

# B-29S MINE MAJOR JAP PORTS

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### Weather News

Max. (May 10)	62	Min.	35
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00		
Stream year to date	8.43		
Normal	10.48	Last year	7.31
Forecast:	Warmer, increasing cloudiness.		

### NEW HAZARDS MENACE NAVY, MERCHANTMEN

#### Chinese Counterblow Traps Thousands Of Nips

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

Mines strewn by Superfortresses in every major port of Japan furnished new hazards today for the imperial navy and merchant marine, both already pared to a fraction of pre-war strength by U. S. planes, warships and submarines.

The twentieth bomber command disclosed that B-29s in history's greatest aerial mine-laying operations, have planted floating explosives in Tokyo bay, the Inland sea, Singapore harbor and other former havens of Japanese shipping. The most frequently used waterways were described as "polluted" by American-laid mines.

**200-Plane Raid**

Japan tried to strengthen its political position in threatened corners of its crumbling empire today as some 200 Superfortresses thundered over six targets on the home islands in a daily preview of predicted 2000 plane raids against Nippon.

All Tokyo spokesmen appeared to agree there was "no alternative" for the mikado's war lords but to continue fighting despite slow destruction of their armed forces on every island front and a threatened debacle in China.

**Japs Trapped**

A Chinese army spokesman reported that a sweeping Chinese counteroffensive has trapped thousands of Japanese and killed off at least a third of the 80,000 invaders who began driving toward the U. S. Chihkiang air base in western China a month ago. He said Nipponese reserves were thrown into the lines as Chinese columns closed a pincer 40 miles from Paoching, main springboard of the abortive Japanese offensive.

Japan's overall position was considered in a significant meeting of five former premiers and other elder statesmen with Premier Kantaro Suzuki. The session had scarcely broken up when Japanese broadcasts reported political prisoners would be released in Thailand, civilian support was asked in Sumatra to "consolidate the wartime structure" and the mikado's ambassador to Indo-China had been called home hurriedly for conferences.

### BIG 3 MEETING SAID ONLY RUMOR

LONDON, May 11 (AP) — A spokesman at No. 10 Downing street dismissed today as "rumors and speculation" reports that a meeting of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Marshal Stalin was impending.

The spokesman at the prime minister's residence said Churchill would remain in London at least over the weekend to deliver a radio address Sunday night. A foreign office spokesman said he had no knowledge of any preparations for a meeting.

London newspapers had speculated that the Big Three would discuss European problems.

The Evening News' diplomatic correspondent asserted that Churchill "believes that an early meeting of the Big Three is urgently required to deal with (1) final plans for the allied occupation and government of Germany and (2) to settle many differences about European problems which, it must be frankly admitted, have come about between the western allies and soviet Russia since Yalta."

(In Washington White House aides said they had no information today on any plans for a meeting.)

### Huge Fire Razes Seattle Building

SEATTLE, May 11 (AP) — A spectacular three-alarm fire which completely destroyed the four-story Goodwill Industries store and warehouse building, enveloped three nearby houses in flames and burned into the Arrow Iron Works, caused an estimated \$115,000 damage in Seattle's southside industrial section last night.

At 4 a. m. today police arrested a suspected arsonist hiding in a woodshed nearby and held him for questioning. He is a 41-year-old fisherman.

Gordon Scott, Goodwill Industries president, said the loss was approximately \$100,000, all of which was insured. Fire Chief William Fitzgerald said the three houses were valued at "under \$10,000" while damage to the iron works was given at \$4500.

## German Die-Hards In Flight Toward Yanks

By The Associated Press

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—Die-hard Nazi fanatics who fought on in Czechoslovakia in defiance of German unconditional surrender were reported in headlong flight toward American lines today as a vast pincer by three soviet armies threatened momentarily to envelop them.

The first, second and fourth Ukrainian armies opened the assault on broad fronts from the northwest, east and southwest when forces under Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner, himself wanted as a war criminal, and Col. Gen. Woehler, ignored the surrender.

It was the only reported fighting by German troops in all Europe. Elsewhere the Germans were giving up docilely. The soviet high command announced capture of 209,060 German officers and men in preliminary checkups along the front. There were 26 Nazi generals in the bag.

Remnants of the beaten German surface and underwater fleet were in allied hands, including the cruisers Prinz Eugen and Neuenburg, which had shelled Copenhagen over the weekend. These were under the sentinel guns of the royal navy in Copenhagen harbor, along with three destroyers, two torpedo boats, 10 minesweepers, 13 flak ships, 19 armed trawlers and two armed merchantmen.

