

NAVY PLANES USE KERAMA ISLANDS

GUAM, April 2.—(AP)—With soldiers and Marines well across central Okinawa island after a "too easy" landing on its western beaches, one of the principal purposes of the invasion of this strategic point 325 miles south of Japan has already been accomplished.

Seaplanes based in the nearby Kerama islands are beginning the sea-air blockade that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz predicted would be a major factor in assuring "final decisive victory."

The new Tenth army sent the 24th army corps and Marine Third amphibious corps onto Okinawa's amazingly lightly defended beaches with their guns slung on their shoulders. By dusk they had seized two of Okinawa's five airfields.

A half million civilians thus far have proved neither a burden nor a barrier—they apparently obeyed invasion leaflets scattered from planes which advised the populace to evacuate. The few thus far encountered were unwilling to fight and mostly unwilling to commit suicide.

James Stroh, Associated Press aviation editor aboard a seaplane tender in the Keramas, called the U. S. base in Japan's former waters the "largest and most daring floating seaplane base operation in history." The first seaplane was put into operation from the floating base last Saturday.

Kerama waters are excellently protected, with long runways and good anchorages available.

Adm. Richard Kelly Turner told Vern Haugland of the Associated Press the invasion of the central Ryukyus will cut Japan's traffic to the south and for the first time shut off her surface traffic up the Yantze river of China.

Fleet headquarters here have not reported any substantial ground resistance.

YANKS GET YEN NOTES FOR MONEY

OKINAWA, (Delayed)—(AP)—American troops invading Okinawa carried "made in America" yen notes fixed at ten cents to a yen.

British participants in the operation, possibly thinking of investments, said they hoped to see the yen valued eventually at around 25 cents which is one cent under the pre-war price at which the Japanese pegged it and several cents below the pre-war open market price.

Maj. Gen. Fred C. Wallace, McMinville, Tenn., supervising the financial aspect of the invasion, explained the value was arbitrarily fixed for invasion purposes and was no attempt to set a precedent. He explained that American troops were given from \$10 to \$15 worth of American-printed yen to prevent any U. S. currency from falling into Japanese hands.

Finance Officer Col. Hiram B. Turner, Aurora, Ind., whose wife lives at Lexington, N. C. will pay all troops on Okinawa henceforth in yen.

HEARING POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—A hearing on the Plaquemine-Morgan city route of the Louisiana-Texas intracoastal waterway was postponed today on requests from Louisiana and Texas interests.

NEW ROCKET GUN

The British and Canadians on the western front are employing a new 32-barrel rocket gun. Each missile is comparable with a 100-pound shell, and the barrage laid down by a group of 12 of these multiple weapons is described as devastating.

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Typical photos of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, taken at different times, in different circumstances and under varying fortunes of war have one common characteristic. They show him as a man of grim purpose, determined, tight-lipped, pugnacious—personal qualities with which he seems to have imbued his slashing armored divisions in their great drives across Germany.

Japs Admit Fateful Hour In Pacific War Is Near

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—(AP)—Japan today officially claimed Americans were meeting "furious" resistance on Okinawa while Tokyo radio warned the homefolk their fate-determining hour was near and that the government was taking over all hospitals and mobilizing doctors.

The imperial communique, recorded with other broadcasts by the Federal Communications Commission, said the Okinawa garrison was engaged in "furious fighting" with reinforced American troops.

It claimed 41 ships of the American amphibious force had been sunk.

Adm. Isamu Takeshita, president of the Japanese Retired Naval Officers' club, was quoted by Tokyo radio as saying Okinawa Japanese would inflict "irretrievable losses" on the invaders. "The Americans are learning a great lesson now," he declared. "They are beginning to realize that Japan cannot be defeated."

All American official announcements and correspondents' field dispatches said resistance was light through Easter Sunday—the first day of the invasion. There was no mention of American losses.

Tokyo radio, in warning that it would be a "matter of a short time before the rise or fall of our na-

tion will be decided," said the Okinawa invasion went "one step" beyond the aims of previous American Pacific moves—"Severance of connections between Japan and China."

"Thus," the broadcast added, "this move bears a seriousness that has not been seen previously." An unconfirmed Tokyo report said Americans Sunday night landed on Kume Island, 52 miles west of Okinawa.

