

46,505 JAPS DIE ON OKINAWA

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HERE is some more of OUR kind of war in the news today. The hit aircraft-building plant with ANOTHER 3500-ton incendiary raid, striking at midnight by the light of fires started by Monday's plane sweep.

Returning navigator who been over Nagoya 14 times in the therefore no excited here) says he thinks there much left of the city.

Okinawa, we get across the Asato river and our ma are said to be roaming shattered streets.

Medieval, moated Shuri castle all the strong point of the holding us out of the south part of the island. We're ending it with everything we bombs from planes, shells battleships' big rifles and artillery.

Apparently has astonishing ers of resistance.

Counted so far about 47,000 Jap bodies, not ining those littering Naha's streets. There must be a lot we've found.

The latest guess is that about 200 Japs, many of them ded, are left on the island. The guess is close, there were more than 60,000 to begin with.

Losses so far (ground forces only, not including navy) are 3781 dead, 34 wounded and 165 missing, ending to the best available information, about 87 per cent of Pacific wounded recover. Ratio of dead so far is 12 to each American. Nimitz put it up this way today: In 33 days of Okinawa, we've an average of 85 killed per day and the Japs have lost an average of 1011.

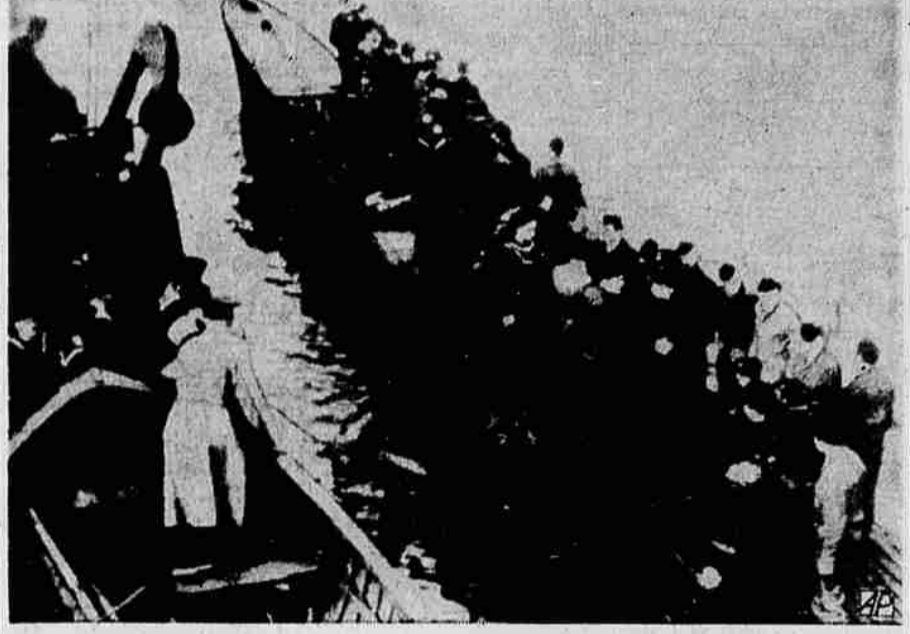
Chinese who got into Foochow the other day have been out by the Japs, which ends us again that we must Chinese victory reports considerably more than the official grain of salt. The Japs are inclined to be optimistic in telling what they've to the enemy.

There is a Washington dispatch today telling of JAP FEELERS.

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U-Boat Crew Surrenders In British Port



The crew of the German U-boat 249 is lined up on the foredeck of the submarine under a Polish naval guard before being turned over to military guard ashore at Weymouth, in southern England, where the U-249, which had been at sea 40 days, surfaced and was escorted into port. (AP wirephoto via radio from London).

Prisoners Work For Allies; Search On For Hitler Gang
By TOM OCHILTREE
 Associated Press Staff Writer
 Thousands of German prisoners were being used today in the gigantic task of redeploying American forces and equipment now in Europe for the war against Japan.

The Germans were reconditioning equipment, crating supplies, and repairing the roads over which U. S. army material will flow back to the Atlantic ports.

COMPLETION OF CHARTER LOOMS
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
 SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 (AP)—Completion of a new peace-league charter now appears probable in about three weeks, but in the background of the United Nations conference critical big-power problems are piling up for the months ahead.