A report from the French press agency said French sailors in La Rochelle, Atlantic port which had surrendered Wednesday, officially had taken over the German Atlantic fleet units anchored there. The number of vessels was not announced.

**Fleet Gives Up**

Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz' submarine fleet—the wolf packs which for so long had preyed on allied shipping—was surrendering and putting in to British ports.

Dunkirk, scene of the British defeat in 1940, had surrendered. The channel islands of Sark, Jersey and Guernsey, which had been taken by the Nazis shortly after the fall of France, capitulated to a British task force. They were the only part of the United Kingdom to have been occupied by the Germans.

**Disarming Underway**

The disarming of some 120,000 Germans in Holland was underway.

Premier Marshal Stalin, in messages to President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill, congratulated them on the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany, declaring that "the joint struggle of soviet, American and British armies against the German invader... will go down in history as an example of fighting collaboration of our peoples."

**SINGAPORE LOOMS ON INVASION LIST**

By PRESTON GROVER  
CALCUTTA, May 11 (AP) — With Rangoon captured and the campaign in Burma virtually ended, troops of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia command turned their eyes toward Singapore today as their next likely objective.

While some of Mountbatten's men have been in the jungles for a year or more and are badly in need of rest, others are comparatively fresh and could be quickly made ready for a new campaign.

**New Forces**

The latter include the forces which took Rangoon in a combined sea and air operation—just such troops as would be needed for a landing on the Malay peninsula north of Singapore or on the island of Sumatra, across Malacca strait from Malaya.

This special group of paratroopers and amphibious troops is backed by a fleet growing in size week by week and likely to be ready for action by the end of the month.

## Growers Build 100-Tent Camp For Farm Workers

TULELAKE — Members of the Tulelake Growers association, forced by necessity to take over construction and management of migratory workers' camp this season, were rushing a 100-tent camp to completion this week. The camp is located across the highway from town and north of Boyd's buildings.

Chester Main, president of the association, called a meeting of growers this week and reported on a recent session in Berkeley, Calif., at which time Warren Schoonover, in charge of the extension service, office of labor, advised that the war food administration would not handle the migratory camps "from now on" and that the extension service in California so far has refused to take the responsibility.

**Up To Growers**

This left the matter up to the growers, Main explained, and if migratory labor was to be used, growers would have to build and operate the camps themselves this season.

The growers were also informed by Schoonover that if they did not take care of the migratory workers, the extension service would not certify to the need of contract labor.

**Assessment Set**

It was the decision of growers that an assessment of \$1 per acre would be levied against the potato and onion acreage, against all members of the association who will use migratory labor. Growers, not members of the association, are expected to make the same contribution, Main said.

The matter of assessment, (Continued on Page Two)

**Intelligence Section To Suppress Nazi Underground Slated In Occupation Zone**

By ELTON C. FAY  
WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP) — An intelligence section to suppress "ruthlessly" underground activities in part of the United States government in the occupation zone of Germany was disclosed today in a department announcement which will form part of the four-power control program for Germany.

The unit will be divided into major divisions, corresponding generally to the ministries of the German central government.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, United States representative on the council as agreed at the Yalta Big Three meeting, Lucius Clay will be deputy to Eisenhower and will be "deputy mili-

## SMALL NATION BLOC FORMED AT CONFERENCE

### Countries Want More Voice In Use Of Force

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11 (AP)—The United Nations conference appeared today to be developing a strong bloc of small nations determined to win themselves greater authority over the proposed use of force to prevent future wars.

The issue is coming sharply to the fore in conference committees considering amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world peace organization as it was drawn up by Britain, China, Russia and the United States in Washington last fall. Here are current top developments:

**Should Have Voice**

1. Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada told a committee on functions of the security council, which is the exclusive, powerful core of the proposed organization, that any nation whose troops were to be used (Continued on Page Two)

## GOERING INTERVIEW DISCLOSES BREACH

By HOWARD COWAN  
AUGSBURG, Germany, May 11 (AP)—Perspiring and uneasy, Hermann Goering spoke bitterly of Hitler today and asserted that he had advised his leader against attacking Russia.

He told a war correspondent during an hour-long interview: "When Hitler decided to attack Russia, I myself referred him to his Aesir Kampf, where he said that to fight a war on two fronts was dangerous. I was convinced that Russia was not going to attack—maybe Finland but not Germany."

