

YANKS ATTACK AS RAINS SLACKEN ON OKINAWA

Tenth Army Forces On Move Again On Island

Closing Pincers Around Shuri

By LIEF ERICKSON
GUAM — (AP) — In the wake of suicide Japanese air attacks which sank one light and damaged 12 others in Okinawan waters, American infantrymen slashed down both sides of the muddy island today to begin closing a pincer around stubbornly defended fortress Shuri.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, announcing damage to the fleet, said at least 72 raiders were shot down as they attacked Sunday night and Monday. He gave no details beyond "heavy damage was inflicted to moderate."

JAPS LOSE 20 PLANES

The air raids were the second in less than a week, and have cost the Japanese more than 20 planes. Last Thursday they lost 166 planes, damaged 23 American fleet units and sank one.

Delving rains which for a week have turned the island's roads into a mass of mud, checked off permitting Tenth Army ground forces to resume their attacks.

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In British Hands Lord Haw Haw Badly Wounded When Captured

LUENBURG, Germany—(AP) — Scar-faced William Joyce, better known as Lord Haw Haw, Goebbels' anti-British mouthpiece, was shot in the thigh and captured at the Danish border near Flensburg yesterday and his condition is reported critical.

A British soldier fired when Joyce made a threatening move with his hand in his pocket.

Joyce is being transferred to Luenburg to undergo a court-martial by a senior intelligence officer with the British Second Army said.

His wife also was captured.

An authoritative source in London said there was strong probability that he would have to stand trial for treason in the country he had fled to in order to escape the gallows.

Lord Haw Haw is William Joyce, a native of New York who he was born of Irish parents. He was a radio broadcaster in London during a brief stint with the British.

Joyce was a host of the Goebbels Propaganda Ministry. He published, wrote and presented English news bulletins.

U.S. Seeks Unity Among Big Powers

Stettinius Moves To Save Peace

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A frank bid by Secretary of State Stettinius for closer relations with Russia focused the American foreign policy on Soviet issues today and swung the United States toward the role of mediator among the great powers.

Events abroad and blunt words have made even more clear that the success of United Nations efforts to preserve world peace will depend largely on the ability of the big powers to work together. This would have to be under self-imposed restraints, since the organization itself should be the United Nations Conference imposed few restraints upon the top powers.

Stettinius summed this up in a defense of the new voting formula by which each of the Big Five nations could prevent a World Security Council veto against an aggressor. The speaker has been asked, he said, as to what happens if one of the Big Five—Russia, the United States, China, Britain or France—"embarks upon a course of aggression and refuses to recognize the machinery of the world organization?"

PEACE IN AIM

"In such an event," Stettinius pointed out, "the answer is simple. Another World War has come, vote or no vote, and the World Organization would be dead."

He added that it is a kind of "if" question and "the five great nations have come here with the intention of seeking a common organization for peace—not to conspire for war." He predicted success for the conference.

Stettinius spoke by radio last night to Americans at home and the armed forces abroad. Even as he talked, reports of renewed clashes between French troops and Arabs in the former French mandate of Syria, near Damascus, and Britain in the Middle East appeared to be in question.

In Moscow and London, Harry Hopkins and Joseph P. Kamp, special envoys of President Truman, explored the possible action of the United States in the event of a new outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East and the Polish question and settlement of the Greek question.

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DIRECTING THE BATTLE ON OKINAWA—Lt. General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the U. S. Tenth Army, is shown (left) on a rocky observation post on Okinawa as he watched progress of his troops moving up on Naha, capital of the island. With Gen. Buckner are Major General Lemoine C. Shepherd, commander of the Sixth Marine Division (center), and Brigadier General William T. Clement, his assistant commander. (International News Photo.)

Breach In Japs' Corridor Widened

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Chinese forces pressing along the highway leading southwestward into Indo-China have reached the vicinity of Shuhou, more than 60 miles from re-captured Yungking (Sanning).

Yanks Near Luzon Dam

By RUSSELL BRINK

MANTALA—The capture of Wana Dam, source of distressed Manila water supply, appeared imminent today as a well-organized column of the 20th Division moved down on the dam in a frontal assault.

Remnants of the dam would not be a phase of the battle and hard battle to break up remnants of the Japanese Shantung Line in the area.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the Luzon Force, said the Japanese were "strongly resisted pressure from the 6th Marines and the 7th and 8th Infantry Divisions."

Meeklenburg Casualties

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Red Youths Called Up

MOSCOW — (AP)—All Soviet youths of the eighth and ninth grades—between 15 and 16 years old—have been called up to begin June 1, it was announced today.

Hint Given France

LONDON — (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden broadly hinted today that France should withdraw the reinforcements sent to the Levant States, in order to avoid a possible flareup in the Arab world that would hamper prosecution of the Pacific war.

Eden Deplores Syrian Outbreak

Eden said the Syrian situation is "a serious one" and that the British government has "no alternative but to take immediate steps to bring about a settlement of the Syrian situation."

St. Louis Aircraft Workers Quit Jobs

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(AP)—About 100 aircraft workers of the McDonnell Aircraft Corp. remained away from their jobs today, protesting the dismissal of two employees. The walkout is the second in a series of strikes at the plant.

Red Generals Awarded Big New Apartments

MOSCOW — (AP)—The Soviet Union is rewarding its generals with apartments in various cities across the country, it was reported today by the Department of Military Industrial Construction, said in announcing the plan for the new housing.

S. C. Man Commands Miami Air Base

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—John H. Williamson of Dixon, S. C., has been appointed commander of the Miami Air Base.

Composer Walks To Open Window And Plunges Out

NEW YORK — (AP)—Tosca, a composer who had arranged for the 20th Division to be housed in the city, was seen jumping out of a window on the 20th floor of the Hotel New York.

Holy Lamour Mother Of Seven And Half Lb. Girl

HOLLYWOOD — (AP)—A girl weighing seven and a half pounds, born today to Mrs. John Lamour and her husband, John Lester, at a hospital. It is their first child. The couple had married two years and two days ago.

Attack On Jap Port

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Superforts Hit Tokyo's Port City For First Time

Japanese Concede Damage Heavy

By HAMILTON W. FARON GUAM—(AP) — Superfort crews returning today from their heaviest daylight raid on Japan reported they had lit fire in the industrial section of Yokohama in the first strike against Tokyo's port city.

More than 400 tons of 3,000 tons of bombs in their 20th strike in six days within a 30 mile radius of the superfort bases. Superforts returned smoke billowed from four miles above the city and predicted destruction would be heavy. The raid was highly effective fire raids against other major Japanese industrial cities. Even the enemy, the U. S. Command conceded "considerable damage" was inflicted.

Cloudbursts of black smoke, such as comes from burning oil, was reported pouring up from Yokohama's highly inflammable commercial core in the southern end of the city, fifth largest in Japan.

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