The heat is being turned on to get the job here finished. Conference committees, raking over proposed changes in the basic Dumbarton Oaks security plan, are eliminating many amendments.

Their work to date strongly indicates that the plan for an all-powerful 11-member security council and a general assembly limited to debating peace problems and advising on their solution will go through.

This was borne out late last night by the action of the conference committee studying assembly duties in voting down proposals for giving the assembly some control over council actions.

One result of the pressure for speed may be for the other big nations to move ahead on settlement of urgent issues without waiting for full agreement with Russia whenever Moscow responds slowly to soviet delegation requests for instructions.

Hitler Hysterical Over Death Of FDR, Says Aide
PARIS, May 17 (AP)—Adolf Hitler went into a fit of hysteria when the news of President Roosevelt's death reached him in his underground chamber of the chancellery in Berlin at midnight, April 12, his former secretary said in an interview with the Daily Liberator.

The secretary, Gerhard Herrgesell, said Hitler had presided over the usual night conference and stretched out on a divan after the other German leaders had departed.

Great News
 Suddenly Lorenz, one of the press chiefs, burst into the chamber without knocking and ran across the room. Herrgesell said. "He held a DNB bulletin in his hand and cried out: 'Fuhrer, great news, Roosevelt is dead.'"

New Blazes Kindled In Nagoya By B-29s

By JAMES LINDSLEY
GUAM, May 17 (AP)—A great fleet of more than 500 Superfortresses kindled huge new conflagrations today in Nagoya, war vital Japanese aircraft and arsenal center still in flames from Monday's incendiary raid.

The B-29s struck shortly after midnight, dropping more than a million fire bombs from medium altitude by the light of flares and fires started in Monday's 500-plane strike.

Japanese broadcasts reported that 12 hours later 40 fighters from Iwo Jima strafed the Fukisawa district on the southern outskirts of metropolitan Tokyo.

Today's B-29s dropped more than 3500 tons of fire bombs on a 16-square-mile target area centered on the section adjoining Nagoya's inner harbor and estuary docks, the only portion of the city not previously hit by incendiaries.

Heavy fires were left roaring along the waterfront, reported Lt. George Walker, Superfort navigator from Boston, Mass.

"I don't believe there's much left of the city, third largest in Japan, added Sgt. Ray Karpowicz, radioman from Madison, Ill., who has been on 14 Nagoya raids.

Ack-Ack Slight
 Returning crewmen reported anti-aircraft fire meager and the new interceptor planes were not anxious to fight. There was no report of any B-29s lost.

A Japanese imperial communique claimed nine B-29s were shot down, almost identical with its story after Monday's raid in which two Superforts were destroyed. The enemy communique said the Atsuta shrine was bombed. As usual it made no mention of industrial damage and claimed most fires were under control by dawn.

"We were over the target early, but even then large fires were burning in the southern part of the city," reported Lt. W. C. Loehner, Milwaukee, Wis., instrument specialist. "We started a few dandy blazes ourselves. By the time we left Nagoya, smoke was billowing thousands of feet into the air."

The target included the Mitsubishi aircraft assembly plant which has been called the world's largest.

Also attacked today were small home factories and shops operated by many of Nagoya's 1,500,000 residents; the Aichi Aircraft company's Mizuko plant, Atsuta Engine company, and aluminum, locomotive and munitions factories, warehouses and storage facilities.

DE VALERA BACKS IRISH NEUTRALITY
DUBLIN, May 17 (AP)—Prime Minister Eamon de Valera, defending Eire's foreign policy, declared last night he did not see how Prime Minister Churchill or any other thinking person could "fail to see the reason for our neutrality."

De Valera made his statement in an address replying to a broadcast speech by Churchill last Sunday, in which the British prime minister assailed Eire for remaining neutral while Britain was under attack.

"It is indeed fortunate that Britain's necessity did not reach the point when Mr. Churchill (Continued on Page Two)

Chinese Forced Out Of Foochow
CHUNGKING, May 17 (AP)—The Chinese command said tonight that its troops were forced to withdraw from the east China port of Foochow Tuesday night when the Japanese threw large numbers of reinforcements into the five-day battle.