**Voice Raised**

The shifty-eyed reichsmarshal raised his voice as he spoke. When he was captured, he said, Hitler sentenced him to death for Goering's suggestion that he take over as fuhrer. Today he asserted that he was doomed because he wanted to go into consultation with enemy powers.

The conferences took place in the backyard of a two-story house where he was quartered. **Makes Statement**

Asked if he had anything to say, other than in reply to questions, Goering asserted: "Only this—please remember that Germany can be helped. I am very thankful to the German people who have stood by their guns." His voice lowered and his eyes searched the ground as he added "even though it appears now that we've let them down."

**Hess Flight Surprise**

Goering said the flight of Rudolf Hess to England was a complete surprise in Nazi circles. "Only three people know why he did it. They are close members of his family and I cannot name them."

## Breakfast Set To Open Drive

The kick-off breakfast for the 7th War Loan drive in Klamath Falls is set for Monday morning, 7:30, at the Willard hotel.

Everyone is welcome to attend but reservations must be made in advance through the chamber of commerce.

Heads of committees and members of the chamber of commerce are urged to be present. The breakfast program will be broadcast over KFJL.

## Living In Glass Houses?

The English have long been ridiculed for their custom of indulging in afternoon tea. To many Americans this represents the essence of asininity and many a Yank has shaken his head in wonder at this age-old custom.

In our daily ruses, however, we have noticed that Americans, too, are not very far off base when it comes to observing a certain hour of the day for a moment or two of relaxation.

This time-out period usually occurs about 10 o'clock in the morning and is generally known as "coffee time." Practically every business firm in Klamath Falls that is not pressed with too critical a problem or too urgent a job takes a minute or so off at this time for a cup of coffee and a cigarette.

So maybe we shouldn't be too hard on the Limeys. After all, we do it, too.

## Yanks Rush A Japanese Marine



When this Japanese marine (center) was slow in stripping down when ordered to do so by American soldiers in the Philippines to make sure he didn't have any grenades or other hidden weapons on his person, the soldiers rushed him. They found it wasn't necessary, that the Nipponese was trying to undo a knotted shoelace. (AP wire photo from U. S. army signal corps.)

## Doolittle Predicts 2000 Plain Raids Over Japan

By HENRY B. JAMESON  
LONDON, May 11 (AP)—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the U. S. eighth air force, who led the first air raid on Tokyo predicted today that 2000-plane raids would be made upon Japan.

"The size of the American air force operating against Japan will continue to be increased as airfields become available and supply routes and communication bases are established," Doolittle said at a press conference.

**200,000 in Force**

He disclosed that the personnel of the eighth air force in England now numbered approximately 200,000 men and women, and that another 100,000 had served on a rotating basis. Doolittle said part of the

## HOUSE VOTES PAY BOOST TO CONGRESS

By HOWARD FLIEGER  
WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP) Some members said it seemed like a sneaky way to get a raise.

Others argued the public has no idea what an expensive thing it is to be a congressman. **\$2500 "Expense"**

The upshot—a shouting house majority voted yesterday to give each member \$2500 a year, tax free, as expense money to top off his \$10,000 salary.

The house wrote the expense allowance and some employe pay increases into a \$50,000,000 appropriation to pay the costs of congress. The bill goes to the senate where members can knock out the house increases or vote themselves some expense money, whichever seems the best idea to them.

## War Office Says Plot Story False

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—The British war office stated today there was no truth in a United Press story of an alleged plot by German prisoners of war to stage a mass break and seize control of London last Christmas eve.

Members of the KUHS squad who qualified for the state meet and who made the trip to Corvallis include Dave Henthorne, Jim Pope, Chuck Thurman, Johnny Foster, Jim Palmer, Gyle Molgaard, Herbert Barker, Tommy Edwards, Bob Dodson and Bud Bienn. (For additional details see sports page.)

## KUHS Cindermen Major Threat In State Meet

Coaches Paul Deller and Marble Cook and 10 members of the KUHS track team left Thursday morning to carry the Red and White colors of Klamath Union high school to the state track meet at Corvallis.

Slashing spikes will bite the cinderpath today and tomorrow as entries from throughout the entire state vie for top honors in the big meet of the year.

With Grant of Portland installed as the leading favorite, the Pelicans still have an excellent chance to upset the dope bucket and carry off the blue ribbon. Paced by Dave Henthorne, the KUHS cindermen have chalked up an enviable record this year, winning the southern Oregon-northern California meet at Modoc field and annexing top honors in the district qualifying meet at Medford.

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