The broadcast reporting the government was taking over hospitals and clinics and preparing to mobilize doctors and "other medical experts" said the action was decided upon at a special meeting of Premier Kuniaki Koiso's cabinet.

A Domei news agency dispatch reported the death "in action" of Vice Adm. Noritada Ishi and 13 rear admirals. This brought the total of announced deaths of Japanese admirals to 108 since May, 1944.

Tokyo radio announced that Formosans, granted representations in the Japanese diet in an imperial rescript issued the previous day by Emperor Hirohito, also would be given a voice in their "some affairs. They have been granted representation on the advisory council to the Japanese governor general of Formosa.

Air Force Pounds Nazi Escape Routes In Italy

ROME, April 2.—(AP)—U. S. 12th Air Force medium bombers smashed at main German escape routes from Northern Italy today as tactical planes hammered enemy communications and installations in the Po valley.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Allied warships have been raking Nazi positions along the French-Italian frontier, including the harbor of San Remo.

The German High Command communique said fighting had broken out on the "forgotten front" in the French-Italian border region, and acknowledged Allied seizure of "a small foothold on Petit (Little) St. Bernard, a 7,064-foot mountain 15 miles south of the Swiss border.

A French communique had announced Saturday that troops on this front had stormed and captured a German stronghold on the southern slopes of Mount Valazian near the St. Bernard Pass. Forces commanded by Brig. Gen. Ralph C. Tobin along this front have been fighting a holding action in the mountains for months. An offen-

sive drive in this sector would threaten the rear of German forces holding the Po Valley in Italy.

Reports of renewed activity in the area were viewed as significant in the light of the naval action off the French-Italian coast. The U. S. destroyer Laub was identified as among the ships in action.

The lull in the ground fighting continued across the Italian front except in the British Eighth Army sector, where the Germans attacked two British positions along the Senio river. The attack was repulsed.

In a mission in close support of the Eighth Army forces, Spitfires and Kittyhawks bombed enemy-held houses north of the Valli di Comacchio lagoon.

American Mitchell bombers ranged over Italy and Austria, attacking Nazi escape lines. Thunderbolts destroyed a number of enemy-occupied buildings and started fires in four methane plants in northern Italy.

All Reich Farmers Urged To Raise Food For Selves

PARIS, April 2.—(AP)—Germany is threatened with famine, Allied Supreme Headquarters declared tonight in a broadcast urging all farmers in western Germany to remain on their farms at all costs in order to prevent a catastrophe.

General Eisenhower ordered the instructions broadcast, warning the Germans that "if they disobeyed there is nothing either you or the Allies can do that will prevent a catastrophe in Germany this year."

"Do everything in your power whatever the difficulties to continue the necessary farm work," the warning said. "Use to the full the evacuees from the danger

areas. They need your help and you need theirs.

"Refuse at all costs to leave your farm work for service in the Volksturm. If you have been conscripted already, escape at once and return to work on the land.

"Resist, if necessary by force, attempts by the party to remove stocks from the district where you live. Resist, if necessary by force, the slaughter of cattle, pigs, poultry. Preserve your livestock in all circumstances.

"Remember, for years Germany has relied on plundering food from occupied territories. This year Germany must depend on her own food resources."

Writer Defends View On West's Security Against German Might

NEW YORK, April 2.—(AP)—Walter Lippmann, columnist, in a reply to criticism by Pravda of his recent book, "U. S. War Aims," insists the Soviet Russia to organize security against Germany.

Lippmann telegraphed a statement several days ago to Moscow answering an article by A. Gorygov published March 16 in Pravda, the Communist party newspaper. So far as was known here today, Pravda has not yet published the reply.

Gorygov had declared that Lippmann advocated an Atlantic community of powers separate from the Russian sphere, and thus espoused "the old plan of Versailles, Locarno and Munich," reviving the idea of a "cordon sanitaire."

Lippmann's reply said he had always regarded "the conception of a cordon sanitaire as criminal folly," and that "in my recent book which M. Gorygov has so grievously misunderstood, I have insisted that not the cordon sanitaire but collaboration with the Soviet Union is the key to American security, to the pacification of Europe and of Asia, and to world peace."