Japs Seek Loophole In Surrender Terms

By JAMES D. WHITE
WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Japanese diplomats and business men in neutral capitals are stepping up their efforts to find some loophole in the allied formula of unconditional surrender.

Diplomatic quarters, emphasizing the unofficial nature of these activities, reported today that the number of individual and purely private peace feelers has grown markedly since the fall of Manila and the invasion of Okinawa.

The usual technique is for a Japanese to request a neutral to inquire around among Americans for their "real ideas" on peace terms. There is nothing definite about these inquiries except the suggestion that Japan might consider almost anything except unconditional surrender.

No Specific Terms Heard
 Not a word has been heard through official channels about specific terms, it is learned. Current reports that a definite offer had been received by the office of strategic services were discounted here by high officials conversant with Japanese affairs.

Each private inquiry waited toward Washington is given careful study here according to what seems to be its merits and possibilities. One appeared, for instance, to have originated among the "Saibatsu" or wealthy families of Japan, but could never be positively identified as such. There was some suggestion that another might have originated in court circles, but this was not borne out subsequently.

Officials emphasized that the lack of any official nature in these hints of a Japanese interest in peace make them practically worthless.

"Unconditional Surrender" Stands
 The American attitude, was summed up by President Truman in his V-E day warning to the Japanese that the unconditional surrender formula was their only way out.

"Our blows," said the president, "will not cease until the Japanese military and naval forces lay down their arms in unconditional surrender." He then pointed out that this would not mean the extermination or enslavement of the Japanese people but would mean the end of the war and their present sufferings.

This statement, it is understood, was intended to serve notice on Japanese leaders that vague hints and feelers about peace would avail them nothing until they become official and therefore representative of the military clique which today controls Japanese political affairs.

Nine Terriers Kill Woman; Man Held For Manslaughter
MIAMI, Fla., May 17 (AP)—Manslaughter charges were filed today against Joe Munn of Hialeah, owner of a pack of dogs trained for pit fighting, after the death of a 39-year-old woman attacked by the animals last night.

Constable W. M. Hudson and Magistrate H. L. Oppenbren signed the manslaughter charge.

The victim, Mrs. Doretta Zinke, ethnologist, lecturer and war worker, died within an hour and a half after police said she was attacked by nine pit bull terriers.

At a hospital physicians said the flesh had been torn from both the victim's arms. There were many gashes on her legs, and patches of scalp had been laid bare.

Still conscious when police arrived at the scene, after two soldiers from a nearby army station had heard her screams and driven off the dogs, Mrs. Zinke whispered that she wanted to make her will.

Police Officer Fred Freeman said the police copied the document, dictated by the dying woman, leaving her property to a son, Sgt. R. M. Zinke, with the air transport command at Mitchell Field, N. Y.

Magistrate Oppenbren signed an order for the removal of the dogs to the city pound, and the arrest of the dogs' owner.

Role In Jap War Issue In Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 17 (AP)—Canada's role in the war against Japan appeared likely today to become a major issue in the June 11 federal election, with Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King's government tangled in a new type of conscription controversy.

Opening his campaign for reelection here last night, the prime minister, speaking in a Pacific port more interested in the war against Japan than any other large city in the dominion, declared "Canada's war effort will be directed with unremitting energy" until Japan is defeated, but he cautioned against over-emphasizing it as an issue.

This apparently was in reply to opposition attacks against his announced policy of sending only volunteers into the Japanese war, and of making the Far Eastern war effort more civilian than military.

Truman Confers With Hull
WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman drove to the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., today for a 50-minute conference with Cordell Hull, former secretary of state.

The trip prompted speculation that a possible meeting of the president, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin had been discussed.

Mr. Truman told reporters who accompanied him on the 11-mile trip that he had "no comment" to make on his visit with Hull.

Donald Clark Hurt In Action
Word was received from the war department by Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Clark, 2336 Oregon, that their son, PFC Donald R. Clark, U. S. army, was seriously wounded in action on Luzon on April 17. The telegram received May 6, stated that no further details were available at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark had a letter from their son, written on April 21 and received by them on May 8. The 21-year-old soldier stated that he was feeling quite well—at least well enough to write—and that he sustained only flesh wounds.

