American B-24s and B-25s last night and that "some military installations were slightly damaged."

Yugoslav-Bulgar Alliance Eyed

MOSCOW, Nov. 25 (AP)—The Bulgarian newspaper "Workers' Cause" quoted Marshal Tito today as saying the new federated Yugoslavia would establish a "close working alliance with fraternal Bulgaria" in seeking to prevent Balkan conflicts.

The statement, given to the newspaper's Belgrade correspondent, was quoted at length in the soviet press.

Tito was quoted as saying the new Yugoslavia would consist of the following federated units:

Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bosnia, Montenegro and Hercegovina, with some provinces probably receiving autonomy within a federal unit.

He said the federation would be headed by a united government, with each unit having its own national government.

Italian Pilot Describes Riot to Court Martial

SEATTLE, Nov. 25 (AP)—A vivid description of the trouble at Fort Lawton which led to the storming of Italian service troop barracks by negro soldiers and eventually to this nation's largest court martial of the war was picturesquely given the court by a former pilot of the Italian air force.

The pilot, clad in an American army blouse and a pair of British trousers, was in a group of Italians when the initial trouble started. He tried vainly to halt the attack, and during his testimony late yesterday picked as a leader of the negroes one of three men on trial for murder.

Riot Charges
 A total of 42 negro service command soldiers are charged with rioting. Three of the number are charged with the murder of Pvt. Guglielmo Olivotto, who was found hanged over a nearby creek after the riot had been quelled by military police. The prisoner identified was Pvt. William Jones.

In reply to questions of the court, the former pilot, whose name is withheld, testified he and two companions were going to their quarters when they passed a group of negroes "and one of them expressed vulgar

Raid Results Disappointing; Says General

By VERN HAUGLAND
 TWENTY-FIRST U. S. BOMBER COMMAND, SAIPAN, Nov. 25 (Via Navy Radio) (AP)—The first Superfortresses' raid on Tokyo Thursday (U. S. time) obviously hurt Japan, but even so it didn't come up to expectations, Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell Jr., base commander, said today.

The first formations over the enemy capital had clear weather and did a good job, Hansell told a press conference, but later planes ran into a thick cloud cover.

Despite that handicap, Hansell added, only four of the "dozens" of B-29s which participated (Tokyo said there were 70) failed to hit worthwhile targets.

Reconnaissance photographs taken several hours after the raid showed fires still burning in the enemy capital and smoke was rising to great heights.

Two Forts Lost
 Hansell disclosed that of the two Superforts lost on the raid only one went down in enemy action. The other failed to return and was presumed lost, for reasons unknown.

The plane lost over Tokyo was attacked by a Japanese Tony (fighter). Either the Tony was out of control or the Japanese pilot knew he was doomed, because the plane slammed into the tail of the unlucky B-29 and it crashed into the water east of Japan. Apparently none of the crew got out, Hansell said.

Reports today said a couple of life rafts, possibly bearing survivors of the missing B-29, had been sighted and a destroyer was investigating.

Reports Confused
 Hansell declined to estimate the number of enemy planes brought down because crew reports were necessarily confused and hard to assess, but at least four Japanese aircraft were known to have been bagged and 10 or more others might have been shot down or damaged.

"I think we caught the Jap flat-footed," Hansell said, "but for reasons beyond my understanding. I imagine there will be a slight shift in the fighter command at Tokyo today."

One of the B-29s came back to Saipan on only two of its four engines and several landed with only three working. Others came down at Guam, 150 miles south of here. The Guam landings were not explained. Guam is even farther from Tokyo than Saipan. The round trip from here to Tokyo is about 3000 miles.

"By and large," Hansell said, "we can only be pleased with the mission as a whole. It wasn't perfect nor as good as we expected. It is a mistake to assume an attitude of overconfidence. Nevertheless I am confident we can take care of ourselves and do a good job."

The Superfort raid, widely hailed as the beginning of a campaign to knock out Japan's war plants, was the first on Tokyo since April 18, 1942, when carrier-based B-29s under command of Lt. Gen. James Doolittle raked the enemy capital.

Soviets Drive Into Rail Center; Penetrate Hatvan

LONDON, Nov. 25 (AP)—The Russians have entered Miskolc, strategic rail hub and strong point in northeastern Hungary, and the German Transocean news agency said today.

The Germans said the Russians also had driven into Hatvan, another important transport center 28 miles northeast of Budapest, but were thrown out.

The Nazi broadcast said the soviets penetrated Miskolc, 85 miles northeast of Budapest and 25 miles south of the Czechoslovakia frontier, after an attack by three divisions, and that the Germans and Hungarians "almost completely evacuated the town" in the face of the onslaught.

Counterattacks
 The defenders of Hatvan answered a every attack with a counterattack in the bitter battle in Hungary, the broadcast said.

Berlin also declared that eight Russian divisions had made penetrations in a wave of assaults in the Courland region of Latvia.

Block Sea Route
 Soviet amphibious forces virtually had blocked any sea escape for 30 German divisions being squeezed against the Baltic by capture of the fortified Estonian island of Saare (Osel). Saare, only 17 miles across the mouth of the gulf from Latvia, fell yesterday after a two-month struggle, and red airmen sank four Nazi warships off-shore and damaged four others, including a heavy cruiser, Moscow announced.

Chinese Hail U.S. Attack on Tokyo

CHUNGKING, Nov. 25 (AP)—The Saipan-based American Superfortress raid on Tokyo yesterday was hailed by the Chinese press today as "The beginning of the battle for Tokyo."

The newspaper Ta Kung Pao said the blow might make the Japanese high command divert more military weight to home defense and relieve pressure against the Chinese mainland.

Henley Schools Top Bond Quotas

This week Henley elementary and high schools exceeded their 6th War Loan quota of \$3000 by 12 per cent, Chairman Myrtle C. Adams reported Saturday.

Other organizations which have exceeded their quotas so far are the Ivory Pine company, which topped its payroll savings program by 2 per cent, and the Coca-Cola Bottling company, 41 per cent.

Adams expressed some concern, however, over the fact that bond sales are not progressing as anticipated, and urged Klamath county residents to do their 6th War Loan bond shopping early.

Football Scores
 COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 25 (AP)—Ohio State University today completed an undefeated and untied football season and won the Big Ten championship by coming from behind in the last quarter to whip Michigan 18 to 14.

Penn State 0, Pitt 14.
 Cornell 0, Penn 20.
 Swarthmore 13, Ursinus 0.

Crash Victims Names Withheld

No further information was available concerning the fate of crewmen of two single motored bombers which crashed in mid-air early Friday morning in the Steele Swamp area of northern California.

Names of two survivors, seen to have parachuted to safety, were not given out by the 13th naval district, Seattle, and names of others in the planes were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Both planes were on routine training missions out of the Klamath naval air station.

Senators Look Into Fag Lack

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—A couple of non-smoking senators started the senate war investigating committee off today on a preliminary investigation into the cigaret shortage.

The probe was suggested by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) and approved by Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.), whose concern is impersonal inasmuch as neither smokes cigarets.

Ferguson said he wanted to make sure the fighting men overseas have all the smokes they need, and added he didn't think that block-long queues in front of tobacconists were helping the war effort on the home front.

Committee investigators will look into the situation immediately and will have initial findings ready to spread before the committee Tuesday when Mead returns from an inspection trip of army depots which will take him to Little Rock and Atlanta.

War Bulletin

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 25 (AP)—Japanese bases in the Bonin islands—along the B-29 route from Saipan to Tokyo—were heavily hit by 7th U. S. air force bombers both before and after the Superfortresses made their first strike against the Nippon capital. This was disclosed today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.