Lippmann continued, "I have assumed that strategic security is the objective of the Soviet Union when it insists that in the borderland between the Soviet Union and Germany, all states should align themselves diplomatically and militarily with the Soviets for a common strategic defense against the revival of German military power."

"Yet when I say that the states west of Germany must also align

themselves diplomatically and militarily for the common strategic defense against a revival of German power, M. Gorygov complains that I want a cordon sanitaire against the Soviet Union. Why, I should like to know, is it right to organize the security of eastern Europe against Germany and wrong to organize the security of western Europe against Germany?"

"Why should he impute to me a sinister purpose which I do not impute to him?"

"Surely it is as necessary for the Western powers to organize the security of the western theater of German aggression as it is for the Soviets to organize the security of the eastern theater. And surely the binding together of these two security systems is as necessary to the preservation of peace as it has been indispensable to winning the war.

"M. Gorygov ignored the plain facts of history and geography when he talks as if I personally had invented the community of nations on the two sides of the Atlantic ocean. The Atlantic Community is a fact, not a theory; the two wars of the Twentieth Century have demonstrated beyond the possibility of doubt that France and Great Britain, Canada and the United States, belong to the same strategic system, and that when any one of them is vitally attacked, all are bound to be engaged. We have fought these two wars under a single and unified command because the military geography of the basin of the Atlantic ocean is such that military isolationism

is an irrational and an impossible conception."

Lippmann said the Pravda article also mistakenly declared that he wished to "exclude Germany from the Soviet orbit and to include Germany in the Atlantic Community."

"What I have actually said is that in dealing with Germany the paramount consideration is to prevent Germany from dividing the Allies, from playing the Western powers off against the Soviet Union, from seizing the balance of power between them, and by this means recovering her military position."

Lippmann declared that "the suspicions which M. Gorygov has raised, and which I have now answered, must be removed, if as I hope and confidently believe, there is to be a growing collaboration between the U. S. S. R. and the U. S. A. Only by the continual exchange of views can we dissolve the suspicions and misunderstandings which are the result of geographic distance, our separate historical experience, the difficulty of language, and our differing ideologies. We have to overcome the consequences of the schism which reaches far back of our times, in fact to the division of the ancient world, more than a thousand years ago, into the Western and Eastern Empire. We shall not succeed easily or quickly. Yet we shall succeed. For we in our time have the opportunity and the historic mission of reuniting the two main parts of our common civilization, and the consciousness of this mission will enable us to overcome all misunderstanding."

DUMBARTON OAKS WEEK SUPPORTED

NEW YORK, April 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has expressed the hope that Dumbarton Oaks Week, April 16-22, will be observed by the entire country "joining in prayers for the success of the United Nations Conference and for the firm establishment of a world organization for permanent peace."

Clark M. Eichelberger, executive director of the American Association for the United Nations, made public a letter from the President today which read:

"I was happy to learn that the United Nations and 50 other cooperative organizations are urging that the week of April 16 to 22 be observed as Dumbarton Oaks Week.

"I understand that a number of governors have already responded to your appeal by issuing proclamations urging their people to observe Dumbarton Oaks Week.

"I hope that the whole country will observe this week by studying the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and by joining in prayers for the success of the United Nations Conference and for the firm establishment of a world organization for permanent peace."

Eichelberger said proclamations calling for observations of the week were issued by Governors Frank J. Lausche, Ohio; Maurice J. Tobin, Massachusetts; Lester Hunt, Wyoming; Mon. C. Wallgren, Washington, and Simeon Willis, Kentucky.

Plans Are Advanced For Sale Of Local Transit Facilities

Sale of the bus transportation franchise of the Tide Water Power company to North Carolina interests was reported near completion yesterday but officials of the utility company were not immediately available for comment.

It has been known for some time that Tide Water was interested in selling the franchise and all transportation facilities. The proposed new owners, it is understood, have been in the transportation field for some time and are in a position to develop the system considerably.

LAUDS WORKERS



Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., is shown as he addressed employees and military personnel at the Naval Aviation Supply Depot in Philadelphia, Pa. He said that there was no reason why we couldn't invade the Jap homeland.



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