"I picked up a 31-caliber bullet as a present—it hit me in the right arm, side and hip," he writes. "I felt like a ton of brick hit me. They tell me about bullets feeling like a bee sting, but the bee must have had a ten foot drill!"

Clark received his basic training at Camp Roberts in California after being inducted into the army in July, 1943. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by the DiGiorgio Fruit corporation in Klamath Falls.

Officer Given Medal Of Honor
WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—An infantry officer who killed a German major in a gun duel and killed or captured some 50 other nazis has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

He is 1st Lt. Victor L. Kandle of Fuyallup, Wash., who lost his life in France about three months after winning the nation's highest decoration for bravery.

'Mister' Best Rank Of All
 "Don't call me major—call me mister!" were the words that greeted Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Marsha of Klamath Falls, when their son, Maj. Trevis Marsha, U. S. army air corps, called from Charlotte, N. C., to inform his parents that he has been discharged from the service under the new point system.

Instead of the 85 points that are necessary to warrant a release, Marsha had a total of 136 to his credit.

The major has been in the service for 55 months, and has completed 57 missions overseas as the pilot of a Boston A-20. He took part in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, and later flew over France after the D-Day invasion.

Upon being questioned as to what he planned to do, now that he was a free man, Marsha lost no time in saying: "I'm coming home!"

YANKS ENTER NAHA, BATTLE NEAR TOWNS

84 Americans Killed Daily On Bloody Island

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM, May 17 (AP)—A total of 46,505 Japanese have been killed on Okinawa by American marine and army forces which today pierced the heart of Naha and fought on the blood-soaked approaches to Shuri and Yonabaru.

Naha, Shuri and Yonabaru are strongpoints of the four-mile "little Siegfried line" across southern Okinawa.

Yank Casualties
 American casualties through Monday were 20,950:
 Killed — 2771 soldiers; 1010 marines—total 3781.
 Wounded — 11,875 soldiers; 5329 marines—total 17,004.
 Missing — 129 soldiers; 36 marines—total 165.
 The Yanks captured 1038 Nipponese.

84 Killed Daily
 For the 45 days of savage battling U. S. forces have lost an average of 84 men killed daily while Japanese have lost an average of 1011 daily—a ratio of one American to 12 Japanese.

Associated Press Correspondent Al Dopking's frontline dispatch Wednesday indicated U. S. casualties continued heavy. In a Japanese counterattack Tuesday in the Naha sector one company of 240 marines had two men left while another had eight.

36,000 Japs Left
 An estimated 36,000 Japanese remain on the island.

Patrols of Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr.'s sixth marine division crossed the muddy Asato estuary and entered the main part of Naha, rubble-strewn Okinawa capital on the west coast.

Across the island, a 96th infantry division tank platoon led by 1st Lt. Elton F. Andrews, Wilmington, N. C., rolled around the left nose of recently captured Conical hill and drove 800 yards south to within a double hundred yards of Yonabaru, eastern anchor of the enemy defense line.

Approach Shuri
 Meanwhile, elements of three divisions—the 77th and 96th army and the first marine—approached Shuri, a heavy-walled fortress.

After a heavy morning of fighting, the 382nd regiment of the 96th division gained the top of a nearby hill and worked down the southwest slope slowly to within a few hundred yards of Shuri's moated north-east corner.

Tanks of Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's first marine division entered Wana village, 500 yards west of Shuri's northern end.

June Meet May Decide Highway Designation
 State highway commissioners may not decide on the interregional highway designation through southern Oregon until the June meeting, it was indicated today when Klamath's delegations to the Portland meeting returned home.

At Portland, adherents of both the Eugene-Klamath-Weed and the Eugene-Medford-Weed route presented arguments.

Commissioners listened to the oral arguments and received written briefs from both sides, without comment. Chairman Harry Banfield said both reports would be studied carefully by the commission in an endeavor to reach a fair decision.

Those present from Klamath Falls included State Senator Marshall Cornett, Chairman T. B. Walters of the chamber of commerce road committee, A. D. Collier of that committee, Managing Editor Malcolm Epley of The Herald and News, Manager Charles Stark of the chamber, County Judge U. E. Reed, and C. S. Robertson.

Highway Commissioner Arthur Schuapp, a local attorney, returned to his office here today.